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THE FEVER SITUATION.

The daily reports of yellow fever in New Orleans show a very substantial falling off from last week of new case; but not a sufficient decrease to justify us in believing that the fever has begun to die out. The cold weather has undoubtedly checked the progress of the disease, but whether or not it will start on the up-grade again, if the present warm spell continues is more than we are prepared to say.

In the past the fever has invariably died out, very rapidly, after the first frost, and it is to be hoped that it will do likewise this year.

There has been little or no improvement in the number of deaths reported; but with the coming of cold weather it was expected that the death rate would increase.

The best news comes from Franklin and Baton Rouge. There has not been a new case in either of these places for over a week, and it is now pretty well assured that the health authorities of the two towns have rooted out the disease by taking timely measures to isolate the cases that have occurred, and by disinfection of premises, etc.

The disease got a good start in both places and the success of the officials in preventing its spread speaks well for their efforts and for the value of house quarantine.

EVEN CHAUNCEY ADMITS IT.

After the result of last Tuesday's election was known, Chauncey M. Depew, the great and only Chauncey, who has a hankering for rushing into print on all great occasions, made the following statement:

"The election issue in New York has no national insignificance, but with an alarming falling off of the Republican vote in the State, with heavy losses in New Jersey, Ohio and other States, the Republican party is confronted with the incontrovertible truth that Bryanism and bimetalism are not dead. It warns them that they must take steps at once and emphatically to settle this currency question beyond any hope of reopening it."

Chauncey is just making this discovery. Chauncey, usually quick-witted, and master of the art of after-dinner speech-making, has just begun to realize that "the Republican party is confronted with the incontrovertible truth that Bryanism and bimetalism are not dead."

Pardon us dear Chauncey but it was such a dented easy thing to foretell the fall of the Roman Empire after the Roman Empire had fallen. Any body could have discovered America after Columbus did; but there is no one left, since Chauncey's great find, to discover that the G. O. P. is really confronted with the fact that Bryanism and bimetalism are not dead; for Chauncey is certainly the last man on earth to awaken to a realization of this "incontrovertible truth."

Why even THE COURIER, hatched every week, as it is, in a nest little bigger than the north east corner of Chauncey's stable, has known and told its readers of this "incontrovertible truth" so long, that it is a severe strain on the ancient history of its mentality to recall a time when this truth first dawned on it.

"When ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." Toastmaster Chauncey, sparkling, witty, good-natured Chauncey, is to be pitied. This rude awakening from the heavenly state of imaginary party security is a great strain on Chauncey's peculiar nervous system; but it has made him a wiser man, politically.

Thank goodness for that.

LOCAL AND CENTRALIZED QUARANTINE.

There is much to be said in favor of a national quarantine, and THE COURIER all along has been in favor of the government taking quarantine affairs in hand during epidemics.

But it must be admitted that this centralization of quarantine power has not operated very well this year. For instance, in Missis-

issippi, the state quarantine officers are vested with almost absolute power. The health officers of the various counties can be removed at the will of the State Board and must submit to the dictates of the State Board.

In Louisiana it is different. Each parish has its board of health, that can take whatever steps it sees fit to protect the community against disease.

If we compare the practical operation of the quarantine systems of Mississippi and Louisiana we are bound to have our faith in national quarantine badly shaken, for unprecedented success has crowned the labors of the local boards of health of Louisiana, while the quarantine power in Mississippi, centralized as it is in a State Board, has failed to prevent the spread of yellow fever.

We admit that a comparison of the practical operation during the present epidemic, of local and centralized quarantine methods, has had the effect of shaking our confidence in the efficacy of the proposition to invest the government with full power to make or modify quarantine rules and regulations.

Beware of imitations many people passing off other Cigars that look like the My Hit. Davidson & Avery sell the genuine.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register.
James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her much good. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by The Standard Drug Store.

Don't nauseate your stomach with teas and bitter herbs, but regulate your liver and sick headache by using those famous little pills known as De Witt's Little Early Risers. L. J. Menville.

Notice!

HOUMA, LA., Sept 24, 1897.
Tax-payers will please take notice that I am now ready to receive payment of taxes for current year.

Respectfully yours,

A. W. CONNELLY,
Tax Collector.

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Pigs for Sale.

Apply at residence of C. A. Celestin.

CUT

Oh, yes we are cutting, but we have made "the most unkindest cut of all;" (to our competitors, of course)

but a cut which will be greatly to the advantage of our customers.

Listen,

while we unfold our "tale of woe."

RAMBLER BICYCLES,

"the eighteen year old wheels," have been placed even more than heretofore within the reach of all.

The "popular list" is now ONLY \$65.

At this price

you can have one.

You haven't the Cash!

Don't bother, we will arrange easy monthly payments.

If this

should be beyond

your means,

why, say so,

we have them cheaper,

you know.

Or better still—

we will sell you

a wheel slightly used,

but in perfect running order,

for \$25. SPOT CASH.

Think of it!

only \$25.

for a first-class wheel;

but remember

at the price they

will sell fast,

so come early.

Can we talk to you?

DASPIT BROS.,

Houma,.....La.

For the convenience of planters and parties who own stock Dr. Sylvester's Renowned Hoof Oil can be had at Point Farm Store, J. D. Wilson.

The Westfield (Ind.) News print the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.' It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by The Standard Drug Store.