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AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Calcasieu Parish Tax Rate Reduced--Condemned Murder Reversed--Public School at Horton Destroyed by Fire.

A handsome three-story brick courthouse is in the course of erection at Franklin.

Business men of Columbia organized a hardware company with a capital stock of \$15,000.

Sam Miller, a prominent farmer living near Gibbsland, shot and killed his brother and neighbor, Will Miller.

William Franklin, a negro, shot and killed Melinda Williams and mortally wounded Albert White, a bystander, at Franklin.

An unidentified negro who attempted to kill the town Marshal of Mer Rouge was taken from jail by indignant citizens and lynched.

The bodies of two men were found buried beneath an embankment on the Colorado Southern right of way at Peckwith Creek, near Lake Charles.

Over two hundred cases of smallpox have been reported in DeSoto parish and the health authorities have united in an effort to stamp out the dreaded disease.

The Webster Gas and Oil Company, Limited, with a capital stock of \$100,000, has been chartered at Minden and will begin operations as soon as practicable.

John A. Vollmer, of Monroe, a fireman on the Iron Mountain Railroad, fell from his engine at Riverton and was struck and killed by a passing locomotive.

J. B. Edwards was tried at Monroe and sentenced to a life term in the state penitentiary for killing his brother-in-law, C. W. Kennedy, a locomotive engineer.

Lee Coleman, who was sentenced to hang at Lake Charles on Dec. 6 for killing Deputy Sheriff Schumaker at DeQuincy, last February, was granted a reprieve to Jan. 3.

While starting a fire with kerosene, Lizzie Catoir, the nine-year-old daughter of Leonce Catoir, of Reserve, was severely and probably fatally burned about the body and head.

The public school building at Horton, ten miles north of Minden, which had just been stocked with new furniture, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1000, with no insurance.

The Louisiana Searchlight, a new prohibition paper, was launched at Lake Charles by the Calcasieu parish prohibition executive committee, and begins its career with a circulation of over two thousand.

While raising material to the top of the Continental Bank building at Shreveport, a piece of timber fell on Chester D. Smith, a sheet metal worker, breaking his collar-bone and injuring him otherwise.

The jury in the district court at Shreveport awarded \$3200 to Sallie Ford and \$1500 to Patsie Cole as damages for the death of their husbands, who were killed by a natural gas explosion while in the employ of the Louisiana Gas Company.

The police jury of Calcasieu parish reduced the tax rate for 1908 from eight to six mills. During the administration of the present police jury a debt of \$25,000 was wiped out, and schools, roads and bridges in each ward materially improved.

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NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

Reopening of the Winter Garden--A Week of Shakespeare--Stunning Costumes in a Mode--Dull Business--A Creole Mamma's English.

Staff Correspondence of The Chief.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 11, 1907.

"The Fortune Teller," a breezy opera full of tuneful melodies and bright comedy, inaugurated a season of light and comic opera for New Orleans at the formal opening of the Winter Garden last Saturday evening. Miss Ada Meade is the star of the company and possesses not only a most pleasing voice, but a charm and presence that are equally worthy of honorable mention. With the French Opera, which spends Christmas week, the Tulane, Crescent, Shubert, Orpheum, Dauphine, Blaney's Lyric, and the Winter Garden, (not to mention the unmentionable Greenwall), New Orleans will certainly have enough places of amusement to keep it going for a while.

Lovers of the classic are enjoying a profound treat this week in the appearance of Robert Mantell at the Tulane in Shakespearean roles. Next week Ebel Barrymore, the daintiest and sweetest star that ever shone behind a footlight, will be the attraction at the Tulane in Clyde Fitch's clever comedy, "Her Sister."

At the coming-out party of a charming down-town girl Friday evening of last week, I noticed a gown worn by a member of the receiving group that I thought especially beautiful. It was a black chiffon voile of a very sheer and lovely quality, made over chiffon and pale blue taffeta and richly embellished with black lace.

The skirt was modelled after the new tunic effect, and the entire pattern of the square white lace yoke was delicately picked out with tiny gold beads. From the broad kimono sleeves dangled a brilliant regiment of small gold tassels which combined exquisitely with the blue and black of the stunning costume.

The chat of the modish tailor suit reaches well below the hips and, if properly cut, fits the form to perfection. It is single breasted and collarless, while the skirt is distinguished by long straight lines and is less trimmed and pleated than formerly. Hats are rather contrasting than matching, and a plum-colored butter-bowl shape, trimmed with wings and ribbons and worn with a gray-blue tailor suit faintly striped, made a particularly smart combination on a stylish looking girl I saw at the matinee last Saturday. Veils with dots easily as big as ten-cent pieces are quite the rage, and gauntlet gloves are the proper caper with tailor suits.

The merchants declare that the Christmas purchases this year will fall many thousands of dollars below the usual holiday expenditures. I heard some one make the statement the other day that Tiffany of New York estimates that his sales this year will most probably be ten million dollars less than those of last season.

An old colored mammy in the employ of a down-town family has frequently heard a masculine member of the household make use of the word "hades," and, divining its meaning, made use of it herself the other morning with ludicrous effect. "Ah declare," she fumed, irate at some misdemeanor of one of her offspring, "dat onery nigger is dat triflin' he sho am gwine rat straight tuh hayseed wen he die." At heart mammy is really romantic, and comforting the littlest girl of the family who was disconsolate over the fact that unlike big sister she couldn't have a beau and do as she pleased, mammy remarked: "Nevah yo' mia, honey, some o' dese bright days yo'll gwine grow up, an' meet your fave."

Double Tracking the Valley.
The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad has a large force of men at work repairing its tracks along Front street in Baton Rouge, preparatory to the double-tracking of the road between that city and New Orleans in order to accommodate the extra travel caused by the trackage agreements of the Frisco's Colorado Southern, New Orleans and Pacific Railway, the Southern Pacific's Port Allen-Lafayette branch, and the Illinois Central's Baton Rouge, Hammond and Eastern Railway, all of which will bring increased traffic to the Valley at Baton Rouge. The road is already double-tracked for a considerable portion of the distance between the two cities, and the connecting up of these many side-tracks is now in order, since the above mentioned roads will begin operation during the early part of the coming year.

With what pride are the words, "My own, my own," breathed by the young mother as she gazes upon her first born child. This reminds us that the proverbial stork recently left a sweet little cherub at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Himel. The mother and baby are doing nicely and Grandpa E. A. Himel's smiles are as broad as Papa Claude Himel's. The Interim congratulates the happy young parents and the grandparents.--St. James Interim.

Why don't you get busy and pay that poll tax?

THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Terrible Mine Accident in West Virginia. King of Sweden Dead--Well Known Actress Commits Suicide.

Oscar II, King of Sweden, died at his palace at Stockholm.

Three people were killed in a Southern Railway freight wreck near Blair, S. C.

A woman and her two children were burned to death in a fire at Boston, Mass.

Five persons were killed as the result of a boiler explosion near Merida, Mexico.

The next Republican national convention of amusement to keep it going for a while.

Mrs. Louisa Taft, mother of Secretary of War Wm. H. Taft, died at Millbury, Mass.

Thirteen passengers were injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg, Pa.

One person was killed and two seriously injured in a cotton gin explosion at Earle, Ark.

While trying to arrest a negro at Atlanta, Ga., Policeman J. A. Manier was shot and killed.

Four hundred men were killed as the result of an explosion in a coal mine near Monongah, W. Va.

Baron Takahira will probably succeed Viscount Aoki as Japanese ambassador to the United States.

It is reported that the Japanese government has agreed to restrict immigration to the United States.

Mrs. Clara Bloodgood, the well-known actress, committed suicide by shooting herself at Baltimore, Md.

In an effort to suppress crime, the Italian government will make it unlawful to carry even a pocket-knife.

Erasmus Allison and Job V. Starr, two of the oldest Mississippi river steamboatmen, died at St. Louis, Mo.

The Mississippi Valley building factory was destroyed by fire at Vicksburg, Miss., entailing a loss of \$40,000.

Five hundred "night riders" destroyed \$200,000 worth of property and injured two persons at Hopkinsville, Ky.

Henry O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, died at his home near Commack, L. I.

A man and a woman were arrested at St. Louis, Mo., charged with having sold their daughter to a Gypsy for \$500.

The Nobel peace prize is to be equally divided this year between Ernest Teodoro Moneta, of Italy, and Louis Renault, of France.

Plans have been completed by the German government for the construction of a harbor on the Island of Heligoland in the North Sea at a cost of \$7,500,000.

Edward Morehouse, son of the late Gov. Albert P. Morehouse, of Missouri, shot and killed himself at Maryville, Mo.

During a storm off the coast of Europe, Mrs. Taft, wife of Secretary William H. Taft, had a narrow escape from drowning.

Five persons were killed and a score injured in a collision between Baltimore and Ohio passenger trains at Hanover, Md.

A cocaine crazed negro at Augusta, Ark., shot seven white people, including two women, and was later killed by a posse.

One fireman was killed and three mail clerks badly injured in a Louisville and Nashville train wreck at Montgomery, Ala.

Following a collision, the captain and six men of a German vessel were drowned in the English Channel, off the coast of Folkestone.

The Japanese government will submit a proposition to the United States providing for free trade between Japan and the Philippine Islands.

Two saloon keepers of Chicago, Ill., committed suicide because they believed the Law and Order League would ruin their business.

It is estimated that \$150,000,000 has been taken out of this country by 500,000 returning European immigrants since the end of the summer.

Fire at Potts' Camp, Miss., destroyed twelve business establishments and their contents, causing a loss of \$40,000 on the buildings alone.

It has been estimated that the robberies in New York for one year amount to \$15,875,000, as compared with \$9,810,000 in property destroyed by fire.

John A. Steele, an insane man, invaded the apartments of Governor Guild at Boston, Mass., and shot three labor leaders, injuring them seriously.

Fifty thousand mill hands quit work at St. Petersburg, Russia, out of sympathy for the members of the second duma, who were arraigned for high treason.

Clever burglars obtained entrance into the establishment of a New York jeweler by cutting through the floor from the cellar, and made away with \$5000 worth of gems.