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## ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE STATE

The members of the Baton Rouge bar and the committees appointed by that body to make the preparations for the annual convention of the State Bar Association, to be held at the capitol next month, report that the various features in the programme of entertainment have been arranged.

The trial of Peter Carrado, indicted for the murder of Marco Maltise, an Italian and fellow-countryman, which has been in progress since April 18, finally came to a close Tuesday. Judge Edwards completed the reading of his charge to the jury at 4 o'clock and they retired for deliberation, returning into court half an hour later with a verdict of guilty without capital punishment.

Tuesday morning while Mrs. Adam Boquet was at work in her yard near the suburbs of Houma her dress caught from a fire over which she was boiling clothes, and before assistance reached her she was terribly burned and it is thought will die. Her husband was also seriously burned in trying to extinguish the flames.

Over \$20,000 has been raised by the Catholic congregation at Lake Charles to rebuild the church destroyed in the big fire.

An election was held in St. Martinville to vote a three-mill tax for ten years to build a high school. It was carried by a large majority, both in numbers and amount. The tax raised will float \$20,000 of bonds. J. B. Levert donated \$8000 for the same purpose.

A law had order league has been formed at Bogalusa to assist the authorities in suppressing blind tigers in Washington parish.

The first ward of St. Mary parish has voted a five mill tax for ten years in favor of the Iberia, St. Mary and Eastern Railroad.

The police caught two negroes in the act of holding up a street car conductor and passengers Tuesday morning early, shot one seriously and captured the others. A number of street car holdups had occurred previously in New Orleans.

Miss Mary Jenkins, of Natchez, Miss., has returned home after spending a week at the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Stephens.

### Base Ball.

Carreno defeated Park last Sunday, the score being 12 to 5. Twister Albert Boudreaux and Backstop L. H. Francez made some wonderful plays, and the outfielders, according to the high wind, played a very interesting game, especially Eusville Melancon, who made some professional plays on second base.

The Pilette base ball team won over Crowley last Sunday by a score of 8 to 4. A high wind and cold weather made the fielding difficult, but the ability to hit at critical periods gave Pilette the victory. The team will cross bats with New Iberia next Sunday.

Dr. E. L. Stephens has been invited to attend the press banquet at Opelousas on May 5, and will respond to the toast, Southwest Louisiana, the place and the people.

### A Turtle Dinner.

Last Sunday a number Pilette citizens repaired to Butte Lapin on the Vermillion and enjoyed a fine turtle and fish dinner. An immense soft shell turtle had been caught, and under the deft manipulation of Chef Homer Barbier, had been transformed into morsels of exquisite taste for the delectation of the company. A jolly good time was spent in the woods and it makes a fellow green with envy to hear the party narrate the enjoyment of the occasion. There were present and participating, the following gentlemen: J. O. Broussard, Edmond Bonis, Felix Benoit, Ferdinand Landry, F. V. Comeaux, Zachery Comeaux, Aymar Comeaux, Claude Bernard and Telesphore Broussard.

## RICE CROP.

Drouth and Cold Retards Growth—May Cause Reduction in Acreage.—Insects at Work.

Crowley Signal.

While the weather has moderated after the cold snap of the 25th instant the drouth continues and the wind holds steadily in the north. This is injuring the rice crop and farmers are predicting a larger reduction in the acreage than was anticipated. The freeze retarded the growth of the young rice, but it is doubtful if rice was actually killed by frost in this section, although the young rice not covered by water was nipped. The real injury done to rice has been caused by the drouth.

The early planted rice which has already been irrigated is in fair condition, but the late plant rice which has either not yet come up or has not been watered is in bad shape. Either it will not germinate, or if has germinated it is curling up and dying. The rice fields in this section are yellow and sickly looking.

The fields which have not yet been watered are suffering from worms and bugs. This complaint is general and comes from all parts of the rice belt. Only a good rain or flooding will check the worms and bugs. A little planting is still going on, but the ground is so dry that seed can not germinate under present conditions.

Don't forget I handle the two best brands of teas on the market for Iced-tea, Lipton's "Ceylon and India" and the "Bee Brand."—R. H. McFaddin, phone 64.

### Two Black Eagles.

Wednesday Mr. Lucien Roy received from a friend in Welsh, two large black eagles, which were caught in the nest when young, and reared in captivity. Mr. Roy has the birds in a large cage and will keep them for exhibition at his saloon in the Gordon Hotel building. The eagles are fine specimens of their kind and their beaks and talons are strong and capable of being used with dangerous effect.

Remember that when you want good groceries promptly and at the lowest prevailing prices, ring up Meaux Bros., phone 183.

### Notice.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 50 of the Constitution of the State, public notice is hereby given, that at the approaching session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, I will introduce a bill to prohibit gambling within three miles of the Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute, located at Lafayette, La.  
P. L. DELOUET,  
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## CONCUBINAGE LAW REACHES NEGRO ONLY

By Vote of 3 to 2 Supreme Court Upholds Decision of the Lower Court.

LOUISIANA STATUTE HELD TO BE OF LIMITED SCOPE.

Mulattoes, Quadroons and Octaroons Not Included—Opinion Read by Justice Provosty.

Daily States.

Justices Nicholls and Land dissenting, the State Supreme Court Monday handed down a decision sustaining the decision of Judge Chretien, in the case of the State vs. Octave Treadway and Josephine Treadway, charged with violating the law prohibiting concubinage. In the Criminal Court the defense maintained that Josephine Treadway could not be considered a "colored person," because she is an octaroon. It was pointed out that the Supreme Court had already decided that an octaroon is not a colored person in the accepted sense of the term as employed years ago. Judge Chretien sustained this argument, and dismissed the accused of the charge of concubinage. Both accused came to New Orleans from Plaquemine Parish.

Associate Justice O. O. Provosty, who was the organ of the Court, says in part:

"This sole question is whether an octaroon is a person of the negro or black race" within the meaning of the statute.

Scientifically or ethnologically, a person is Caucasian or negro in the same proportion in which the two strains of blood are mixed in his veins; and therefore, scientifically or ethnologically, a person with seven-eighths white blood in his veins and one-eighth negro blood is seven-eighths white and one-eighth negro. But the words of a statute are not to be understood in their technical, but in their popular sense; and the prosecution contends that the popular meanings of the word negro includes an octaroon. The dictionaries show that the word negro does not include an octaroon within its meaning. In North Carolina a person who has one-sixteenth or more of African blood is a negro, but it gives as its authority for that statement the decision of the Supreme Court of the State, the Court having simply applied or enforced the following statute:

"All free persons descended from negro ancestors to the fourth generation inclusive, though one ancestor in each generation may have been a white person, shall be deemed free negroes and persons of mixed blood."

The court points out the fact that the Louisiana statute does not define the word negro as including a person of mixed blood. Had it done so there would be an end of all questions. The prosecution contends that the word does not need to be defined in a statute; that popularly it has a definite well-known meaning.

The Court says: "There is a word in the English language which does express the meaning of a person of mixed negro and other blood, which has been coined for the very purpose of expressing that meaning, and because the word negro was not known to express it, and the need of a word to express it made itself imperatively felt. That word is the word 'colored.' The word 'colored,' in the United States at least, when used to designate the race of a person is unmistakable; it means a person of negro blood, pure or mixed, and the term applies no matter what may be the proportion of the mixture, so long as the negro blood is traceable. In our constitution and laws when it has become necessary to use a word comprehending within its meaning both negroes, properly so called, and persons of mixed blood, the term 'colored' has invariably been used."

The court says there are no negroes who are not persons of color, but there are persons of color, who are not negroes. The term 'color,' as applied to race, was given the meaning of the word negro for the very purpose of having in the language a term including within its meaning both persons of pure and of mixed blood; but the converse is not true.

The word negro was never adopted into the language for the purpose of

designating persons of mixed blood. On the contrary, it was for the purpose and the sole purpose of expressing the meaning of persons of the pure race, and it can have now a different or more enlarged meaning only by wrenching it from its original meaning, as was done with the word "colored" and imparting to it a meaning different from that which it was intended to bear and has always borne in the language. The legislature might do this but the statute by which it did it would have authority only in Louisiana and the word negro would still continue to mean, the world over, outside of Louisiana, a person of the pure African race.

"We do not think," says the court, there could be any serious denial of the fact that in Louisiana the meaning of the words, mulatto, quadroon and octaroon are of a definite meaning as the words man or child, and that among educated people at least, they are as well and widely known, and we think that there can be no serious denial of the fact that in Louisiana and indeed throughout the United States, except on the Pacific slope, the word colored when applied to race, has the definite and well-known meaning of a person having negro blood in his veins. We think also that any candid mind must admit that the word 'negro' of itself unqualified, does not necessarily include within its meaning persons possessed of only an admixture of negro blood; notably those whose admixture is so slight that in their case even an expert can not be positive."

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### Fatal Accident.

A most unfortunate accident happened Tuesday evening about five o'clock resulting in the death of George Webre, the six year old son of Mr. Arthur Webre. George and a young playmate Camille Gilbert about seven years old and son of Mr. Elol Gilbert, were playing at the Gilbert home when in a spirit of fun Camille secured a shotgun and leveled it at his little friend's head. The gun went off killing George instantly. Sheriff Lacoste and Deputy Coroner Clark went to the scene and decided that the killing was accidental. The funeral of little George took place Wednesday and was attended by a large number of sympathizing friends and relatives.

I have in stock in the way of field peas: Tennessee Clays, the Whipporwill and the High-Mixed.—R. H. McFaddin, phone 64.

### The Crops.

The freeze and cold weather as far as we can learn has not damaged the corn crop of the parish to any great extent. It has retarded growth, but there will be no need for replanting. Bugs and worms are said to be causing considerable damage and may require replanting in spots. Cane is doing fine. Cotton was damaged, but to what extent it is hard to tell at present. Where the plant was up it is showing damage varying in different parts of the parish. Whether entire replanting or replanting in spots will be necessary is not evident as yet. Where cotton has come up since the freeze it has a fine healthy appearance. Rain and warm weather would help a great deal.

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### Court News.

Yesterday the following were arraigned in court and plead guilty:

Moise Dickson, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$250 and costs, or default 6 months jail.

Leonard and Hilaire Smith, assault and battery, fined \$20 and cost or 3 months jail.

The cases of H. Sandoz and Caliste Saloom, charged with conducting a barroom without a license, were tried yesterday. The defense was that the sale to negroes was made from the white bar room, the order being taken and delivered to the purchaser in a building separate from the one occupied by the saloon. The case was taken under advisement by Judge Campbell.

The case of Charles Clark, charged with selling liquor without a license was tried and submitted.

### Harp Recital.

The next attraction to be offered to the people of Lafayette under the auspices of the Institute Lyceum course, will be a harp recital by Miss Frances Hughes Wade, of the University of Illinois, next Tuesday evening, May 3, at the High School. Admission: 50 cents, students 25 cents.

### No Such Word.

There is no such word as fall in the bright lexicon of the widow.—Judge.

## YOU ARE READING THIS AD.—OTHERS WILL READ YOURS

**MOST** everybody reads the ads. in this paper. They furnish as much news to the man in town and on the farm as the personals, and often more. Peter Smith's wife wants a new hat. Smith sees by the paper that Jones is selling hats at so much. Johnson's store ad. is missing from the paper—Johnson's trying a non-advertising policy.

**RESULT**—Jones gets Smith's money  
Smith's wife gets her hat.

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## CLEAN-UP DAY A SUCCESS.

Citizens Generally Respond, and Ladies of the Civic League Do Great Work.

COUNCIL FURNISHES MEN AND WAGONS TO HELP.

Mayor Martin and Mr. Montgomery, of the Street Committee, Greatly Assist the Ladies.

Yesterday was "Clean-up Day" in Lafayette and there was a general response to the request that everybody clean up their premises and aid in making the town both clean and attractive.

The ladies of the Civic League, upon whose request the Council appointed "Clean-up Day," worked faithfully and did an immense amount of work.

Mayor Martin gave the ladies valuable aid and Councilman Wm. Montgomery, of the Street Committee, spent practically the day in assisting in the work.

The Council authorized furnishing men to clean up under the direction of the ladies in charge of the various departments into which the city had been divided, and Mr. Montgomery saw that the men were furnished and supplied wagons.

To haul away the trash. Mr. George Montgomery, in charge of the wagons gave prompt help and the result of the day's work was very satisfactory. However, Lafayette is a big place, and the entire work of putting the town in fine condition as to appearance, was not possible in one day.

The purpose is to accomplish as much as possible and to that end Mr. Montgomery will have several wagons available for today, and in case there are piles of trash left over from yesterday, he will send a wagon to remove them if he is notified at the Owl Drug Store.

The ladies of the League are to be congratulated on their excellent work and Mayor Martin, Mr. Montgomery and the Council are deserving of much appreciation for their great assistance in the good work.