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John Jacob Astor, who is said to be the wealthiest man in America, is on the staff of Gen. J. P. Breckinridge.

If President McKinley will decide to send Bryan's company to the Philippines the goldbugs will hardly interpose any objection.

The man who will get off a pun on Dewey's name is entitled to no mercy and ought to be shot on the spot.

Before leaving for war the soldier boys at Jackson, Miss., wanted to have a dance, but the ministers of the different churches protested against this sinful celebration and the boys were denied the simple pleasure of a dance with their best girls.

Lee County, Miss., the home of Private John Allen, has not furnished a single volunteer. The genial John knew what he was talking about when he told President McKinley that if he would raise the men he (Allen) would promise to furnish the officers.

United States Army officers say that the Cubans are excellent bushwhackers, but without any military training. It matters not to the Cubans if they know military tactics so long as they can lick the Spaniards.

It is really too bad that our fashionable American women should boycott French goods. It would be interesting to know if they will carry their boycott into all future transactions for titled husbands. The American heiress is patriotic enough to be happy without French millinery, but she will register a strenuous kick when an attempt is made to deprive her of her titled hubby.

It is said that it will take the factories thirty days to supply the Cuban and Philippine armies with enough cartridges for the campaign of invasion. If sent out before that time the soldiers will be furnished with half supplies only. To supply the whole army of 175,000 men with cartridges to give every man 500 rounds the factories will have to work three months, day and night.

Now that some States have as yet failed to furnish their quotas, it would be interesting to know the whereabouts of all the howling patriots who wanted to exterminate McKinley because he tried to prevent the war. We always thought a majority of those who wanted war were also in favor of having their neighbors and their wives' relatives do the fighting.

THE SITUATION.

There isn't much of a situation this week. There is nothing particularly interesting afloat in the world.

With monotonous regularity the newspapers tell the news of Cervera's precarious position at Santiago. The ubiquitous Spanish admiral and his fleet are said to be locked up in that harbor, without any hope of getting out. If this is true, they are doomed to annihilation as complete as the destruction of Spain's fleet at Manila. Let us hope that before our next issue Cervera will have been captured and his fleet destroyed.

Troops are on their way to the Philippines to help Dewey put the finishing touch to his great victory.

The president has issued a call for 75,000 volunteers—Louisiana's quota under this call, is something over 1100.

The army of Cuban invasion has not yet left the United States, but preparations for that purpose are being pushed forward with energy.

The war, which some wise folks predicted would not last 30 days, bids fair to be a long drawn-out affair.

Spectacles a specialty by Biosat, the watchmaker.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Gov. Foster has sent to the Legislature now in session at Baton Rouge, his biennial message, in which he gives the condition of the various State institutions. These public institutions of learning and charity, for which Louisiana is renowned, are found in a flourishing condition.

Since the State has been under Democratic administrations, the finances have been in a healthy condition, especially has this been true under Gov. Foster's term. State obligations are quoted high in the markets. The constitutional convention lately in session took away many exemptions from taxation granted by the constitution of 1879, and this will greatly equalize assessments throughout the State.

The Governor stands squarely in defense of the convention and of its suffrage and judiciary enactments. He believes it did what other States failed to do, that is, pass a suffrage law which could stand the constitutional test, and at the same time eliminate the bulk of our negro population from the franchise, without any evasive "understanding clause." It is useless, says the Governor, to recount the struggle which our people have gone through. Suffice it to say that we find in him a strong and able defender of the new constitution.

Governor Foster finds the revised judiciary system a cheap and speedy plan for civil and criminal litigation. It will mean thousands of dollars less in the State's annual expenses.

The message is an able and comprehensive paper, well worth the careful perusal of every one. It carefully reviews the work of the convention and lays the matter clearly before the people of the State. He recommends the passage of good registration and election laws by the legislature in which all good citizens concur.

NEGLECTING SOLDIERS.

The volunteers who have been penned up in an old barn at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans have not received at the hands of the government the treatment that they are entitled to. They have not complained of the uncomfortable lodgings that have been furnished them, in the hope that the government would take the necessary measures to better their condition. It appears, however, as in the case of the Illinois troops, the Louisiana boys have been shamefully neglected, and it is to be hoped that those in power will follow the example of Senator Cullom, of Illinois, and demand of the government humane treatment at least.

The soldiers at the Fair Grounds have been compelled to drink very unwholesome water. Before enlistment, the volunteer is subjected to a most rigid examination and is not accepted unless he is shown to be in a perfect state of health. Why this examination if he is not supplied with food and water which will enable him to retain that good health without which he would have been rejected.

Unless properly treated, our soldiers will be in a poor condition to withstand the effect of a tropical climate, and the slightest exposure may be followed by very fatal results.

Portable water is surely plentiful enough, and the failure of the government to provide the soldiers with it in sufficient quantities shows an outrageous neglect somewhere.

OUR LIARS.

The war has given evidence of this country's ability to furnish an army of the most accomplished liars to be found anywhere on this mundane sphere. So numerous are these incorrigible prevaricators and so busy they have been hatch-

ing all sorts of the most damnable lies imaginable that absolutely no credence is to be placed in the reports concerning the war. What satisfaction is to be derived from the circulation of the notorious war lies telegraphed all over this country is impossible to say. Perhaps it is only the trained conscience of the professional liar that is able to experience the peculiar sensation produced by the spreading of a falsehood. Unfortunately there is no way to reach the fellows who are engaged in the nefarious occupation of deceiving the people when their country is at war. They are a scoundrelly, conscienceless set and it's a pity the leaders among them can not be caught, court-martialed and hung.

The Picayune says: "The pictures seen of Commodore Schley (pronounced Schly) do not do him justice. He is a very fine appearing man. His face and bearing impress one with great strength of character and manifest ability. He has the reputation of being one of the greatest strategists in the navy; skilled in warfare, resourceful in expedients, wise in council, learned in naval science and history, an experienced navigator, calm, brave and vigorous."

MR. CARMACK'S SPEECH.

The roasting administered to the Hon. Josiah Patterson by the Hon. E. W. Carmack in the halls of congress is the most sarcastic arraignment heard in the national House of Representatives for many years. Mr. Carmack is known as one of the most brilliant young journalists in the South and his admirers throughout that section are proud of the able fight that he has made to retain the seat to which he was honestly elected by the voters of the Tenth Congressional District of Tennessee. Carmack was elected to congress from Memphis where he was editor of that staunch Democratic paper, the Commercial Appeal. Mr. Carmack has sent us a copy of his speech delivered in the House of Representatives on the 22d of this month and we would reproduce it in our columns were it not for the limited amount of space at our disposal.

We can not, however, resist the temptation to give our readers the concluding part of Mr. Carmack's speech. Here it is:

"In the name of my constituents I appeal from whatever there may be of sectional prejudice and passion in this House, to whatever there may be of a broader, higher, and nobler sentiment. These people, sir, are of high and noble lineage. The blood of the heroes who fought at Kings Mountain and at New Orleans is in their veins. They are the sons of the States who blazed the pathway of civilization through the primeval forests of America and built a temple of liberty in the wilderness of this western world. [Applause.] In whatever sphere of action it has pleased God to place them, whether in the quiet walks of peaceful citizenship, or in the highest stations of civic power and duty, or amid the storm of death on the red field of battle, they have every where illustrated those high qualities of American manhood that have made glorious the history of this Republic. [Applause.] I am proud to be the champion of such a people. I speak, sir, for my native State, for my native South. It is a land that has known sorrow; a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with her tears; a land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and hallowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories. To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever. [Applause.] I was born of her womb, I was nurtured at her breast, and when my last hour shall come I pray God that I may be pilowed upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms. [Loud applause.]"

A Case of Abduction.

An affidavit was made before Judge McFaddin, of the Third Justice's Court, charging A. O. Budro with abduction.

It appears that during the night of the 23rd Budro left on the morning train taking with him a young girl belonging to one of the most respectable families in this parish. The affair caused much surprise at Scott, the home of the young girl, with whose parents the whole community deeply sympathized. It

seems that Budro was in Lafayette on the same night. He hired a carriage at one of our livery stables, drove to Scott and returned with the girl in time to take the morning train. He bought two tickets for New Orleans from the agent at this place.

The next morning the affidavit was made against him, and Sheriff Broussard started out on his trail. If there is any chance to get him, it is safe to say that he will be brought back here to be tried for his crime, the maximum penalty for which is five years in the State penitentiary.

The facts that Budro has a wife and two children and that the victim of his lust, who is not yet out of her teens, is of rather feeble intellect, make his crime particularly villainous.

Budro was railroad agent at Scott up to a few weeks ago. He took a prominent part in local affairs and was always conspicuous on public occasions. The parents of the unfortunate girl, and the wife and children of Budro, have the sympathy of the whole community in their misfortune.

Lord Wolsey, the commander-in-chief of the British army, in conversation with an American is reported to have said:

"The United States will make a mistake in attempting to invade Cuba with volunteers who are not thoroughly drilled and disciplined. If that was done, the United States might expect heavy reverses when those troops encountered the trained Spanish troops on land. It would be a grave error to underestimate the adversaries of the American troops. I would regret to see the Americans even temporarily beaten, as all my sympathies are with them. It is fortunate for the United States that this war is not with a first class power, for it is evident that in such an encounter they would be badly beaten at the beginning, though I believe the Americans able to defeat any nation in the long run."

Going to War.

E. W. Chase, Don Greig and John Johnson left last night to join a company of boys from New Iberia from where they will proceed to Camp Caffery to enlist in Hood's Regiment. These young men are the first to leave Lafayette parish as volunteers in the army of the United States, and The Gazette salutes them.

They do not leave with the gold leaf or eagle decorating their epaulettes but they go in the plain garb of high privates. Many of our young men enter the ranks of the army with field officers' commissions in their pockets; but glory none the less goes to him who bears the burdens of a non-com. We do not mean to say that all the honor lies in the file, but the favorites will be sifted like chaff before the wind. Not that these boys are envious; they would consider promotion an honor and a trust, and not the success of a "pull." The Gazette tips its civilian's hat to Lafayette's first four.

Our parish has done well so far; it has furnished privates only.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c. or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Marie Rosette Moss to Mr. Joseph Gilbert Fournet at the church of Immaculate Conception at Lake Charles on Wednesday evening, June 1. Mr. Fournet is a rising young member of the Calcasieu bar, and Miss Moss is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Moss of Lake Charles.

Mr. F. H. James, of Lafayette, and Miss Julia Roberson, of Louisville, Ky., were married in Lafayette last Saturday by the Rev. T. Reams.

THE GAME

Of the Season Will be Played to-morrow at Oak Avenue Park in Lafayette.

To-morrow afternoon the baseball season will begin in real earnest in Lafayette. The occasion is the great contest between the fast playing Dixies and Morgan City's great aggregation of semi-professionals. The game promises to be the event of the season and the public will see an exhibition of the national game seldom witnessed in this section of the South. There is nothing more attractive to the intelligent lover of outdoor sports than two evenly matched teams of professional ball players who play the game with that fine intelligence and skill; with that masterly comprehension of the finer points of the game. Lafayette has a team of which she may well be proud. The management is at a great expense in the maintenance of the superb team, and it remains with the patronage to insure a season of great base ball.

William Staples, Lafayette's great pitcher, has arrived and has been working like a Trojan all the week getting in fine condition for to-morrow's game. Mr. Staples was Galveston's premier twirler in the Texas league during the present season, winning game after game in that league. At the end of the present season in Texas, he was rated as the league's greatest slaban by the entire press and public of the league circuit. Mr. Staples, or "Willie", as he is familiarly termed by those who know him well, is the possessor of much genuine wit and humor. Besides being a great ball player, his sombre cross fire of witty remarks have caused many heavy league batsmen to become helpless at his hands. He was a friend of the Lafayette director in the Texas league some seasons ago, which led to his engagement here. Thos. Behan, Lafayette's fast playing shortstop, is also a product of the Texas league. This was Mr. Behan's first season in fast league company, and so well did he maintain his playing standard, that he soon became rated as one of the league's star 3d basemen. He will be shifted to shortstop on the team here on account of his superior knowledge of the game and ability to engineer fast plays. Suffice to say that with this position so satisfactorily filled Lafayette's team will be absolutely one of the strongest, amateur or professional in the South. Mr. Behan is also a most terrific and timely hitter, which qualification is very desirable. He will remain with us during the season.

The Lafayette team will line up in the following batting order: Behan, shortstop; Matthews, 2d base; Nickerson, centre field; Gonzales, catcher; Hebert, 3d base; Broussard, 1st base; Staples, pitcher; Labbe, left field; Olivier, right field.

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Spectacles a specialty at Biosat, the watchmaker.

State Sanitary Association Meets.

Opelousas, May 23.—The Louisiana State Sanitary Association met to-day at the court-house. It was promptly called to order at 12 m. by Dr. Mayer, who stated that, in the absence of the president and vice-president, from whom letters of regret were received, nominations were in order for temporary chairman. J. R. Norman was unanimously elected. Mr. Norman, on taking the gavel, made a short address. Routine business and reports of officers were read. Dr. Mayer suggested the propriety of taking up and discussing the Atlanta quarantine restrictions, but objections were made to taking a vote thereon at this time. It was decided to refer them to a committee composed of Dr. Mayer, L. A. Sandoz, Dr. B. A. Littell and Ant. Dietlein. Twenty-seven new members applied for membership and were elected.

Letters of regret were received from Drs. Holt, Thomas, Hays, Frederick, Patton, Souchon, Mouton, Salter, Hunt, Judge Gunby, Drs. Stubbs, Bloch, Schepgerell and others.

The chair introduced Dr. Dalrymple of Baton Rouge, who lectured on the necessity and advantages of founding a school of veterinary science in connection with the State University at Baton Rouge. After a vote of thanks to Dr. Dalrymple for his able paper the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m., when the first popular institute of hygiene will be inaugurated on the Chautauqua plan. Hon. Laurent Dupre will deliver the address of welcome. Dr. Felix Formento of New Orleans will lecture on "The Influence of Alcohol and Narcotics on Public Health." Dr. Dalrymple will lecture on "The Necessity of Municipal Meat Inspection." Dr. Mayer will lecture on "Is Tuberculosis Contagious or Hereditary?" An elaborate musical programme, instrumental and vocal, will be given by Prof. Mayer, Mrs. Rogers, Misses Latour, Veazie, Randall, Mayer, Laas, Zoder, Lacombe and Messrs. Perrodin, Skiles, Penney and Delahoussaye.

Prof. C. F. Trudeau left last Saturday for his home in Hermitage to enjoy a much needed rest at his old home. The professor has done excellent work as principal of the Lafayette High School.

In another column of this paper appears the professional card of Judge Robert S. Perry of New Iberia. The many friends in this parish of Judge Perry will be pleased to learn that he has re-opened his office in New Iberia and resumed the practice of law.

To-morrow afternoon after the arrival of the excursion train there will be two glove contests at Peck's Saloon. The first contest will be between Robert Ayme and Martin Goodman and the other between Tom Darby and John Burke. All the contestants are colored. Admission, 50 cents.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day, 10, 25, 50 cents. Solid and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

There will be a mite meeting at Mr. Wm. B. Torian's home, next Thursday at 8 o'clock to be given for the benefit of the Methodist church. Everybody is respectfully invited to attend.

The Scott Fair.

Remember that the Scott fair will take place next Saturday and Sunday. Amusements for persons of all tastes and all ages have been provided for those who will attend.

E. Bodenheimer is enlarging his store building and will put in a large stock as soon as completed.