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Mark Twain, the famous American humorist, celebrated his seventy-first birthday last Saturday.

Why do you scratch? Royaline Tetter Ointment will stop that itching or your money back. 50 cents.

It is rumored that the Australian government will prosecute the Standard Oil Company's representative in that country.

John W. Gates declared that iron and steel could be produced at less cost in the south than in any other district in the world.

A syndicate of British and American capitalists has been organized for the purpose of reconstructing and extending the Philippine railway system.

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Panol Liver Regulator keeps the liver, stomach and bowels working just right. That means to be well and to keep well. And it makes your money go the furthest. Tin box, 15 cents. Money back if you want. For sale by F. L. Trepagnier, J. J. Leche and Edmond Richard.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will institute proceedings to ascertain why railroads which pay increased dividends do not reduce freight charges.

The American National Red Cross Society held its annual convention at Washington, D. C., Secretary of War W. H. Taft being elected president for the ensuing year.

The United States circuit court of appeals at Cincinnati, O., declared the Continental Wall Paper Company to be one of the most complete and ingeniously organized trusts in the country.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Nov. 30, 1906, the total debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to $944,329,429, a decrease for the month of $7,841,935.

Cloudiness of Vision.

Do you know the reason why? It is because the lens of your eyes fails to focus perfectly on a certain spot. The lense being imperfect, all the rays of light do not meet properly. Consequently, partial blindness, headaches and other ills sure to increase if not relieved. I measure these defects carefully and scientifically. My glasses will focus all the light on the spot, relieve you of your troubles and give you perfect vision. FRED. LINDE, Graduate Optician, Railroad avenue, Donaldsonville.

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ROOSEVELT SUSTAINED.

Gen. A. B. Nettleton, Citizen of Illinois, Anti-Slavery Advocate and Consistent Republican, Endorses President's Action in Dismissing Negro Troops.

Because of the apparent misunderstanding of the facts which called forth the order for the discharge of the three companies of colored troops recently stationed at Brownsville, Texas, and in view of the resulting criticism of the president's course in the matter, the citizens' committee of Brownsville requested General A. B. Nettleton of Chicago, former assistant secretary of the treasury, who visited Brownsville recently on business, to make in his own way a thorough and disinterested investigation of the Brownsville tragedy of Aug. 13 and report his conclusions.

General Nettleton has embodied his findings in a letter to the secretary of war, from which the following extracts are made:

"As a citizen of Illinois, as an anti-slavery advocate when that phrase had a meaning and as a life-long Republican who served in the Union army throughout the civil war, I shall at least not be suspected of prejudice against men of color as such.

"I feel sure that only carefully disseminated misinformation as to the facts can account for the present gross misapprehension on the part of many persons and journals.

"Without rehearsing details, I wish to assure you that this absolutely unprejudiced investigation, made after local excitement has subsided, confirms in every particular the conclusions reached by the two army officers sent here by the war department on the strength of which the president took his action, as well as the very clear and temperate statement published immediately after the tragedy by Chairman Early of the Brownsville citizens' committee. That statement probably constitutes the most conclusive and damning indictment ever found against soldiers of any race wearing the uniform and wielding the weapons of a civilized government."

After summarizing the facts hitherto published as to the killing of one citizen, the killing of the chief of police, the firing of volleys into hotels, saloons and many private residences, and the terrorizing of the entire town, the letter continues:

"The well attested evidence, controverted by none, is that the colored troops were treated here with the same consideration with which colored soldiers of like bearing are treated in most garrison towns of the northern states. That on the other hand the street conduct of some of them was often aggressively and causelessly insolent toward white men and women; that there was no provocation for the murderous raid by the soldiers, unless it can be called a provocation that the drinkers among them were provided with separate bars in certain saloons, and that on two occasions individual insolence was resented by individual citizens, both of whom happened to be Republican federal officials. There was no 'riot' and no street 'rows,' as many newspapers persist in calling the occurrence. It was simply a most cowardly conspiracy to terrify, wound and kill unoffending men, women and children at the hour of midnight, when defense or resistance was impossible, and was not even attempted. Evidently not an opposing shot was fired."

Gen. Nettleton sharply raises the question as to what were the white officers of the garrison doing on the night of the raid, and closes his letter thus:

"In view of the facts as I find them here, the present attempt on the part of some to make martyrs of any portion of the discharged men would be appalling, if it were not grotesque. The conspiracy of silence on the part of all members of the battalion prevents the government from punishing the previous conspiracy of violence and murder, and the separation of all alike from the service which they have disgraced becomes inevitable. I believe no course other than the one which the president has pursued was or is open to him, unless all substance of a decent discipline in our army is to be ended and unless every American community, north and south alike, is to be given cause to dread the proximity of the negro garrison as it would that of an encampment of armed and uniformed assassins. I sympathize deeply with the colored people in their upward struggle in America against fearful odds, but I believe the most damaging service that can be rendered them as a race in their period of test and transition is that of championing or excusing the criminal element in their ranks."

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Postoffice at Donaldsonville, La., Saturday, December 8, 1906.

Beary, Torgona (2)	Lyst, Paul
Barron, Roy	Miller, Mary
Blouin, Osibin	Murray, Maria
Broman, Frances	McKnighton, Louise
Barras, Emile	Murray, Sallie
Burleigh, W W	Mansfield, Katherine
Bennett, Daisy E	Miller, D J
Blouin, Sylvester	Morgan, Charity
Cleson, Joseph	Mannoir, James
Clark, Bernie Lee	Mears, Paul
Craige, Constance	Melancon, Mrs J
Davis, John	Murray, Matilda
Disney, Elizabeth	Nelson, Susan
Ford, James	Olm, Cris
Ferrell, Annie	Sassonsby, E
France, Lizzie	Spool, Emma
Gaten, H S	Saving, Dan
Grunewald, Mary	Sanfoid, Celestine
Hewes, C & J	Taylor, Malvina
Hall, Lees	Walker, Columbus B
Hill, Olivia	Whiteside, H
Hall, Clara	Wilding, Elizabeth
Johnson, Partner	Ward, Amy
Jackson, Philip	Wiles, Mary
Kennedy, John	Washington, Alfred
Kling, Pauline	Williams, Malvina
Landry, Mrs Ida	Williams, Josephine
LeBlanc, Martin	

When calling for these letters say advertised. If not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington, D. C.

JOHN F. TERRIO, Postmaster.

Silverware, sugar bowls, butter dishes, water pitchers, knives, forks, spoons and other articles at less than cost at Linde's.

BIG SUGAR COMBINE.

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It is not intended to take in all plants in the state promiscuously, but by judicious selection to at first form a nucleus of plants representing an annual sugar product or capacity of 250,000,000 pounds.

The plants invited to be part of this consolidation should be among the best in the state, advantageously located geographically and with reference to each other, distributed throughout the sugar belt, and should also be of large mill capacity, and either owning the necessary acreage to supply the mill or having it available under lease, contract or otherwise.

It is intended to invite into consolidation an acreage sufficient to represent at least 40 per cent of the state production and as much milling capacity therewith as may be deemed advantageous.

The values upon properties entering into and becoming a part of the organization shall be determined by a board of appraisers to be appointed, consisting of, first, one well conversant with the value of sugar lands; second, one practical planter; third, one practical constructing engineer, who, with the assistance of a constructing sugar house engineer, an architect, an agricultural expert, a railway expert, accountants, etc., shall fix the values of properties acquired in accordance with the following plans:

Sugarhouse and machinery buildings—Values to be estimated upon the basis of what it would cost to reproduce them, less proper wear and tear, efficiency to be considered as an element of value.

Lands—All lands to be valued by the appraisers at not exceeding $100 per acre for the very best lands, to which will be added $20 per acre for all plant-cane land; $10 per acre for first-year stubble land; $5 per acre for second-year stubble land, and $15 per acre for all seed not yet planted.

Mules—All mules owned on Jan 1, 1907, to be valued by appraisal by a competent committee of three.

Equipments—All wagons, carts, harness and agricultural implements to be valued by appraisers using as a basis of values a statement of costs, less wear and tear.

Buildings—Residences, outhouses, stables, quarters, storehouses and other buildings to be valued by appraisers.

Railroads and equipments—These to be taken at values to be ascertained by appraisers on basis of cost of reproducing the same, including the cost of rights of way.

Material—All material not included in the plant and not otherwise valued as herein set forth, including stocks of merchandise on hand, molasses, sugar, fuel, fertilizers, feed, cooperage, mill supplies and other material to be appraised at values based on inventory and other data.

To these aggregate values, when ascertained, shall be superadded any other values not here listed which may be recognized by appraisers that may be omitted or in any way undervalued either by owners, experts or appraisers; and the gross amount so ascertained shall be considered the values of properties acquired.

Residences—Residences with a plot of ground about the same usually regarded as pertaining thereto and known as the yard, gardens, etc., not to exceed ten acres (not including any part of the land, roads and houses necessary to the operation of sugar lands, manufactories, but including all outhouses, etc., properly pertaining thereto) may be leased back to the owners at a rental of 10 per cent of the valuation or may be omitted in this plan of purchase, the company reserving all rights of way and the right to terminate leases should the interest of the company so demand.

Obligations—The company will assume business contracts with employees for cane, merchandise or supplies made prior to the date of transfer and enumerated in the agreement of transfer. Where there are mortgages or liens or other obligations resting on the properties to be acquired, they may be taken over subject to such obligations, suitable reservation of the stock issued in payment for such properties being made.

Crop cash—The company will pay over to owners in cash all moneys actually expended on the preparation and cultivation of the 1907 crop, such accounts of expenditures not to include moneys expended for material otherwise appraised, nor any sums covered by obligations assumed by the company.

Refinery—Immediately upon organization it is intended to begin the construction of a refinery of 3000 barrels' capacity.

Approval—Upon receiving the informal approval of this plan as a general basis of consolidation of owners of properties aggregating a sufficient annual output or capacity, the plan will be put into effect by beginning the work of appraisal of values; but it is not intended that such approval shall in any wise commit any owner to the transfer or sale of his property.

Management—It is proposed that the company shall be managed by a board of directors with headquarters in the city of New Orleans, where the general office will be located, said board to consist of fifteen planters selected from all sections of the sugar belt. They will appoint their president, two vice presidents and secretary, and shall divide themselves into committees, as follows: On finance, on refinery, on purchase, on cultivation, on manufacture, and they shall have the right to select such employees as they may see fit; all selected heads of departments to have the approval of the board.

Financing—The only financing necessary will be the finding of working capital, which has been estimated as follows: Two hundred and fifty million pounds of sugar cost to date of grinding, 2 cents, $5,000,000; cost of 3000-barrel refinery, $1,500,000; refinery working capital, $1,500,000; a total of $8,000,000.

A copy of the following circular letter, signed by Messrs. Henry McCall, B. A. Oxnard, Reuben G. Bush and John T. Moore, Jr., who constitute the committee on arrangements, accompanied each prospectus:

"My Dear Sirs—Last spring a number of sugar planters met and discussed the advisability of consolidating into one company some of the most desirable sugar properties of the state. As an important result of such a consolidation it is intended that the company should construct and operate a sugar refinery in New Orleans which would have in the beginning a daily capacity of 3000 barrels, and which would be planned with a view of largely increasing its capacity, should such increase be decided on in the future.

"Apart from the very considerable profits which would be derived from the refinery, the advantages and economies which this project would present in the management of our plantations are many and obvious. The purchase of all kinds of supplies would be on such a scale as to be always bought at the lowest possible price. The best features at each place would be studied and adopted in all. In years of short crops it would not be necessary to start all the houses, but just a sufficient number to grind the cane on hand. The great risk of loss that every sugar planter runs of having his sugarhouse burn shortly before or at the beginning of grinding, and which cannot be covered by insurance, would not exist when there are a number of houses in one company.

"It is not intended in this brief circular to attempt to present the many good reasons why we should come together, as they are well known. With the admission of Cuban sugar into this country free, which is only too probable within a very few years, it is necessary for us as a body to work under the best possible conditions. The advantages of commercial union are beyond question accepted and recognized by the successful men of the country, and we should avail ourselves of them.

"We inclose you plan we propose to follow in the formation of the company, and would like to know from you, as soon as you have given this important matter sufficient consideration, whether you will signify your conditional approval to the project and allow an appraisal of your property to be made, it being well understood that this approval does not bind you to go into the consolidation should you at any time desire to withdraw."

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Opportunities Offered for Obtaining Employment Under the Federal Government.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations to take place at the New Orleans customhouse on the dates given below, and circulars containing detailed information relative thereto may be seen at the office of this paper:

December 12, 1906—Veterinary inspector at $1200 per annum in the bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture. Age limit, 20 years or over.

First-class (or chief) steam engineer in the courthouse and postoffice building at Louisville Ky., at $1400 per annum. Age limit, 18 to 55 years.

Spanish interpreter in the immigration service at Nogales, Naco and Douglas, Arizona, at $1200 per annum. Age limit, 20 years or over.

December 12-13, 1906—Computer in the United States Naval Observatory, at from $800 to $1000 per annum. Age limit, 20 years or over, preference being given to those under 35 years.

Forest assistant, department of agriculture, at $900 per annum. Age limit, 20 years or over.

December 26, 1906—Engineer and plumber, at $600 per annum and ration, in the quartermaster's department at large, Fort Terry, N. Y. No educational test will be given. Age limit, 20 years or over.

Saddler, at $720 per annum, in the quartermaster's department at large, at Fort Riley, Kansas, and twenty vacancies at $540 per annum, at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Shoe and harness maker, at $660 per annum, in the Indian service at Chilocco, Oklahoma. No educational test will be given. Age limit, 20 years or over.

Oiler, at $70 per month, in the immigration service, Ellis Island, N. Y. No educational test will be given. Age limit, 20 years or over.

January 3 4, 1907—Aid, coast and geodetic survey, at $720 per annum. Age limit, 18 to 25 years. This examination has been postponed from December 5-6, 1906.

January 4, 1907—Interpreter (Syrian and Spanish) at $1200 per annum, in the immigration service at Laredo, Texas.

Applications and further information to be had at the office of the district secretary, room 18, customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

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Mayor Behrman left for Washington, D. C., Monday evening to attend the rivers and harbors congress.

The board of administrators of the Charity Hospital have about decided to establish an isolation hospital in the building now occupied by the machinery and laundry department, and more ground will be purchased for the new buildings.

A number of the most prominent physicians of New Orleans have expressed themselves as openly opposed to the establishment of the Louisiana State University Medical College here, contending that a new medical college would create a disruption of the present harmonious relations existing between the local practitioners of medicine.

The Consolidated Cigar and Tobacco Company of New Orleans was organized here with a capital of $350,000. The officers are S. M. Heaslip, president; Henry Mordecai, first vice president and manager, and Eugene Bolbs, second vice president.

At the next general membership meeting of the Progressive Union, which will be held at Brooke's Winter Garden December 10, the Picayune loving cup for the year 1905 will be presented to Hon. Charles Janvier, whose untiring work during the yellow fever campaign in 1905 has won for him the trophy which is awarded annually to the citizen who performs the greatest service for his city during the year.

The handsome new home of the Louisiana Grand Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons of Louisiana, was officially dedicated Thursday afternoon of last week. The new cathedral is located in Carondelet street. The ceremonies were conducted by Inspector General Charles F. Buck, and many distinguished members of the order were present.

Thanksgiving Day dawned upon New Orleans in a glory of sunshine and spring-like weather, and was observed in the usual manner throughout the city. Dinners were provided for the poor and the inmates of charitable institutions, and the city wore its holiday air in every respect.

Tuesday night the city council passed the ordinance recently reported by the budget committee, raising the minimum license on the retail sale of liquor from $100 to $250. During the past several weeks the saloon license question has been made a matter of most earnest discussion by the clergy of the city, who combined with fair-minded citizens, the press and the women of New Orleans to support a measure so clearly in the cause of public interest.

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