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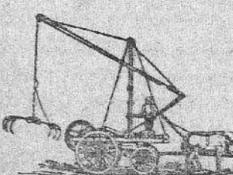
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## AROUND THE STATE.

### Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Railroad Machine Shops Destroyed by Fire.

Rice Crops in Vicinity of Estherwood

Damaged by Storm—Italian

Merchants Fleeced.

A public high school will be estab-

lished at Lecompte, Rapides parish.

By a vote of 31 to 5, the town of

Moreauville decided to license the sale

of liquor.

Richard Couvillon, aged 17 years,

was crushed to death by a rolling log

at a sawmill at Vinton.

The report that the boll weevil has

made its appearance in Natchitoches

parish was officially confirmed.

A severe wind and rain storm in-

flicted considerable damage on the

rice crop in the vicinity of Estherwood.

Amite City taxpayers voted down a

proposition to issue bonds to the

amount of \$40,000 for civic improve-

ments.

Ulysses LaPlace, a well-known

sugar planter of the parish of St.

John, died at his home in New Or-

leans.

Italian merchants of New Orleans

were fleeced out of \$7500 worth of

goods by an alleged representative of

a big St. Louis firm.

The school board of Plaquemine

parish announced its determination

not to employ married women as teach-

ers in the public schools.

The recently created Sabine Levee

Board met at Marksville and organ-

ized by electing J. C. Cappel president

and T. T. Fields secretary.

Drew Dobbins, a white man residing

in the Jennings oil field, committed

suicide after making an unsuccessful

attempt to murder his wife and baby.

The machine and carpenter shops of

the Illinois Central Railroad at Har-

ahan, in the vicinity of New Orleans,

were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss

of about \$25,000.

The sixth ward of Acadia parish,

including the town of Crowley, voted

a special tax of 24 mills for the pur-

pose of increasing the fund for the

payment of teachers' salaries.

J. M. Burford, a locomotive engi-

neer employed by the Montrose Lum-

ber Company, shot and instantly

killed H. G. Reid, woods foreman of

the same company, as the result of a

quarrel.

The merchants of Arcadia will co-

operate with the Farmers' Union in

building a large warehouse to be used

for the storage of the crops of a num-

ber of farmers in that section of the

state.

A party of distinguished citizens of

Illinois, headed by Gov. Deneen, will

visit New Orleans in October, after

dedicating the monuments erected by

that state in the national military park

at Vicksburg, Miss.

Emilio Aleman, the Mexican consul

at New Orleans, announced that all

persons who would locate in the pro-

vince of Tabasco for the purpose of

farming would be exempted from taxes

for from five to ten years.

A large drainage canal, eleven miles

long, which the Morris Canal Com-

pany is constructing in the vicinity of

Estherwood, will assist in the reclama-

tion of several thousand acres of the

richest rice lands in Louisiana.

The special election held at Bankie

to ascertain the sentiment of the tax-

payers relative to the issuance of bonds

for the construction of a standard

waterworks system resulted in the

adoption of the proposition by an al-

most unanimous vote.

## PLEA FOR ROBERTSON.

Gov. Blanchard Gives His Reasons for Fa-

vorling the Re-election of the Sixth

District Congressman.

On the 8th of August Gov. N. C.

Blanchard gave to the press a lengthy

statement of his position with reference

to the congressional contest in the

sixth district, and as a matter of gen-

eral interest The Chief accords space

to the reasons advanced by the gov-

ernor for supporting Congressman

Robertson for re-election:

"Col. Robertson and I have been close

personal and political friends for twenty

years. I served in congress with him

for years. It is, therefore, quite natu-

ral that I should prefer him to Judge

Favrot, with whom I have only a

slight acquaintance and who was

ranged up with the opposition to me

when I sought state office.

"In my personal capacity, exercising

the right which any citizen has, I

have written some six or eight letters

to personal friends in Robertson's in-

terest. I have also mentioned his

candidacy favorably to a few of my

personal friends. Of those written to

add spoken to I can recall but one

who holds an appointive office, and

the letter to him was as to a personal

friend and not an appointee.

"Since Judge Favrot has, by attack-

ing me, provoked it, I will tell him

why I think Col. Robertson should be

re-elected to congress.

"It is a mistake to suppose that only

the people of a given congressional

district are interested in who goes to

congress from such district. The peo-

ple of the whole state have a direct

interest in this. While elected from

political sub-divisions known as con-

gressional districts, those sent to con-

gress from Louisiana are representa-

tives in congress from the state of

Louisiana. They hold the state's

commission. They are sent there to

legislate for the best interest of all

the whole state, and, indeed, of all

the United States. The work in congress

is done principally in the committees.

The lower house of congress does little

more than carry out what has already

been agreed upon in committee. The

committees are, therefore, very im-

portant. Places upon the more im-

portant committees are eagerly sought

for. Assignments upon committees of

highest importance and greatest power

are made of men of long service and