

LOUISIANA NEWS.

School Board Matters.

Lake Charles, La.: The school board of this city is taking rather a unique way of impressing the residents of the need of money to properly conduct the schools. It is the plan of the board to form itself into a political machine, so to speak, without a political creed. The object of this new machine is to better facilities and more money for the education of children in Lake Charles. Prof. McNeese said: "The teachers' payroll of the city of Lake Charles for each month is \$2,250, amounting to the sum of \$17,824 for the term of eight months, an amount not more than covered by the city appropriation of \$12,000, with city pro rata from state and poll tax, bonds and fines, having a margin for buildings, supplies and repairs." Prof. McNeese stated that it would take \$100,000 to give the children of this city the room and accommodations they need.

Ed Whitman, an employe of the Calcasieu Iron Works, fell from a shearer level Thursday, while at work, and was badly injured.

District Court in Session.

Pointe a la Hache, La.: The twenty-ninth judicial district court for the Parish of Plaquemines convened Friday with Judge Albert Estopinal, Jr., presiding and District Attorney James Wilkinson present. A number of minor cases were disposed of. In the suit of Robert M. White vs. Joseph Bernard judgment was confirmed. In succession of Monsor J. North motion was filed to discontinue application of letters of administration. In the case of F. Hollander & Co. vs. Robert S. Leovy judgment was rendered against defendant for \$139.

The tax collector of this parish has given notice to all property owners that the taxes for 1904 are now due and will become delinquent on Dec. 31, if not paid.

The Crescent City Canning Factory, of Buras, began operation last week. This factory was just completed a few days ago, and is one of the finest in the state.

Lafayette Doings.

Lafayette, La.: Deputy Peck has arrested Daniel Henderson, alias T. J. McNamara, on the charge of forging a check on the First National Bank. Henderson, under pretenses of being a Confederate veteran, is alleged to have obtained several small sums from citizens. He is said to have given a merchant a check for \$16 and obtained \$6 in cash, promising to return later and take the remainder in goods. Henderson says he is from Waco, and exhibits letters and certificates from mayors and Confederate commanders in Atlanta and other cities. He denies having passed the check.

Police Jury Awards Contract.

Monroe, La.: The police jury of Ouchita Parish met Saturday and let the contract for the building of six steel bridges to M. S. Hassie, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, he being the lowest bidder of thirteen for the construction of bridges over the following streams: Black Bayou, East Choudrant and Steep Bayou, on the west side of the Ouachita river, and Lowena river, Styx and Bayou Lafourche, on the east side. The bid of Mr. Hassie was \$12,568.

New Parish Superintendent.

Kentwood, La.: The board of school directors for the parish of St. Helena met at Greensburg Saturday for the purpose of organization. Theo. C. Bond was unanimously elected president of the board and D. Edgar Nettles, parish superintendent. Mr. Nettles is a bright and promising young man, and is in all respects fitted for the important position to which he has been elected.

New Iberia Notes.

New Iberia, La.: A republican mass meeting to ratify the nomination of Hon. Henry N. Pharr was held at the Vendome House Saturday afternoon. The meeting was well attended. The speakers were Hons. W. E. Howell, Hy. McCall, Judge Taylor Beattie and Clarence Hebert.

Charles Darby, who was Friday arrested as an escaped convict, was released under instructions from Warden Reynard, who advised that Darby had completed his term of imprisonment.

Napoleon Heads the List.

Prof. Cattell of Columbia university, has taken the four principal encyclopedias of the world—English, French, German and American—and made out a list of a thousand famous men and women to whom is given the most space. He has found that Napoleon heads the list, Shakespeare comes second, Mohammed third, and Voltaire fourth. George Washington, the first American in the list, is number nine teen.

True Economy.

In order to practice true economy it is necessary to distinguish between necessities and luxuries. Economy consists in getting the thing needed at the right time. One luckless man tells of having spoiled a \$4 set of knives while economizing in the matter of purchasing a can opener. After the destruction of the last knife he bought the much needed article. He is not alone in such experience. We can all plead guilty.

SLAUGHTER OF MEN IS APPALLING. JAPANESE TROOPS DRIVEN BACK.

Victors of the Six Days' Conflict Shocked at the Ninth Day of Battle Signaled by a Russian Victory. Terrible Loss of Life. Loss of Life Very Heavy.

Tokio, Oct. 17.—There is a strong appeal for peace in the appalling tragedy which is now under enactment in Manchuria. Both armies have fought ferociously for a week and desperate fighting still continues. It is probable that the death roll will be largely increased before the final shot is fired.

The preliminary reports indicate that about 60,000 men on both sides have been either killed or wounded, the larger portion of them being Russians, since the armies closed in combat.

Even the Japanese, to whom the great victory is of paramount importance, seem to be shocked at the slaughter of their enemies. The Japanese people are receiving the news from the field of battle calmly and there can be heard no shouts in the streets proclaiming the victory of their nation. Few flags are displayed. Probably later on there will be a procession with the consequent jollification, but there are heard many expressions of opinion that no demonstration of any kind should be made. A prominent Japanese said to the Associated Press correspondent: "We have won a sweeping victory, which may prove to be the salvation

of our country's existence, but regret both our own losses and the terrible slaughter which our forces have inflicted on the enemy. We regret still more the necessity which forced us to engage in this war."

A member of the diplomatic corps in an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press said:

"I believe the world will recoil from the sickening slaughter of the battle. Every interest of humanity demands the adjustment of the differences between the two nations, and the proclamation of peace. The situation between the two belligerents is a delicate one, but what a splendid triumph for diplomacy it would be if peace could be arranged. It seems to me that the question of honor is no longer involved. Surely the heroic and successful defense of Port Arthur and the valor shown by Russian soldiers on the field of Manchuria should forever determine the quality of Russian courage. Russians should remember that the distance dividing her strength and the limitations of her railway are prominent factors in the war. These factors are generally known. They are appreciated by everybody and are not looked on as faults."

Summary of War News.

At the close of the seventh consecutive day of fighting between Mukden and Liao Yang, the battle was still raging, the Russians offering a stubborn resistance to the fierce onslaught of the Japanese. The sacrifice of life has been appalling. Estimates of the Russian losses alone in killed and wounded at the end of the six days' fighting being conceded to be 30,000, while it seems not improbable that it aggregated at that time 40,000. Japanese official reports estimate that 10,000 Russian dead were left on the field of battle up to the night of October 14, and claim that the Japanese losses are small by comparison with those of the Russians.

Gen. Kuropatkin's report to Emperor Nicholas depicts the desperate character of the fighting and praises the valor of the troops, indicating, however, that he is hard pressed, with the result still in the balance.

All hope of succoring Port Arthur has been abandoned.

St. Petersburg has an unconfirmed report that the Japanese General Nodzu has been seriously wounded. A question of interest in St. Petersburg is the fate of Gen. Kuropatkin as a factor in the Russian military situation.

Double Tragedy.

Bryan, Texas: Isaac King, colored, shot and it is thought mortally wounded his wife, Daisy King, Saturday night at 12 o'clock. After shooting his wife, he at once went to the home of his sister, named Mims. Constable Baker followed him to arrest him, and upon seeing the constable approaching King shot himself under the right ear with a 38-caliber pistol, killing himself instantly. It is thought that King's wife will surely die. Jealousy is said to have been the cause of the act.

Verdict for Railroad.

Hallettsville, Texas: The case of M. J. Sevier against the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, for damages, on trial in the district court last week, resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The grand jury adjourned for the term, having returned into court eighteen indictments charging felonies and twelve misdemeanors.

Three Brooklyn Fires.

New York: Three alarms have been turned in for a fire in Brooklyn in the tenement house district in the vicinity of Manhattan avenue and Leonard street. Three ambulance calls have also been sent.

Lady Curzon Improves.

Walmer Castle: A bulletin issued Sunday night announces the continued improvement of Lady Curzon. She was removed to Walmer Palace, a house in the vicinity of Walmer Castle. It was intended to remove her before the last relapse.

Baltic Fleet Leaves Libau.

Libau: The Baltic squadron put to sea at 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Tar Heel Tragedy.

Charlotte, N. C.: Clay Grubb, a hunter, shot and instantly killed O. L. Davis, his brother-in-law and former partner at Piney Church, Davidson county, Sunday afternoon. Davis was attending services at church when Grubb walked up behind him and emptied three chambers of his revolver into his body. Grubb immediately surrendered to the authorities. Davis leaves a family and was a man of wealth.

A Georgian Juggled.

Augusta, Ga.: Hon. Matt M. Gross, member of the legislature from McDuffie county, was arrested here at the request of his bondsmen. Some weeks ago Mr. Gross was arrested for larceny after trust. A lady who had entrusted him with several hundred dollars, to be loaned to school teachers with interest, charged that he had appropriated the money to his own use. The warrant was sworn out when he failed to return the money. Bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Burton Admitted to Bail.

Dallas, Texas: Pickens Burton, charged with attempted criminal assault, and brought to this city on a charge of venue from Athens, was granted bond in the criminal district court here before Judge E. B. Muse on habeas corpus proceedings. The bond was fixed at \$5,000, and the sureties are A. G. Burton and H. Boulden.

Saws in Jail.

La Grange, Texas: An unsuccessful attempt to break jail was made here Saturday night. Saws had been smuggled in and when discovered two prisoners had gained entrance to the run-around by sawing out one iron bar from the cage. Mat Carba, a white man charged with murder, and Tobe Rem, a negro charged with burglary, were outside of the cage when discovered.

Played With a Pistol.

Spartanburg, S. C.: Ralph Rogers, a member of the Junior class of Wofford College, while playing with a loaded pistol was killed by the accidental discharge of the gun. He was the son of W. A. Rogers, financial agent of Wofford College.

Belton Did Good Business.

Belton, Texas: The crowd in Belton Saturday was unusually large and trading was brisk all day. The merchants here are anticipating a prosperous fall and winter, as the farmers are in excellent financial condition.

Epidemic of Sore Eyes.

Batesville, Texas: Sore eyes are playing havoc with the school here. The disease does not seem to be a severe type, but many of the children are at home with it.

Scarlet Fever Closes School.

Taylor, Texas: A case of scarlet fever in the family of Dr. Nowlin, living in the Hutto community, eight miles west of Taylor, has caused the public school there to close indefinitely. Two cases of diphtheria are also reported in that neighborhood.

Lost a Hand.

Goldthwaite, Texas: Will Sims lost his right hand at the Ferguson gin on Friday night from contact with gin saws.

Jury in Martin Case Discharged.

San Marcos, Texas: In the murder case of the state against Tom Martin for killing Claude Duncan the jury failed to agree. The case goes over.

Awaits Grand Jury Action.

Cameron, Texas: Lucien Lincoln, who shot and killed young Mr. Smith at Davillo Thursday night, has been placed under bond in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury.

Rev. Cunningham Assumed Charge.

Belton, Texas: Rev. Cunningham, the newly elected pastor of the re-baptist church, has moved his family here from Carothersville, Mo., and assumed his new charge.

Mukden, Oct. 18.—The Russian forces at 11 o'clock yesterday morning penetrated the Japanese center and it is reported captured eleven or thirteen guns and 150 prisoners east of the railway. At another point during the day the Siberian regiments took twenty-four guns.

The Russian operations yesterday were quite successful. The Japanese, after a terrific resistance, were compelled to retire along their whole line, losing heavily. All the trenches carried by the Russians were filled with Japanese dead. In one not very large trench there were counted sixty corpses of Japanese. In spite of their losses the Japanese were undaunted. They have brought up siege guns and have left no stone unturned to regain mastery of the situation. Every step

LIEUT. DEEN DEAD.

Was Killed in the Philippines by Lieut. Pritchard.

Washington: Crazed, possibly, as a result of long service in the tropics, Second Lieut. William D. Pritchard, son of United States Circuit Judge Pritchard of North Carolina, on Monday committed murder and suicide in Stotsenburg, P. I. This cable contains all that is known here of the tragedy: "Second Lieut. William D. Pritchard, while insane, shot Second Lieut. Fred L. Deen in the head at 11 o'clock this morning. He then immediately shot himself through the head. Both officers are dead."

Both men were in the Thirteenth United States Cavalry, Lieut. Pritchard in Troop F and Lieut. Deen in Troop D. No one knew of any trouble between them and the report of insanity is regarded as the only explanation. There is nothing in Lieut. Pritchard's record to show he was ever seriously ill or in any degree mentally unstable. His record was excellent.

Lieut. Deen was a native Texan. His home was at Athens in this state, and he graduated from West Point in 1901 and was assigned to the Thirteenth Cavalry. While at the Military Academy he was a star football player.

Mosby Street Battle.

Memphis, Tenn.: In a battle on Mosby street Monday several police officers and a negro fugitive, two men were killed and two were injured.

The officers went to Mosby street to arrest John Harvey, who was regarded as dangerous. The negro, armed with a rifle, retreated west on Mosby street, and, upon being pursued by the officers, opened fire. The first shot struck Robert Jamieson in the abdomen. The other officers then began a fusillade, with the result that Harvey was killed in his tracks. The negro, however, made every shot tell. Patrolman Montieath and Capt. Perry receiving wounds from his deadly fire. Jamieson was immediately removed to a hospital, where he died shortly after the shooting.

The Right Kind of Friends.

Gonzales, Texas: A neat sum of money was made up by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Guppy and presented to them to build a home to replace the one destroyed by fire Friday.

Paraguay's President Resigns.

Buenos Ayres: A telegram received at the Foreign Office Monday from Argentine consul at Asuncion, Paraguay, announces the resignation of President Encurra and the appointment of Gen. Escobar as acting president.

Elgin Butter Market.

Elgin: Sales of butter in the district during the week, 637,200 pounds; quoted at 21c. Price advanced 1c per pound on the Board of Trade Monday.

News From Nicaragua.

Managua: Congress adjourned on Saturday last after decreasing extraordinary sessions for first of February next to reform the Constitution. Next elections will be in November, 1905. The country is peaceful.

Rain Is Needed.

Taylor, Texas: Farmers and stockmen of this section are still suffering for the want of rain. Fall planting of grain crops is thus retarded and stock water is becoming scarce.

Paraguay in Distress.

Charleston, S. C.: The oil steamship Paraguay, from Sabine Pass, Texas, bound for Philadelphia, put in to this port Monday night in distress. Her boilers are in bad condition and her steering gear practically useless.

Week of Prayer Closed.

Efna, Texas: The Woman's Home Mission Society closed its week of prayer with a very interesting discussion of the work of the organization, delivered by Rev. C. F. Annis.

The Russians have pushed forward has been in the face of a superb resistance that has cost the Russians dear. The Japanese seem to be willing to fight until they are annihilated.

Today is the tenth day of the battle.

Cassini Emphatic.

Washington: Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, in a conversation with a correspondent of the Associated Press Monday night, reiterated with great emphasis what he has already had occasion to say several times regarding intervention by the powers to conclude the war.

"There is," he said, "absolutely no opportunity for intervention to stop the war. Russia proposes to prosecute the war to the end, and all efforts of peace at this time must be rejected."

Infanta Maria Dead.

Madrid: The Infanta Maria de la Mercedes, Princess of the Asturias, sister of King Alfonso and wife of Prince Charles of Bourbon, gave birth to a daughter Sunday and died Monday.

The Princess of the Asturias was Queen of Spain till the birth of her brother, the present King.

She was born in 1855 and was married in February, 1901, to Prince Charles of Bourbon. They had two sons, Alfonso, born in November, 1901, and Fernando Maria Alfonso, born in February, 1902.

Pilgrims to Esopus.

New York: A delegation of about 300 members of the New Harlem Democratic Club on Saturday next will go to Esopus where they will pay their respects to Judge Parker. An engrossed and framed set of commendatory resolutions, recently passed by the club, will be presented to the nominee.

Heavy Rail Laying Completed.

Hearne, Texas: The steel gang that has been laying heavy steel between this place and Bryan for the past few weeks finished the work Monday. This gives the Houston and Texas Central heavy steel from this place to Houston. The light rails in the yards here will be replaced by the 80-pound rail.

Pump House Threatened.

El Paso, Texas: The Rio Grande continues to rise in this vicinity, but thus far there has been no material damage. The Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway train dispatcher received a telegram Monday night from Fort Hancock, stating that the railway pump house there is threatened with destruction.

Caught in Whirling Shaft.

Oklahoma City, Ok.: John P. Capp, aged 35 years, employed at the Southwestern Oil Mill in this city, was Oklahoma City, Ok.: John P. Capp, ing machinery and killed. He has relatives somewhere in Texas.

Negro Boy Lost a Leg.

Conroe, Texas: News has reached here that a negro boy, whose name could not be ascertained, got one of his legs cut off by a Santa Fe freight train at Wanaken Monday while attempting to catch the train while in motion.

Died in a Wagon.

Hillsboro, Texas: J. G. Bankson, a merchant of Galena, Kan., died at a wagon yard here Sunday night. He arrived the night before in a wagon with a nephew en route to San Antonio. They were traveling in a wagon for the benefit of his health.

Conference at Victoria.

Victoria, Texas: The quarterly conference of the Methodist church was held here Saturday and Sunday, Rev. J. C. Wilson presiding.

Refunding Plan Adopted.

Denver, Colo.: The threatened injunction against the proposed bond issue of \$45,000,000 by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company did not materialize at the annual meeting of the stockholders which was held in this city Monday afternoon. The refunding plan was adopted.

Markham Mill Running Full Blast.

Markham, Texas: The Markham Rice Milling Company is now running on full time, night and day.

Smith Resisted Arrest.

Mobile, Ala.: John Bullock, the town marshal at Lucedale, Miss., was shot and mortally wounded John Smith at that place. Smith was resisting arrest for disorderly conduct. Smith hails from Limestone, Fla., and was employed by the Kansas City Lumber Company. Smith is in a critical condition at the hospital in Mobile.

The pessimist always bites the spots on the apple first.

THIS WOMAN KNOWS

WHAT ONE OF THE SEX DISORDERED TO HER GREAT JOY.

Mrs. E. M. De Long, of No. 10 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa, found herself suddenly attacked by rheumatism in the winter of 1894. She gave the doctor a chance to help her, which he failed to improve, and then she did some thinking and experimenting of her own. She was so successful that she deems it her duty to tell the story of her escape from suffering:

"My brother-in-law," she says, "was enthusiastic on the subject of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a purifier of the blood, and when I was suffering extreme pains in the joints of my ankles, knees, hips, wrists and elbows, and the doctor was giving me no relief, I began to reflect that rheumatism is a disease of the blood, and that if Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are so good for the blood they must be good for rheumatism and worth a trial.

"I was in bed half the time, suffering with pain that cannot be described to one who has never had the disease. It would concentrate sometimes in one set of joints. When it was in my feet I could not walk; when it was in my elbows and wrists I could not even draw the coverlets over my body. I had suffered in this way for weeks before I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Two weeks after I began with them I experienced relief and after I had taken six boxes I was entirely well. To make sure I continued to use them about two weeks longer and then stopped altogether. For several years I have had no reason to use them for myself, but I have recommended them to others as an excellent remedy."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills furnish the blood with all the elements that are needed to build up healthy tissue, strong muscles and nerves, capable of bearing the strain that nature puts upon them. They really make new blood and cure all diseases arising from disorders of the blood or nerves, such as sciatica, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous prostration, anemia and all forms of weakness in either male or female. They are sold by all druggists.

Deep sea fish make their own light by phosphorescence, and have telescopic eyes.

Mozart's House Still Stands.

In the middle of Salzburg stands the small house in which Mozart was born. It contains two old pianos and many relics belonging to the composer, whose skull is preserved in a glass case placed in the center of the room in which he first saw the light. The skull is all that remains of Mozart, whose body could not be identified in the mass of remains that filled the common paupers' grave wherein he had been buried at Vienna.

First Use of Watch Fobs.

The queer shapes of watches prevented their finding a place in the pocket. When was the fob first used in the dress of man. The German of fob is "furpe," and it is believed that it came from England through the puritans, "whose dislike of display may have induced them to conceal their timekeepers from the public gaze."

Automatic Machine in Church.

In a Brighton (Eng.) church is an automatic machine which, on receipt of the usual copper coin, releases a drawer containing the current number of the parish magazine. The idea is good one, and since the introduction of the "penny in the slot" the circulation of this record of clerical events has largely increased.

SAFEST FOOD

In Any Time of Trouble is Grape-Nuts

Food to rebuild the strength and that is pre-digested must be selected when one is convalescent. At this time there is nothing so valuable as Grape-Nuts, for the reason that this food is all nourishment and is also all digestible nourishment. A woman who used it says: "Some time ago I was very ill with typhoid fever, so ill everyone thought I would die, even myself. It left me so weak I could not properly digest food of any kind and I also had much bowel trouble which left me a weak, helpless wreck.

"I needed nourishment as badly as anyone could, but none of the tonics helped me until I finally tried Grape-Nuts food morning and evening. This not only supplied food that I thought delicious as could be, but it also made me perfectly well and strong again so I can do all my housework, sleep well, can eat anything without any trace of bowel trouble and for that reason alone Grape-Nuts food is worth its weight in gold." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Typhoid fever, like some other diseases, attacks the bowels and frequently sets up bleeding and makes them for months incapable of digesting the starches and therefore pre-digested Grape-Nuts is invaluable for the well-known reason that in Grape-Nuts all the starches have been transformed into grape sugar. This means that the first stage of digestion has been mechanically accomplished in Grape-Nuts food at the factories and therefore anyone, no matter how weak the stomach, can handle it and grow strong, for all the nourishment is still there.

There's a sound reason and 10 days' trial proves.