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**NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST.**  
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**TOWN OF JEANERETTE SWEEP BY FIRE.**

Hangar at Farmerville---Appointed Assayer at the Mint---Governatorial Appointments---Horse Thieves Were Bagged.

Appointed Assayer at the Mint, Announcement is made of the appointment by President Cleveland of Francis F. Claussen, of New Orleans, as assayer at the New Orleans mint. Mr. Claussen takes the place made vacant a short time ago by the death of Assayer Delavallade.

Pardoned. Fred Chapman, a negro, convicted March 28, 1895, on the charge of crime against nature and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, was released from the parish prison at New Orleans Friday, as the pardon granted by the governor reached the officials.

Convicted of Murder. Montgomery Williams, charged with the murder of one Frank, came up for trial at Napoleonville Thursday and was found guilty of manslaughter. The State was represented by District Attorney Gondran and Hon. John Marks, the defense by Pugh & Pugh and Howell & Martin.

Hangar at Farmerville. Mose Wilson, colored, was hung in the Union parish jail Friday for the murder of Tom and Carolina Franklin, colored, an old couple living near Cherry Ridge, last April. Wilson confessed his guilt. The trap was sprung at 1:45 p.m., and his neck was broken by the fall.

Thirteen Prisoners Convicted. The September term of the district court closed at Abbeville, Saturday morning after being in session for four weeks. Judge C. Deballion sentenced thirteen prisoners convicted during the term. Four go to the State penitentiary, sentences ranging from six months to fourteen years, and nine are consigned to the parish prison.

Horse Thieves Bagged by Sheriffs. Sheriff A. L. Lyons, of Lake Charles, accompanied by Mr. M. B. McMill, of Kinder, passed through Alexandria Saturday morning en route to Columbia, to get two men who are charged with horse stealing in Calcasieu parish. They returned to Alexandria Saturday night with the prisoners and took them to Lake Charles.

Work on the Locks Suspended. The work on the government locks at Plaquemine, which was progressing slowly, owing to the caving, was suddenly suspended Monday morning. The reasons for stopping was not stated by the contractors, but it is generally supposed that the contractors have lost money, and the bondsmen in New Orleans will take charge of the works and finish the work.

Leon Compagnet Gets Ten Years. The jury in case of the State vs. Leon Compagnet, at Lake Charles Saturday, charged with killing Henri Gishney, rendered a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, recommending the accused to the extreme mercy of the court. Judge Read sentenced him to ten years' imprisonment at hard labor. The general expression was that the accused would be acquitted.

Convicted of Attempted Arson. The case of Thos. Moses, charged with arson and criminal assault, came up for trial at Napoleonville, Monday. The accused was found guilty on the first count, an attempt to set fire to a dwelling house. The second count was nolle prosequi. District Attorney Gondran conducted the prosecution, while Hon. John Marks appeared for the defense.

A Big School Appropriation. The new school board met at Amite City Saturday and organized by electing Mr. Charles W. Amacker president and Col. O. P. Amacker parish superintendent and secretary of the board. Other routine business was transacted. The officers selected give satisfaction, and the prospects are good for public schools in Tangipahoa parish. It is expected and generally believed that the police jury at its next session will appropriate \$4,000 for public schools.

A Firebug Lynched. A negro named Lewis Hamilton set fire to a cotton house on the Seter plantation, in Bossier parish, Saturday. He was arrested by a constable, who started with his prisoner to jail. On the way the constable was overpowered by 30 or 40 men, who took the negro away from the officer and strung him up to a tree. Hamilton acknowledged the crime and died

game. He said he was not sorry for what he had done, and that he would do it again if he had the opportunity.

**Criminal Court at Baton Rouge.**  
The grand jury at Baton Rouge, after being in session nine days, submitted their final report to the court Thursday, returning forty-eight indictments, thirty-five of which were against parties for violation of the Sunday law. The case of Ed Tucker, charged with killing Samuel Fairchild in the fifth ward last January, came up for trial Thursday and the taking of testimony commenced. District Attorney Sherburne having been recused owing to being defendant's counsel before his election as district attorney, Messrs. J. A. Addison and Geo. K. Favrot were appointed to represent the State in the prosecution, while Hon. L. D. Beale is attorney for the defendant.

Appointments by the Governor. Gov. Foster has appointed the following clerks of registration: Eric Staman, Ascension; J. T. Wakefield, Calcasieu; W. H. Strickland, Catahoula; J. M. Reilly, East Feliciana; Jas. Vestch, Franklin; M. C. Buckner, Grant; A. A. Lane, Jackson; D. McDaniels, Lafayette; Amos Davis, Lincoln; F. L. Ross, Madison; R. J. Searcey, Ouachita; H. O. Martin, Plaquemine; G. B. Barstow, Rapides; A. C. Jones, Red River; H. W. Jones, Richland; J. A. Tramil, Sabine; Charles P. Bossier, St. Charles; F. P. Watson, St. Helena; Ben Bloomfield, St. Landry; Lee Murphy, St. Mary; Jules P. Maille, St. Tammany; G. P. Duffy, Tangipahoa; R. H. Whitney, Tensas; W. R. Ellis, Vermilion; W. H. Berry, Webster; R. L. Jackson, Winn; John P. Olson, Union; Elisha Wright, Terrebonne.

Sentences by the District Court. The term of the district court held at Thibodaux, Judge L. P. Caillouet, terminated on Monday. The jail was emptied of its inmates, with the following sentences: Edward Harris, horse stealing and larceny (two cases), penitentiary five years and three months; Berry Green, shooting with intent to commit murder, penitentiary twenty years; Fanny Castle and Mary Augusta, cutting with intent to kill, penitentiary five years each; James Smith, obtaining money under false pretenses, penitentiary one year; Elijah Biggan, shooting with intent to kill, parish prison twenty days; Eddie Anderson, assault, fifteen days in parish prison and \$50 fine; the cases of Aleck White and Tom Brown, shooting with intent to kill, appealed to the supreme court, the law having been changed.

A Mysterious Affair. The New Orleans police have a mysterious case on their hands which will in all probability never be solved. It is thought that murder has been committed and the evidence in the case leads to that conclusion. A few days ago a carload of furniture was received by the Illinois Central railroad from Tell City, Ind. The car was taken to the fruit wharf, at the head of Calliope street. It was opened last Tuesday, and the clerk John H. Smith, discovered that the furniture was covered with blood. A lot of ladies wearing apparel was also found, but this contained no blood. The car window had been broken open, which had been covered with slats. It is not known where the crime, if any, was committed, but both the railway company and the police will do what they can to discover if a crime has been committed.

Swept by Flames. The largest and most disastrous conflagration that ever visited Jeanerette occurred Friday. The fire was discovered in the lumber sheds of the sawmill at 12:20 o'clock, and shortly afterward the entire shed was in flames. At 12:25 the Southern Pacific telegraphed to Franklin for an engine, and in less than five minutes the engine was on a special train and speeding for the scene. New Iberia also sent an engine which rendered efficient service. Jeanerette contains a waterworks system, but even with the assistance of hundreds of citizens, the fire could not be controlled. The flames spread from the lumber shed and yard to the business houses along Main street, which is nearly a mile in length, destroying every one of them for three blocks, and consumed also a number of small dwellings on the rear streets. Fifty buildings were destroyed, entailing a total loss of about \$300,000, with insurance of \$50,000 to \$60,000. It is estimated that more than 1,500,000 feet of lumber was consumed. About forty families were rendered homeless. They were given lodgings in the homes of the more fortunate people of the town. The poor people lost their all, and aid is sadly needed.

Dull Business the Cause. The Spreckles sugar refinery, operated by the sugar trust, in Philadelphia, Pa., has shut down for an indefinite period, owing to dull trade. About 800 men are thrown out of employment by the closing of the establishment. The other refineries in that city under the same management are not affected, but it is reported that they, too, will curtail their production on account of dull trade.

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**A Prominent Citizen Dies of Poisoning.**  
Wm. Edmonds, aged forty-five years, a native of Tuskegee, Ala., for fifteen years personal claim attorney for the Houston & Texas Central Railway, died Saturday, at Houston, Tex., from poisoning by eating canned peas. He was one of the best known citizens of Texas. He came to Texas in 1878, and engaged for a while in newspaper work. He was for a few months literary editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, but returned to Texas and resumed his position with the Central Railway. The remains were taken to Waco, his home, Saturday night for interment, the private car of Vice-President Quinlan being placed at the disposal of the relatives and friends accompanying.

**Judgments Against a Bank President.**  
Judgments aggregating \$89,780 were rendered in the circuit court at Hot Springs, Ark., Tuesday, against Ed. Hogaboom as president of the defunct City Savings Bank. Attachments against Hogaboom's property were sustained. A judgment for \$50,000 was rendered in favor of Isaac Staples, of Stillwater, Minn.

**Defaulting Treasurer to Jail.**  
George Morrison, the defaulting county treasurer of Troy, N. Y., was arraigned before Justice Donohue Thursday and committed to jail on default of \$200,000 bail.