

Money invested in a good vacation is well spent.

Somebody should provide a vaccine for sunburn and freckles.

Duck suits would be better if they were oiled the way ducks wear them.

Even hot weather isn't so bad when you can get plenty of good fresh buttermilk.

It's a poor form of Sunday recreation that requires a week of recuperation.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the heat wave was not invented by a Paris hairdresser.

When Sir Thomas Lipton gets tired of trying to lift that cup, he might try his hand at polo.

The joy ride continues to maintain its reputation as being fully as dangerous as any ride.

Now that aviation has become a business, enthusiasm has quite naturally waned a bit.

Hot weather is good for the crops. And the dispute in the Balkans is good for the Krupp.

Another foreign complication threatens. A Kansas court has decided that a pretzel is not a food.

No other business is quite so important as making the children happy and keeping them healthy.

An eastern court rules that tipping a porter is voluntary. Nevertheless it's an act of self-defense.

They never throw old shoes at a bride in Chicago. A Chicago shoe is classed as a deadly weapon.

We suppose that in a couple of hundred years from now there will be a society of descendants of those who came over in the Imperator.

Boy pupils who detest the decimal system should be reminded that when they grow up it will come in handy in computing the batting averages.

Our old friend Wu Ting-fang may again visit the United States. He will be warmly welcomed, no questions asked, but all answered, as usual.

"Bonesetter" Reese, called to attend a disabled dancer of the tango, left an Elsteddoff to do it. However, he was not at work on the Elsteddoff.

New York is trying to check drinking by the finger print system. With three fingers to consider in the average case the experts are in for overtime.

Every man knows he could do a better job than the love-making scenes that are put on in the moving picture shows.

A Chicago alienist says that love is a form of lunacy. But Shakespeare said that long before him, so it is no use reviving the discussion at this late date.

People are still taking bichloride of mercury tablets in mistake for headache remedies. This is a case in which it would pay to read the papers.

The meekest man so far has been located in New Jersey. He left his wife without support, giving as his excuse that she was suffering with tuberculosis.

Some people play tennis to keep cool.

The happy medium praised by philosophers is so hard to realize that the bather is too cold while in the water and too hot while on shore.

An American woman has sailed for Italy to find a slinging bandit whom she would put in grand opera. He might be unable to keep his eye off the box office.

Though the modern college graduate knows all about everything, he is discreet enough to conceal the fact from the crude person to whom he applies for a job.

Collisions between aeroplanes are a new danger of civilization. Apparently, there is not room for similar ambitions even in the boundless space of the atmosphere.

Some of our cabaret dancers should have been present the other day to take a few lessons from that rivetter who dropped a hot bolt inside the waistband of his work pants.

In justice to our domestic industries it must be said that home-grown sunburn cannot be distinguished from the imported variety.

Our notion of a strenuous athletic performance at this season is to sit under an electric fan and read about the marathon race.

Though a person may dodge the unmuzzled canine and sidestep the deceitful canoe, he may be unable to avoid the ptomaine germ that lurks here and there during the summer.

BIG BEACH GRANDSTAND FALLS

ABOUT 5,000 PERSONS IN SECTION THAT WENT DOWN.

Several Were Badly Hurt and Many Received Minor Hurts—Caused Great Excitement.

Galveston, Tex.—Six persons are known to have been injured and several others are reported to have received minor hurts when the center section of the grand stand erected on the beach near the race course collapsed Monday afternoon. It is estimated that approximately 5,000 persons were in the section that went down. Many women fainted in the excitement that ensued.

Apparently the collapse was caused by the crowd stamping in unison, causing the boards which formed the base for the superstructure to slide on the sand. After the collapse further admissions were refused and the officers had hundreds of arguments with persons who insisted upon entering. The known list of injured follows:

Mrs. Durango, Galveston, ankle dislocated.

George W. Evans of Houston, head lacerated.

Mrs. Victor H. Davison, 1207 Thirty-fourth street, Galveston; thigh lacerated by protruding nail.

Miss Ethel Flournoy, Waco; ankle sprained.

Miss Bloyd, Galveston, ankle sprained.

George Wathen, San Antonio; painful cuts about head.

Milo Fields, Houston, broken arm.

Others painfully injured were: Mr. and Mrs. John C. Walker of San Antonio, George M. Luttrell of Galveston, and Mrs. M. S. Lowe of Lampasas.

Two men, who left hospital without giving names and without necessity for surgical attention.

When the timbers began to crack and rasp as they were snapped asunder, the attention of the other 7,000 or 8,000 spectators was directed to that falling section. Men paled and groaned in agony as the meaning of it dawned upon them, with the certainty that they were helpless to save a single victim to avert what it seemed must inevitably terminate in a tragedy.

Red River Improvement.

Washington.—The long agitation for improvement of the Red river from Fulton, Ark., to its mouth, in the interest of which Senator Sheppard, a few years ago, organized the Congressional Red River Improvement Association, has borne fruit to the extent of obtaining from General Bixby, chief of engineers, a favorable report for the work.

The details of this report are not fully known, but it is understood that the project contemplates a plan of improvement in the way of clearing the river bed of obstructions, also a series of revetments and other improvements costing approximately \$6,000,000, provided that the levee board and committee will do a specified work in the way of constructing, strengthening and standardizing the levees along the stream, at a cost of approximately \$4,000,000.

Ambassador Wilson Talks.

Washington.—Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, summoned from Mexico City to inform the Washington administration of conditions in the rebellion-torn republic, talked for an hour with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan Monday, submitting chiefly a recommendation that the United States use its influence to stabilize the Huerta regime.

New Peru Cabinet Organized.

Lima, Peru.—A new cabinet to succeed that of Dr. Aurelio Sousa, which resigned last week, was formed Monday with General Enrique Varela as president of the council and minister of war. The other members are: Interior—Gonzalo Tirado.

Foreign Affairs—Francisco T. Varela.

Finance—Baldo Mero Maldonado.

Works—Pedro Portillo.

Justice—Carlos Paz Soldan.

Young Dallas Woman Murdered.

Dallas, Tex.—Lying face down in a big pool of blood which had flowed from a terrible knife wound in her throat, extending almost from ear to ear, the lifeless body of Miss Florence Brown, a stenographer about 27 years of age, was found Monday morning in the toilet and vault rooms of the real estate office of Robinson & Styron.

T. N. & G. Will Begin Construction.

Temple, Tex.—As soon as there is a settlement of the terminal facilities question the Temple, Northwestern & Gulf road will begin actual construction work, and among the first thing then will be the laying of steel to the Leon river, the grade having been completed to Gatesville, with the exception of a mile.

Earth Made a Sieve.

Guthrie, Okla.—Four thousand and one wells were completed in the Oklahoma division of the midcontinent oil field during the six months of the year, according to figures just completed. Four hundred and eighty-five of these were dry holes and 268 were gas wells, leaving 3,248 new oil wells, producing 142,418 barrels of oil.

Dixon Will Recover.

El Paso, Tex.—Charles P. Dixon, Jr., who was shot Saturday in Juarez, will recover, attending physicians say.

AT LAST!



Noted Professor Says That the Starched, Stiff Collar Is Injurious to Wearer.—News Item. (Copyright.)

REPORT ON THE PRISON SYSTEM

PENITENTIARY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FILES REPORT.

Recommends Change in Entire System—Humanitarian Treatment of Prisoners—Much in Debt.

Austin, Tex.—The report of the penitentiary investigating committee filed with the governor and the legislature Wednesday recommends changes in the fundamental business methods of the entire prison system and certain modifications of the present law intended to conform the treatment of prisoners to humanitarian standards with a minimum, if possible, instead of a maximum of expense. The committee finds that the indebtedness of the system July 1 of this year was \$1,656,838, which is an increased indebtedness since the first of the year of \$128,377. In addition to this increased debt, the penitentiary commission, the report recites, has expended \$416,777 of the appropriation of \$550,000 made by the regular session of the legislature. This indicates, the report points out, that the prison system has fallen behind to the amount of \$545,155 during the past six months.

The report is an exhaustive discussion of the penitentiary system from its beginning to the present day. It contains some twenty odd thousand words and is supplemented by a record of testimony of more than 700 type-written pages. The report is signed by all members of the committee, namely, Lieutenant Governor Mayes, Senators Willacy and Warren, and Representatives Humphrey, Duffie and Tillotson. Representative Humphrey submits also a supplemental report in which he delves at length into the causation of crime, reaching the conclusion that its chief source lies in idleness, ignorance and the liquor traffic. His specific recommendations, in the main, track the suggestions of the whole committee. Bills looking to enactment of the principles of the committee's report will be introduced.

The report vigorously criticizes prevailing methods of management, but does not specify instances of mismanagement nor deal in personal criticism. The revenues for the decade prior to the first two years of this administration are discussed at considerable length. It is shown that the total appropriations for these ten years were \$785,257. The income from state farms for the same period amounted to \$1,521,219. Receipts from the operation of share farms amounted to \$2,900,008. Miscellaneous gross receipts, including the State Railroad, aggregated \$3,036,677. The grand total of receipts from the four sources named in the prison system records or the years indicated is \$12,405,821. During this period the Ramsey farm was purchased at a cost of \$106,727 and the Imperial farm at a cost of \$160,000.

Suit Against Alleged Phone Trust.

Portland, Ore.—Dissolution of the alleged telephone monopoly on the Pacific coast by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company—the so-called Bell telephone trust—is sought by Attorney General McReynolds in a civil anti-trust suit filed Thursday. The government charges the giant corporation and its subsidiaries with absorbing independent telephone companies to destroy competition and create a monopoly in Oregon, Washington and Idaho in violation of the Sherman law.

Arsenal Attacked by Chinese Rebels.

Shanghai.—Southern rebels, reported to number 10,000, attacked Kiang Nan arsenal Wednesday. The defenders, not exceeding 3,000, were strongly entrenched and, assisted by the navy, repelled three separate attacks. The fighting lasted four and a half hours. According to estimates 600 rebels were killed.

New School at Mauriceville.

Orange, Tex.—The new two-story high school building at Mauriceville, by the combination of two regular district schools, is nearing completion and plans for a dedication of the building are now being formulated by the patrons.

Concrete Silo at Mason.

Mason, Tex.—Littlefield & White are building a 100-ton silo on the Alta lista farm, west of Mason, and it is filled with sorghum cane raised on ten acres of the farm.

David Lamar is Indicted.

New York.—Charges that David Lamar, Wall street operator, employed cunning acts and deception in an effort to fraudulently deprive persons and corporations of sums of money are made in an indictment returned by the federal grand jury Thursday. Lamar, who is in Washington, is expected to surrender within a few days.

Last Potatoes Move.

Glen Flora, Tex.—The last car of potatoes moved Saturday, making 120 cars shipped this season.

Used 76,000 Tons Fertilizer.

College Station, Tex.—There has been an unprecedented demand for fertilizers during the season 1912-1913, according to figures compiled by Dr. G. S. Fraps, state chemist to the experiment station at A. and M. College. During this year 76,000 tons of fertilizers have been used in Texas.

Fifth Trainload of Oats.

Temple, Tex.—A local grain company Saturday shipped out the fifth solid trainload of oats within the past month, the shipment being consigned to points east of the Mississippi river, nearly all going to New Orleans. In the five solid trains there were 179 cars, containing 232,500 bushels of a value of \$107,500, all of which were raised in Bell County and the immediate vicinity of Temple.

Meeting of Laymen Arranged.

Grand Coteau.—The fourth annual retreat for laymen at St. Charles College will begin August 11 and close on the morning of the 15th. The exercises will be conducted by Rev. Francis X. Twelmeyer, S. J., vice president of St. Charles College.

Fox Hunters Getting Ready.

Colfax.—The fox hunters of central Louisiana are arranging for a big meet at Boyce, beginning August 18 and lasting several days. There are lots of fox and some woves, plenty of water and good camping grounds.

NEWS OF ALL LOUISIANA

Employees Want Their Money.

Shreveport.—It is reported from Homer that President G. W. Hunter of the Louisiana and Northwestern Railroad Company has returned to St. Louis, after the rejection of a proposition made to the employees of the company, who have not received pay for a number of months.

The shops at Homer have been closed since Friday, and the employees are demanding full pay in arrears for work before again resuming their duties. As previously reported, engineers and conductors are not satisfied with conditions, and they, too, are threatening a walk-out.

President Hunter, it is reported, offers the shopmen and other employees one month's pay. This they refused to accept. It is reported that unless a settlement is made the road will be thrown into the hands of a receiver. The road runs from McNeil, Ark., to Natchitoches. The general offices are located at Homer.

Ten Years for Express Looter.

Lake Charles.—Hershel Pierce, the 18-year-old express driver, who stole the key to the Wells Fargo express safe at Lake Charles last November from his brother's pocket and rifled the safe of nearly \$22,000, and who confessed to the theft, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by Judge Overton, who also passed a two-year sentence out to A. E. Amy, Pierce's brother-in-law, who pleaded guilty to receiving stolen goods. Amy invested part of his loot in a garage, which attracted the suspicion of the sheriff and was the key to the unraveling of the mystery. Amy, after being arrested, took the officers to his place and dug from under a plank nearly \$7,000 in money. Altogether about \$14,000 was recovered by the express company.

Maid Shot Jeweler to Death.

New Orleans.—George W. Riehl, a jeweler, was shot and killed by Miss Augusta Agnes Edwards, a stenographer, at Common and Carondelet streets, Thursday. Riehl died on the way to a hospital. Miss Edwards, an attractive young woman, emptied her revolver at Riehl. He was struck but once, the first bullet penetrating his temple. At the police station a note written by Miss Edwards was found in her handbag which stated that Riehl had ruined her life and that she intended to kill him and destroy herself. Riehl leaves a widow and three children.

Engineer Caught in Belt.

Welsh.—A serious accident occurred at Tom Stegall's pumping plant Wednesday. The engineer, Will Carr, was caught in a belt and thrown about fifty feet away. He was found by a negro farm hand, who went to see what stopped the machinery. Mr. Carr was unconscious and suffered painful cuts on the nose and lip, a deep gash above the right eye and a hole in the frontal bone, with his right arm torn apart at the elbow. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Poe Cottage to Be Preserved.

New York.—After many years of activity on the part of the members of the Westchester County Historical Society, Poe cottage, the home of Edgar Allan Poe, in the Bronx, has been moved from its original site, in Kingsbridge road, near Valentine avenue, to Poe Park across the street. The cottage will be turned over to the city and maintained as a memorial to the American author, who in his writings made famous the wild scenery of Fordham Heights.

No More Ammunition for Mexico.

Washington.—President Wilson has determined that no faction in the present Mexican revolution shall obtain arms or ammunition from the United States and that neutrality must be observed in its strictest sense. This was the interpretation of the neutrality laws decided upon by the president Wednesday after conferences with Senator Bacon and Representative Flood, chairmen of the two congressional committees on foreign relations.

Fire Insurance Man Convicted.

Shreveport.—The jury in the case of W. C. Laning, former head of the Pelican Fire Insurance Company, charged with embezzlement, acquitted the accused on two counts and convicted him on one. The count resulting in conviction alleged the embezzlement of \$500 from Mrs. Lena Whitman of Louisville, whose stock was canceled by Laning, who claimed that he thought he was canceling a duplicate certificate.

Wealthy Sugar Planter Dies.

Franklin.—William Kramer, a wealthy retired sugar planter, died suddenly Wednesday. While Mr. Kramer had been in ill health for some time, his sudden end was unexpected. Mr. Kramer was for a number of years president of the Louis Kramer Planting Company, but sold out his interest in the company a few years ago and retired from active business.

Auto Collides With Boy's Head.

Shreveport.—The 8-year-old son of Frank Hicks narrowly escaped death when struck by an automobile driven by Deputy District Clerk S. O. Williams. The child ran into the street while playing as the car was dodging a delivery wagon. The child's head was injured, but not seriously.

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Young Man Robber of \$100.

Shreveport.—While asleep in a guest room at the Majestic hotel Wednesday night, after spending the day seeking employment, Earl Dalton, a young man of Pine Bluff, Ark., was robbed of his money, exceeding \$100.

Charged With Train Murder.

Monroe.—Tom Clark was arrested at Cheniere Station, eight miles from Monroe, Thursday, charged with being implicated in the holding of a St. Louis Central passenger train near Batesville, Miss., on July 1.

The arrest was made by Post Inspector J. Allison and Agents J. O. Young and Martin of the Illinois Central detective force. Clark, who has a long record of aliases, was employed on a Shreveport and Pacific railroad train. He was located by Frank Pettit of the Monroe police force. Clark was employed on the railroad under the name of Shinn. He went to work on the train on July 8. Clark has made his headquarters for the last month, but at intervals has been out of sight when he was temporarily absent.

It is said his whereabouts were traced by the detectives through a woman. It is stated the revelation of Clark's capture is a large one, that the local police officer will get in it.

Cavalry Marches Overland.

Alexandria.—The cavalry reached Camp Stafford Saturday, consuming four days in marching overland from Jennings. The long march was made Monday morning, twenty miles to Elton. The next day it came to Oakdale, thirty-one miles. The third day to Forest Hill, thirty-two miles, and then to Camp Stafford, thirty-one miles. Troop B of the 10th Cavalry is in command of Captain C. S. R. and has forty-nine men. The troops joined at Jennings by several companies from Troop A, New Orleans, commanded by Captain W. S. Hervey. Troop received instructions from Captain Palmer, U. S. A., is cavalry instructor for the district, comprising the military Louisiana and Texas. Captain R. and three members of the corps, with their ambulances, accompanied the cavalry from Jennings.

New Orleans Sugar Market.

New Orleans.—There were no sales of sugar Saturday at the office of Trade and trading from the hands was on a meager scale, with light offerings and lack of movement. Prices continued strong, but continued nominal, with supplies available from first hands, refined, with all lists unchanged. Raws were firm at 3 points, the advance indicated on Thursday, with 96 test quoted at 35.7c. The market reported nine centrals grinding, favorable weather for the crop. European beet crop news were also favorable. There were receipts of sugar or molasses.

Lake Charles Paving Bids.

Lake Charles.—Mayor George Rilling and Commissioner of Public Works and Parks E. L. Gorham returned a week's trip in Texas, where they went to inspect street paving contracts to advertising for the work to be done in Lake Charles. They returned to Lake Charles, where they inspected all the bids and kinds of paving used in the city. The money to pave about several blocks in Lake Charles is about the preceding administration.

Plead Guilty to Slender.

Baton Rouge.—E. O. Bruner, Louisiana commissioner of agriculture, immigration, and J. E. Halligan, former chief fertilizer inspector of state, Thursday pleaded guilty to charges that they had slandered W. R. Dodson, director of the farm experiment station. They were sentenced to imprisonment for 30 days and to pay fines of \$200. Dodson issued a statement exonerating Bruner and Dodson of wrongdoing so far as he knew.

Gas Explosion Echoed in Bell.

Shreveport.—A natural gas explosion that occurred last October at the plant of the Columbia Company resulted in the death of John P. Peavy, employe of the Shreveport Gas and Electric Light Company, because of a suit filed this week by F. Wilson of Columbia County, as guardian of Peavy's five minor children, against the Gas and Electric Companies, alleging their negligence.

The "Get Together" Movement.

Welsh.—At a mass meeting held at the city auditorium recently, called by Mayor R. S. Greer, Welsh organized a chamber of commerce with thirty members and pledged co-operation with the Lafayette body in the "get together" movement.

After Eight Years Tried for Murder.

New Iberia.—For eight years a man charged with the murder of a woman, near Loreauville, was held in prison. The trial was held Wednesday. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged.

New U. S. District Attorney.

Shreveport.—George Whitfield, Wednesday resigned as city attorney of Shreveport and took the office of United States district attorney for the western district of Louisiana, succeeding E. H. Randolph, resigned.

Traveling Man Dies of Poison.

Monroe.—Ernest L. Williams, a traveling man, representing a prominent house, died Wednesday from the effects of a ptomaine poisoning supposed to have come from a meal eaten earlier in the day.