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STATE NEWS.

Gleanings from the Newspapers of Louisiana.

The State Normal School at Natchitoches is to be opened March 1.

Judge John Orsborn of Alexandria died there on the 1st inst., aged 71 years.

Prohibition was defeated in Avoyelles parish by a majority of sixty-five votes.

Severin Ransom, colored, has been convicted of rape in Iberia parish and sentenced to death.

Six parties have been indicted for selling liquor without a license at Farmerville, Union parish.

Mr. James E. Zuntz, a wealthy citizen of Plaquemines parish, died at his Bellechasse plantation on the 12th inst.

Joseph Loga fatally stabbed a young Frenchman in Plaquemines parish and is in jail at Pointe-a-la-Hache.

A Mrs. Houston and her child were run over and killed by a special train on the V. S. & P. railroad near Arcadia.

Mr. Conrad Neubig, a respected and prominent citizen of Plaquemine, aged 65 years, died of apoplexy recently.

The Iberia Guards have procured uniforms from the same firm that manufactured those of the Ascension Rifles.

The firemen of Baton Rouge celebrated their forty-ninth anniversary on the 22d inst., with a grand parade and attending banquets.

The new oil mill at Monroe is to be built of brick, and its capacity will be considerably greater than that of the mill burned last year.

Jules P. Gilly was shot and killed by John H. Abrough in a saloon at Rayville. The men had a quarrel growing out of a game of cards.

Jos. A. Nevens, a young man living near St. Martinsville, was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while he was preparing to go hunting.

Three-fourths of the north wing of the State penitentiary at Baton Rouge was destroyed by fire last Saturday. The damage is estimated at $10,000.

On Little Caillou bayou, Terrebonne parish, Dennis Himel, a lad of 13 years, accidentaly killed one brother and wounded two others with a shotgun.

Albert S. Gaischet of Lake Charles is seeking information concerning the present location of the Tonica or Tunica Indians or any part of the tribe.

Two colored men had a fight on the bank of the river below Chalmette and rolled into the water. One was drowned and the other narrowly escaped the same fate.

The house of Henry Dunkins, a colored resident of Lincoln parish, burned while he and his wife were away from home, and their two children perished in the flames.

James Walker, colored, has been convicted at Shreveport of the murder of Henry Cates, also colored, whom Walker killed with a stick of cord wood on the steamer Fletcher.

Newton J. Morphis, a convict guard at Capt. Hoskyn's camp in Ouachita parish was killed by the accidental discharge of his shotgun. Deceased was from Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Mr. Ransom West, an old resident of Pine Prairie, St. Landry parish, was shot and beaten to death by two men whose object was robbery. The assassins have been captured at Bayou Chicot.

The Bossier parish jail was set on fire by one of the prisoners, several weeks ago, and burned to the ground. The inmates were all rescued and by hard work a large conflagration was averted.

Messrs. Désiré Broussard and Anatole Verret, white residents of the Bayou Chêne vicinity, St. Martin parish, had a fight recently, Broussard attempted to knife his adversary and was shot dead.

Mr. Ben Bunds was shot and killed in DeSoto parish last month while trying to take a revolver away from a young colored man named Skipper to prevent the latter from shooting another colored man.

Gov. McEnery has pardoned W. W. Beasley, a printer who threw a woman out of a third-story window in New Orleans and killed her, and who was sentenced in 1880 to twenty years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Rev. T. A. S. Adams of Holly Springs, Miss., Presiding Elder of the North Mississippi Conference of the M. E. Church South, has been elected President of Centenary College at Jackson, vice Rev. D. M. Rush, deceased.

The Algiers *Advertiser* says that its colored carrier boy has broken into the parish prison on a charge of stealing. By the way, the *Advertiser* has recently bloomed into a tri-weekly and is an exceedingly neat and spicy little paper.

Robert Healy, a colored man who murdered Alfred Johnson in Plaquemines parish in 1874, and who escaped from jail after being convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary, has been arrested in the parish of Jefferson.

Dennis Boyd, the colored murderer of David Hass at Gold Point, Bossier parish, was captured in Red River parish and is in jail at Shereveport. The arrest was made by two citizens of Sabine, who will receive the $500 reward offered for Boyd's apprehension.

John Mack and his wife, colored residents of Morehouse parish, were thrown into the water by the overturning of their buggy while crossing a slough. The woman and mule were drowned, but Mack was rescued by a couple of white men who were crossing at the same time.

The Morgan City *Free Press* says that the Land Reclamation Company that conducted the improvements some few miles below that place, have ordered all their boats, steam plows and other property to be sold. The works are thus virtually abandoned after an expenditure of nearly $200,000.

A freight train on the Texas and Pacific railroad was thrown from the track at Sodus station, a rail having been removed by some miscreants whose purpose was to wreck a passenger train. Fortunately the latter was behind time and the frieght train was given the right of way.

Postmaster R. L. Jones, his brother Paul Jones, E. J. Larche and Jean Yarborough, all prominent white citizens of Lake Providence, and Geo. Stewart, a colored wagon driver, are charged with robbing the mail of over $4000 at that place the night of the 15th of January. Larche furnished an appearance bond, but the other accused are still in jail. The case will probably be tried before the United States District Court at Monroe.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A Weekly Summary of Current Events in all Departments of Science.

The artificial heat of London has been estimated to be sufficient to raise the temperature of an air stratum 100 feet thick over the entire city 2½ degrees every hour.

A large amount of oil exists in the stormy petrel, and when fat, according to Brunnich, the inhabitants of the Faroe Islands use it as a lamp, obtaining their light from a wick drawn through the bird's body.

An English writer points out the probability that a smoky atmosphere is not a wholly unmitigated evil, since its carbon and sulphur must absorb many germs of disease, and tend to prevent the spread of epidemics.

A pressure of forty to 120 atmospheres, exerted during a period of fifteen years, has been found by Quinke to be incapable of forcing a perceptible quantity of carbonic acid or hydrogen gas through a glass wall one-sixteenth of an inch thick.

A collection of skulls from the southern hemisphere has been studied in England, the most notable conclusion reached being that some of the races of South Africa, Australia and the southernmost part of South America are remarkable for the smallness of their heads.

The oldest geographical society has been generally regarded as that of Paris, but according to Dr. Ruge that honor belongs to the Cosmographic Society of Nuremberg. It was established about 1740, while the Paris society was not founded until 1821. A Swiss geographer estimates that the World's geographical societies now contain 38,000 members.

A study and comparison of the ocean temperature records of the "Challenger" exploring expedition have shown Dr. James Croll that the surface of the Atlantic must be lower at the equator than farther north, the maximum height of the North Atlantic being reached between the fortieth and fiftieth degrees of latitude. This difference is due to the difference in the specific gravity of the water. In the latitude of Havana the Atlantic's surface must be two and one-fourth feet higher than at the equator, and in that of Chesapeake Bay the difference is a foot greater.

Encke's comet, which travels around the sun in about three and a half years without going beyond the boundaries of the solar system, and which has the honor of being the first known comet of short period, is chiefly remarkable on account of the retardation of its motion. This has amounted to about four days since 1819, and is supposed by some astronomers to prove the existence of a resisting medium in space. The date of the comet's perihelion passage this year is March 7, and its return was first observed Dec. 13. It is visible only with a telescope.

It has been found by Dr. Lawson Tait that, as a rule, the ear in women can perceive higher notes—that is, sounds with a greater number of vibrations per second—than the ear in men. The highest limit of and ability for the human ear is somewhere between 41,000 and 42,000 vibrations. The ears of most persons seem to be unequally sensitive to acute sounds, the right ear usually hearing a higher note than the left. To show the ear's range, it may be added that very low notes of about fifteen vibrations per second may be perceived, but when the vibrations become a little slower they cease to produce the effect of a continuous sound, and each gives a seperate impression upon the ear.

Great as are the wonders the microscope reveals, it will not—as is sometimes supposed—show a fly magnified to the size of an elephant, nor a flea of horse-like proportions, for the reason that under a high power only a very small part of either of those creatures can be seen at one time. The size of the field of view covered by ordinary lenses has been computed as follows: With a power of 25 diameters, about one-fourth of an inch; with 50 diameters, one-eighth of an inch; with 100 diameters, one-sixteenth of an inch; with 500 diameters, one-eightieth of an inch; and with 1000 diameters, one one-hundred-fiftieth of an inch, a space ordinarily invisible to the naked eye. Even the smallest creature shown to our unaided vision, therefore, cannot be seen entire when magnified 1000 diameters.

ST. JAMES ITEMS.—Sheriff Bourgeois advertises sales of property on Saturday, March 21, to satisfy judgment in the following suits: F. P. Poché *vs.* Timon Bourgeois, two cases; Pierre Schepp *vs.* Felicien Baudry, Pierre Schepp *vs.* Boston Thomas, Marco Ginavovich *vs.* Succession of J. O. Hébert *et als*, J. E. Poché *vs.* Ludger Watts, Widow C. R. Kunemann *vs.* Chas. Ganthreaux *et als*, Emile Bourgeois *vs.* heirs of Andressy Boudreaux *et als*, Bush & Levert *vs.* Edward Caillouet.

St. James receives $1518 77 from the recent apportionment of public school funds in the State treasury.

The sugar-house on the plantation of Mr. J. K. Gaudet was destroyed by fire Thursday before last. The flames originated from sparks emitted by a pile of burning trash. The building was uninsured, the policy having recently expired.

Victor Price, the colored man convicted of arson, will go to the penitentiary for life, the Supreme Court having affirmed the sentence passed upon him by Judge Duffel.

The residence of Mr. Louis J. Bourgeois, on the right bank of the river, nearly opposite Jefferson College, caught fire the morning of the 11th inst., and was totally destroyed.

Convent is now in telephonic communication with Baton Rouge and an office has been opened at Mr. M. L. Thibodeaux's store.

Mr. James Legendre purchased the plantation of the late J. A. Bourgeois at succession sale Saturday before last for $5600, and on the same day Mr. H. Vredenburg bought the Columbia plantation for $6700.

Five members of the Police Jury met at the court-house on the 5th inst., and after a brief executive session adjourned until the date for the regular March meeting.

Mr. P. M. Breand of the seventh ward was assaulted and shot in the thigh by two Italians, on January 24. The accused, Francois Baronne and Lucien Bercellona, are in jail awaiting an examination.

An Indian laborer employed on the Ross & McCann plantation had both his hands badly shattered by the accidental discharge of his shotgun while he was standing with his hands over the muzzle. Dr. Winchester amputated the unfortunate man's fingers and had him sent to the Charity Hospital at New Orleans.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Valuable Information.

Mrs. Barbara Heitzman, of Chillicothe, Ross county, O., writes: "I had been lame in my right foot for three years. It began with an abscess at the ankle, which was cut by two of our best physicians, and the bone scraped. They continued treating me, and all that time a yellowish water was discharged out of the bone, as well as matter. This continued one year, then the doctors done some more cutting, and cleaned out the sore. Small pieces of bone were picked out of it; the evil continued as before; no improvement. I then quit the doctors, and resorted to liniments and different remedies that were recommended to me, but still the sore kept running, discharging yellowish water, and I became very weak, grew thinner every day, until I was nothing but skin and bones. Shortly before Christmas, last year, I was advised to try PERUNA. When I had taken five bottles the sore at the ankle discharged thick, bloody matter, which gradually changed to a thinner and lighter color, until it discharged continuously yellowish water. My health became better, I looked better, and began walking. I had been two and a half years in bed when I began taking PERUNA, have used ten bottles in all, the sores are entirely healed, and I can walk anywhere without my crutches. I also was troubled with constipation and liver complaint, took MANALIN according to directions, am now cured of that difficulty, and enjoy my meals. We have recommended your medicine in the southwestern part of Ross county. All who have used it say it is the best medicine they ever took."

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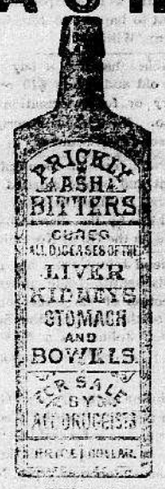

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