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The annual U. C. V. reunion will be held in Birmingham, Ala., on June 9, 10 and 11.

Dr. Grover Kirby, charged with killing James D. Money, Sr., was acquitted at Greenwood, Miss.

The election returns from thirty-three parishes were compiled by Secretary of State John T. Michel and sent to the state printer.

A company capitalized at \$100,000 will be organized at Baton Rouge for the purpose of manufacturing the cotton-picking machine invented by Prof. S. S. Thomas.

Rapides parish, after settling the last payment of \$10,000 on the new courthouse at Alexandria, finds itself free from debt and will reduce taxation from 10 to 8 mills.

The United Fruit Company's steamer Anselm ran on a reef at Sargen's Cay, off the coast of British Honduras, and was wrecked, but her crew and passengers were saved.

A mob at Brookhaven, Miss., overpowered two companies of state troops and lynched E. H. Pigott, a negro charged with criminal assault upon a young white woman of Ruth, Miss.

Missionaries and tourists from Portugal stated that the situation there is similar to that in Spain before the loss of her colonies, when the administration was demoralized by corruption.

The Indian government will send out two brigades from Calcutta to Basse Valley to subdue a powerful tribe of Afridis who have been raiding the country and ambushing the mounted police.

Fire occurred at the sawmill owned by J. L. Godchaux, on Bayou Du Lac, near Plaquemine, and destroyed 800,000 feet of cypress and gum lumber, causing a loss of several thousand dollars.

One hundred gamblers, who had flocked to Sulphur to take advantage of pay day at the brimstone mines, were ordered to leave the place instantly by a quickly organized citizens' committee.

Secretary Taft has issued an order to the effect that hereafter none but Americans shall be put on the "gold" rolls of the Isthmian Canal Commission, meaning that all skilled laborers must be Americans.

This is Worth Reading.
 See F. Zeitski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Buckler's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee by all druggists.

Prof. H. L. Shantz, formerly of the University of Missouri, has been elected professor of botany at the State University to succeed Prof. R. L. Cooks, who left several weeks ago to accept the chair of botany at Tulane University.

An election was held at Kentwood to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds to the amount of \$35,000 for the purpose of improving the streets and erecting a new brick school building to cost \$25,000, but both measures were defeated by a large majority.

In a pistol duel in a crowded office building at Meridian, Miss., Oscar L. Thrasher, a farmer, was killed in the presence of his wife. Covert Taylor, a contractor, the other participant, was seriously wounded, and James Hamm, a bystander, was slightly hurt.

Chairman Charles Janvier of the New Orleans Health Association has announced that two-thirds of the \$20,000 remaining from the fever fund of 1905 will be given to the Anti-Tuberculosis League and one-third to the Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Hospital.

The Abita Springs Bottling Works will close its plant at that place and transfer the machinery and fixtures to its new plant in New Orleans, and in the future will run a line of porcelain-lined tank cars from the springs to New Orleans. The old factory building has been donated to the Abita Springs town council and will be converted into a pleasure pavilion.

Thomas H. Franklin, of San Antonio, who has been in attendance in the United States circuit court of appeals arguing an important case, returned to his home last evening. Mr. Franklin is a native of Donaldsonville, La., and some thirty-two years ago, while quite young, emigrated to Texas, where he prosecuted his law studies and rapidly rose in his chosen profession. Mr. Franklin is ex-president of the Texas Bar Association and one of the leading lawyers of the state. His many friends in New Orleans accorded him a hearty reception.—Times Democrat, Feb. 12.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Opportunities Offered for Obtaining Employment Under the Federal Government.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations to take place on the dates given below, and circulars containing further information relative thereto may be seen at the office of this paper:

February 26—Railway mail clerk, to fill vacancies as they may occur in the position of railway mail clerk in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Age limit, 18 to 35 years. Minimum height requirement, 5 ft. 5 in., minimum weight requirement, 130 pounds. Application form 304 and form 1407. This examination is open only to male citizens of the United States who are legal residents of the states and territories named above and who comply with the requirements.

Monotype caster operator, to fill vacancies in the government printing office, Washington, D. C., at 35 cents an hour for an eight-hour day. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1093.

March 4—Telephone operator, to fill a vacancy in the position of switchboard operator (male), quartermaster's department at large, San Francisco, Cal., at \$600 per annum; a vacancy in the position of special laborer (telephone switchboard operator), female, at \$2.24 per diem, department of yards and docks, Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., and vacancies as they may occur in the position of switchboard or telephone operator, (either sex). Age limit, 18 years or over. Application form 1093. Applicants must state in their application that they have had at least one year's actual experience as telephone switchboard operators.

Apprentice draftsman, to fill a vacancy in the position of apprentice draftsman (male), office of the chief of ordnance, war department, at \$360 per annum, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur in that department. Promotion is made up to \$60 per month. An apprentice may enter the competitive examination for the position of draftsman (entrance salary \$1000 to \$1200) whenever, in the opinion of his superior officer, his training and experience are sufficient. Age limit, 17 to 21 years. Application form 1312.

Aid (male), to fill a vacancy in the position of aid, at \$600 per annum, in the bureau of standards, department of commerce and labor, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur in any branch of the service. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1312. The work of the bureau of standards is scientific and technical in character, consisting principally of physics, chemistry and mechanical and electrical engineering.

Supervising engineer of road construction, to fill a vacancy in the position of supervising engineer, at \$125 per month, under the war department, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur. Age limit, 20 years or over. Applicants must have at least one year's experience in road construction and at least five years' experience in engineering. Application form 1312.

Executive assistant (male), to fill vacancies as they may occur in the position of executive assistant in the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, at salaries ranging from \$1600 to \$2900 per annum. At present there are two vacancies in this position—one in connection with tobacco investigations and the other in the office of the cerealist. Age limit, 20 to 40 years. Application form 1312 and form 1424.

Surgeon, to fill a vacancy in the position of acting assistant surgeon, public health and marine hospital service, for duty at St. John's river quarantine station, Mayport, Fla., at \$125 per month, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1312.

Clerk (male), to fill a vacancy in the position of clerk, with a knowledge of Latin, French, indexing and typewriting, at \$900 per annum, in the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur in that department. Age limit, 18 to 25 years. Application form 304. The Latin and French requirements will be no more than are covered by the scope of these subjects as given in the high school course. The use of dictionaries will be permitted in connection with these two subjects in the examination.

March 45—Statistician, to fill three vacancies, at salaries of from \$1200 to \$1800 per annum, in the geological survey, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur in that survey. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1313.

Assistant geologist, to fill a vacancy in the position of assistant geologist, qualified in petrology, at \$75 per month, in the geological survey. As a result of this examination certification will be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the positions of assistant geologist and geologic aid in the geological survey, at salaries ranging from \$1000 to \$1600 per annum, depending upon the qualifications and experience of the eligibles. Appointments to the position of temporary field assistant will also be made from the resulting list as far as possible; compensation, \$60 to \$100 per month. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1312.

March 11—Laboratory assistant in timber tests, to fill a vacancy in the

forest service, department of agriculture, at \$600 per annum, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur in that service. Applicants must have a thorough knowledge of the operation of Olsen and Riehle testing machines and instruments used in testing the strength of wood. They should be familiar with the general methods used in testing timber. Age limit, 18 years or over. Application form 1312.

Wireman, to fill vacancies as they may occur in the departmental service, at salaries ranging from \$720 to \$900 per annum. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1093.

March 11-12—Assistant (male); teacher (male and female), Philippine Service. There are 300 vacancies existing in the position of teacher. Salaries range from \$1200 to \$2000 per annum; division superintendents receive as high as \$3000; eligibility in the assistant examination is required for promotion to division superintendent. Age limit, 18 to 40 years. Application forms 2 and 375.

March 18-19—Receiver of clothing and small stores, to fill a vacancy in the provision and clothing depot, navy yard, New York, at \$4 per diem; and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur. Applicants must have four years' experience in the naval service afloat or in one of the general storehouses ashore in handling clothing and small stores. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1093.

March 6—Meat inspector (male), to fill vacancies as they may occur in the bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture. Age limit, 21 to 55 years. Application form 1093. Applications will be accepted only from persons who have had not less than five years' experience in curing, packing or canning meats, and who by reason of their experience in canning rooms, dry salt or sweet pickle cellars, sausage, lard, oleo, butterine or beef extract departments, are competent to inspect meats and meat food products as to their soundness, healthfulness and fitness for food. Salary, \$1000 per annum.

March 18—Testing engineer, to fill vacancies in the position of engineer in timber tests, at \$1000 per annum each, in the forest service, department of agriculture. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1312.

March 25—Lantern slide colorist, to fill a vacancy in the position of lantern slide colorist (female), at \$3 per diem and upward, in the reclamation service, department of the interior, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur in that or other departments. Age limit, 20 years or over. Application form 1093.

April 15-16—Junior engineer—assistant engineer, to fill vacancies as they may occur in the reclamation service. Salaries: Assistant engineer, \$1500 per annum and upward; junior engineer, \$720 per annum and upward. Age limits: Assistant engineer, 25 to 45 years; junior engineer, 20 to 45 years. Applicants for the position of assistant engineer must indicate in their applications that they have had at least four years' practical experience in engineering. A technical college training will be counted as two years' experience. Application form 1312.

Timber Used for Spools.
 Small things are not to be overlooked in considering the problems of the future timber supply. The match-maker is having as much trouble in getting the grade of wood necessary for his business as is the dealer in telegraph poles.

One of the industries which deals with small things, yet which is one of the utmost importance to the country's commerce, is the manufacture and export of spool wood. This business is peculiar to the New England states, and is centered in Maine. Spool factories of this state are now turning out eight hundred million spools annually, with a market value of nearly \$1,000,000.

The best quality of timber is used for the manufacture of spools. White birch, which is used almost exclusively for this industry, reaches the factory in the form of bars from 4 to 2 9/16 inches square and from 2 1/2 to 4 feet long. These bars must be absolutely clear. The birch is cut in winter and sawed in small portable mills which operate near some railroad line, about 2 1/2 cords being required for 1000 feet of bars. After sawing, the bars are piled cross-wise, in order to facilitate thorough seasoning, and, protected from the weather, are allowed to season until June. The spool bar mills in Maine turn out about fifteen million feet of bars during the year and approximately the same amount of material is manufactured into spools in the state.

The machines for making spools are complicated and require skilled men for their operation. The spools drop from the lath at the rate of one per second and must be perfectly uniform and true. The finished spools are marketed in this country largely in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, while the spool bars are largely exported to Greenock and Glasgow, Scotland, and to Hull and Fleetwood, England. Shipments to those points are made mostly from Bangor, as much as eight million feet having been sent from that port in a season.

The cover design of Uncle Remus's Magazine for February is most appropriate to the season and to the magazine. It represents "Brother B'ar," his face bathed in the radiance of a foolish grin, exhibiting a comic valentine of "Brother Rabbit," which he has just drawn. The drawing is the work of R. J. Dean, who is coming right to the front of American decorative artists.

Officers of Mohawk Tribe.

Following are the stump officers of Mohawk Tribe No. 33, Improved Order of Red Men, who were recently elected and installed:



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REPUBLICANS ENCOURAGED.

Mr. Pharr Says the Platform of His Party Meets General Approval.

(N. O. Times-Democrat, Jan. 21, 1908.)
 In town on a flying visit, en route from New Iberia to Shreveport, Henry N. Pharr, the Republican nominee for governor, last night expressed great satisfaction at the reception accorded his platform in those sections where he has so far delivered addresses, and expressed the belief that his principles found favor with many Democrats, as well as with Republicans. He has already spoken in New Orleans, New Iberia and Lake Charles, and will address a meeting at Shreveport this evening.

"On all sides," said Mr. Pharr last evening, "I find great interest manifested in the planks from which the Republicans have built their platform, and our views on state conditions and necessities are meeting general approval. Especially is this the case with our ideas on the subjects of race track gambling, the liquor question and the levee board system.

"That half-hearted measures will not do in the treatment of the gambling evil appears to be the unanimous impression, and the sincerity of our stand seems to be fully appreciated. Reports from Memphis, where the race track gamblers once flourished as they now do in New Orleans, all indicate general satisfaction at the abolition of the evil in that city and section.

"So, too, the proposition for a minimum liquor license of \$1000 is heartily endorsed on all sides, and I firmly believe that our principles, as enunciated before Gov. Blanchard called the special session of the legislature, meet the views of the people of all parties. The same may be said of our stand on the levee board system, and I am glad to see that the Times-Democrat is taking up some of these subjects editorially.

"The people are also greatly interested in our demand for a reduction of the tax rate from 5 mills to 4, but the moral issues appear to be predominant in the general consideration. Dates are being arranged for Mr. Pharr by a committee, and he will continue an energetic campaign until election day.

Sugar Refiners in a Quandary.
 Sugar refiners in this state, and, in fact, of the whole country, are between the "devil and the deep blue sea" as a result of the pure food laws on one side and prohibition on the other, and sugar may any day take an upward jump and fluctuate thereafter like coal in winter time.

Under the new pure food laws it is illegal to use sulphur in clarifying molasses, except as provided for the crop of 1907-08 by a special ruling. The large refiners here, however, passed up the molasses and are extracting the entire sugar content from the cane, selling the remaining compound to distillers for use in making alcohol and rum.

Prohibition in the south, where a great deal of refining is done, has caused an ever-increasing demand for alcohol and rum and thereby a decrease in the value of the sugar by-products. This means that the refiner will have to make up in an increased price for sugar that which he loses by not being able to dispose with his by-products, or in other words, he will have to add to the present price of sugar enough to equal what he received for his alcohol and rum compounds. No definite action has as yet been taken by the refiners, but it is known that they are considering it.

Last week the Coggswell refinery in New Orleans closed down indefinitely because the owner said there was not enough money in sugar.

Marked for Death.
 "Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and I was laid out when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery." says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Rec. Ky. "The first dose helped me, and improvement kept on until I had gained 50 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's leading record for curing and curing and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia, sold under guarantee at all druggists, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

History of S. A. E. Fraternity.
 Hundreds of old collegemen throughout the south will be interested in the announcement that the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the college Greek letter society founded at the University of Alabama in 1858, is to be written. This fraternity is noted for having contributed more soldiers to the Confederate army than any other college fraternity in existence, while its founder, Noble Leslie De Votie, was the first man to lose his life in the civil war.

The work of compiling the history has been given to the well-known writer, William C. Levere, of Eranston, Illinois, who has made frequent journeys through the southern States in the interest of the organization.

At present he is actively engaged in gathering the material for the history, and old time members of the society are sending him so much data that it promises to be unusually complete.

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