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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1898.

Important to Voters.

It will be important for voters who desire the exercise of their franchise privilege after the year 1900 to know that the new constitution requires the payment of poll tax two years prior to the date of any election at which they may offer to vote.

This law goes into effect after the general election in April 1900, which while it may look in print, or sound when spoken, a long ways off, is really but a little over six months in the future.

Therefore all those between the ages of 21 and 60 years, who may wish to make of themselves legally qualified voters must pay their poll tax for 1898 before the first of January, 1899. And then they will also be required to pay their poll tax for 1899 before the 1st of January 1900. Then further in order to be qualified voters they will be required to present their poll tax receipts for two years previous when they vote.

From the above it will be seen that those who fail to comply with the provisions of this law will be shut out from voting at the congressional and presidential election two years hence in the fall of 1900.

It is well, also, to bear in mind that each year's taxes must be paid when due and that no delay is admissible. The poll tax for 1898 must be paid in 1898, and that for 1899 must be paid in that year. It will not be legal to delay and expect to pay the two years at one time. The law contemplates that each year's poll tax receipt must be issued and paid in the year it is dated.

Let no man who values the great American privilege of giving expression to his sentiment at the ballot box fail to call on the tax collector of his parish pay his poll tax, take his receipt and file it away where he can find it when needed.

Those who do not value their citizenship and franchise privileges to this extent will have no one to blame but themselves if, when they attempt to vote they find themselves disfranchised.

The homestead law passed by the late constitutional convention takes effect on January 1st, 1899. This law exempts from seizure and sale by any process whatever except for the purchase price of property, or a part thereof for labor, money, or material furnished, for building, repairing or improving homestead, for liabilities incurred by public officers etc., for taxes, assessments, rent bearing a privilege, the homestead, bona fide, owned by the debtor and accepted by him, consisting of lands, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, buildings and appurtenances rural or urban, of every kind of every family of any one living or dependent upon him or her for support, also two horses one wagon or cart, two cows and calves, twenty-five head of hogs or one thousand pounds of bacon or its equivalent in lard.

The Sabine planter offers this suggestion relative to the cotton situation: "Repeat the law in all the Southern States that gives a man on cotton for supplies advanced and the effect will be threshold. First, it will greatly diminish the amount of cotton raised. Second it will diversify and multiply other productions; and third it will result in an increase in the price of cotton, so that there would be profit in raising it to the farmer who is not forced to raise it to obtain a paltry credit."

The Enterprise is glad to welcome back into the newspaper fold, Mr. Wm. T. Tinsley, who with Mr. L. S. Crain, has assumed editorial and business management of the Shareport Evening Journal.

The Antiques Fair held in New Orleans last week was a brilliant success.

The President's Message.

The President's message which was delivered Monday upon the assembling of Congress, is composed of 20,000 words of the least interesting matter that has ever been delivered to that august body.

It is a very dry history of the late war effusive in statistics and other dull details. He advises the necessity of a larger army and navy, rendered necessary by the results of the war, favors the Nicaragua Canal as a national necessity for commerce as well as protection in case of war, touches very lightly on the department scandals, the financial questions and entirely ignores the tariff, thinks it impossible at present to take any action looking to the reduction of the cumbersome war taxes, etc. McKinley's message to the 55th Congress is a keen disappointment not only to his enemies but to his friends.

The Official Vote.

We publish herewith the official returns which we clipped from The Progress which we gained them from Hon. Jno. T. Michel, Secretary of State by application. The first is the vote in the Congressional district:

Table showing election results for various parishes and candidates.

Brezazele's majority over Brian is 3,046.

In this District Foster ran behind Brezazele 1,068 votes. But he beat all three competitors 1,113 votes.

Following now is the vote in the Fifth Congressional district. This too is a part of the Third Railroad Commission District.

Table showing election results for various parishes and candidates in the Fifth Congressional district.

The State University opened with an attendance of 228, showing an immense increase over any previous opening, the greatest before being 171. It is believed that the number will increase to 350.

Health and strength carry us through dangers and make us safe in the presence of peril. A perfectly strong man with rich pure blood, has nothing to fear from germs. He may breathe in the bacilli of consumption with impunity. If there is a weak spot where the germs may find an entrance to the tissues, then the trouble begins. Disease germs propagate with lightning-like rapidity. It is in the blood, the only way to get rid of them is to kill them. This is what Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is for. It purifies the blood, that means that it kills the germs, but that is only part of what it does. It assists digestion by stimulating the secretion of digestive fluids, so promoting assimilation and nutrition; purifies and enriches the blood and so supplies the tissues with the food they need. It builds up strong healthy flesh and puts the whole body into a disease-resisting state.

Send 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, and get his great book. The People's Common Sense Medical Advice, absolutely free. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, No. 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

The mystery of the murder of Larry Vance in Bossier parish last week, which murderer startled and horrified all North Louisiana has been solved by the confession of Badney Hearne who broke down and told that he had gone to Mr. Vance's room for the purpose of robbery and when about to leave he let fall one of the boots which awoke Mr. Vance he struck him with an ax to hide his crime. The account in the paper from which we gleaned these facts is very meagre, but the testimony is strong enough to convict the cowardly murderer.

Wednesday's papers tell of the lynching of Hearne and Jno. Richard his accomplice by the citizens of Benton who managed the affair in an orderly manner after condemning them in a citizen's court held by hundreds of the most prominent citizens in Bossier parish.

YOUR DANGER NOW

Is from the overworked condition of the liver and kidneys which are unable to expel impurities from the blood. This causes rheumatism Hood's Sarsaparilla has been wonderfully successful in curing this disease. It neutralizes the acid in the blood and permanently cures the aches and pains which other medicines fail to relieve. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best winter medicine because it purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood. It gives help just where help is needed. It tones the stomach, stimulates the liver, and arouses and sustains the kidneys. It wards off pneumonia, fevers, bronchitis, colds, coughs and the grip.

A number of the Police Juries throughout the State have appointed delegates from each ward in their different parishes to attend the Cotton Convention that will meet in Shreveport on the 15th proximo.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN SENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTY.

Favors a World's Fair, with the Aid and Approval of All States in the Purchase—Urges the Calling of a Convention for Final Decision.

Globe-Democrat.

The report of the committee of ten appointed to decide on the best method of celebrating the centennial of the Louisiana purchase was yesterday forwarded to the members of the committee of fifty for their approval or rejection. The latter body will meet Monday night at the rooms of the Missouri Historical Society to consider the recommendations of the sub-committee and to take final action upon them. The report in full is as follows:

Your committee beg leave to report: That they have held a meeting every week since they were appointed, and at such meetings had conferences with persons representing the different interests of the city, and have in other ways, and especially through the medium of the press, sought to gain as thorough a knowledge of the people concerning the proposed commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the Louisiana purchase.

There is a general accord of opinion among the people of Louisiana, that it is desirable to pass without some mark of recognition befitting its great historic interest and importance.

The Declaration of Independence, which determined the character of our institutions, must always remain a great political event of our history; but next to that stands the acquisition of the Louisiana territory, for by that the empire of the United States was determined, and the destinies of the continent of North America was dedicated to institutions of freedom.

The City of St. Louis can not afford to be indifferent to the centennial anniversary of so great an event, the greatest of which its history is intimately associated.

Various modes of commemoration have been proposed, among them a statue of Thomas Jefferson, or a great historical monument to be erected, as a permanent memorial of the great statesman who rendered such signal service alike in making this country free and in making it great; but it is objected, and your committee believes properly, that such a monument is a thing of the past, while the essentially local in character, while nothing less than a general celebration in which all the states that have been created from the Louisiana territory should take active part, will be adequate.

In such a general celebration the general government could be relied upon for participation and aid and foreign nations, and especially France, should be invited to take part.

For the purposes of a general commemoration, our committee is of opinion that only some form of exposition will serve at which the development and progress of the arts of civilized life may be shown during the last 100 years shall be appropriately displayed.

Many objections have been made to an exposition, but no substitute, regarded as sufficient even by the objectors, has been yet proposed.

Your committee is of opinion that the objections to an exposition are not well founded. The experience of the cities which have undertaken expositions since the year of the World's Fair, and especially that of Omaha, proves that the undertaking is profitable to the nation, and also that the interest in them has not been exhausted. Indeed, so long as the world shall last the story of its progress will always be an interesting one.

We have to deal with a territory that 100 years ago was, throughout almost its entire extent, a wilderness and a desert. The white settlements within its boundaries were not of our nationality. The people spoke our language, but they were not our people. In no spirit of boasting may we say that now no portion of the United States is more thoroughly American than the Louisiana territory. In public spirit and in private enterprise it stands with the rest of the 100 years that have passed since the American flag was planted here may well challenge the attention of the world, and the people of the world may well be proud to be reminded of the progress that has been made.

We believe, too, that St. Louis is the place for such an exposition, and that once determined upon our people would make it worthy of themselves and of the great occasion.

But the exposition should be in no sense a local one. It should be not by the city of St. Louis, nor even by the State of Missouri, but by the entire Louisiana territory. It must be so that nothing should be forestalled. All those who are to take part in it should have a vote in determining where it shall be held, and what shall be its character.

To this end we recommend that there be called a convention of representatives from all the States in the Louisiana purchase, to meet in St. Louis at an early date to determine the time, place and manner of commemoration, the acquisition of this territory by the United States, and we submit herewith a resolution to that effect for the consideration of the committee of fifty.

The resolution referred to in the report follows:

Resolved, that there should be held a convention of delegates from the several States and territories in the Louisiana purchase in the city of St. Louis, Mo., not later than the 1st day of January, A. D. 1899, for the purpose of determining the time, place and manner of fittingly commemorating the centennial anniversary of the acquisition by the United States of the Louisiana territory, such convention to be made up of delegates appointed by the governors of the several States and territories on the basis of one for each Congressional district and two at large.

Resolved, that Hon. V. Stephens, governor of Missouri, be requested to make the appointment of delegates from the State of Missouri, and to take all necessary steps to invite and secure the operation of our sister States in this movement.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price returned. For sale at Natchitoches Drug Co., only 50 cents per bottle.

Several points in Louisiana and Texas report a violent snow storm Saturday and Sunday.

The assessed valuations of Texas this year is \$11,000,000 in excess of last year.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. The pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by Natchitoches Drug Co. Limited.

When Stephen Crane wrote "The Red Badge of Courage" he had never been in a field of battle and knew nothing of military affairs. His work excited great admiration. But later on he went to Cuba and was in the front at San Juan Hill, and in the December Cosmopolitan we have another story, this time from a real field of battle entitled "The Wolf of Thin Red Threads." It will be interesting for those who are familiar with his previous work to compare the two—the imaginary and the real.

Approach of the cosmopolitan it is rather curious to note that the December issue of that magazine contains an article having to do with Spain, another with India, another with Japan, another with Cuba, another with Jamaica, another with England, another with Rome and still another with France. This is a pretty wide range.

TWO POINTED QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the quality the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your article is better?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only a better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable fad, but when they are troubled with a cough they return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by Jann & Suddath, Druggists.

A modern passenger train should enable the traveler to go on a journey with little or no deviation from his daily habits of life. This the "Pacific Coast Limited" does, with its superior equipment, quick time, and superior route. The equipment is unsurpassed, the train being made up of composite car, buffet and observation smoking compartments, dining car, baggage car, and parlor, furnished as is the composite car, with library and all conveniences for correspondence, ladies' maid in attendance, Pullman ten section drawing room sleepers, and last, but not least, by no means least in importance, the dining car, where meals are served a la carte. This train represents the highest type of car builder's art and runs straight through without change of cars between the following cities: St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco twice a week.

For time tables, sleeping car rates, maps, and full information, write to E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas Texas.

Mrs. Josephine Henry, of Kentucky, has announced herself as a presidential candidate for 1900.

The closing session of the 55th Congress began Monday at noon. Though many questions may press for solution, owing to the shortness of this session, which expires by limitation March 4th, it is thought that outside of the passage of the regular money budgets, the legislation for the increase of the regular army and probably the enactment of a law to give permanent territorial government to the Hawaiian islands, nothing else will be touched upon.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Natchitoches Drug Co. Limited. May 6 '97

La Grippe Cured

This modern malady has become dreaded not more for its direct fatality than for the weakness of body and mind it leaves behind. Prolonged debility, permanent prostration, melancholy and suicide follow La Grippe. For this disease there is no remedy superior to Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

"The best remedy for La Grippe that I know of is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."

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"My wife and five children were taken down with La Grippe, while the disease was widely prevalent. I doctored them with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and before using quite two bottles my family was restored to health. I know of several obstinate cases of the same complaint which were also cured by this remedy."

"I was cured of La Grippe by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."

C. S. THOMPSON, Pub. "Signal," West Farmington, O.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

is put up in half-size bottles at half price—50 cents.

Pains in the Side

Complete Relief Given by Hood's Sarsaparilla

Best Medicine for indigestion, Dyspepsia and Impure Blood.

"My husband suffered from pains in his side. Though he tried many different medicines, he did not receive any benefit until he read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it. He has used several bottles of this medicine and is now feeling better than he has felt for the last six years. My oldest boy was very delicate, but since he has taken Hood's Sarsaparilla he is stronger and better." Mrs. M. C. FRACKS, Sildell, La.

"I suffered for years with indigestion, but I have been greatly benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I regard it as the best medicine on earth for indigestion and dyspepsia and all troubles arising from impure blood." LASSIE M. TRAMER, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. Price six for \$5.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Bile; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

Sheriff's Sale.

Lock, Moore & Co., Ltd., vs. Lake Lumber and Shingle Co., Ltd. Twelfth Judicial Dist. of La., Parish of Calcasieu—No. 2975.

By virtue of a writ of F. F. issuing out of the 12th Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana and for the Parish of Calcasieu, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction at the principal front door of the courthouse in the city and parish of Natchitoches La. on SATURDAY, 7th day of Jan., 1899, within the legal hours of sale the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract of land situated in the Parish of Natchitoches and described as follows: The SE 1/4, E 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 23, in T. 5 N. R. 6 W. containing 280 acres of land, more or less.

Terms of Sale—Cash with benefit of appraisement. J. W. FREEMAN, Sheriff.

NOTICE. Land Office at Natchitoches, La., November 9, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Natchitoches, La., on December 23, 1898 viz: Homestead Entry No. 5758.

FLOYD WOODERD, for the SW 1/4 of SW 1-4 Sec. 2 T. 10 N. R. 10 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Walker, Albert Hall, Harry Polk, Joseph Hall, of Bayou Pierre P. O., La. EDWARD PHILLIPS, Register.

NOTICE. LAND OFFICE at Natchitoches, La., November 12th 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Natchitoches, La., on December 23, 1898 viz: Homestead Entry No. 5455.

JESSE M. STEPHENSON, for the SE 1/4 NW 1-4 Sec. 34 T. 8 N. R. 9 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: H. H. Jones, J. C. Carnellina, B. F. Jones, J. B. Mitchell of Victoria P. O., La. EDWARD PHILLIPS, Register.

A CARD. To the good people of the city of Natchitoches and surrounding community, I wish to tender my many thanks for the liberal patronage and favors extended me during the past several years in the line of cemetery and monumental work, tomb stones and iron fencing. Having received a liberal share of your patronage in the past and wish to inform you that I am still in the lead with new and selected designs and will be pleased to call on or write you when in need of anything in my line. Respectfully, J. D. RAINS, Marthaville, Nov. 17, 1898.

NOTICE. E. Valery Deblieux having filed application in this office to be appointed administrator of the succession of Sylvain Deblieux, deceased, is hereby given to all parties interested to file opposition, if any they have, within ten days from date hereof, if same should not be granted or the same will be homologated. H. M. HYAMS, Clerk.

FOR SALE. Eighty acres of land being S 1/2 of S W 1/4 Sec. 34, T. 9 R. 8, near the town of Robelle. The land is well timbered and will be sold cheap and on reasonable terms. Apply to A. DOVER, Many, La. or Chaplin, Breazeale & Chaplin, Nov. 10-20-98. Natchitoches, La.

Read your Job Work, satisfactorily guaranteed.

Write us a Christmas letter

a letter about some of the jewelry and gold and silver things you would most like to know about before making your holiday selections. We will answer with full descriptions and prices of one of the largest and best chosen stocks in the south. You will find the prices far below your expectations. Goods sent on approval to responsible people.

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Tortured By Rheumatism.

A Purely Vegetable Blood Remedy is the Only Cure.

If the people generally knew the true cause of Rheumatism, there would be no such thing as limps and lotions for this painful and disabling disease. The fact is, Rheumatism is a disordered state of the blood—it can be reached, therefore, only through the blood. But all blood remedies can not cure Rheumatism, for it is an obstinate disease, one which requires a real blood remedy—something more than a mere tonic. Swift's Specific is the only real blood remedy, and it promptly goes to the very bottom of even the most obstinate case.

A few years ago I was taken with inflammatory Rheumatism, which, though mild at first, became gradually so intense that I was for weeks unable to walk. I tried several prominent physicians and took their treatment faithfully, but was unable to get the slightest relief. In fact, my condition seemed to grow worse, the pains spread over my entire body, and from November to March I suffered agony. I tried many patent medicines, but none relieved me. Upon the advice of a friend I decided to try S. S. S. Before allowing me to take it, however, my guardian, who was a chemist, analyzed the remedy, and pronounced it free of potash or mercury.

S. S. S. never disappoints, for it is made to cure these deep-rooted diseases which are beyond the reach of all other remedies. It cures permanently Rheumatism, Catarrh, Cancer, Scrofula, Eczema, and all other blood diseases. It is the only blood remedy guaranteed.

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Cheap Lands!

Unparalleled Opportunity offered by H. & B. Beer, New Orleans, to acquire Homes and Farming Lands on Cane River and in other portions of Natchitoches Parish Cheap.

Also town property, including the popular hostelry known as the City Hotel.

The following described properties are offered for sale at VERY LOW PRICES. One-fifth cash and the balance in one, two, three and four years, with only 6 per cent interest per annum on the remaining payments.

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1. 60 acres of land situated between lands of Chellette and St. Andre formerly the property of Francois Raphael.

2. 100 acres of land, being the E 1/2 of SW 1/4 and E 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 24 T. 7 R. 9.

3. 40 acres, being the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 26 T. 13 R. 7.

4. 70 acres on Little River, between lands of Brockett and Norris.

5. Half of 160 acres, being the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 31 T. 9 R. 9.

6. 80 acres being NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 36 T. 9 R. 10.

7. 80 acres in Section 9 T. 7 R. bounded North and East by Lake Acacese, South by Providence Bayou and West by lands of J. A. Carroll.

8. 2 1/2 acres of land on Little River, between