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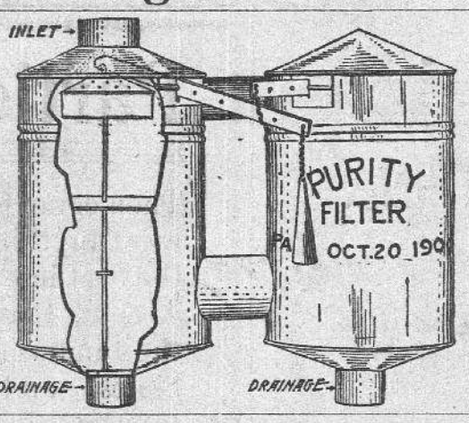

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Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Judge J. S. Bossier Killed by Falling from a Train—Title to Chalmette Monument Transferred to Federal Government. Oil Company Organized at Abbeville to Exploit New Field.

The title to Chalmette monument was transferred to the federal government by the state of Louisiana.

Patrolman Charles Dayton dropped dead while marching two prisoners to a police station in New Orleans.

John R. Fell, a gallant Confederate veteran and prominent insurance man, died at his home in New Orleans.

The Lindsay Wagon Wheel Company of Laurel, Miss., may establish a branch factory at Shreveport.

The New Iberia camp of Woodmen of the World is planning the construction of a modern meeting hall.

The Vandorn Portland Cement and Coal Company, capitalized at $1,250,000, was incorporated at Shreveport.

B. H. Leigh, deputy clerk of court of Ouachita parish, was drowned while bathing in the Ouachita river at Monroe.

Frank Bereaud, a well-known citizen of Plaquemine, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver.

Acy Bell, a negro wanted in Arkansas on a charge of grand larceny, was arrested at Pineville by Marshal J. M. Rembert.

Bids for the construction of a sea wall at Fort St. Philip, below New Orleans, will be called for by the federal government.

The annual encampment of the Louisiana State National Guard will be held at Camp Stafford, near Alexandria, Aug. 5 to 14, inclusive.

While suffering from an epileptic fit, Miss Alma Arnold, aged 30 years, fell into a creek near her home in Bienville parish and was drowned.

The Farmers' Union of West Carroll parish awarded the contract for the erection of a cotton warehouse at Forest with a capacity of 1200 bales.

After a suspension of several weeks, caused by the excessive rains, work was resumed on the new $45,000 hotel building in course of construction at Opelousas.

The Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad donated a strip of land to the town of Arcadia for a public park, and will assist in beautifying the premises.

At a special election held in the sixth ward of Terrebonne parish, the proposition to levy a 5-mill, ten-year tax for school purposes was carried by a large majority.

The common council of Plaquemine adopted an amendment to the town charter changing the terms of office of the mayor, councilmen and marshal from two to four years.

The work of ballasting the road-bed of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company's line between New Orleans and Angola will be commenced in the near future.

Charles Bell and William Shepherd were shot and killed and Idell Brooks and Tom Cash seriously wounded in a free-for-all fight among negroes at Bushy Bayou, Caddo parish.

Judge J. S. Bossier, a prominent citizen of New Orleans, was killed by falling from a train in South Carolina while on his way home from the Confederate reunion at Richmond, Va.

Captain Lewis S. Sorley, Fourteenth Infantry, U. S. A., was detailed as commandant of cadets at the Louisiana State University to succeed Captain Alvan C. Read, who will rejoin his regiment.

The grand jury of Jackson parish returned 460 true bills against persons who failed to pay their per capita road tax for 1906. It is not likely that more than 25 per cent of those indicted will be apprehended.

Arthur Cormier, assistant principal of the St. Martinville high school, was appointed superintendent of public education of the parish of St. Martin to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Justin C. Daspit.

After conducting a hardware establishment at Alexandria for forty-two consecutive years, I. C. Miller retired from business on June 1 and celebrated the occasion by entertaining his employees at a sumptuous dinner.

The Abbeville Oil and Fuel Company, Limited, was organized with a capital stock of $200,000 for the purpose of exploiting what is said to be a particularly promising oil field, the exact location of which has not been divulged.

Deeds showing the transfer in trust of the Long-Bell Lumber Company's holdings in Louisiana and Texas to the Central Trust Company of Illinois, to secure an issue of bonds to the amount of $9,000,000, were filed at Lake Charles.

Lafayette was selected as the location for the cotton warehouse to be erected by the Farmers' Union of Lafayette parish, and the contract for building the structure was awarded to the Farmers and Bankers' Warehouse Company of Houston, Texas.

BIRDS WIN IN TWELFTH.

Weber's Homer Starts Batting Rally that Gives Pelicans Best of Long Game. Napoleonvilles Drub Parker-Blakes—Reliances Lose to Burton.

With a badly crippled team the Pelicans journeyed to Whitecastle last Sunday and put up the best game they have played this season, defeating the lumber town club in the twelfth inning of a most interesting and hard-fought contest. There were errors on both sides, but these did not materially affect the score and the two nines struggled through the allotted number of innings and two more without either gaining a perceptible advantage. Then came the twelfth and victory for the birds. Weber was first up and really won the game by knocking the sphere over a tree outside the ball lot. Hits by six of his team-mates followed, giving the Pelicans a lead of five runs, which the Whitecastles failed to lessen in their half.

Each team scored in the first period, the birds securing one on a fumble by Sanchez of Weber's grounder, a hit by Variani and a wild pitch, and the lumbermen theirs on a free pass issued to Postell, a sacrifice by Smith, and errors by Delatte and Werner.

Postell crossed the plate again in the third as a result of Weber's error, which allowed the center-fielder to reach first, a stolen base and an error by Rybiski.

Whitecastle scored the third and last run in the fourth, when Miller hit to right and went to the third corner on Vegas' inability to field the ball, tallying on Delatte's fumble of Ramires' grounder.

After the first, the Pelicans did not reach home again until the sixth, when Variani hit for two sacks and completed the circuit on a sacrifice by Rybiski. They tied the score in the nine and would have won right there but for poor base running. It happened like this: Vegas singled and stole second; Delatte duplicated the stunt, Vegas going to third; Werner fanned; L. Acosta laid one down to the pitcher in an attempt to squeeze in a run, but Vegas was slow in the get-away and was trapped between the bases, Delatte taking third during the play; Weber hit a nice one to center, scoring the short-stop and advancing the pitcher to third, while he took second on the throw-in; Variani ended the inning by fouling out.

The tenth and eleventh were almost repetitions, the batters on each side going out in short order. In the twelfth, with one down, Weber soaked one of Betts' benders for four bags and the clout seemed to take the starch out of the twirler, for Variani, Rybiski, Creoli, Delatte and Werner each got a single, while W. Acosta secured a two-sacker.

Lucien Acosta pitched a nice, heady game, holding his opponents safe at all times and keeping the hits well scattered. Betts also did good work up to the last inning, but the support accorded him was poor.

The whole story is told in the following tabulated score:

PELICANS.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Weber, 3b	6	2	2	5	3	1
Variani, lf	6	2	3	1	0	0
Rybiski, 2b	5	1	1	2	3	1
Creoli, c	6	1	2	9	1	0
W. Acosta, 1b	6	1	2	15	0	1
Vegas, rf	6	0	1	0	2	1
Delatte, ss	6	1	2	1	5	2
Werner, cf	5	0	1	2	0	1
L. Acosta, p	5	0	1	0	4	0
Totals	51	8	15	z35	18	7

WHITECASTLES.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Postell, cf	5	2	0	0	0	0
Smith, lf	5	0	1	1	0	0
Blanchard, 1b	5	0	1	8	0	0
Sanchez, ss and 3b	6	0	1	1	2	3
Betts, p	5	0	1	2	4	0
Merritt, c	6	0	0	17	1	0
Miller, 3b and ss	5	1	2	3	0	1
Ramires, cf	3	0	2	3	0	0
Dugas, rf	5	0	2	1	0	1
Totals	45	3	10	36	7	5

zBetts hit by batted ball.

Pelicans	100	001	001	005	—8
Hits	101	002	013	007	—15
Whitecastles	101	100	000	000	—3
Hits	110	222	010	010	—10

Summary: Earned runs—Pelicans 6. Two-base hits—Sanchez, W. Acosta 2, Variani. Home run—Weber. First on balls—Postell, Betts, Werner, Ramires 2, Blanchard. Struck out—by Betts 16; by Acosta 6. Double plays—Rybiski to Acosta, Blanchard (unassisted). Left on bases—Pelicans 9; Whitecastles 12. Wild pitch—Betts. Umpire—Fowler.

Hurrah for the Napoleonvilles! They put it all over the Parker-Blakes in the druggists' own back yard last Sunday and did it in such a convincing way as to leave no room for question as to which is the superior team. The country boys—bless their ball playing abilities!—made the city chaps look like retired players from the tin can league. They out-hit, out-fielded and out-played them at all stages, and in the twirling stunts Talbot made a holy show of Zehner, "the best semi-pro. in New Orleans." The Naps. copped nine hits—three of them two-sackers—off Zehner's delivery, while the druggists secured but five little singles off Talbot, and while the published accounts of the game attempted to shield the defeated twirler from all responsibility, the fatal score shows that he was badly worsted by the boy from the bayou. The only time the semi-pros. succeeded in bunching hits was in the seventh, when they tore off three, and then fast fielding prevented more than one score.

The Parker-Blakes are taking their beating hard; a general shake-up of

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THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Blue-Ribbon Event of English Turf Won by American Horse—Death of Senator John T. Morgan—Famine in Havana Cigars Threatened—Furniture Dealers Indicted.

War has broken out between Nicaragua and Salvador.

The village of Berai, Turkey, was destroyed by an earthquake.

A raft of 7000 logs is being towed from Nova Scotia to Brooklyn.

A German scientist claims to have discovered a cure for spinal meningitis.

Miss Julia Magruder, the novelist, died at Richmond, Va., at the age of fifty-one years.

Fire destroyed the Princess Anne Hotel at Virginia Beach, Va., causing a loss of $185,000.

Fifty-seven persons were injured in a wreck on the Southern Railway near Lebanon, Tenn.

Secretary Root has accepted the invitation of President Diaz to visit Mexico this summer.

Mark Twain sailed for England to receive the degree of doctor of literature at Oxford University.

Death is removing civil war veterans from the federal pension rolls at the rate of about 120 a day.

The National Negro League was organized at New York with delegates present from eleven states.

A famine in Havana cigars is threatened should the strike of Cuban cigar-makers continue much longer.

The United States department of justice will institute proceedings to dissolve the anthracite coal trust.

United States Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, died at his home in Washington, D. C., aged 83 years.

Twenty-eight passengers were drowned by the sinking of the French schooner La Jalouse off Barbadoes.

A large increase in wages was granted the telegraphers and station agents of the Mexican Central Railway.

The June cotton report of the New York Journal of Commerce indicated an increase in acreage of 1.2 per cent.

Richard Croker's American horse Orby, ridden by an American jockey, Johnny Reiff, won the English derby at Epsom.

The Philippines commission passed an act creating a retired list for members of the constabulary who serve twenty years.

The Catholic church of the Sacred Heart at Ottawa, Ontario, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of more than $200,000.

Naomi Fisher, an inmate of the insane asylum at Jackson, Miss., killed her room-mate, Susie Campbell, with a bed-slat.

Both Mexico and Guatemala are massing troops on the border, and war between the two countries is believed to be inevitable.

The board of trustees of the U. S. Grant University voted to change the name of that institution to the University of Chattanooga.

The steamship Humboldt arrived at Seattle from southeastern Alaska with the first gold shipment of the season, amounting to $525,000.

A new law making obligatory the registration in detail of the Americans residing permanently in Paris, France, will go into effect on July 15.

Governor Hughes vetoed the bill instituting a flat passenger rate of two cents per mile on every railroad system in New York state more than 150 miles long.

Disastrous storms swept over the towns of Gradyville, Ky., and York and New Minden, Ill., twenty-nine persons being killed and forty injured.

William Jennings Bryan, in an interview at New York, said that the trusts, the railroads and the tariff will be the issues in the next presidential campaign.

The first of 932 cases against the Standard Oil Company, all charging violation of the Ohio anti-trust laws, was called for trial in the court of common pleas at Findlay.

Presidents of western railroads held a conference at Chicago and decided to contest the two-cent fare laws in at least five states—Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and Arkansas.

The federal grand jury at Portland, Oregon, returned indictments against 180 furniture dealers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California for alleged violation of the anti-trust law.

Capt. John Walker, a prominent banker of Biloxi, Miss., shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. Domestic difficulties is assigned as the reason for the terrible deed.

Owing to the enactment of unfavorable legislation, several of the large life insurance companies have decided to withdraw from Texas and to write no further insurance in that state after July 10.

A steam launch containing six bright young midshipmen and a boatswain and four enlisted men attached to the United States battleship Minnesota, was wrecked in Hampton Roads, Va., and all on board were drowned.

ACHESON ON LOUISIANA.

Pennsylvania Congressman Tells of What He Saw During Recent Tour of the State with National Rivers and Harbors Committee.

Following is the report of Congressman E. F. Acheson of Pennsylvania, member of the river and harbors committee of the national house of representatives, covering the observations made by him during his recent tour of Louisiana in company with that committee:

THE SALT MINES.

"We visited the great salt mine at Avery Island. It is the largest mine in the world. The area of the island is four square miles and two square miles of this is a solid block of salt. Drills have been put down through it to a depth of 2299 feet, when cedar 25 or 30 feet in thickness is encountered. Operations are carried on now 532 feet below the surface so as to give a roof and keep the water out. Entries are driven very much in the same way as in our coal mines except that they are about 25 feet in height. Eighty thousand tons of salt were taken from this mine last year. We saw 10,000 tons at the mouth of the mine waiting shipment, but no cars available. The cars on hand only held 20 tons each and seemed very small alongside of our 50-ton coal cars. General Avery's grandfather came from New Jersey in 1815 and settled on this island. Lump salt was discovered in 1862, the first in America. It is 98.6 per cent pure. Tabasco pepper also grows in profusion on this island, and a thousand barrels of oysters are shipped every day. Five hundred men are given employment. The highest part of the island is 350 feet above the sea. Here General Avery, his sons and Civil Service Commissioner McIlhenny, his son-in-law, have fine homes, where we were beautifully entertained.

JEFFERSON'S ISLAND.

"We passed the island owned by the late Joseph Jefferson, the actor, which he called 'Bob Acres.' In this neighborhood are lands said to yield 100 to 400 barrels of onions per acre. The seed is brought from Bermuda. The oyster beds nearby yield 1000 barrels per acre. Last year 3,000,000 bushels of oysters were taken from the Louisiana beds and on each bushel the state imposes a tax of 1 cent.

"We passed through miles and miles of rice land. Much of this land can be purchased for $20 to $25 per acre. The average production of rice is about ten sacks per acre. Each sack contains 100 pounds and sells at $3. Many instances are given of persons who have cleared the price of the land in one crop. It is said to be a common thing. It is only 20 years since rice growing was begun in this neighborhood. One man can cultivate 100 acres. Wages are pretty good and the demand for labor is great. The usual rate is $1.50 per day for common labor. Many farmers are moving from Illinois and Iowa to these rice lands. They say one must pay $125 per acre now for good land in those states. Such land when planted in corn will produce about $20 gross. They can produce $20 worth of rice on land which they can buy for one-fifth as much as in Illinois or Iowa.

LAKE CHARLES--THE SULPHUR MINES.

"Lake Charles is one of the growing towns of the state and the metropolis of southwestern Louisiana. It has numerous sawmills which turn out about 750,000 feet of lumber per day. The yellow pine timber belt is about fifteen miles north of the town.

"Ten miles northwest of Lake Charles is the wonderful sulphur mines, said to be the greatest in the world. Sulphur was discovered here during the civil war while boring for salt. Over $2,000,000 were expended by different companies in attempting to mine it. The property finally passed into the hands of the Standard Oil Company and Professor Herman Frasche, the engineer for that great concern, invented a method of getting it out. Wells are drilled to a depth of 500 to 600 feet. A thirteen-inch iron pipe is inserted with a six-inch pipe inside. Superheated steam is forced down the larger pipe. It melts the sulphur and the air pressure brings it up the six-inch pipe. It pours out like molasses. It is confined in large square pens made by setting heavy planks on edge. Some of these are 200 by 1400 feet, with an area of about seven acres. The sulphur cools when it comes in contact with the air. The planks are then raised and this is continued until the blocks of sulphur are 30 feet high. We saw several of these chunks. The mine produced last year 200,000 tons. The market price was $22 per ton. During the Russo-Japanese war it rose to $40 per ton. The deposit of sulphur is 500 feet below the surface and is 125 feet in thickness. The limits of the deposit have been defined and the bed is known to contain 45,000,000 tons. In the ground the sulphur is absolutely pure. After handling it, walking over it, and so forth, it is 99.8 per cent pure. Some years ago the property was assessed at $50,000. It was raised to $85,000.

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