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NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Condensed into Short and Pithy Paragraphs
For Our Subscribers.

NEW ORLEANS BANKERS ARRESTED.

Negro Killed in Resisting Arrest--
Colombe Dies--Distress in Lincoln--
Carpenter's Fatal Fall--Bayou Gou-
la Murder.

Colombe Escapes by Suicide.
Louis Colombe, one of the book-keepers of the defunct Union National Bank, of New Orleans, La., took a dose of morphine Thursday night and died at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Small Bank Failure.
The Mutual National Bank, 624 and 626 Canal street, New Orleans, closed its doors Thursday morning. Henry Maspero is president and James J. Tarleton cashier. The capital stock of the bank was only \$300,000, and its line of deposits very small. It has been regarded as weak for a long time.

Muster and Inspection.
The third quarterly muster and inspection of the Creole Guards was held at the opera house in Plaquemine, Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The company made a good showing, and are well drilled. A dance followed the muster, and every one present had a very enjoyable time.

Bayou Goula Murder.
Sergeant Langbridge and Sheriff Marro Thursday arrested and locked up in the jail at Gretna an Italian named Calomia Tomasso, and booked against him the serious charge of having had a hand in the Bayou Goula murder, by which Mrs. Landry met her death and Miss Madeline Herbert was dangerously wounded. The arrest is considered a most important one, and forms the culmination of a long string of careful and persistent investigation.

A Carpenter's Fatal Fall.
Robert Johnson, a white carpenter, aged sixty-nine years, while at work on a house which is being erected on Third street, in Alexandria, fell from the top of the building to a scaffold below, about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and died almost instantly. Coroner Lockett impelled a jury and held an inquest on the body. The jury rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death from heart disease. Johnson resided in West Alexandria has a wife and three children.

Negro Killed in Resisting Arrest.
James Collins, of Opelousas, alias James Ford, colored, wanted for highway robbery, was killed in New Iberia, Friday night, by Special Officer Mestayer. The officer, who was searching for the negro, found him at the corner of Washington and Hopkins streets, and attempted to make the arrest. The negro drew his revolver and resisted, firing at the officer. Mestayer returned the fire, putting three bullets into the negro, killing him instantly. Deputy Coroner Pierson viewed the remains.

Work on Fort St. Phillip.
Work on Fort St. Phillip, under the direction of Lieut. Ritchie, is being pushed as rapidly as possible by a force of several hundred laborers, who will be at work until next February. Quite a number of the residents of Diamond find ready work there at good wages, thus giving a boom to that section. Extensive levee work is also being done by the United States government in the way of building new levees and raising the old ones to the standard grade of three feet above the highest water mark.

Electric Cars Collide.
In New Orleans Sunday morning an electric car collision occurred and a lady passenger was slightly injured. About 8:30 o'clock electric car No. 32, of the Levee and Bartrucks line, in charge of Motorman James Bony and Conductor John Thiel, and electric car No. 69, of the Rampart and Dauphine-line, in charge of Motorman J. Carve and Conductor Louis Rolle, collided at the corner of Poland and Dauphine streets. Car No. 69 was damaged to the extent of \$100, while the damage to car No. 32 amounts to \$10. Mrs. Abadie Onglade, residing on Marigny street, between Chartres and Decatur, who was a passenger in one of the cars, was thrown from her seat and slightly bruised about the head. She was given attention at a neighboring drug store.

Bank Officials Arrested.
Frank B. Lecfe and Louis Colombe, bookkeepers in the Union National Bank, New Orleans, were arrested Friday at the bank by United States deputy marshals. The arrests were made in order to hold the men pending a further investigation. The total defalcation so far discovered amounts to over \$470,000 and the falsification of

the books, if not done to cover up the actual losses of the bank by the failure of a prominent commercial firm, which occurred eight or ten years ago, shows that the stealing has been going on for some years. The government believes that there was outside collusion and expects that the tracing up of the accounts doctored, together with other evidence sought, will reveal the conspiracy and result in the arrest of a number of other parties, some very prominent. Bookkeeper Colombe took a dose of morphine Friday morning, from the effects of which he died Saturday.

Distress in Lincoln.
The special committee appointed by the mass meeting at Ruston, La., to draft a memorial to the governor of the State concerning the distressed condition of the drought sufferers of Lincoln parish met at the courthouse Friday. A memorial was adopted by the committee alleging that after a careful and earnest investigation of each ward of the parish, the committee estimated that 25 per cent of the families of the parish are in a destitute condition, and that many families are now dependent on the charity of their neighbors. The petition further stated that the people have horses, cattle and other live stock that they are not able to feed or to keep alive, owing to the failure of grass and feed crops, and that the people must have help from some source. It winds up with an earnest request that Gov. Foster take some action in the matter as soon as possible. The petition is signed by each member of the police jury of the parish, also Representative W. Pipes and Mr. G. M. Lomax.

Germany Seeking Trouble.
The belief is prevalent at Zanzibar, that Germany does not intend to acquiesce in the action taken by the British government through Rear Admiral Henry Rawson in appointing Hamoud Bin Hohammed Bin Said, sultan of Zanzibar. Said Khalid, the alleged usurper, has been at the German consulate ever since the fall of the palace on August 27, and in spite of the request of the British consul for his surrender there has been no manifestation on the part of the German officials to give him up. Rumors are now in circulation at Zanzibar that it is the intention of the German authorities to reinstate Said Khalid on the throne from which he was deposed by force of British arms. These rumors have caused great uneasiness at Zanzibar. There is a feeling that Germany is not acting in a friendly spirit and is seeking to make an issue with Great Britain.

A Novel Suit.
Nini Bertini Humphreys, the prima donna who has been singing at the Tivoli, in San Francisco, Cal., during the grand opera season, sued Wells, Fargo & Co. Friday in the justice court for \$20. On July 29 she sent \$250 to the Union Dime Savings Institute in New York City. When the sealed bag was received at the bank only \$230 was found in it. The money was counted and put in the bag in the presence of a clerk in Wells, Fargo's office in San Francisco and by him the package was sealed. The company denied that there had been any loss and conducted a weighty experiment, showing that the gold coin in the bag amounted to only \$230. This will be used as proof on the prima donna's side, however, as beside the gold there was a \$20 bill in the package and this weighed almost nothing. She has a receipt from the company's clerk for \$250.

Pistol Against Knife.
Politics caused the death of one man and the serious wounding of another at St. Augustine, Fla., Thursday night. About 8 o'clock Joseph P. Allen and James P. Wiedman met near the former's residence, and began to discuss the silver question. The discussion soon grew violent and blows were struck. Allen then drew a knife and began cutting Wiedman. The latter drew a pistol, and placing the muzzle against Allen's abdomen, fired four times, killing Allen instantly. Wiedman is badly cut about the neck and back and may not recover. The affray occurred near the residences of the men, and Mrs. Allen, who was on the front veranda, saw her husband killed.

Body of T. J. Delbridge Found.
The body of T. J. Delbridge, a young business man of high social and commercial standing of Atlanta, Ga., who disappeared Tuesday, was found Friday morning floating on the surface of the old water works reservoir at Lakewood park. Delbridge was last seen as he entered a boat to take a bath in the reservoir at a late hour Tuesday night. The next morning the boat was found empty and his clothes were discovered in the bathroom. He had recently taken out life insurance policies aggregating over \$50,000, and this, together with the fact that his body was not found after the two days' search, gave currency to the theory that he had simply disappeared, a theory which grew into a public conviction until disposed of by the rising of the body to the surface Friday morning.

DUN & CO'S. TRADE REVIEW.

Better Prospects do Not Bring Larger Demands for Productions.

MOST PRICES ARE EXTREMELY LOW.

Bank Failures in New Orleans Cause Hesitancy--Wheat up a Cent--Large Yield of Corn Expected--Increase in Failures.

R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly review says: Better prospects and relief from monetary anxiety do not yet bring larger demands for finished products, though large buying of pig iron, wool, leather, hides, cotton and other materials continue to show a growing belief that a general upward movement in prices will come with the replenishment of dealer's stocks this fall. Most prices are extremely low, so that nothing more than ordinary demand will advance them. Big bank failures at New Orleans causes temporary hesitation, crop returns indicate disappointment in some cotton and some spring wheat States, and prices of corn and oats makes it unprofitable to sell at present, the number of manufacturing works and mines in operation does not gain, but rather decreases, reductions of wages are somewhat numerous, occasionally resisted by strikes, and all these conditions diminish for a time the buying power of the people. While many think general improvement cannot come until the election has removed political uncertainties, others expect soon to see the result anticipated in trade.

Sales of wool for the week have about equalled the normal consumption for the first time in several months, not because manufacturers have more orders or are doing more work, for no gain is seen in the demand or output. The buying is mainly speculative, based on the belief that prices must advance. No considerable decrease appears in the enormous stocks of print clothes, although the output has been reduced about half for two months and a fifth of the year's production remains in the hands of the makers, but they have advanced the price three sixteenths during the week. For other goods, there is a better demand and manufacturers have advanced prices because of the rising cost of material, the average for all cottons have risen 5.3 per cent, since August 6, but stocks of many kinds are large. The Financial Chronicle's annual report, issued Friday makes the last crop of cotton of 7,162,473 bales, the consumption north and South 2,695,810 and the exports 4,712,912, during the year. No account of Southern mills stock is attempted and no estimate is yet given of the crop now coming forward. The government report is even more gloomy than a year ago, making the condition the lowest for many years, and there is no doubt that the damage has been serious, as the price has advanced to \$1 with much speculative buying. Wheat declined a cent but then advanced, closing a cent up for the week. Western receipts still exceed last year's, having been in two weeks, 11,229,08 bushels against 10,323,288 last year, while Atlantic exports, flour included, have been for the same weeks 3,933,265 bushels against 2,417,872 last year. Accounts of disappointing relations in spring wheat States are numerous, but it is difficult to reconcile short estimates with heavy marketing at low prices.

Corn is almost wholly out of danger and the yield is generally expected to be the largest and the price here is the lowest ever known.

Failures for the week 315 in the United States against 187 last year and 47 in Canada against 34 last year.

Buried Alive.
John Hugh Gill, of Providence, R. I., who allowed himself to be buried alive on the theory of hypnotic suggestion, induced by Prof. Watson, of London, has been unearthed. Gill went to sleep but he woke up fourteen minutes ahead of schedule time. When Hugh Gill came to he made it known by pounding upon his coffin, and during his struggles dislocated his knee pan. When he was brought to he lapsed into a death-like stupor, which the physicians almost mistook for death. He was rubbed with whisky and alcohol and revived. Hugh Gill says that he will never do it again. When he awoke he imagined he had been buried alive and this almost crazed him.

The Hoo Hoos.
The Hoo Hoos convention in Nashville, Tenn., held business sessions Friday and elected supreme officers as follows for 1897: H. H. Hemiway, Wisconsin, snark; Senior Hoo Hoo, John J. Martin, Detroit; Junior Hoo Hoo, A. A. White, Missouri; bojum, Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minnesota; screwvoter, J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.; jabberwock, E. B. Preston, Louisville, Ky.; custocian, Lloyd A. Kimble, New York City; arcanopen, Frank B. Cole, Tacoma, Wash.; guidon, W. B. Stillwell, Georgia. The convention adjourned Friday night.

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TERRIBLE WRECK.

A Train Goes Through a Bridge Near Arcata, California.

Four persons were killed and sixteen seriously injured as the result of a wreck on the Arcata and Mad River railroad about five miles north of Arcata, Cal., Monday evening. The accident occurred to the regular passenger train, consisting of an engine and two coaches, which connected at Arcata wharf with the company's ferry-bout Alta, leaving Eureka at 3:30 p. m., bound for Corbel, the terminus of the road, about twelve miles above Arcata. The scene of the accident is the company's bridge across Mad river, about half way between Arcata and Corbel.

The train had run out on the first span of the bridge, when, without warning the stringers gave way, letting the whole train drop forty feet to the gravel bed of the river, where the coaches were smashed. The engine and cars did not pile up or telescope, as all dropped together. One span of the bridge is still in position, uninjured.

In the coaches were between thirty and forty passengers and all of them, with the exception of two men, who jumped, went down with the train. This fortunate man was Lewis Everdine, one of the owners of the Riverside sawmill. All the others are injured and ten or twelve are fearfully mangled and are not expected to live.

Sandy Cameron, the dead brakeman, was standing on the platform of the first car, and was jammed between it and the tender of the engine. A relief train was sent out from Arcata as soon as the news of the accident was received. Extra medical help was sent from Eureka and Arcata.

The Dispensary to be Investigated.

The State Democratic committee of South Carolina, late Friday night, adopted a resolution requesting the State board of control, which has charge of the dispensary, to publicly investigate the charges against officers connected with that institution.

STREET CAR MAIL SERVICE.

An Order Issued by the Department Fixing Their Compensation.

The organization of a street car mail service throughout the country has resulted in an order just made by Acting Postmaster General Jones, adding the following to the postal regulations: "Clerks on city street car lines will be appointed at \$700 per annum for a probationary period of six months, the same as clerks on railroad lines. Upon receiving a permanent appointment they will be promoted to \$800 per annum, and as soon thereafter (not less than three months) as their records justify it, will be promoted to \$900 per annum, which will be the maximum salary for clerks on such lines."

Another Crazed Prisoner.

The Cunard line steamship *Laconia*, which sailed for New York from Liverpool on Saturday, and which touched at Queenstown on the following day, embarked Alfred G. Whitehead, the American political prisoner recently released from Portland prison, whose disappearance after reaching his old home at Skibberreen caused much interest. He was eventually found wandering in the streets of Cork, and is believed to be of unsound mind.

Horribly Scalded.

While fixing a steam pipe at the waterworks Monday evening, Frank Shepard, jr., of Dyersburg, Tenn., superintendent of the plant, was scalded in a horrible manner. He was disconnecting a pipe when it twisted off, with the result above stated. The wonder is that he was not scalded to death. He will recover.

Kaiser in a Collision.

As Emperor William entered his special train at Loeban, twelve miles from Bautzen, Saxony, Saturday, after bidding farewell to the King of Saxony the Dresden express train collided with his majesty's train. No one was injured but the emperor was delayed fifty minutes.