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NEWS OF LOUISIANA

Jennings Places a \$1,000 License on Saloons.

A NEW COTTON FACTORY

Being Organized at Newroads, La.--

Governor Heard in North Louisiana.

Aged Negro Found Dead.

AUDITING THE ACCOUNTS.

PROSPECTORS FROM ILLINOIS.

Lake Charles.--B. F. McBurney,

Joseph Clover, Samuel Cook and Ed

King, of Illinois and F. E. McStay

and J. B. Howery, of Waterloo, La.,

are in the city. The gentlemen are

being shown the merits of Calcasieu

lands by real estate men.

FELL UNDER A TRAIN.

Shreveport.--J. W. Mothershed, of

Lancaster, S. C., is in a critical

condition at the Charity Hospital, where

he was conveyed from the union de-

pot. He fell accidentally under the

wheels of a moving train of the

Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific

and both legs were crushed below the

knees.

THE EARLY TRUCK CROP.

Diamond.--The early truck crop on

the lower coast is the largest known,

and no frost yet has been severe

enough to kill same. Large ship-

ments daily to New Orleans are made

and cucumbers are in bloom in open

fields and orange buds in orchards are

visible. Never before has the season

been so spring like.

GOV. HEARD IN TOWN.

Farmerville.--Governor Heard, who

has been visiting the Industrial Col-

lege at Ruston, arrived here and he

received a warm welcome from his

old friends.

The police jurors are in session

and wrestling with the question of

license for the sale of whisky, with

chances in favor of no license.

FATAL DOSE OF MORPHINE.

Columbia.--O. B. Smith, a saloon

man of this town, died here from the

effects of an overdose of morphine

taken with suicidal intent. He is

said to have suffered losses in recent

speculations, and it is said that this

was the cause of his act. He had

just opened a general store at River-

port, La. He leaves a sister and a

number of relatives, who reside here.

\$1,000 LICENSE ON SALOONS.

Jennings.--The members of the city

council have passed a resolution or-

dering that licenses be issued for the

sale of intoxicating liquors within

the city limits, and fixing the license

fee at \$1,000 per year, payable in ad-

vance. The saloons so licensed will

be governed by an ordinance to be

presented at an adjourned meeting of

the council, to be held next Saturday

night. It is proposed that this or-

dinace shall be very rigid in its re-

strictions. The councilmen voting

for the resolution were: Black,

Jaenke and Mitchell; voting against,

Sweet; absent, Terry.

COTTON MILL CO. ORGANIZED.

Newroads, La.--Newroads is soon

to have a cotton mill. A stock com-

pany is being organized, and it is

only a question of a short while un-

til the whistle of the mill will be

heard. Mr. Z. T. Henderson, a prom-

inent merchandise broker, is at the

head of the movement. Mr. Hender-

son will leave some time next week

to confer with Mr. H. H. Hargrove,

and it is quite probable that Mr. Har-

grove will be requested to visit New-

roads and give a talk to the parties

interested in the new venture.

District court, after a session of six

days adjourned. Judge Claiborne

leaving this morning to hold court in

West Baton Rouge.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Alexandria.--The Magnolia Club

was formed here a few weeks ago by

a few prominent ladies of Alexandria,

and has increased rapidly in mem-

bers. It was supposed at first by those

that were not members that it was

simply a literary organization, but they

have had a charter drawn up by Hon. H.

White as a public library association.

The charter has been approved by

Hon. James Andrews, district attor-

ney, and will be published next week.

They have rented a spacious hall, the

old Odd Fellows' Hall, corner Third

and Murray streets, and have fitted it

up beautifully, and have employed a

librarian, and the hall will be open

at all times of the day till 10 o'clock

at night as a public reading room,

where any one is welcomed whether

a member of the association or not.

This is quite a treat to the traveling public.

NEGRO MAN FOUND DEAD.

Cheneville, La.--An aged negro

man was found dead in a vacant

house which formerly belonged to the

A. M. E. church, three miles below

here. An investigation of the circum-

stances showed that his name was Mar-

shall Dennis that he was very old and

incapable of caring for himself, and

having no relatives to care for him in

his destitute condition, he had been

taken to the room where he died, and

left to care for himself. Those who

moved him into the house provided

him with a supply of firewood, and

he was left alone. When found his

face and body were partially burned,

and a large place was burned in the

floor where his body was lying. It is

supposed that the fire caught his

clothing after his death, as there was

no evidence of his having attempted

to put the fire out or to divest him-

self of the clothing he had on. This

parish has a "poor farm," where

paupers and destitute people incap-

able of earning a living are cared for

by the public, but there is a strong

aversion shown by these for whom it

is intended to avail themselves of its

advantages and many would rather

risk a precarious living than to go to

it, although assured of a comfortable

homes when there.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE.

New Iberia.--There was a jail de-

livery here last week, four prisoners

making their escape from the parish

jail. There were nineteen prisoners

in the jail, two of whom were held

for their testimony in a Jeanerette

murder case. There were four others

held on minor charges. The remain-

ing thirteen were put in the cages,

which crowded their capacity. The

six were allowed to remain in the

corridors. During the night the four

under charges succeeded in breaking

two locks, which admitted them to a

small chamber next the outside wall.

With some iron implement they made

their escape. The two witnesses re-

mained in the corridors, refusing to

go. All four of the fugitives are un-

der charges of petit larceny.

A movement is being organized here

to build New Iberia's second rice

mill. Plans are about perfected and

it is proposed to have the mill com-

pleted in time for the coming crop.

Only local capitalists will be inter-

ested in the new mill.

Work is progressing rapidly upon

the new cotton mill building, not-

withstanding the unfavorable weath-

er which has prevailed the greater

part of this week.

The grand jury, now in session, has

reported twenty true bills. Of these

two are for murder.

If there were no such things in the

world as time locks, the Presbyteri-

an church at Mount Joy, Penn., would

be \$700 richer than it is. The story is

queer, and therefore interesting. The

Rev. David Conway, while pastor of

the church in question, was thrown

from his carriage in May, 1899, and

received injuries which soon caused

his death. When he realized that his

end was near, Mr. Conway sent for

a lawyer and made his will, giving

among other bequests, \$5000 to his

church. He was at one time told that

a bequest, if made within 30 days

before death, was invalid, so he

signed an order directing the Mount

Joy National bank to turn over to H.

W. Hartman, a member of the con-

gregation, bonds to the value of \$700,

which he had on deposit, and these

Mr. Hartman was to transfer to the

church. Mr. Hartman immediately