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NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Condensed into Short and Pithy Paragraphs For Our Subscribers.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR.

A Fatal Accident--Bicycle Thieves Arrested--Foul Play Suspected--Union National Bank Case--Japan Cotton Growers.

Appointments by the Governor.
Gov. Foster has appointed G. W. Bridges, inspector of weights and measures, and A. J. McDaniel parish surveyor of Caldwell parish.

District Court at Baton Rouge.
The criminal term of the district court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning at Baton Rouge, Judge H. P. Brunot presiding. There is a heavy docket before the court.

A Child Swallows Iodine.
The little two-year-old child of Mr. A. Siess, a prominent and influential citizen of Alexandria, found a bottle of iodine Sunday and swallowed the contents, but by prompt work the little one was saved.

More Executive Appointments.
David Laperrouse has been appointed constable of the fifth ward of Lafourche parish, vice Fields, failed to qualify; Chas. Newman, additional justice of the peace, fourth ward, St. John parish.

Tattisheck Camp Meeting.
The annual camp meeting at Tattisheck Camp Grounds, near Covington, opened last Thursday night. There was quite a large attendance. It will continue about two weeks. Services will be held by the presiding elder, assisted by Rev. John B. Kint, of Covington, and a number of visiting ministers.

Bank Wreckers To Be Arrested.
Several affidavits in connection with the Union National Bank defalcation at New Orleans were drawn up Friday and arrests were made Saturday. The government is guarding the secret, the expense for not giving an inkling as to the parties being that one is out of town.

Bicycle Thieves Arrested.
Deputy Sheriff Loeze, of Rapides parish, arrived in Vidalia Friday night for the purpose of taking into custody the two men who stole a couple of bicycles in Alexandria last Sunday and were making their way to their homes in Illinois. He started back with his prisoners Saturday morning via the New Orleans and Northwestern railway, carrying the wheels along also.

Accidentally Drowned.
Henry Goebel, aged fifty years, a ship carpenter by occupation, residing on Montegut street, between Chartres and Levee, New Orleans, was accidentally drowned in the river Saturday night. At 8 o'clock the man sat down on the cap of the wharf at the head of St. Ferdinand street and fell asleep. While in this condition he lost his balance and fell into the river. As he fell he awoke and called for assistance, but before it reached him he sank and was drowned. A vain search was made for his body. Goebel leaves a wife and five children.

A Union National Bank Case.
Louis Gallot was arrested in New Orleans, Friday, for aiding and abetting Bookkeeper Louis Colombe in defrauding the Union National Bank. Gallot, who was a dealer in photographic supplies and a speculator, put about \$5,000 in the bank in 1890 and during the four years succeeding is said to have drawn out \$203,000, Colombe always keeping a balance of from \$300 to \$800 to his credit. When the system of bookkeeping was changed to the skeleton system, Colombe, instead of closing the account, left a balance of \$1,000 to Gallot's credit. Gallot failed to give bond and was placed in the parish prison.

More New Orleans Bank Scandals.
There were no new developments in the Union National Bank case at New Orleans Tuesday, but there was another arrest Wednesday. Examiner Escott finds glaring irregularities in the accounts of some of the leading men of the city and the bank is expected to be fertile in sensations until the whole shortage is accounted for. The next developments may come in State banks recently closed. It is reported that liquidators in charge of the Bank of Commerce will report overdrafts to the amount of \$300,000. W. P. Nichols, the president, is a nephew of Chief Justice Francis T. Nichols, of the State supreme court.

Cotton Worms Playing Havoc.
Cotton worms by the thousands have made their appearance on the plantations near Collinston, and the hopes of a top crop of cotton are numbered with the things that were.

This is the favored section of North Louisiana, and there will be a full half crop of cotton made and a fair crop of corn. There will be no peas, potatoes, hay or fall gardens. This section has shipped 443 bales cotton up to date this year, against nothing on the same day last year. The cotton crop is over half gathered, some planters having about five-sixths of their cotton gathered and most of it sold. If the dry weather continues cotton picking will be over by the 15th of October.

A Fatal Accident.
An unfortunate accident occurred Wednesday afternoon on the Allemania plantation, in the lower portion of that parish, in Louisiana, near Plaquemine, which resulted in the death of Mr. David Laurent, a promising young man, aged twenty-four years. He was engaged in erecting a sugar cane trolley. After erecting about sixty feet of it the whole structure gave way while he was standing on it. He was thrown to the ground and a falling piece of timber struck him on the head, fracturing his skull. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and he died about 11 o'clock the same night. The remains of the unfortunate young man were interred at Plaquemine Thursday afternoon, in the Catholic Cemetery. The funeral took place at the St. John's church at 5 o'clock.

Japan Cotton Growers.
Among the arrivals Saturday at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, was S. D. Webb, a wealthy cotton manufacturer of New York, accompanied by his wife. Also in the party were S. Shibutani and R. Nagao, both progressive Japanese, engaged in the cultivation of cotton in Japan and interested in the establishment of cotton factories in their native country. The gentlemen are in New Orleans for the purpose of looking over the various cotton presses in that city with a view of adding to their knowledge of the industry and the extension, as a result of their observations, of the business in Japan. The party spent several hours Saturday in inspecting the cotton presses on the river front, and when they have completed their survey of New Orleans will journey to Texas.

Foul Play Suspected.
Intelligence of either a railroad homicide or foul play was received at Kenner, from Mr. C. P. Gable, section foreman on the Illinois Central road. Mr. Gable reports finding a dead colored man, whose skull was fractured. John Tanner, the companion of the dead man, said freight train No. 55 struck and killed him while asleep on the track, and that his own life was saved by timely awaking and rolling off the track, where both had laid down to rest. These men had been seen to pass a station on their way to Fallon by the crew of a freight train passing fifteen minutes ahead of No. 55, and as their intention was to spend the day gambling with the hands at Fallon, it is supposed that Tanner killed his companion, John Marshall, and then related the seeming plausible story of an accidental death. The coroner of St. Charles parish has been notified.

Filibustering to Stop.
Officials of the treasury department are thoroughly aroused over the many successful Cuban expeditions that have recently been sent from this country and are determined to put an end to them if possible. It is understood that President Cleveland is himself responsible for their activity and that he has been inclined to criticize the department because all the newspapers in the country are informed of these expeditions before the treasury officials learn anything about them. Telegrams have been sent to collectors at southern ports informing them that if they are not more diligent in the future in performing their duty with reference to filibustering expeditions they were likely to pay the penalty with their positions. President Cleveland has determined to put a stop, if possible, to filibustering expeditions and proposes that there shall be no winking of officials at their fitting out.

Gladstone to the Czar.
A letter from Mr. Gladstone, with reference to the proposed memorial to the czar, has been published. In it he expresses the hope that the heart and mind of the czar may be awakened to the "fearful mischiefs" which the policy of the late Russian minister for foreign affairs, Prince Lobanoffsky, "has done so much to promote."

Three Failures.
Thos. H. Suckling, clothier; Henry L. Banker, meat market, and Charles E. Reed, grocer, three prominent merchants of Holidaysburg, Pa., who are debtors to the Gardiner, Morrow & Co. bank, which assigned Friday, have failed. The three stores were closed on executions for \$25,000.

Loss of the Lula Prince.
The Natchez and Atchafalaya river packet, Lula Prince, struck an obstruction Sunday at Merrick's Landing and sank in a few minutes. No lives were lost. The boat and cargo are a total loss. The boat is valued at \$10,000; no insurance.

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