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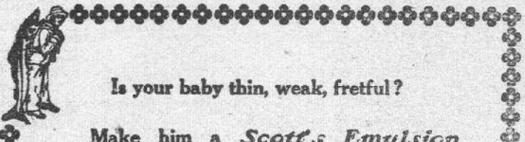
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## AROUND THE STATE.

Items of Interest Culled From the Louisiana Press.

New Brick Jail Completed at Marksville, Louisiana Supreme Court to Decide Election Contest Case from Ouachita Parish—Fine Artisan Well.

The fifth annual meeting of the Louisiana State Horticultural Society was held at Minden.

The Third Congressional District Dental Society will meet at Morgan City on April 8 and 9.

Soards' city directory for 1908 indicates a population for New Orleans of approximately 378,000.

District Attorney J. M. Foster, of Shreveport, and Miss Kate Crichton were married at Minden on Feb. 20.

Thieves invaded the stable of T. J. Sellers at Ama, and stole a mule, a horse and several pieces of harness.

A handsome new brick jail has been completed at Marksville and is considered one of the most modern in the state.

A new telephone system has been installed in Terrebonne parish by the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company.

A new camp of Woodmen of the World was organized at Scott by District Organizer A. Omer Patureau, of Alexandria.

W. B. Farrar pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement at Shreveport and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

The Grand Gulf Company was organized at Lake Charles with a capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of prospecting for minerals.

At a meeting of prominent citizens of Eunice, the Eunice Rice Mill Company, Limited was organized, with a capital of \$60,000.

By a ruling of the secretary of the treasury, auctioneers and government employees who conduct sales of liquors are absolved from paying the revenue tax.

Two car loads of German immigrants arrived at Monroe from Pittsburg, Pa., and will be given employment on several plantations in Ouachita parish.

Albert Fabre, a well-known sugar planter and owner of Bay Tree plantation, in St. James parish, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Secretary R. Dykers of the Louisiana Immigration Association announced that planters had supplied more than \$1000 to transport immigrant families from Pittsburg to this state.

Jules Derdenne, a full-blood Indian, maddened by drink, attempted to murder John Veeder, a merchant at Char- renton, and was stabbed and killed by the latter after a desperate hand-to-hand struggle.

The Louisiana supreme court will be called upon to decide an election contest case from Ouachita parish, involving the right of a parish executive committee to pass on the qualifications of a candidate.

The L. B. Clifford Well Company of Texarkana, Ark., has just completed an artesian well for the Louisiana and Arkansas Railway in Alexandria, with a natural flow of 400,000 gallons per day. This extraordinary flow was secured at a depth of 1022 feet.

Be sure to take in the street fair. It's a winner.

## NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

A New Fad in Dancing—Spring Styles in Shoes, Hats and Suits—Good Week at the Theatres—Carnival Preparations.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 28, 1908. Staff Correspondence of The Chief.

At one of the recent carnival balls I chanced to see a number of young couples jumping and cavorting across the floor in a manner which was hoidenish and ungainly, to say the least. The fact that they were perpetrating the offense to the soft and dulcet strains of the "Amoreuse" waltz seemed almost a desecration and added to the barbarity of the romp, and I was mentally cataloguing these young people as silly and outwitted when a friend standing near my box queried: "What do you think of the new 'barn' dance?" "The 'barn' dance?" I repeated, really puzzled. "Yes—that's it those couples are dancing now; it's quite the rage. Haven't you been reading of the 'barn' dances that have been given lately?" Oh, yes, I had been reading of them, all right, and I daresay I am one among a great many who thought that a barn dance meant a dance given in a barn, never guessing that the term applied to the manner of the dance itself and not to the place in which it was given. There is certainly no poetry of motion in the barn dance—no, not even blank verse. It is nothing more than a hideous romp, a jumble of leaps and slides, a fantastic riot of discords expressed in motion. I don't know where the virtue of the strange dance may lie; perhaps it is in the novelty of the thing or in the superabundance of animation that characterizes it; certainly it is not beautiful to look upon and lacks all the grace and rhythmic harmony of the old-time dance.

Short vamps in the spring footwear continue in favor, and the fashion of lacing the Oxfords from the tops and tying the bow at the base of the eyelets not only adds to this effect but lends a new and coquettish touch to the shoe. The new spring suits and even many of the spring hats are much in evidence on the streets already. Light and delicate tones prevail in the tailor-mades, which are mostly seen in hip-lengths closely-fitted jackets and plain or plaited skirts, according to the wearer's fancy. The plaited skirts are still much in evidence, but the day of the plain-gored skirts is assuredly at hand. I saw as many as a dozen pretty white straw hats at a matinee last Saturday, some trimmed with a profusion of delicately shaded roses, but the majority merely plied up with big, frothy bows of tulle. This style of hat promises to enjoy a decided vogue, and is certainly very simple and girlish looking.

I thought the Winter Garden Opera Company's presentation of "Fra Diavolo" last week just about fifty per cent better than their offering of the week before, which was "The Belle of New York." There was not one in the cast who did not show up to excellent advantage, and even the comedian, who isn't very funny at best, made a really amusing "Beppo." Miss Ada Meade, always charming and clever, was a most attractive "Zerlina," and Josie Intropidi as "Lady Alceah" was as good as ever, which is really saying a great deal. Miss Dorothy Maynard, the soubrette of the company, did not appear in the cast of "Fra Diavolo," but as last Saturday's matinee was a candy matinee—which means that everyone on entering was presented with a stick of candy, Miss Maynard sang—I suppose you'd call it singing—a popular hit between the first and second acts entitled "You're the Candy Kid," or words to that effect. If Miss Maynard wouldn't make so many gestures and would only limber up a bit I would like her better. She dances like she's made of wood, and would possibly do a Dutch dance to perfection. She makes you dizzy with gesture and leaves nothing at all to the power of her voice, her expression, or your imagination.

Sunday night at the Tulane Jan Kubelik, the world's most famous violinist, appeared for a single evening's engagement and electrified with his wonderful music a house packed to the doors. The Kilites Band was heard at the Winter Garden for three afternoons this week, beginning Sunday, while Eleanor Robson at the Tulane in "Salome Jane," the great American play "Arizona" at the Crescent, and a corking bill at the Orpheum made the attractions at the leading playhouses 'way above the average mark this week.

Carnival preparations are well under way and the old city is beginning to take on its festive air. Flags, bunting and other decorations are appearing like magic, and visitors are daily pouring into town. E. B.

"I Am All In."

The supreme court of Nevada, in State vs. Hennessy, defines the expression, "I am all in," as used by a person mortally wounded by bystanders, and holds that under such circumstances the expression may be taken to mean that the speaker considers his life is practically at its end.

## THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Flashes of the Telegraph Wires From Near and Far.

Tunnel Connecting New York and Brooklyn Open for Traffic—Catholic Priest Murdered by Italian Fanatic at Denver—Mine Disaster in England.

Miss Harriette Hosmer, a noted sculptor, died at her home in Watertown, Mass.

Dr. Dubouchet, an American arrested in Odessa, was ordered to leave Russia within ten days.

Fourteen miners were killed as the result of an explosion in the Globe pit in the village of Washington, England.

A woman was killed and fifteen persons were seriously injured in a trolley car accident near Cambridge, Ohio.

Two Japanese who entered British Columbia were fined \$500 each and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Four white men and twenty-four Chinamen were killed by an explosion in the Hercules powder works at Pinnole, Cal.

Andrew Carnegie has contributed \$25,000 to the Robert Koch Institute for the investigation of tuberculosis in Berlin.

The first tunnel under the Hudson river, in New York, was opened for passenger traffic in the early part of this week.

Gerolamo Cella, a wealthy wine importer and one of the leading Italians in New York, was murdered by the Black Hand.

Six persons were killed and several injured when a train ran down a wagon load of merrymakers near Spring Valley, N. Y.

Death and destruction followed in the wake of a terrific wind and hail storm which swept over a portion of England and Ireland.

Secretary of War William H. Taft, in a speech in New Hampshire, declared in favor of ultimate independence for the Filipinos.

Immigration from Antwerp to the United States has about ceased on account of reports that work was unobtainable in this country.

A man named Sullivan, who slugged a hoodlum for insulting President Roosevelt, has been appointed postmaster at Cripple Creek, Colo.

Ten persons were killed and a score or more injured as the result of a panic during the passage of a religious procession at Teheran, Persia.

The formal reception of Baron Takahira as ambassador of Japan to the United States took place at the White House in Washington, D. C.

William Finn Halstead, former general manager and vice-president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, died at Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. William P. Burden, the daughter of O. H. P. Belmont and an eastern society favorite, was asphyxiated at her Fifth avenue home in New York city.

After struggling with his wife for the possession of a pistol and seriously injuring her, J. B. Campbell committed suicide at his home in Atlanta, Ga.

A banquet was given by President Parde to the officers of the American battleship fleet, now at Lima, Peru, in honor of Washington's birthday anniversary.

The National Bank of North America, in New York, one of the so-called Morse institutions, paid \$1,200,000 of its indebtedness to the clearing house association.

Senator Asbury Latimer, of South Carolina, died at Washington, D. C., and both the senate and house adjourned for the day as a mark of respect to his memory.

Business conditions in Lisbon, Portugal, are suffering greatly on account of the unsettled state of affairs resulting from the assassination of the king and the crown prince.

The United States Brewers' Association and the United States Malsters' Association united in Chicago, Ill., in a common war against prohibition and temperance movements.

The Right Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, D. D., for the past twelve years Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, D. C., died in that city from an attack of pneumonia.

It was reported that Russia had received information to the effect that the Turkish military preparations along the Russian border were not directed toward the latter country.

Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed by Giuseppe Guarano, an Italian shoemaker, while administering the sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Denver, Col.

Nearly 1000 unemployed foreigners, while marching to the city hall in Philadelphia, Pa., to make demands for work, precipitated a riot, and about twenty marchers and policemen were badly injured.

The Missouri Pacific railway shops at Sedalia, Mo., employing 800 men, and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway shops at Little Rock, Ark., employing 1200, suspended business until March 2.