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Gubernatorial Appointments.
Gov. Foster made the following appointments Friday: Joseph LeBlanc, notary public, West Baton Rouge; William J. Harris, inspector of weights and measures, Livingston; Girard Brandon, of Natchez, Miss., commissioner of deeds of Louisiana.

The Insurance Company Won.
The suit of Henry Wilbert vs. Virginia State Insurance Company for a policy of \$1000, was tried Thursday at Plaquemine before Judge E. B. Talbot and decided in favor of the defendant. The suit of Austin Hunt vs. Henry Wilbert for a note of \$100 was decided in favor of the defendant.

Liquor Dealers Attached.
Kahn Bros., wholesale and retail liquor dealers at Shreveport, were attached Thursday by their creditors. The amounts of the attachments are as follows: Merchants and Farmers' Bank, \$4500; Miss Emma Meyer, \$3267; William Winter, \$2750; Leon Kahn, \$4410.50.

Hammond Light Guards' Drill.
The regular quarterly competitive drill of the Hammond Light Guards of Hammond, was held Friday night at the town hall. Capt. M. S. Waterman and Lieut. T. S. Waterman, Jr., of the Fourth Battalion, L. N. G., were the judges. The prize was finally awarded to Private Clarence Cook.

Negro Child Fatally Burned.
Saturday a little colored named Hattie Davis died from the effects of burns received Thursday at Amits City. It seems that all the other members of the family had gone off and left several small children at home, and in some way the clothes of Hattie Davis, who was only three years old, became ignited and she was severely burned, with the above result.

F. Zernott Chosen Mayor.
At the municipal election in the town of Thibodaux, held November 3rd, the following council was elected: F. Zernott, mayor; E. N. Roth, Edgar Riviere, W. P. Martin, Henry Fritziinger, C. J. Legendre, V. Bergeron, trustees. An ordinance for the prevention of cattle running at large on the streets of Thibodaux was voted upon and defeated.

Special Tax for School Purposes.
An election was held at Franklinton Friday, submitting to the town whether or not they would tax themselves to maintain a free school for all educable children within the corporate limits of the town. There were only three dissenting votes to the proposition. The mayor and board of aldermen will at once pass an ordinance levying a special tax of 25 mills in support of the school.

Michael Breaks Another Record.
Jimmy Michael broke more bicycle records at the cement track Saturday afternoon at New Orleans. He rode two miles in 3:38 2-5, three miles in 5:30 1-5 and five miles in 9:12 3-5. These were all paced. The previous records were two miles, by Berlo, at Louisville in 3:43 1-5; three miles in 5:49, and five miles in 9:38 by Michael at Chicago. Johnson was not feeling well enough to try for the mile.

A Thousand Dollar Fire.
The one-story frame residence, No. 8,420 Plum street, between Cambronne and Joliet, owned by Jacob Nienber and occupied by S. Exnicious, was totally destroyed by fire at 1:45 Friday morning at New Orleans. The building, which was valued at \$1,000, was insured in the Sun Mutual Insurance company of \$800. Exnicious' furniture, which was also destroyed, was insured in the Crescent Insurance company for \$500.

Veterans Relate Unwritten History.
A meeting of the local camp of Confederate Veterans of Ruston, La., was held at the court-house Saturday night, at which some interesting bits of local history were related. It is the purpose of the camp to have these historical meetings once a month. Upon each programme will be a paper by one of the veterans containing personal experiences and unwritten history. The audience was entertained Saturday night by a history of the command of Col. F. C. Sandifer. The meeting was also addressed by Judge Allen Barksdale. These meet-

ings promise to develop a great deal of interest and to be highly successful.

Suicide by Morphine.
Henry Blancy, residing on St. Louis street, near Royal, owing to ill-health, committed suicide Friday evening in New Orleans, by taking morphine. Mrs. Blancy found her husband about 3:30 o'clock Friday evening lying on the bed in his room in an unconscious condition with a half-ounce bottle of morphine half empty by his side. She at once made up her mind that he had taken part of the contents of the bottle, so she called in some of the neighbors. The ambulance was summoned, and when the students arrived and examined the man they found that he was suffering from morphine poison. As his condition was considered critical by the students, he was removed to the hospital in the ambulance. As soon as the hospital was reached the man was taken to the battery room and electricity applied, but it failed to revive him, and he died from the effects of the poison at 7 o'clock. Ill-health is the only cause that Mrs. Blancy could assign for the cause of her husband's suicide.

Caddo Levee Board.
A special meeting of the Caddo levee board was held in Shreveport, La., Friday. There were present Mr. W. J. Crowder, president; W. A. Martin, John Glassell, W. L. Dickson, J. R. Moss, J. L. Gayle and J. M. Robinson. The object of the meeting was to consider the sale of certain levee lands and transact other business of importance. On motion of Dr. Dickson the scale of prices for the sale of land adopted by the board March 5, 1895, was repealed and the following scale of prices was adopted: In contiguous bodies of from 640 to 1000 acres, at price arranged by the levee board; in contiguous bodies of 2000 to 5000 acres, at price also arranged by the board; land sales when made by the president are not subject to the ratification of the board. On motion of Dr. Dickson, Mr. W. H. Wise, attorney of the board, was requested to cite the law to the police jury requiring them to build ramps across public roads crossing levees and also that they be requested to immediately build ramps on the Rock Point and Rush Point roads where the said roads cross the public levees. Mr. Beasley was authorized to sell 640 acres at 75 cents per acre and to take \$100 in cash, and balance to be paid in sixty days with vendor's lien bearing 8 per cent interest on deferred payments.
SAVED BY CHANCE.

Shipwrecked Crew Picked Up After Drifting More Than Three Days.

Seven men and one woman, composing the crew of the schooner Rising Star, after drifting in a helpless condition on a leaking vessel down storm lashed Lake Michigan from Tuesday noon until Friday night, were towed into Chicago Saturday by the steamer Colin Campbell. The schooner's crew had given up all hope, and worn with fatigue and exposure to the icy blast, were clinging to the rigging when the Campbell sighted their signals of distress. The Rising Star, lumber laden, cleared at Green Bay, Wis., on Tuesday for Chicago. In the afternoon the boat sprung a leak. The pumps were roused and by hard work the vessel was kept afloat. The hold was filled with water, and water-soaked bread alone kept the crew from starving. In the terrible storm which raged Thursday and Friday the deckload and upper works were carried away. The boat drifted helplessly out of the path of lake travel, and it was by mere chance that on Friday evening the Colin Campbell sighted the wreck. The members of the crew, although suffering terribly from cold and hunger, will recover.

Southern Export Traffic.

It was reported in Wall street, New York, Thursday, that arrangements are being completed between the principal railroads having their terminals at Norfolk, Charleston, Savannah and Brunswick, and Wm. Johnson & Co., of Liverpool, Eng., owner of the Johnston Line steamers, under which a regular line of steamships will be run from these South Atlantic ports to the chief European ports. The negotiations for this important movement for the development of Southern commerce and direct Southern export traffic are the result of the recent visit of Mr. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company, to England last summer. The object is not only to strengthen the export trade from the South by regular and reliable ocean service, but to prevent in future the irregularities in ocean rates heretofore existing from these ports, which have been so expensive to the railroad lines of the South.

Princess Gives Birth to Twins.
Princess Marguerite, wife of Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse and sister of Emperor William, has given birth to twins, boys. Princess Marguerite already has two sons, the older born in 1893 and the second born in 1894.

New Cruisers for China.
A Singapore dispatch to the London Times says that contracts have been signed at Peking, China, for two Armstrong cruisers and four German torpedo boats.

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