

Text of Demurrage Agreement.

New Orleans.—The full text of the demurrage agreement entered into between the steamship agents and New Orleans lines for business originating west of the Mississippi river has been made public and also approved by the interstate commerce commission and is effective March 1.

"Through bills of lading on lumber, logs, staves and other forest products taking same rates or arbitraries higher, and on cotton and cotton linters for export to foreign countries, except on Mexican, Central American, West Indian, Cuban and coastwise traffic, when originating in territory west of the west bank of the Mississippi river, will be issued only in connection with those steamship lines or ships whose agents have signed this agreement. It places New Orleans and Galveston on a parity."

The agreement is signed by M. J. Sanders, manager of the Leyland line; W. H. Hendren, French line, and Hamburg-American; S. A. Cosulich, Austro-American line; Frank A. Daniels, Ross & Heyn, Head line and McClay & Prentiss line; Alfred le Blanc, Harrison line; Sevilla & Vila, Pinillos line; A. K. Miller & Co.

Mrs. Bailey Goes to Penitentiary.

Shreveport.—The case of Mrs. Eva Walls Bailey, under penitentiary sentence of five years for attempting to poison her husband, C. C. Bailey, logging contractor at Metcalf, La., came to an unexpected end Thursday when District Clerk S. N. Kerley received from the supreme court a notice that Judge A. J. Murff, her counsel, had withdrawn the appeal. This means that Mrs. Bailey will leave immediately for the penitentiary and that Albert L. Watson, her partner in crime, will be transferred shortly to the state capital for execution for the murder of Bailey, which occurred a few days after Mrs. Bailey attempted the poisoning. Watson was to have hanged already, but Governor Hall granted a reprieve till March 17, so Watson could be used as prosecuting witness in event Mrs. Bailey's appeal resulted in another trial.

Meeting to Discuss Drainage Problem.

Monroe.—At a recent meeting of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and outside interested parties it was decided to hold a convention February 19 to discuss draining the Lafourche basin. Arrangements have been made to secure the attendance of Major J. M. Kerr, chief engineer, board of State engineers; local engineers and the engineering departments of the various railroads in this territory. B. F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific system, together with many other railway officials, have signified their intention to be on hand; also the police juries of Ouachita, Richland, Morehouse and Caldwell parishes. This gigantic undertaking means the reclaiming of a large area, approximately some 300,000 acres, of rich, fertile agricultural lands now practically worthless by reason of the overflow of water.

Dowling's Train Kills Man.

Alexandria.—An unknown white man who was sitting on the end of a tie on the Texas and Pacific railroad, two miles below Alexandria, was struck by the engine of Dr. Dowling's passenger train and instantly killed. His body was brought to Alexandria and is being held at an undertaking establishment for identification. There were no papers on the body, but a tattoo mark on the right arm has the letters "A. M. G." The right leg is slightly smaller than the left.

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Franklinton Woodmen Elect Officers.

Franklinton.—The following officers were installed by Camp No. 254, Woodmen of the World: H. E. Gayer, commander; H. H. Bilbo, adviser; lieutenant, Robert Babington, banker; W. C. Wood, clerk; R. A. Metz, escort; H. V. Foil, watchman; E. W. Metz, sentry; J. L. Brock and J. C. Denman, physicians; M. A. Thigpen and M. C. Pool, managers. A repast was enjoyed.

Hundred and One Indictments.

Shreveport.—With former Mayor E. R. Bernstein foreman, the Caddo parish grand jury have returned 101 indictments. Bootlegging and gambling were declared the most numerous offenses, conditions being described as deplorable in the country as well as in the city.

Shreveport Death Rate Low.

Shreveport.—Last year's death rate in Shreveport, according to the annual compilation of the board of health, was only 11.35 per cent per 1,000 inhabitants, the lowest for the past six years. For whites it was only 5.56.

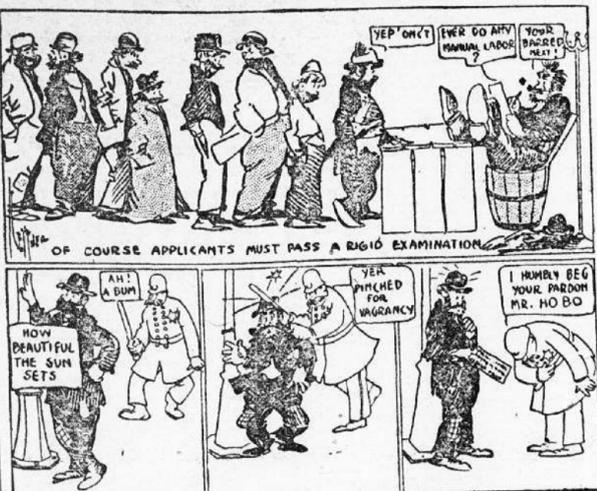
Will Probated Written in 1862.

Shreveport.—A will that was written in May, 1862, by Prof. Daniel Donovan, Caddo parish educator, who recently died at Shreveport, has just been probated. He leaves all his property to his wife, Mrs. Caroline Donovan.

Many Hogs Dying From Cholera.

Bayou Chicot.—Hogs are reported dying from cholera in surrounding sections. One farmer residing five miles from here is said to have lost seventy-five hogs.

THE HOBOS' UNION CARD



(Copyright.) Chicago Police Ordered Not to Arrest Hobos Holding Union Cards.—News Item.

TAFT ATTACKS PHILIPPINE BILL

WARNS DEMOCRATS NOT TO REVERSE POLICY NOW IN FORCE.

Before Taking That Step He Says Obtain Reliable Information as to the Islands.

Washington.—President Taft in his farewell speech to the Ohio Society of Washington Wednesday vigorously attacked the bill now pending in congress proposing autonomy and independence in eight years for the Philippines.

"Is it possible," asked the president, "that the democratic party is going to reverse the policy that has vindicated itself by ten years' experience, merely for the purpose of conforming to the cobwebbed planks of forgotten platforms? Will they not, before they take such an irreparable step, obtain reliable information as to the conditions that obtain in the islands? This issue has been relegated to the limbo of free silver or the narrow doctrine of states' rights. Those who continue to give out the lucubrations on the Philippines are now less than those who expect to attend the next inaugural ball."

Speaker Clark, who followed the president, declined to debate with him that the democratic policy of independence for the Philippines.

"I am not going to debate the question of Philippine independence with President Taft," said Mr. Clark. "I have no inclination to make a Philippine speech and I'm not going to, either. I wish we were out of there in as good shape as we were when we got in. But, according to the democratic platform—which I did not make—we are committed to a policy. I believe that when a man gets office on a platform he should religiously live up to the plans that are in that platform."

President Taft began his address with a eulogy of President McKinley. From praise of McKinley he turned to the Philippines and said, in part:

"After three administrations and more have passed, and after two successive presidential campaigns with silence on the Philippines as the issue, the country is asked to make a change. We are asked to meet a recrudescence of opposition to our Philippine policy and the threat to run back the hands of time, to reverse the verdict of a decade and to give up all our accomplishments for a new experiment, which can only result in confusion and humiliation and involve us in international complications and bring us again with damaged prestige to an abandonment of that policy."

"Those of us who by reason of our information and experience believe that a reversal of that policy now will lead to national humiliation and embarrassment should not keep our mouths closed, but we have a right to appeal to those who are coming into power in the next administration—the legislatures and legislators—to inform themselves well before they depart from a course which has been fraught with the utmost benefit to the people of the Philippine islands. The Philippine islands are not yet ready for self-government and no influence could be more detrimental upon their future than the enactment of the measure now pending in the house of representatives providing for a change in their government."

Train Wreck on Central.

Ennis, Tex.—The northbound "Owl" train on the Houston and Texas Central railroad was derailed at the section house just north of Benchley, between Bryan and Hearne, Saturday morning. Engineer John Latchford of Houston and Fireman Ben I. Durham of Ennis were killed.

Becker, in Death House, Father.

New York.—Mrs. Charles Becker, wife of the former police lieutenant, now in the death house at Sing Sing awaiting electrocution for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gave birth to a baby girl Sunday.

Congressman G. S. Legare Dies.

Charleston, S. C.—Congressman G. S. Legare of the First South Carolina district died Thursday after an illness of several years. Mr. Legare was 43 years old and entered the fifty-eighth congress.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF AT LAST

Balkan Allies Present Note to Turkish Delegation, and Resumption of War Now Likely.

London.—The peace negotiations, which reached a deadlock over the cession of Adrianople on January 6, were finally broken Wednesday by a note which the plenipotentiaries of the Balkan allies presented to Rechad Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation. Notwithstanding this rupture, there still are optimists in the diplomatic world who hope a resumption of the war may yet be averted, either through fresh proposals that Turkey is reported to be including in the note she will deliver to the powers, or through the fall of Adrianople before activities can be begun again at the Tchatalja lines.

A majority of the Balkan delegates refuse to admit the likelihood of either contingency, believing that the life of the young Turk government depends upon the resumption of war, even though the allies were willing to postpone the conflict. They are of the opinion that the present failure of diplomacy is, at the worst, only an interlude, however, for they will leave four representatives in London to undertake the settlement anew.

Rechad Pasha, after receiving the note, said:

"The consequences may be of the gravest nature. The responsibility lies not alone with the allies, but with the powers who encouraged the Balkan states and have shown no fairness toward Turkey, although before the war they had solemnly proclaimed the principle of the unchangeability of the status quo."

HALF A HUNDRED MOROS KILLED IN BATTLE

Full Battalion, Including Three Companies of Scouts, Sent Against Warring Natives.

Washington.—Forty or fifty Moros died in the struggle which took place in the Philippines, seven miles west of the city of Jolo, recently, details of which have just reached the war department, in a report from Major General Bell, commanding the Philippine division.

Following up his proclamation ordering the disarming of all the natives of the Jolo group, General Pershing, according to the report, dispatched Colonel Swift, Eighth cavalry, to clear up the country in the neighborhood of Jolo. An expedition was organized under command of Patrick McNally, captain of the Philippine scouts, who lost his life in the fight which followed. The expedition consisted of the Fourteenth, Thirty-first and Fortieth companies of Philippine scouts, a detachment of American troops with a field gun and some of the Philippine constabulary, making a full battalion of troops.

This force was sent against Cotta, six miles west of Jolo, where a large band of Moros had been a standing menace to the city and the garrison at Taglibi for a long time. The Moros had not hesitated to attack the American troops in camp and it was decided to break the power of the chief.

The Moro position was strongly defended by walls, bamboo entanglements and deep ditches. General Pershing reported that the attacking force was handled with great skill and the final assault, which carried Cotta, was characterized by many individual acts of gallantry.

Savannah Has \$1,500,000 Fire.

Savannah, Ga.—Damage estimated at \$1,500,000 resulted early Sunday from a fire of undetermined origin, which swept Savannah river front for two blocks, destroying the wharves of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, several warehouse and business structures and the Planters' Rice Mill.

Memorial for Abraham Lincoln.

Washington.—The house Wednesday adopted the joint resolution approving plans of the fine arts commission for a \$2,000,000 memorial to the memory of Abraham Lincoln in Washington.

Hundred Men Are Buried.

Eldorado, Kan.—One hundred men who had volunteered their services to build a tabernacle for a revival were buried in the piles of broken timbers Tuesday when the roof collapsed.

NEWS OF LOUISIANA

BANKERS FOUND GUILTY OF ACCEPTING DEPOSITS WHEN INSOLVENT.

DOWLING VISITS ARKANSAS

Addresses State Legislature and Urges Public Health Measures Be Enacted by Them.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

New Orleans.—"Guilty as charged, as to both defendants" was the verdict of the jury in the case of Eugene F. Buhler and Joseph H. Gomila, in Section A of the criminal district court, and it took the jury only 22 minutes to reach the finding.

The verdict came on the sixteenth day of the trial, and marked the conclusion of one of the hardest-fought legal battles ever taking place in the local criminal courts.

The men were convicted of violating act 168 of 1884, relative to receiving deposits in a bank when the bank is insolvent, knowing the bank to be insolvent, and the penalty the conviction carries with it is a minimum of five years at hard labor in the state penitentiary and a maximum of ten years.

DOWLING VISITS ARKANSAS

Louisiana Board of Health Train on Exhibition in Little Rock.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. New Orleans.—The Louisiana health train visited Little Rock, Ark., last week and was on exhibition two days in that city.

Dr. Dowling took his train to the Arkansas capitol in order to show what Louisiana has done and what could be done in Arkansas.

Mr. Dowling addressed the Arkansas legislature while in Little Rock and urged upon them the necessity of legislation for the benefit of the public health. Many thousand people visited the train during its stay in the Arkansas capitol.

Kills Eagle, Saves Brother.

De Ridder.—A two-year-old child of George Green, living three miles east of town, came near being pounced upon as it was out playing, by a monster eagle. Luther, a thirteen-year-old brother discovered the big bird watching his baby brother and ran for his father's shot gun. Slipping around he shot and killed him. Mr. Green brought the bird to town in his wagon. Great crowds flocked to see it. It measured seven feet, eight inches from tip to tip of wings and is large enough to pick up any ordinary child.

School Garden Established.

Baton Rouge.—A garden for the children of the Asia street school to work is the latest addition to the school activity established by Principal Hughes. Mr. Hughes has set aside a plot of ground at the Asia street school, which is now being fenced in, and which will be used in agricultural work. No work of this character is done in the Baton Rouge schools, and Mr. Hughes hopes to lay the foundation for a gradual development of agricultural work.

Plans for More Paving.

Shreveport.—In an ordinance passed calling an election for March 4 for a vote on \$350,000 worth of bonds for a market-house and other improvements the council added a provision that may result in a large extension of the paving system. About \$200,000, counting the property owners' portion, is proposed to be expended for graveling practically all outlying streets. The ordinance permits the citizens on any block to have paving instead of gravel.

Firemen to Celebrate March 4.

Baton Rouge.—The committees representing the Baton Rouge fire department to arrange for the annual celebration were named by King Strenze, chief of the department. The celebration will be held this year on March 4, instead of February 22, because the latter date falls on Saturday.

Bonds Are Received.

Baton Rouge.—Ex-State Senator Estopinal received 500 new bonds of the Lake Borgue Levee Board from the secretary of state. The bonds, having been signed in full, were negotiable.

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Clubs Being Organized.

Winnfield.—Miss Minnie Barnes, who has charge of the work of organizing corn, hog, tomato and garden clubs in Winn parish, reports she has organized 15 clubs so far. Planning the work of these clubs is under the supervision of Prof. W. R. Horton, professor of agriculture and chemistry in the high school, a graduate agriculturist. This work is made part of the regular school curriculum. Expenses are met by appropriations from the school board and the police jury.

LUMBERMEN WATCHING SUIT

Question of Who Owns Sunken Logs to Be Settled.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Lake Charles.—An important case was placed on trial in district court here that involves the ownership of sunken sawlogs taken from the Calcasieu river. The suit is styled J. A. Bell Lumber Company vs. the Stout Lumber Company, and is an action brought by plaintiff to recover the value of "sinker" fished out of the river and claimed by plaintiff to bear their brand and be their property.

Defendants contend that a log after its sinks becomes the property of the party raising it, that the right of the original owner is void after the log leaves the surface of the water. The question raised is an interesting one as custom has heretofore made the "sinker" the property of the one recovering it. The decision in the case is being watched by timbermen, as it will establish a precedent. The amount involved is about \$4,000.

ALRIGHT TO KILL BUZZARDS

No Law Can Be Found on Statute Books Protecting Bird.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Baton Rouge.—Whether there is any law protecting the buzzard in Louisiana is a question that has been put up to Attorney General Pleasant by Secretary E. Pegram Flower, of the state Sanitary Livestock Board. Secretary Flower says that, although he has made a careful search, he has been unable to find any law that protects the buzzard. "I don't think there is any," he said. "There has been an old tradition handed down that the buzzard must not be killed and that he was protected by law, but if the law throws its protection around the buzzard I have been unable to find the act, and I have asked the attorney general to see if he could locate such a law." The livestock board has opened up on the buzzard because it is an agency for spreading charbon and hog cholera, and wants laws enacted looking to the extermination of the bird.

No Extra Session Likely.

Baton Rouge.—There will be on extra session of the Louisiana general assembly this spring according to a statement by Governor Hall. Rumors to the effect that an extra session would be called have long been circulated. The executive department is now preparing for the sale of \$11,000,000 worth of refunding bonds, which will be offered for sale through New York, Chicago and New Orleans papers shortly.

Appropriation Exhausted.

Shreveport.—Lieutenant Governor Thomas C. Barrett has already spent the whole of the \$600 the general assembly allows him for a year's expenses to travel and get his letters written and until next June shall have to spend his own money for trips to Baton Rouge, attending the meetings of the board of liquidation, and to New Orleans, attending the meetings of the board of pardons.

Good Roads Men Busy.

Baton Rouge.—I. S. West, of Hammond, president of the Louisiana Agricultural Association, has appointed a good roads committee, composed of Solon Farrnbacher, G. L. Tlebout and Harry Wilson, with Solon Farrnbacher as chairman. The committee immediately got into active service by planning a series of good roads meetings along the route of the proposed Baton Rouge-Covington good road.

Appeal Withdrawn.

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Band Is Organized.

Thibodaux.—A number of local music lovers met and reorganized the Thibodaux concert band. Organization was effected by the election of Judge Charles A. Riviere as president and Leonce Boudreau secretary-treasurer.

Superintendent to Conference.

Baton Rouge.—T. H. Harris, state superintendent of education, left for Hamilton, Va., where he will attend a conference of the state superintendents of education.

Accountants Visit Governor.

Baton Rouge.—Secretary Richard, of the national organization of accountants; Guy V. W. Lyman, Mr. Despit, of the Louisiana Accountants' Board, and Mr. Goldman, all accountants, visited the governor and discussed the relations of their profession and the various state governments.

School Organizes Clubs.

St. Martinville.—Messrs. Bates and Richardson, representing the state and federal departments of agriculture, lectured here on the importance of organizing corn and canning clubs. Supt. A. J. Dupuy and Principal F. O. Chavez of the high school took the proposition in hand, and after discussing the plan with the students of the school, a corn club was organized with 147 members and a canning club of 201. In the canning club the girls were admitted as members.