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TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!!

THE

## Aggregational Concert

WILL BE FOR BENEFIT OF THE

## FIRE DEPARTMENT!

OF ABBEVILLE.

IS ONE OF THE GRANDEST AFFAIRS  
EVER BEEN IN ABBEVILLE!

## Orton!

ONE OF THE MOST RENOWNED SONG AND  
DANCE ARTIST, WILL APPEAR UNDER  
SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT!

## Prof Guidry!

THE KING OF THE AIR, WILL TICKLE YOU.

THE TROUPE IS COMPOSED OF ELEVEN OF THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE SOUTH.

GRAND

## BALL

AFTER SHOW.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN HALL.

### Weekly Weather-Crop Bulletin Louisiana Weather Service.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26, 1890.  
The rainfall for North Louisiana for the past week averaged 2.47 inches, being an excess of 1.02 inches, from the normal for that period.

In South Louisiana the average rainfall was still greater, amounting to 4.39 inches, which was 3.01 above the weekly normal for that section.

A deficiency of sunshine was noted generally throughout the state.

The temperature during the week was below the normal in North Louisiana and about the normal in the southern portion of the state.

Considerable damage to the cotton and rice crops in lowlands has resulted from the heavy rains of the week; many fields have been flooded and the cotton is becoming grassy, the ground being too wet for field work.

Reports from Ibarville, St. John, Assumption and neighboring parishes state that farm work has to a great extent been abandoned, the planters now devoting all their attention and energies to the Nita and Morganza crevasse waters.

The high water is fast encroaching on the fine lands on the east side of the Teche, and the planters there are under great apprehensions for their crops.

The crops where not affected by back water from crevasses are generally in excellent condition, particularly so in the Red River valley.

All crops on the uplands have not only escaped injury from the back water but have also been greatly benefited by the rains which have not proved too heavy for such localities.

The weather conditions have been favorable for the cane, corn and vegetables. In Tangipahoa parish the rainy days interfered with berry picking, but it is thought that the heavy rainfall there will check the ravages of the crickets and bugs which have lately infested the crop.

The observer at Amite reports a rainfall of 6.57 inches in 21 hours—from 10 a. m. of 22nd to 7 a. m. of 23rd, and at Hammond the fall from 9.15 a. m. of 22nd to 8.41 a. m. of 23rd amounted to 9.05 inches.

Weekly Rainfalls. Shreveport 1.02, Monroe 2.04, Vicksburg 4.60, Liberty Hill 2.20, Columbia 2.30, Grand Cane 2.40, Cheneyville 6.65, Alexandria 0.94, Delhi 2.05 Clinton 5.73, Hammond 9.52, Grand Coteau 5.36, Amite 6.57, Mandeville 2.70, Plaquemine 5.71, Crowley 6.72, Lafayette 5.21, Lake Charles 2.80, Shell Beach 9.15, Emilée 2.82, Edgard 2.79, Paincourtville 2.62, Abbeville 4.50, New Orleans 0.45, Sugar Experiment Station 0.56, Jeanerette 2.66, Houma 0.73, and Port Eads 1.00 inch.

R. E. KERKAM,  
Signal Corps Director.

The Baton Rouge Advocate says it is announced from the Treasurer's office that the outstanding warrants issued against the general fund, of 1887, under the regular appropriation act of 1887, will be paid, on presentation. This is the first time since the adoption of the Constitution of 1879 that the revenues of the State any year have been sufficient to meet the warrants issued against it. The appropriations by the general assembly in 1888, in the general appropriation bill was 25 per cent less than in previous years, and that the legislature decided wisely is evidenced in the fact that the State is, for the first time since the adoption of the Constitution of 1879, able to pay off the indebtedness of one year. The general assembly of 1888 was equally as economical, if not more so, and the State's credit is thereby greatly strengthened.—Southern Industry.

A man might as well attempt to quench the phosphorescent emanations from the tail end of a lightning bug with a squirt gun as to try to run a newspaper without money.

### Fish or Human?

W. W. Stanton, mate of the schooner Addie Shafter, now lying at the market house dock, while fishing for bass 300 miles off St. Augustine yesterday, drew in his line and found entangled therein the strangest fish, if it is a fish, that has ever been seen in this section. This strange creature, or mermaid, is about six feet long, pure white and scaleless. The head and face are wonderfully human in shape and feature. The shoulders are well outlined and very much resemble those of a woman, and the breasts are well defined and show considerable development, while the hips and abdomen continue the human resemblance. In all there are four flippers, two of which are placed at the lower termination of the body, and gives the impression that nature made an effort to supply the strange creature with lower limbs. Mr. Stanton confesses to quite a fright on first sight of his queer prize, which, when drawn on board, gave utterance to a moaning cry, which might easily be mistaken for the sobbing of a baby. The schooner has been thronged all day by curious visitors, who expressed much wonder and astonishment at the strange object. Mr. Stanton, after visiting several ports and exhibiting his queer catch, will donate it to the Smithsonian Institute.

### A Strange Old Pair of Tramps.

Just West of Galion, in a hut built of railway ties, between the tracks of the Erie and big Four roads, live a queer old couple, who have attracted considerable attention for the past six years. They have occupied the shanty each alternate winter for six seasons, this making their third winter there. In the summer time they tramp and beg for a living, going as far east as Kingston, N. Y., and as far west as Missouri. Both are apparently about 74 years old, and the man is a strong, healthy-looking fellow.

Their rude winter home is furnished according to their ideas of comfort and without much expenditure of capital. The floor is the earth and their beds are lounges made of sod. The interior of their domicile reminds one of the stories of the cliff dwellers, and the two old inmates, in appearance, belong to an earlier age, when men were barbarians. Who they are and where they came from originally and what led them to adopt this strange life are mysteries they will not reveal. The people in that locality only know that once in two years they have made their appearance, remain until spring when they again start on their weary wanderings, which, from their age, must soon end.—Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

### Cleveland as a Tutor.

Mr. James Dillon, quaint in character, clerical in appearance and very reminiscent, told me an interesting story regarding ex-President Cleveland yesterday. "In '56," said he, "I kept a sort of country store, selling everything, on Ninth avenue, between Thirty-Fifth and Thirty-sixth streets. Mr. Cleveland was then a tutor in the blind asylum on Thirty-fourth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. He was in the habit out of pure kindness of heart. I then thought and now think of bringing his pupils to my place, leading them there, I should say. Crosber, Stanley and Soper seemed to be his favorites. When he was elected President I stopped Mr. Mahoney, a blind man, who was and may be yet the organist of the asylum, as well as of some swell church, and told him of the fact, telling him, of course, my name. Well, well! said the afflicted man, Steve Cleveland is President, is he? Well, all the boys at the asylum who knew him will be glad to hear that, for there never was a more kindly man there."—New York Star.

### State News.

\* The kitchen of Mr. Chas Degru, was destroyed by fire in St. Martinville on the 19th inst.

It said that a hotel to cost a million and a half will be erected in New Orleans on the site of the old Masonic Temple recently sold at auction.

Thibodaux Sentinel: The sound of the jingling bells, bells, bells, the tinnabulation of the bells, bells, bells, announce the arrival of the ice man. Now when the voice of the vendor is heard, "I scream, I scream" every thing will be ever so lovely.

St. Martin Messenger: At the last meeting of citizens in regard to the public school building a committee was selected to draw a charter and incorporate the public school building association, but thus far we do not believe anything has been done in that regard. What are you doing gentlemen? Show a little more business activity and not let things run loosely.

Amite City Independent: The truck farms above Frenier are, of course, overflowed. Mr. Brewer, of this town, who has a cabbage farm down there, is a heavy loser in consequence, having about one thousand crates of cabbage under water, worth at least \$4000.

The farmers around Springfield are also having trouble, and have abandoned their homes and moved to the highlands.

B. R. Capital Item: We were pained to learn last Wednesday evening that Mr. S. Y. Lilly, Jr., had been accidentally drowned at Port Hudson while endeavoring to cross the Mississippi river with four companions. He was en route to the west side to the residence of his sister at the time of the sad misfortune. It appears the skiff by some means unknown turned over. Three of the party clung to the upturned skiff and Mr. Lilly attempted to swim the shore. The last seen of him he was struggling in a whirlpool.

Welsh Crescent: Water, water everywhere. The Serenaders were out last week. There is a scarcity of early vegetables. The "Literary" decided in favor of women voting. Profs. McNeese, Dolby and Hamilton did good work at the Institute. Farmers are busy sowing rice and putting in their other crops. Business is rather dull as few people are coming to town. The Lottery drawing last week disappointed several investors at Welsh. A large quantity of barbed wire is sold at Welsh. A great deal of fencing is being done this Spring. Mr. L. S. Earl will put in about 200 acres in rice. He has already in over half of it. There were shipped from Welsh last year 239 car loads of rice. These cars contained on an average 25000 lbs. to the car making 298 car loads of 20,000 lbs. each. This is the largest quantity shipped from any point on the road. Crowley comes next with 285 car loads of 20,000 pounds each. There is a good deal of rice yet unsold which will be sold for seed rice, or shipped. If the crop the coming season meets expectations there will be over 150,000 barrels of rice shipped from here.

The Morgan City Free Press, a paper of Republican proclivities, has prepared a bill for the consideration of the next Legislature prescribing certain educational qualifications for suffrage. The Southern Watchman indorses the idea, but suggests the addition of a property qualification, and says that any man without property "is a dangerous element in politics, when allowed to cast a vote which will destroy that of an intelligent tax payer and have the same weight." The suffrage question in the South is the great political puzzle that finds many solutions and no solution.—Times Democrat.