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AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Disastrous Fires at Olla and Wilson—Inmates of State Insane Asylum to Become Farmers—Practical Joker Killed.

One day's settlement of Louisiana tax collectors totalled $947,900.64.

Effects of the late financial stringency are shown in reduced tax collections in Louisiana.

Six thousand immigrants came to Louisiana during 1907, 5000 of whom remained in the state.

Fire at Wilson destroyed five business establishments and one residence, causing a loss of $50,000.

Mrs. Loula Hawthorne, of Weston, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart with a pistol.

Conductors on the Baton Rouge trolley cars have been abolished, and passengers now pay the motormen.

The police jury of West Feliciana parish contributed $2000 to the Julius Freyhan high school at St. Francisville.

W. H. Hayden, a former saloonman, committed suicide at Alexandria by shooting himself with a 45-calibre pistol.

Lee H. Coleman, convicted of the murder of William Shumaker, deputy sheriff of De Quincy, was hanged at Lake Charles.

William Jennings Bryan, the great Democratic commoner, delivered addresses at Alexandria and Lake Charles last week.

George and Peter McDaniel, wanted for criminal assault at Pawnee, were captured near Oakvale, after being at large five months.

A new oil company was incorporated at Jennings with a capital of $25,000and will be known as the Noble Company, Limited.

Vernon parish began the new year with every saloon banished, the prohibitionists winning at the recent election by a vote of 1720 to 123.

Fire at Olla devastated the entire southeast business portion of the town, causing a severe loss to merchants and other business men.

The safe in the store of the Kyiche Co-operative Company, at Dodson, was blown open with dynamite by unknown parties and $300 in cash stolen.

The death rate among Louisiana convicts has been reduced 80 per cent since the state assumed control of the penitentiary system seven years ago.

Two freight cars and sixty-two bales of cotton were destroyed by fire at Black River Station, on the Natchez and Western Railroad, near Jonesville.

Eight hundred acres of land near the State Insane Asylum at Jackson will be worked next year upon the colonization plan by the inmates of the asylum.

Dr. S. E. Weber, of New York, was elected inspector of high schools in Louisiana, a position created at a recent session of the state board of education.

Henry Fly, a negro, who lost his money at cards on Oak Bluff plantation, near Franklin, shot and killed three fellow-gamblers and wounded three others.

While driving through the business district in a buggy at Shreveport, G. E. Cundet, bookkeeper for the Shreveport Delivery Company, lost nearly $3000 in currency.

Young Dykes, Jr., played burglar as a practical joke to frighten guests at a New Year's party at his home near Amite City, and was fatally shot by his brother, William Dykes.

DOCTORS MISTAKES

Are said often to be buried six feet under ground. But many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they present alike to themselves and their easy-going or overbusy doctor, separate diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality, they are all only *symptoms* caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the *cause* of suffering, keeps up his treatment until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, but worse, of the wrong treatment, but probably worse. A proper medicine like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, *directed to the cause* would have entirely removed the disease, thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms, and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery. It has been well said, that "a disease known is half cured."

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NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

A Transparent Costume—Plays and Players—A Press Agent With Guile. Political Limericks.

Staff Correspondence of The Chief.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 8, 1908.

Several weeks ago a woman monologist at the Orpheum—the same who gave the vulgar but undeniably clever impersonation of a fellow in his cups, thereby shocking the fine sensibilities of Madam Carry Nation, who was besieging New Orleans at the time—got off a particularly good joke which may be as new to you as it was to me. The story was of an old colored mammy who was witnessing a vaudeville performance. In one of the numbers a magician and sleight of hand man read from a paper held before him while blindfolded with a single thickness of flannel. Mammy watched him with suspicious interest, but when he repeated the performance through a double thickness of material, she arose majestically and made her outraged way to the exit declaring sonorously: "Uh-uh; dis ain't no place fuh a lady in a caliker dress!"

I went to Blaney's Lyric Theatre for the first time last Saturday afternoon and enjoyed a most delightful presentation of "Trilby," Potter's dramatization of Du Maurier's famous novel of that name. Jane Oaker and William Farnum were al lto be desired in the leading roles, but I was also impressed with the general excellence of the stock company, and there was only one incident which, in my opinion, marred the performance. That was the fact that the good looking chap who played the part of "Little Billee" was guilty of a veiled but nevertheless manifest flirtation with a trio of giggling young women in the second row of the parquet. It was not exalting to note "Billee's" glances traveling delicately over the footlights even when engaged in the most impassioned scenes with "Trilby." Marshall Farnum, who played the part of "Duc La Rochemartel," was especially clever.

"Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway" was here last year, but that made very little difference in the patronage that was accorded it this season at the Tulane. Scott Welch as "Kid Burns" and Emma Carus as "Plain Mary" shared the honors, and the songs "Mary Is a Grand Old Name," and "So Long Mary," called for repeated encores. "Forty-Five Minutes" is not merely a musical comedy as many fancy it, but a regulation little play wherein is developed a plot at once touching and amusing. The wit is bright and sparkling and the dialogue is distinctly original. "My dear fellow," one chap says to another in the second act, "I know women like a book—that's why I'm a bachelor." The Man Who Takes Me To The Theatre declared that to be the brightest line in the play. Aforesaid Man nearly took me off my feet—rhetorically speaking, of course—by announcing to me that George Cohan, the author of "Forty-Five Minutes," is an Irishman, and not a Hebrew as I, and doubtless many another, have imagined for lo! these many moons. "Cohan is a regular old Irish handle," enlarged my informant; "where did you ever know of a Hebrew Cohen who used the 'a' instead of the 'e' in the final syllable of the name?"

The next time little Johnny Chaffe, the Orpheum press agent, gives me a razzle-dazzle story about a ventriloquist and his near-human dummy, he, John, will have to present me with an affidavit duly sworn to and signed by aforesaid ventriloquist—and the dummy, too, for that matter. No more shall I have that motley jester, Harlequin, making merry over the innocent gullibility of your local correspondent, and calling my friend John a wily fellow for working The Chief for nearly a whole column—in reality 'twas only a half column. That ventriloquist story was apparently nothing more nor less than a flight of Johnny Chaffe's very remarkable imagination, though he asseverates to the contrary with uplifted eyes and cris-crossed heart.

Here are a couple of political limericks that came to me in a moment of sublime inspiration this morning:

So handsome and dashing is Jared,
His election would plainly be carried
If the maidens who dote
On his picture could vote--
But never mind, girls, he is married.

I'd hate Jared Y. to feel slighted,
Or Theodore aught than "dee-lighted."
But the best I can see
Of the candidates three
Is Pharr—would you call that Pharr-sighted?

Verily, poets are born, not made—but then, so are mosquitoes and other peste.

E. B.

Our People and Their Ex-Presidents.

In its issue of January 2 the Youth's Companion published a remarkable article by Ex-President Grover Cleveland on "Our People and Their Ex-Presidents," during the course of which Mr. Cleveland says:

"As I am the only man now living who could at this time profit by the ideas I have advocated, I hope my sincerity will not be questioned when I say that I have dealt with the subject without the least thought of personal interest or desire for personal advantage. I am not in need of aid from the public treasury. I hope and believe that I have provided for myself and those dependent upon me a comfortable maintenance, within the limits of accustomed prudence and economy, and that those to whom I owe the highest earthly duty will not want when I am gone. These conditions have permitted me to treat with the utmost freedom a topic which involves no personal considerations and only has to do in my mind with conditions that may arise in the future, but are not attached to the ex-president of to-day; and I am sure that I am actuated only by an ever-present desire that the fairness and sense of justice characteristic of true Americanism shall neither fail nor be obscured."

THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Another Mistrial in the Celebrated Caleb Powers Case in Kentucky—Employers' Liability Law Declared Unconstitutional—Earthquake in Jamaica.

Dr. Nicholas Senn, a noted surgeon, died at Chicago.

Considerable damage was done by an earthquake in Jamaica.

The Bank of England's discount rate was reduced from 7 to 6 per cent.

Atlanta, Ga., was visited by the first snow storm of the season on Monday last.

The government of Manitoba purchased the Bell telephone system in that province.

There were 13,354 more births in New York during 1907 than in the year previous.

The United States supreme court declared the employers' liability law unconstitutional.

Seven men were drowned by the overturning of a skiff in the Missouri river at Kickapoo, Kansas.

The second trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White was begun in New York last Monday.

Application was made to the federal court at Richmond, Va., for receivers for the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

George A. Pettibone, charged with the murder of Gov. Frank Steunenberg, was acquitted at Boise, Idaho.

The town of Russellville, Ky., was raided by "night riders," who wounded three men and destroyed considerable property.

John D. Rockefeller gave $2,191,000 to the University of Chicago, making his total donations to that institution $23,809,098.

Count Boni de Castellane and Prince Hélie de Sagain indulged in a rough-and-tumble fight at the entrance of a church in Paris.

President Roosevelt is considering the question of negotiating a treaty providing for free trade between the Philippine Islands and Japan.

Conductor H. T. Johnson was wounded and a negro passenger killed by shots fired from the darkness into an electric car at Mobile, Ala.

W. E. Chancellor, superintendent of public schools at Washington, was dismissed by the board of education for criticising public officials.

New York's superintendent of banking demanded weekly reports from forty-eight trust companies, seventeen state banks and two national banks.

Marines were landed at Bluefields, Nicaragua, by a British man-of-war to protect foreign interests menaced by an uprising of Mosquito Indians.

Owen Moran, champion featherweight of England, and Abe Attell, champion of America, fought twenty-five rounds to a draw at San Francisco.

Unless the cotton spinners of Manchester, England, modify their demands for increased wages, mills employing 150,000 persons will probably be closed.

Twelve companies of state militia and one battery of artillery were sent to Muncie, Indiana, to suppress riots growing out of the strike of street car employees.

The production of gold in the United States decreased $4,753,041 in 1907, while silver production increased more than one million fine ounces over the 1906 output.

The monthly statement of the public debt of the United States shows that at the close of business on Dec. 31, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to $884,930,831.

A call for a meeting to be held at Philadelphia on April 1, for the purpose of discussing political questions, was sent from Boston to representative negroes all over the country.

The annual convention of the Mississippi Farmess' Union was held at Jackson. Thirty-one warehouses, representing a capitalization of $400,000, are now in operation throughout the state.

The countess of Yarmouth, who was Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburg, a sister of Harry K. Thaw, began proceedings in London for the nullification of her marriage with the earl of Yarmouth.

In a wreck on the Iron Mountain Railroad at Swartz, near Mobile, five cars of a freight train went through a bridge which crosses the lake at that point, and it is believed that two tramps were drowned.

Assistant Cashier J. W. Harper and Clerk W. T. Smith of the First National Bank of Hattiesburg, Miss., who are alleged to have made away with funds belonging to the bank, surrendered to the police in Vancouver, B. C.

After being out more than forty-eight hours, the jury in the celebrated Cleab Powers case, at Georgetown, Ky., reported its inability to agree and was discharged. The jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. Bail was refused and the next trial set for July 6.

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