

STATE PRESS.

Items of Interest and What the Newspapers Have to Say.

Baton Rouge Advocate: During his long and arduous service in the House Mr. Bland was a firm and unwavering advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and while there were more brilliant men than he advocating its cause none carried to the work of its advocacy less of selfishness, nor more of deep and conscientious conviction. He spent a long and useful life largely in the service of his country; his best efforts were consecrated to what he believed to be the cause of justice and truth, and when he espoused a cause he did so with all the vigor of his mind and heart. Mr. Bland was not what we might properly class as a great man, but there have been greater men than he who, in so far as substantial service to their country is concerned, have done less. In his death the cause of free silver has lost its oldest, and most consistent leader, while by reason of his character and service the country has sustained a distinct loss by his death.

Lake Charles Press: The people of the United States will not miss the significance of these orders. They know that they are entitled to the truth from the Philippines, whether or not the truth is palatable to the administration. They know that under this rigid censorship the full truth is likely to be suppressed. They know that this is militarism of the rankest description. They will hold the McKinley administration responsible for the adoption of methods that should be possible only under a monarchical rule of the strong hand.

Baton Rouge Advocate: The New Orleans press appears at last to be convinced that Governor Foster will call an extra session of the legislature to provide the necessary legislation for the sanitation of that city, but the manner in which they discuss the question would indicate that they seemed to think that the extra session to be called will be loaded. It is to be regretted that having scared up the spook of an extra session, our New Orleans conferees should now want to run away from it. The extra session is all right and at the proper time we doubt not that it will be called, and that no harm will result either to the State or to New Orleans. Inasmuch as the Constitutional amendment to be submitted cannot be voted upon before next April under any circumstances, there can be no special hurry for the assembling of the legislature as any time this year will give ample time for the necessary notice to be given and the canvass made. There will probably be no objection come from any source to the passage of the Constitutional amendment that may be necessary to authorize the work, as the people recognize the fact that sanitation is the greatest need of the State at the present moment.

Iberia Enterprise: The people of Louisiana have a right to demand that the political agitation preceding the State election of April, 1900, be not precipitated upon them at this time. These long protracted political campaigns have done infinite harm to the State, and the people should refuse to be led into them nearly one year in advance of an election. Taking advantage of the election that is soon to be held in the Fifth Congressional District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Baird, political agitators announce that a meeting to be held at Rayville, in that district on July 4, will be made the occasion of the opening of the State campaign. There are no conditions existing in this State demanding such prolonged agitation. For one we refuse to be led into it, further than to enter this protest, and appeal to the people of Iberia to resist all efforts that may be made to drag them into the maelstrom of political discord, at a time when their energies are being enlisted in projects of industrial and educational development that are pressing for immediate solution. Instigators of pernicious political activity are public enemies. The press can checkmate them, and it also should bend its energies to this end.

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Peace and Bad English.

New Orleans Picayune.
As several of our delegates to the peace convention are the occupants—when at home—of lofty positions in the educational world we can see no appreciable unfairness in subjecting the documents which they produce or which pass through their hands to a minuteness of criticism that otherwise might savor of incongruous pettiness, says the New York Times. Surely when college presidents make excursions into the domains of statesmanship and diplomacy it behooves them not only to attain to general clarity of expression, but to use words and construct phrases and sentences with elegance and care. But examine the resolution with which our representatives prefaced their arbitration scheme. It begins by proclaiming the intention "to aid in the prevention of armed conflicts by pacific means." That, if uttered in ordinary conversation, or even if written by a humble and more or less irresponsible paragrapher, would have done well enough perhaps, but as English submitted to the scrutiny of the nations it is grotesquely bad. We will not pretend inability to understand what the delegates meant, but why didn't they put "by pacific means" where it belongs and so make meaning and saying correspond. Two lines further along in the resolution appears "assembled together"—permissible tautology, no doubt, but tautology nevertheless, and therefore open to just objection. Two lines below "assembled together" appears something really vicious—to wit, "negotiations for the adoption of a general treaty having for its object the following plan." A treaty which had for its object a plan, instead of the adoption and execution of a plan, would be a rather poor thing. Several American colleges, and they not the least famous, have been charged with neglecting the study of the English language and with graduating large numbers of students who are either ignorant of or unversed in that language's niceties and resources. The accusations have been denied and admitted. The facts in the case, and a side light on their explanation, are to be derived from the appearance of slipshod writing in an instrument of such grave moment as the one from which we have quoted.

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