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AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Boll Weevils Discovered in Sabine Parish. Decrease in Insurance Rates—Lightning's Queer Pranks—Alexandria Secures Baptist College.

The Red river is falling above Natchitoches, after having caused much damage.

Heywood Oil Well No. 4 was brought in as a 10,000-barrel gusher in the Jennings field.

Pierre Didier, a white boy 14 years old, was drowned at Alexandria while swimming in Red river.

Gov. Blanchard has named Thursday, Aug. 17, as Louisiana day at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

The annual encampment of the Louisiana Baptist Young Peoples' Union is being held at Lake Arthur.

The Independent Presbyterians will build a non-sectarian industrial, normal and academic institution at Zachary.

The police jury of the parish of Assumption donated $500 to the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital at New Orleans.

Oscar A. Lyons shot and killed Allen Coward in a saloon at DeQuincy. The tragedy was the result of an old feud.

E. S. Hardy, an assistant state entomologist, has discovered boll weevils in great numbers in the cotton fields of Sabine parish.

State Bank Examiner L. E. Thomas issued a statement showing the total resources of the 133 banks in Louisiana to be $71,473,799.33.

Chas. Robertson, a 9-year-old white boy, confessed to the authorities at Lake Charles that he had committed six burglaries in that city.

During a storm at Jonesboro lightning struck and demolished a bed on which three children were lying, leaving the children untouched.

Adam Austin, aged 50 years, committed suicide at Little Caillou by tying a heavy iron pot around his neck and jumping into the bayou.

A. Zorn, a Shreveport tailor, became despondent because his health was poor and committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth.

During 1904 the average premium rate charged on each $100 of insurance in Louisiana decreased from $1.75, the rate in 1903, to $1.56.

Amos Buff, of Columbia, while chastising his nephew, James Buff, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by the boy's brother, Joseph Buff.

Alexandria has completed the endowment of $30,000 necessary to having that city made the location of the projected Louisiana Baptist College.

Alexander Winn and Nelson Walker, negroes who murdered Charles Hauck, a shanty-boatman, will be hanged from the same scaffold at Vidalia on Friday, July 28.

Deewood Williams, who for years past has operated blind tigers in Grant and Catahoula parishes, was shot and killed by Sheriff J. W. Walters, of Catahoula, while resisting arrest.

Vandals demolished the office of Mayor J. Vol Brock, at Franklinton, and the citizens of the town are making an active effort to discover and punish the perpetrators of the cowardly deed.

J. E. Joynton, a prominent citizen of Lake Arthur, committed suicide in the presence of an officer who was about to serve on him a warrant charging criminal assault on the young daughter of Rev. S. W. McClinton, a Baptist minister at Jennings.

The Song of the Cradle.

Bye, bye! Hope rises high:
There's a sweet little cradle hung up in the sky;
A dear little life that is coming to bless;
Two soft chubby hands that will pat and caress;
A pure little soul winging down from above;
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THE OFFICE BOY WANTS TO KNOW—

If you're going to be in the flower parade?

If not, 'cause why?

If you've neglected to enter merely for the reason that you're minus a trap?

Why not beg, borrow or steal some kind of a go-hicle and get in the game?

If you don't know that it is sure to be "thee thing" to be among the participants in the swell turn-out?

If you're not like the celebrated society leader who said she'd rather be dead than not in the style?

If Donaldsonville won't present the appearance of an animated flower garden on the afternoon of the glorious 4th?

If your trap will be decorated with roses?

—lilies?

—'mums?

—Carrie-Nations?

—poppies?

—dahlias?

—Chinese peonies?

—hyacinths?

—sweet peas?

—peach blossoms?

—dandelions?

—violets?

—forget-me-nots?

—jasmines?

—water lilies?

—jimsod weeds?

—Johnson grass?

—sugar cane?

—cotton?

—corn?

—rice?

—cucumbers?

—pumpkins?

—or some other kind of rare hothouse flower?

If it isn't a dead certainty that all of the traps will be daisies?

Which will be the prettier—the flower-bedecked vehicles or the rosy-cheeked lassies who are to handle the reins?

If the stereotyped phrase, "Among the fairest blossoms in Donaldsonville's gardens of girls," won't have a new meaning after the 4th?

What Marks got red-headed about?

If he thinks Brother Bonney's remarks were more true than kind?

How long it will take him to realize that the way of a punster is hard?

If it wasn't a shame for him to so torture a defenseless crowd?

What you think of a fellow who sprang a lot of measly puns on a bunch of press people who had absolutely no means of escape?

—seein' as how they were aboard a steamship in the middle of the broad blue sea?

If John shouldn't reform and hereafter confine himself to funny stories? small?

If you attended the Easter festival at Cleveland Park last Sunday?

If those weren't nice, juicy goose-eggs the Pelicans handed to the Baton Rouge youngsters?

How the latter think the feathered ones should be classed now?

If they are still of the opinion that the locals could give the Sunshine push a "real close game"?

When Bully developed into such a swatter?

If you saw him punch the ball in the eye for two sizzling bingles?

—and then trot out into centre field and gobble up a long fly that would have raised sand had it been allowed to pass?

If there is any question about the grand-stand having been "his'n"?

What the birds will do to the down-the-bayou aggregation tomorrow?

If it isn't a cinch the big end of the gate receipts will stay right here at home?

If anybody's got a kick coming on the quality of ball provided thus far by Wiggins and his collection of live ones?

If you heard of the extraordinary gastronomic feat performed by the cashier and the bookkeeper?

How in the world they managed to lap up six portions of shrimps apiece without disarranging their interior mechanism?

If that wasn't eating some?

If what Cap'n Vic says is true?

—that at the hash-house where the stunt was performed twelve bugs constitute a portion?

If this "ain't a hell of a weather"?

What the dickens the man from up there means by parching us out for weeks at a time and then sending along so much wetness all in a bunch?

If he thinks Donaldsonville is a rice farm?

If the esteemed president of the Natchitoches Normal School has been sighted yet?

If what was said about him at the banquet and the opera house wasn't a plenty?

If he didn't get off easy if he really said what he is said to have said?

If the right-minded people of this community won't join the good Brothers of St. Joseph's Institute and the able young representative of the state government in their repudiation of such foolish and ill-timed statements as are supposed to have been made by the gentleman aforesaid?

If he has anything to say in the matter?

If you aren't sorry that the month of brides and graduates is so near an end?

If the only thing that consoles you for the passing June isn't the fact that the next month will be July?

—which will bring the glorious 4th?

—and the grand fete champetre and celebration of the gallant Hooks?

THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Death of General Maximo Gomez at Havana—Negro Assaulters and Murderers Executed—Insects Damaging Crops in Texas.

Two inches of snow fell in Maine on Tuesday.

The bureau of corporations will investigate the sugar trust.

The Fredonia National Bank, of Fredonia, N. Y., has closed its doors.

German artillery manufacturers are overrun with orders from the far east.

Five hundred persons were killed in a mine explosion in southern Russia.

New York's new customhouse, costing $4,500,000, is practically completed.

C. Oliver Iselin, the noted yachtsman, is seriously ill at his home in New York.

The postal treaty between the United States and Panama was signed at Washington.

The boycott of American goods has spread to seventeen out of nineteen provinces in China.

The annual convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association was held at Norfolk, Va.

The president has appointed a commission to devise improved methods of transacting public business.

A Philadelphia broker swindled financial institutions out of $1,000,000 by "raising" certificates of stock.

Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden and Princess Margaret of Connaught were married at Windsor, England.

Norwegians in Brooklyn held a meeting and petitioned President Roosevelt to recognize Norway's independence.

General Maximo Gomez, the Cuban revolutionary leader and patriot, died at Havana from a gangreneous affection.

The followers of Alexander Dowie have completed arrangements for the establishment of a Zion city in Mexico.

Thomas Lobb, a maniac, shot and wounded nine persons at San Francisco, Cal., and then committed suicide.

The American Zionists, in convention at Philadelphia, decided that Palestine was the best place for Jewish colonization.

David Belasco, the American theatrical manager, announces that he expects to build a theatre in London within the next two years.

Simon Ford, who criminally assaulted a white woman, was taken from jail at Hohenwald, Tenn., and shot to death by a mob.

The New York Central and Lake Shore Railroads have put on a train that makes the run from Chicago to New York in eighteen hours.

Lightning struck and practically destroyed the immense Armour Packing Company's ice houses at Milwaukee, causing a property loss of $300,000.

Bishop R. K. Hargrove resigned as president of the board of trustees of Vanderbilt University, and was succeeded by Bishop Charles B. Galloway.

Mrs. Lillian Langtry, the famous actress known throughout the continent as the "Jersey Lily," has entered vaudeville at a salary of $2500 per week.

The greatest scandal Chicago has ever known will probably follow disclosures made to the grand jury concerning the settlement of strikes by bribery.

Twenty-three persons were killed and many injured in a collision between freight and passenger trains on the Western Maryland Railroad, near Westminster, Md.

S. P. Sheerin, of Indianapolis, Ind., former secretary of the Democratic national committee, dropped dead while making an address before a convention at Chicago.

The battleship Tennessee, when completed, will be sent to New Orleans, where Tennessee citizens are arranging to present the vessel with a magnificent silver service.

Three negroes were executed simultaneously at Decatur, Ala., two for criminally assaulting and murdering Miss Belle Bloodworth, a prominent young white woman, and the other for murdering a policeman.

Four American warships have sailed for Cherbourg, France, to bring to this country the body of John Paul Jones, the American naval hero who performed many deeds of valor in the revolutionary war.

Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller will shortly resign from the bench of the United States supreme court to become a member of the International Arbitration Board. It is rumored that Secretaray of War W. H. Taft will be appointed to succeed Judge Fuller.

The Twentieth Century flyer on the Lake Shore Railroad was wrecked by running into an open switch at Mentor, O. Eleven persons were killed and a number of others dangerously injured. The train was making its fourth trip on an eighteen-hour schedule between Chicago and New York, and was traveling at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred.