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## LOUISIANA HAPPENINGS.

### A NEW RAILROAD PROPOSED FOR COU- SHATTA.

Negro Girl Kills Her Brother--Trestle On  
 the Iron Mountain Railroad Burned --  
 Run Over by an Engine at Alexandria--  
 Proposed Red River Road.

**Farmers' Institute.**  
 A Farmers' Institute will be  
 held in Monroe on July 12th, under  
 direction of Major J. G. Lee, commis-  
 sioner of agriculture. The main sub-  
 ject for discussion will be diversified  
 farming.

**Good Crops.**  
 From all sections of the country be-  
 tween Monroe and Vicksburg, planters  
 report excellent crops, especially of  
 corn. West of the Ouachita the hill  
 farmers are well satisfied with the out-  
 look.

**Shot and Killed by His Sister.**  
 Dave Brent, colored, while engaged  
 in an altercation with his sister, at  
 Boyce, Saturday morning, was shot  
 and almost instantly killed by his sister.  
 The coroner's verdict was that  
 Brent came to his death from a pistol  
 shot wound at the hands of his sister,  
 Stella, and one Jim Wells.

**A Big Levee Outfit.**  
 J. C. Hodge's great levee outfit, com-  
 prising 165 head of stock and imple-  
 ments in proportion, was landed at  
 Bedford's levee, in Madison parish,  
 La., last Friday evening. It took four  
 hours to discharge the outfit, it is  
 stated. Mr. Hodge is the contractor  
 for the new levee at Bedford's.

**His Right Hand Crushed.**  
 An employee of the belt line electric  
 street railway, at Shreveport, named  
 Mott Ogleby, had his right hand fear-  
 fully crushed while attempting to clean  
 a cogwheel on a car Saturday. A phy-  
 sician was summoned, who found it  
 necessary to amputate the first and  
 second fingers on the right hand.

**Executive Appointments.**  
 Gov. Foster has made the following  
 appointments: R. W. Horn, justice of  
 the peace Seventh ward of Grant, vice  
 B. A. Forston, removed from the par-  
 ish. J. W. Scarborough, police juror  
 Second ward of Ouachita, vice G. B.  
 Ludlir, removed from the parish,  
 Nathaniel Hoggatt, of Madison, notary  
 public.

**Railroad Trestle Burned.**  
 At about ten o'clock on Tuesday last  
 a trestle just north of Siess station on  
 the Iron Mountain railroad was burned,  
 supposed to have caught from the  
 sparks of a passing engine. The pas-  
 senger train which left Alexandria at  
 4:30 o'clock Friday morning was de-  
 layed by the burn nine hours. The  
 south bound train Friday night was  
 only detained about two hours, and  
 from now on there will be no detention,  
 as the trestle has been rebuilt.

**I. O. O. F. Officers Installed.**  
 Friday evening the grand master of  
 the State, W. A. Stidley of West  
 Lake, visited P. M. Dickinson Lodge  
 No. 66, I. O. O. F., New Iberia, and  
 installed the following officers for the  
 ensuing term: A. J. Cammack, N. G.;  
 J. M. Werhs, V. G.; E. P. Landry,  
 secretary. Mr. Stidley left Friday  
 company with Capt. John T. White  
 and J. M. Werhs for Abbeville, to or-  
 ganize a lodge there.

**Run Over by an Engine.**  
 A. D. Atwood, aged 41 years, a white  
 man, watchman at Barron & Nugent's  
 saw mill, twenty-three miles north of  
 Alexandria, on the Iron Mountain  
 Road, was run over by an engine Sat-  
 urday morning, near the union depot  
 at Alexandria. Atwood got off the  
 track to avoid an engine that was going  
 head on, and as he stepped back an-  
 other engine backed over him. His  
 right leg was very badly crushed. The  
 wounded man is in destitute circum-  
 stances and has a wife and four chil-  
 dren. But little hopes of his recovery  
 are entertained.

**Unidentified Body Found Floating.**  
 A floater was caught in the river at  
 Alexandria, Saturday morning at 7:40  
 o'clock, just opposite the courthouse  
 and an inquest was held and it was  
 agreed that he came to his death by  
 drowning. The corpse was that of a  
 white man about 5 feet 7 inches high,  
 about 40 years old and had a 50-cent  
 piece in his pocket, and on a piece of  
 paper was written the word, "Falber,"  
 which might be his proper name. The  
 body was very much decomposed, and  
 the hands and other parts greatly eaten  
 away by fish. In fact he had no hair  
 on his head.

**District Court Adjourned.**  
 The district court, at Covington, R.  
 R. Reid, presiding; D. S. Kemp, dis-  
 trict attorney; John J. Stroble, sheriff;  
 H. R. Warren, clerk, adjourned Sat-  
 urday, after a week of hard labor, with  
 the following convictions: Mareh  
 Wheat, 18 months in the penitentiary,  
 for resisting an officer and cutting with  
 intent to kill; Cilas Powell, 2 years, for  
 larceny; Willie Reid, 2 years, for lar-  
 ceny. With a large civil docket dis-  
 posed of the court and public feel proud  
 in their new quarters in the new court-  
 house.

**Murder in Calcasieu Parish.**  
 Sheriff A. L. Loyons and Deputy

Web Young returned to Lake Charles  
 from Mystic Thursday evening with  
 Arch Ashton, Oliver Bloodworth and  
 Hallis Buxton in their custody. The  
 first mentioned is accused of being the  
 murderer of Andrew Ashworth, of  
 whom he is a nephew, and the other  
 two of being accessories to the crime.  
 The story of the crime as related by a  
 Mystic citizen is that last Tuesday Mr.  
 Ashworth came upon his nephew,  
 Archie, skinning a sheep, which he  
 thought had been stolen from his pas-  
 ture. As the old man advanced he  
 spoke kindly to the boy, "Don't shoot  
 your old uncle." "Yes I will," said  
 the boy, and leveling his double-bar-  
 reled shotgun he shot his old uncle  
 down in the road and left him where  
 he fell. It was six hours before he  
 was found, and he lived twelve hours  
 after he was shot. Constable Cooper  
 says he had hard work to keep the boy  
 from being lynched by the enraged  
 people.

**More Sunstrokes.**  
 Saturday morning George Harper,  
 aged about 40 years, was found dead  
 in his room, at 518 Chartres street,  
 New Orleans. The coroner viewed the  
 body and gave a certificate of death  
 from congestion of the brain, due to  
 the heat. Also a gardener named M.  
 Ladibe, residing on Toledano street,  
 near Carondelet, while at work in the  
 garden at Mr. McCaleb's residence,  
 No. 2328 St. Charles street, was pros-  
 trated by the heat, but not discovered  
 for some time after. The ambulance  
 was then called, and he was taken to  
 the hospital, where his condition was  
 pronounced critical.

**Proposed Red River Road.**  
 Wm. Edenborn, of Chicago, ad-  
 dressed a number of citizens of Shreve-  
 port, on the building of a railroad down  
 the Red river valley to Coushatta. He  
 and several of his friends will return  
 to their city in about ten days. In the  
 meantime he will submit a proposition  
 to a committee composed of chairman,  
 W. F. Taylor, J. B. Ardis, Henry Flor-  
 sheim, J. H. Jordan, P. Youree, W. S.  
 Pelick, J. M. Foster, I. Barron. It is  
 believed that Mr. Edenborn is con-  
 nected with the management of the  
 Gate City Railway, which is being  
 extended from Texarkana and has  
 already crossed with its rails Caddo  
 parish.

**Father and Sons Charged With Murder.**  
 Friday night Deputy Sheriff Walters  
 and Holland and Detective Murphy, of  
 Shreveport, returned from Vivian, La.,  
 on the Kansas City, St. Louis and Gulf  
 road, where they arrested Tycus Hart,  
 Sr., Tycus Hart, Jr., and Robert Hart,  
 the two latter beings sons of the first  
 named. The father and two sons were  
 arrested on a sworn out by Thomas  
 Wofford, who accused the trio of foully  
 murdering his father at James' Bayou  
 Ferry on June 22. The suspected men  
 were brought to Shreveport and con-  
 fined in the parish jail pending their  
 trial. The people of Vivian were so  
 incensed at the terrible murder of old  
 man Wofford that they offered a reward  
 for the arrest of the guilty parties and  
 induced Gov. Foster to offer an addi-  
 tional reward of \$250. The parties  
 arrested would not make any statement  
 for publication, saying that it would all  
 come in the trial next week.

**Threw a Lamp at a Burglar.**  
 J. J. Thorburn, of the firm of Thor-  
 burn & Ball, of West Alexandria, had  
 an experience Thursday night which  
 he will not soon forget. He was sit-  
 ting in his bed room, just back of his  
 storehouse, at 10:30 p.m., and about  
 to retire, when he heard a call at his  
 door, which he answered, and on open-  
 ing the door saw a white man standing  
 with a gun in his hand, saying: "Throw  
 up your hands, or I will kill you."  
 Thorburn at first thought it was a joke,  
 but soon changed his mind, as he was  
 then convinced that it was for robbery;  
 so, having in his hand a coal oil lamp,  
 he threw the lamp in the man's face,  
 when the man went off. Thorburn,  
 being in the dark, wanted to find his  
 pistol, and in the search for it struck  
 his head against the bed post, cutting  
 quite a gash on the side of his head  
 and stunning him for several seconds.  
 Thorburn says he would recognize the  
 man if he were to see him again.

**Jewish Colony in California.**  
 The advance guard of a Russian Jew-  
 ish colony for California, consisting of  
 thirty-five able-bodied men, under the  
 guidance of Ephraim Deinaid, the pro-  
 motor of the colonization scheme, left  
 for Alaska last Sunday, for San Fran-  
 cisco, and having stopped on the way  
 one day, because they would not travel  
 on the Sabbath. These thirty-five men  
 represent a colony of 150 families, with  
 about 1200 souls, who are to settle on  
 government land in California. De-  
 naid is a Semitic scholar and writer of  
 some prominence, and has taken a deep  
 interest in the condition of his perse-  
 cuted and oppressed co-religionists in  
 Russia.

**Preside Diaz Approves.**  
 It may be said authoritatively in view  
 of the tour of the pan-American tour-  
 ists in the United States, that President  
 Diaz is in cordial sympathy with all  
 legitimate endeavors to bring together  
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