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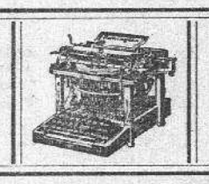

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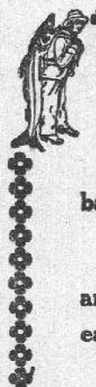

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AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

L. S. U. Cadet Shot and Killed by Drunken Negro—Work on Jetties at Southwest Pass Nearing Completion. Acadia Prisoners Pardoned.

The Rock Island Railway completed its track into Eunice.

A parish truck farmer's union was organized at Natchitoches.

A man must be married to get a job on the Shreveport police force.

The Louisiana Anti-Tuberculosis League is in need of funds to carry on its work.

Work on the jetties at Southwest Pass will be completed within the next few days.

Steamship agents reported a heavy passenger business between New Orleans and Porto Rico.

The liquor license in the parish of St. Landry and town of Opelousas was again fixed at $3000.

A special tax in aid of public schools was voted in the Pine Grove district of Rapides parish.

M. M. Mandot, of Alexandria, and C. O. Groves, of Pollock, are preparing to install a telephone system in the latter town.

Gov. Blanchard issued pardons to seven prisoners convicted of misdemeanors and serving time in the parish jail at Crowley.

Farmers and land owners of the sixth ward of Acadia parish held a meeting at Crowley and organized a drainage association.

A dam built in connection with drainage work in Iberia parish was dynamited by plantation owners who objected to its maintenance.

The corner-stone of Shreveport's new city hall, which will cost in the neighborhood of $75,000, was laid with impressive ceremonies.

Application will be made to congress for aid in improving Bayou Queue de Tortue and giving better facilities to the Louisiana rice belt.

The Presbyterian congregation at Lake Charles adopted plans and specifications for the construction of a handsome new church building to cost $20,000, exclusive of furniture.

The Farmers' Union of this state will probably establish an agency at New Orleans to handle the cotton of the interior warehouses now operating in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

A large majority was cast in favor of the proposition to levy a 5-mill fifteen-year tax for the purpose of raising funds with which to erect a modern high school building at Minden.

J. L. Sutton, chaplain of the Louisiana state penitentiary, tendered his resignation and will go to New Orleans to accept the position of superintendent of the Home for Destitute Boys.

A mass-meeting of the farmers of Bossier parish will be held at Plain Dealing on Tuesday, Jan. 7, for the purpose of discussing what course to pursue with reference to crop planting during the coming year.

While on a Mississippi Valley passenger train en route to his home in Bayou Sara to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Adonis K. Weydert, a Louisiana State University cadet, was shot and killed by a drunken negro named Robert Wilson, who fired into the train at Powell Station.

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NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

An Ideal Christmas—Annual Distribution of Dolls and Toys to the City's Poor. Miss Blanche Bates the Theatrical Hit of the Season.

Staff Correspondence of The Chief.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 25, 1907.

Clear, crisp and sparkling with sunlight, this Christmas day leaves nothing to be desired from a standpoint of the weather. The great holiday spirit seems to be in everyone's heart and eyes, and the boom of the firecracker and the blare of the Christmas horn are heard in the land. Thousands of the city's little poor were made happy at the Times-Democrat's distribution of dolls and toys, which occurred at Washington Artillery Hall on the day before Christmas according to the paper's annual custom. This noble undertaking of the Times-Democrat's achieves greater success with each succeeding year, and the public in general has come to look upon the splendid charity as an established institution and one which will never fail to meet with the heartiest co-operation and encouragement of the people here and elsewhere.

It is the thing now to wear flowers with street apparel, and the strictly tailored girl adds a distinct touch of smartness to her chic severity with the addition of a single long-stemmed rose or carnation. A pretty woman I saw in a Canal street store one day last week looked particularly effective in a suit of terra cotta tan with neckpiece and muff of red fox and a generous handful of ripened wheat thrust in the close-fitting lapels of her coat. A girl in gray with a great bunch of double violets pinned to her fur neckpiece looked as fresh and sweet as an early spring morning, and another in warm brown with a cluster of scarlet wood roses at her throat charmed the eyes with a glowing suggestion of autumn. Hand embroidered rolled collars with cuffs to match, to be worn with the long-coat fitted tailor suits, lend a very girlish and dressy touch to an otherwise severe costume.

"Wine, Women and Song," a clever and breezy musical satire, was the attraction at the Shubert last week. A principal feature of the melodious melee was some humorous take-offs on the leading theatrical stars of the day.

Blanche Bates in "The Girl of The Golden West" opened a two weeks' engagement at the Shubert last Monday, and beautiful stage settings, faultless support and a subtle infusion of that most greatly to be desired quality—"originality"—make this play the very finest theatrical treat New Orleans has enjoyed this season. Between the acts a male quartette render delightfully the swingy old tunes that were famous in California in the days of '49, the period which marks the action of the play. Miss Bates is stopping at an ancient and historic home in Royal street, where she will remain during her two weeks' stay in New Orleans. A special old colored cook has been engaged to prepare her meals and she is tasting for the first time many mysterious and delightful Creole delicacies of which she has heard and read all her life. She is awakened every morning at six for her cup of black coffee; is studying French, and otherwise acquainting herself with the habits and customs of the old French quarter. If Miss Bates is one half as attractive and magnetic off the stage as she is on, (and I have it from a "native son" of California who knows her personally that she is), she must be a most lovable woman to know, and will easily win her way to the hearts of the receptive Creoles among whom she will reside while she is in New Orleans.

"The Time, The Place and The Girl," a very bright, very snappy little comedy generously seasoned with swinging songs and melodies, is the Crescent attraction for the current week. Two of the musical numbers, "Don't You Tell I Told You So," and "Thursday Always was My Jonah Day," were especially tuneful and catchy.

Greetings to all the readers of The Chief, and may each and every one enter into a bright, happy and prosperous New Year. E. B.

A bottle containing a one-dollar bill and a letter signed by the delegates from the Valley of Illinois to the deep waterways convention held at Memphis last October was found floating in the Mississippi river at Ama by Paul Haydel, a negro. The bottle was thrown in the river below the confluence of the Ohio on Oct. 3, and it was requested that the communication contained therein be returned to the mayor of Peoria, Ill., which was done.

Implements and materials to be used in dredging the Cancienne canal, connecting Bayou Lafourche with Lake Verret, arrived at Napoleonville this week and work on the proposed waterway will be commenced at once under the supervision of the Atchafalaya and Lafourche basin levee boards. Besides supplying Bayou Lafourche with fresh water, the canal will give the people of this section direct water communication with the Teche country.

Jim, the Candy Man, has what you're looking for.

THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Remarkable Record Established by Noted Rifle Shot—Another Mine Disaster in Pennsylvania—Eight Treaties Signed by Central American Peace Conference.

Serious labor riots occurred in Chili.

Property valued at $250,000 was destroyed by fire at Baltimore.

A disastrous fire occurred in the French government arsenal at Toulon.

A census of Cuba shows that the island has a population of 2,028,282.

The Japanese government will undertake to limit emigration to Canada.

United States Senator S. R. Mallory of Florida died at his home in Pensacola.

The state of Oklahoma will in the future guarantee deposits in state banks.

Secretary of War W. H. Taft returned from his trip around the world.

A serious riot was precipitated at Shihuatlan, Mexico, by the arrest of a priest for fighting.

Ninety-three persons were killed by the explosion of a powder magazine at Palermo, Sicily.

Statistics show a large increase in the number of deaths from heart disease in New York city.

One of President Roosevelt's Mississippi admirers sent him an opposum as a Christmas present.

An employee in the postoffice at Erie, Pa., discovered an infernal machine in a Christmas package.

The Adstral, famous as an Antarctic exploration vessel, was wrecked off the coast of Uruguay.

There is widespread poverty among the poorer classes in Berlin, and school children are starving.

A postmaster's provisional stamp issued at Alexandria, Va., in 1847 was sold at Philadelphia for $4000.

St. Louis banks and trust companies distributed more than $60,000 in holiday presents to their employees.

Fire broke out on the American steamer Minnesota at Kobe, Japan, damaging both the vessel and cargo.

The trial of 169 members of the first Russian douma on a charge of high treason was begun at St. Petersburg.

Robbers set fire to a hotel at Richmond, Miss., and looted several stores while the residents were fighting the flames.

The prohibitionists are making a determined effort to induce congress to vote liquor out of the District of Columbia.

A St. Louis aeronaut has invented a dirigible balloon and challenged the world for a race to New Orleans and return.

The Central American peace conference at Washington finished its work and adjourned. Eight treaties were signed.

The discovery that Great Britain's meat supply is controlled by American trusts caused consternation in London.

Gold exports from Germany during the month of November totalled $39,500,000, the largest in the history of the country.

Nearly two million cubic yards of earth were excavated from the line of the Panama Canal during the month of November.

Mrs. W. B. C. Hershey, wife of a prominent business man of Columbus, Ohio, was criminally assaulted by a negro, who escaped.

Sister Theresa, a nurse in St. Mary's Hospital at Milwaukee, Wis., was shot and killed by Gustav Wirth, supposed to be insane.

Experiments on the Mississippi gulf coast prove that oyster plantings on a mud bottom are superior to those placed in hard sand.

Fifteen indictments for conspiracy were returned against members of the Illinois Milk Dealers' Association by a grand jury at Chicago.

William F. Walker, who embezzled several hundred thousand dollars from a bank at New Britain, Conn., was arrested in Mexico.

According to a report issued by the United States Census bureau, 9,281,077 bales of cotton had been ginned in this country up to Dec. 13, 1907.

James H. Oliphant, a New York stock broker, was shot and fatally wounded by Charles A. Geiger, a customer, who then committed suicide.

Talking machine discs bearing records of the voices of noted present-day singers were deposited in a vault at Paris, to be opened 100 years hence.

Between two hundred and two hundred and fifty miners were entombed in the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company at Jacob's Creek, Pa., and all are believed to be dead.

A. Topperwein, the world's champion marksman, shot at 72,500 targets at San Antonio, Texas, in ten days, missing only nine. Topperwein used a 22 calibre automatic rifle, and the targets were wooden blocks 2½ inches thick, thrown into the air at a distance of twenty feet from the point where the marksman stood.