

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan will lecture in Greenville to-day at 2:30 p. m. His lecture will be on "Free Coinage."

The way things look now it will be hard to tell in what shape the suffrage law will be in after the convention gets through with it.

Greenville, Miss., has received up to date nearly 70,000 bales of cotton, and the Times says that the amount will easily run over 80,000.

A dispatch from Selma, Ala., to the Times-Democrat says that there are 400 cases of small pox within a radius of five miles of Haynesville, Ala.

A special from Washington says that the administration has decided to demand ten millions from Spain and is willing to submit the matter to arbitration.

The New York Herald until a few weeks ago a friend to Spain, has now come out with the declaration that the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine.

Dr. T. Y. Abey, of Ouachita, who was beaten by Fred Hudson as the representative of that parish to the Constitutional Convention, has become a resident of New Orleans.

The doctors of Vicksburg report that there are fully two hundred and fifty cases of pneumonia in that city. The disease seems to be fatal. Greenville, Miss., has also a great many cases.

France has notified all newspapers of that country that any further comment on the Dreyfus-Zola case, would cause their banishment. This is muzzling the press with a vengeance.

Henry C. Minor, one of the leading sugar planters in Louisiana and one of the prominent "illy white" Republicans of the State, died in New Orleans on Sunday last. He was a prominent man and highly respected.

We are glad to see that the person who introduced the ordinance in the Constitutional Convention to do away with Sunday and allow parishes to make its own laws in regard to the "Holy Day," met with condemnation and was sat down on completely.

The last mail brought us, said that war with Spain was right on us. The same papers as far back as three weeks ago said the same thing. It may come or it may not; but the time ought not to be far off now when we should begin finding out something definite.

The News of Franklin, La., says that an agent of a debenture company of New Orleans wanted to do some advertising in that paper, but had the check to offer the paper of the company as cash for the adv., but editor Alpha couldn't see it that way. Debenture companies are bad institutions, and our advice is steer clear of them.

Mr. James B. Miles, of Helena, Ark., who hobs up occasionally on the subject of levees and cut offs, in a letter to the Greenville Times of last week, says that had the levees held all the water that came down from Cairo in '97 the river would have been from six to eight feet higher at Greenville and Arkansas City. No doubt Mr. Miles is correct in what he says.

The Vicksburg Dispatch says that "some of the big Republican papers are opposed to war with Spain, because it would result in Bryan's election beyond a doubt in 1900. They argue that the credit of the country would be so strained, that a gold standard could not be maintained, and silver coinage could not be prevented. They may make themselves easy; Bryan will be elected anyway."

The city of Baton Rouge elected a city ticket last week that attracted more than ordinary attention for several reasons. That city has had a split in every election since the war, and a bitter factional fight was what had to be put up with; and now for a regular love feast to take place, with no opposition to the ticket put up by the leading citizens, will no doubt give the city a good government for the next two years.

The Daily States in a strong editorial on the suffrage question, says: From every portion of the State of Louisiana there comes up an emphatic demand that a poll-tax as a qualification of the suffrage shall be incorporated in any suffrage act that may be adopted. Elsewhere we print the views of many of our country contemporaries advocating this measure. The tone of the press in discussing the report of the suffrage committee, now pending in the Convention, is anything but complimentary. So fierce is it that we refrain from republishing it, and only give the sentiment on the poll tax, which by large odds, is the most important question the Convention has to settle. By all means that body should settle it in compliance with the demands of the people. Through the country press the people have spoken in ringing terms, and if the Convention turns a deaf ear to those demands and goes down in defeat and ignominy, it will have only itself to blame.

A city or metropolitan editor is a very presumptuous animal. He imagines that the views and wishes of the people are centered in him and radiate from him. Thus, when some hobby or scheme in which he is interested comes he exclaims: "We know what the people want; they want this and so," and all the time the people don't want anything of the sort. The case is quite different with the country papers. These papers correctly interpret the wishes of the people among whom they live. Their editors are of the people; they mingle with the people constantly and hear their views and interests discussed, and when the country editor denounces this or that measure, it is pretty certain that he is expressing the views and wishes of the community among whom his paper is published and to whom it caters.

We have said before, and we regret that candor compels us to repeat it more emphatically; that for the defects, short-comings, absurdities and vicious principles included in the committee report, and especially for the omission from it of the poll tax qualification, the city politicians, commonly termed bosses, are responsible. There never was an argument from the mouth of a truly able man that fell so absolutely flat, that was so readily penetrated, as Mr. Kruttschnitt's argument that the poll tax qualification was calculated to throw the political power of the city into the hands of the bosses. It was heard with respect, treated with derision and utterly discounted.

As a matter of fact the war on the poll tax is the war of the bosses for their salvation, for the rescue of their power from annihilation. The triumph of the poll tax means the elevation of the electorate, the return of thousands of good men to the performance of their civic duties, which they were forced by self-respect to abandon during the past fifteen years. On the other hand, its defeat means the perpetuation of the political saturnalia out of which sprang the Y. M. D. A., in 1888, which led to the institution of the Citizen's League in the last election and which will continue to cause the multiplication these popular uprising against boss rule until they end in a bloody and terrible revolution.

Mr. Ransdell at the Constitutional Convention.

Persons just from the city who attended the Constitutional Convention while there, report that Hon. J. E. Ransdell, the parish delegate to the Convention, has rapidly come to the front as a member of that body, and that last week he made an eloquent and telling speech against the suffrage plan as reported by the committee on suffrage.

From what we can ascertain from our different exchanges, the division of the convention in two factions, one for and the other against the poll tax, was largely due to Mr. Ransdell's eloquent oration on that subject, and there seems to be every prospect that the faction that he represents, the poll tax faction, will carry the day.

Mr. Ransdell's views on the suffrage question are sound and are most emphatically our views and the views of every intelligent voter of this section. He does not want the right of suffrage to be extended to the descendants of the legal voters of 1868, and for good reasons. How could they be told? What frauds would not be perpetrated under that plan? He does not want, and no one here wants the foreigner to have suffrage privileges over the native born; and finally he wants, and every body, but the political bosses of New Orleans, wants a poll tax.

The views of Mr. Ransdell on the suffrage meet the entire approval of every Democrat of his parish, and all hope that he will be successful in fighting the poll tax battle. The parish could not have a better representative.

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It is interesting to know that the total population of Spain is 17,565,632. Many people without looking up the matter, would say at a guess that Spain's population was 35,000,000 or 40,000,000. But it is, in reality, not 18,000,000. Spain has an area of 197,670 square miles. The area of France is only a few thousand square miles greater, and yet France has a population of very nearly 40,000,000. Texas has an area of 274,356 square miles. Spain could be laid out on Texas and Texas would have 76,686 square miles left over. The States of Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Alabama have more population together than Spain, and are immensely more wealthy. These States could borrow enough money, with their whole field of commodities, men and capital behind the loan, to pay off at one coup the whole national debt of Spain. They could raise, pay and maintain a bigger army than Spain could. Their national resources could outlast Spain ten to one. Their steam power is infinitely greater, and as man power can always be gauged by steam power you can imagine the difference. These four States could exist if they sequestered from all the rest of the world. Spain could hardly live a day.

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Y. & M. V. R. R. Schedule. EFFECTIVE AT NOON, DEC. 28, 1897.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION.

No. 5 (Southern Express)--Leave Vicksburg 4:05 a. m.; arrive New Orleans 11:30 a. m. No. 5 connects for Natchez. No. 21, (Local Mail)--Leave Vicksburg 8:00 a. m.; arrive New Orleans 5:30 p. m. No. 21 connects for Natchez.

No. 6, (Northern Express)--Leave New Orleans 4:20 p. m.; arrive Vicksburg 11:50 p. m. No. 23, (Local Mail)--Leave New Orleans 8:20 a. m.; arrive Vicksburg 5:55 p. m. Nos. 6 and 22 connect for Natchez.

MEMPHIS DIVISION.

No. 6, (Northern Express)--Leave Vicksburg 12:01 a. m.; arrive Memphis 7:05 a. m. No. 24, (Local Mail)--Leave Vicksburg 7:50 a. m.; arrive Memphis 6:10 p. m. (No. 6 connects at Lula for Helena; No. 24 connects for Greenville and all Riverside Division Points. Both trains connect at Memphis with fast Illinois Central and other trains for all points.

No. 36, Leland Accommodation--Leave Vicksburg 4:30 p. m.; arrive Leland 7:45 p. m. No. 35, Leland Accommodation--Leave Leland 6:25 a. m.; arrive Vicksburg 9:30 a. m.

No. 5, (Southern Express)--Leave Memphis 9:05 a. m.; arrive Vicksburg 4:05 p. m.

No. 23, (Local Mail)--Leave Memphis 9:00 a. m.; arrive Vicksburg 7:00 a. m. Nos. 5 and 23 connect for Greenville.

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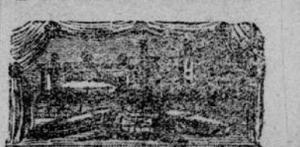
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