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AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

Truck Growers' Association Organized at Rosepine—Young Lady of Baton Rouge Victim of Peculiar Accident—Youthful Hunters Killed.

A truck growers' association was organized at Rosepine.

A nine-year-old boy was accidentally shot and killed while hunting with his younger brother near Eunice.

Mayor Ernest R. Bernstein, of Shreveport, will shortly be married to Miss Fannie M. Hirsch, of Vicksburg, Miss.

A horse hitched to a meat cart ran away at Baton Rouge and, in turning a corner, fell on the curb and broke its neck.

Mrs. Harris, the wife of a railroad contractor in Concordia parish, was assassinated by a white man, who escaped.

Charles Ratliff, an employee of the Rock Island Railroad, committed suicide at Lecompte by swallowing an ounce of laudanum.

Property holders at Pointe a la Hache have engaged in orange culture, several thousand trees having been set out during December.

While returning from a hunting trip, Frank Francis accidentally shot and killed Sidney Betzer, aged thirteen years, at New Orleans.

Matthew Griffin was arrested at Monroe in connection with the theft of $1500 by cracksmen from the Barham Mercantile Company at Oak Ridge.

Col. S. M. Robertson was appointed a member of the board of administrators of the Louisiana State University to succeed Henry L. Fuqua; term expired.

Owing to the presence of smallpox among its faculty and pupils, the Lutheran Evangelical School at New Orleans was closed by the city board of health.

The town council of Lafayette has accepted the two new public school buildings recently erected by the municipality with the proceeds of a special tax voted for the purpose.

While crossing a street at Baton Rouge, Miss Carrie Dougherty was caught in the hair by the shaft of a passing buggy and dragged thirty feet, but escaped without serious injury.

Robert Reymond, of Baton Rouge, J. J. Jackson, of New Orleans, and L. R. Marrie, of New Iberia, candidates from Louisiana for West Point cadetships, left for St. Louis, Mo., to stand entrance examinations.

Euclid Broussard, a member of the artillery squad of the Pelican Rifles, had his right arm blown off while attempting to fire a salute of twenty-one guns in honor of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans.

The banking house and site of the Bank of Plaquemine were sold at public auction to Andrew H. Gay for $7500, while the furniture and fixtures were bought by the Schwing Lumber and Shingle Company, Ltd.

Mrs. Frances McMichael, mother of ex-Sheriff P. P. McMichael of Tangipahoa parish, celebrated her ninety-third birthday on Jan. 8. Among the guests present were five relatives in their seventies and one over eighty years old. Mrs. McMichael's old family servant, who cooked for her during the civil war, and who is more than seventy eight years of age, helped prepare and serve the dinner for the celebration.

The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prize ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach we are utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect yourself in your most vulnerable spot. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

Richard Carle and His "Spring Chicken" a Disappointment—An Impromptu Feature of the Orpheum Program—Milano Opera Company Not Encouraged.

Staff Correspondence of The Chief.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 15, 1908.

I was greatly disappointed in Richard Carle, the star of "The Spring Chicken," a disjointed comedy of his own composition which is playing at the Tulane this week. Mr. Carle's acting did not impress me as really funny, his humor is flat, and the play itself is only spasmodically bright and borders a bit too closely on the risqué. For the most part it is redeemed by a few clever members of the support and a goodly number of catchy songs, prominent among which are "A Lemon in the Garden of Love," "I Love All the Girls and All the Girls Love Me," and "I Don't Know, but I Guess." These songs are practically the hits of the show, but the melodies are such pointed steals that you leave the theatre with the haunting conviction that you've heard each tune somewhere, some time before.

There's a pretty fair bill at the Orpheum for the current week, and Harry Gilfoil, who does a monologue and has a make-up more than ordinarily clever, is a worthy head-liner. Apropos of the Orpheum, a little incident happened to me there a few weeks ago that threw me into rather a distressing state of embarrassment. The Man Who Takes Me to the Theatre and I were a bit late for the show one evening, and the usher who showed us to our seats ran down the aisle after the get there quick manner of theatre ushers in general, while my escort and I followed as rapidly as we could so as to disturb those already seated for as short a time as possible. A team of funmakers and dancers were doing a turn at the time, and the man of the twain, stopping in the midst of a story and pointing to us excitedly, shouted out: "Oh, look at the foot race!" Of course the fun at our expense convulsed the audience, but as for me I sank into my seat and wished that I could have kept right on sinking till I reached some safe subway or any other place where I could have been out of sight of that more than appreciative audience.

The Milano Opera Company is certainly not meeting with flattering support at the hands of the New Orleans people. It is a source of genuine wonder to me that the real music lovers of the town are so slow to show their appreciation and offer the proper patronage and encouragement to so excellent a troupe of singers, and the only conjecture I can arrive at as an explanation for their lukewarm attitude is possibly the fact that having been taken in by the San Carlo opera company last season, they are a little "leery" of being "handed a lemon" by this year's troupe. I heard Mme. Padovani sing "Lucia" Tuesday evening, and the wonderful richness and flute-like quality of her glorious voice held her audience spell-bound. Yet the house was pitifully empty and there was a dull and lifeless look to the old place—totally unlike its usual brilliant and beautiful aspect at times when tier after tier is filled with dazzling women and handsome, well-groomed men.

The Twelfth Night Revelers opened the Carnival festivities with a brilliant ball at the French Opera House on Monday night of last week, and on Friday following the Amphictyons gathered for their annual frolic and portrayed in a series of handsome tableaux Diana's visit to the Sun God. Miss Lily McCall, the lovely young daughter of Collector of the Port Henry McCall, who is one of the most attractive of this season's debutantes, acted as a maid of honor in the court of Miss Elizabeth Maginnis, the gracious queen, whose maids, besides Miss McCall, were Misses Virgie Legendre, Marion Flower and Andree Provosty.

Hurrah! The general street car transfer system goes into effect today.

E. B.

LIST OF LETTERS.

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Barnes, Mr	Maunaux, Harriet
Babin and Fly., Laura	Nickles, Louis
Boudreaux, Camille	Nixon, Virginia
Barens, Maurice	d'Arensbourgh, Osborne
Beille, Jos	Oubre, Mr.
Biaggin, Arsena	Pearce, R
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Claxton, Charles	Rondeno, Albert
Clay, Mary	Robert, Florence
Comes, Hubert	Pressley, Henry
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Donsrand, Maggie	Simon, Albert
Dugas, Octave	Sciame, Maradanzia
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Jackson, Bella	Verrett, H J
Joseph, Florence	Vegas, Ben C
Landry, Mary L	Viso, Phillip
Landry, Frances	Viordigo, S D
Landry, Willie	Walker, Jas
Landry, Ida	Wallace, Gertrude
Landry, Sam	Wallace, Mary
LeBlanc, Camille	Williamsony, B F
Lanary, Pierre	Williams, Lucy
LeBlanc, T S	Younger, N B

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.

THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

British Cotton Spinners Arranging to Purchase Plantations in this Country. Governor Vardaman to Lecture. Protestant Chapel in China Burned by Natives.

Terrorists have resumed operations at Warsaw, Russia.

The American forces in Cuba will be withdrawn by Feb. 1, 1909.

A convention in interest of forest preservation was held at Atlanta, Ga.

W. E. Estes was accidentally shot and killed by his wife at Savannah, Ga.

While a student of Cornell University, T. J. Liddell, of Fayette, Miss., went insane.

The Protestant chapel and school at Che Kiang, China, was burned by a Chinese mob.

Sixteen persons were killed and forty badly injured in a theatre panic at Berneley, England.

Four firemen were injured and property valued at $100,000 destroyed in a fire at Detroit, Mich.

A severe storm caused great loss of life and property on the coasts of Europe and Northern Africa.

The Italian government is having serious trouble with the natives in Italian Somaliland, Africa.

British cotton spinners are making arrangements to purchase a Mississippi Delta cotton plantation.

King Alfonso of Spain, is contemplating a visit to Mexico and other Latin-American countries.

The Mississippi division of the Southern Cotton Association will meet at Jackson, Miss., on Feb. 5.

The steamship Lurline was launched at Newport News for service between San Francisco, Cal., and Honolulu.

William Rudolph, of Biloxi, Miss., committed suicide at French Lick Springs, Ind., by cutting his neck with a razor.

A panic occurred in a street car in New York as the result of a shooting affray between two Italians, alleged Black Hands.

The home of Feodor A. Golvin, former president of the second douma, was destroyed by fire at St. Petersburg, Russia.

Two boy saloon robbers killed a bartender at Normandy Grove, Mo., locked the customers in an ice box and proceeded to rob the place.

Two negro farm hands who made a murderous assault on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Livingston at Goldsboro, Ga., were shot to death by a posse.

Baron Takahira, Japanese minister to Italy, received official notification from Tokio of his appointment as ambassador to the United States.

Much uneasiness is being experienced in Tokio, Japan, because of the overwhelming sentiment in America in favor of a Japanese exclusion bill.

Sergeant Oscar Gatling, of the Twentieth Company of Coast Artillery, stationed at Pensacola, Fla., was instantly killed by James Hart, a negro.

Anton Bavori, an Italian, is charged at Florence, Colo., with murdering four persons, cutting up their bodies and throwing the pieces into a river.

George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, is reported to have been offered the presidency of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, of New York.

In a pamphlet issued recently, Lieut. Col. Inge of the German army stated that mobilization of the United States army would produce a very poor result.

The United States census bureau reported 9,955,427 bales of cotton ginned up to Jan. 1, against 11,741,039 last year. Total number of active ginneries, 27,276.

John Trentem, sporting editor of the Houston Post, was killed and several other persons injured as the result of an automobile accident at Houston, Texas.

C. H. Campbell, aged sixty-five, and R. A. Allison, seventy-one years of age, who were comrades in the civil war, died at Winona, Miss., within thirty minutes of one another.

Four firemen were killed and three dangerously injured in a fire that destroyed the twelve-story Parker building in New York. The property loss is estimated at $2,000,000.

Because he lost his memory, Charles J. Jackson, a nephew of the late Joseph Jefferson, committed suicide by strangling himself to death in the Hotel Gerard, at New York, N. Y.

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, has accepted an offer to go on the lecture platform and discuss the negro question, traveling from the lakes to the gulf and from ocean to ocean.

Two white men and three negroes were killed and two other persons fatally injured in a collision between passenger and logging trains on the Alabama and Mississippi Railroad near Vinegar Bend, Ala.

The weekly statement of the New York Clearing House banks shows a surplus of reserves under the requirements of the 25 per cent rule for the first time since the financial stringency began in October. The surplus was $6,084,050.