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WEEK'S NEWS BRIEFLY OUTLINED

Some of the Most Important
Events at Home and Abroad
During the Past Week.

LESS' WORK IN NUTSHELL

Developments in the Russian
War, Together With
Other Interesting News
From the Happenings All Over
the World.

CONGRESS.

Senate, sitting as a court of im-
pet, began the taking of testi-
mony in the case of Judge Swayne.
Similar sessions will be held
between two and three
times a week.

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propriating \$1,000,000 for the
purchase of land for the regulation
of the Mississippi river.

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LOUISIANA STATE NEWS

Agitating a New Capitol Building.

In view of the fact that the ques-
tion of a new Statehouse is likely to
be an issue in Louisiana politics for
the next several years, the follow-
ing statement by Col. C. Harrison
Parker, president of the State board
of control of the Louisiana peniten-
tiary, will be read with interest:

The time is rapidly approaching
when the State of Louisiana will be
compelled to build a new Statehouse.
It is sadly needed now. There is no
room in the present building to accom-
modate the various departments of the
government. The rapidly increasing
revenues and prosperity of the State
demand that something must be done
in that direction. The State peniten-
tiary is now provided for on a self-
sustaining basis. The new insane
asylum is built, and Louisiana is well
able to put up a suitable building at
the capital.

Now, it seems to me, that Baton
Rouge, in her own interest, ought to
make a liberal offer to the State in be-
half of such a building. The parish
contemplates building a new court-
house, which would involve an outlay
of probably \$100,000. Instead of doing
this, let Baton Rouge, city and parish,
purchase, say 80 or 100 acres of land
on the edge of the city, offer this to
the State of Louisiana, with an addi-
tional bonus in money equal to \$150,-
000 to erect a Statehouse. The old
fair grounds would be a beautiful sight
for a fine building, and a park laid out
around the same would help embellish
the city. No fine building today
ought to be put in any city or town
on a block or two of ground. When
the new capitol should be complete,
the State could turn over the old capitol
to the city of Baton Rouge as a city
hall or as a courthouse. Within
the basement of the same a jail can
be constructed at a very little cost,
which would be superior to any in
Louisiana; the senate chamber would
make a fine courtroom and the house
of representatives' hall would make a
fine public assembly hall. This build-
ing then could accommodate all the
city and parish offices, as well as a
court, and would answer this purpose
for the next century.

The present courthouse could be re-
modeled and made a public school.
Baton Rouge would thus secure a fine
courthouse, jail and quarters for all
city officers, and a public school build-
ing at a very moderate cost.

The new railroads coming into
Baton Rouge are bound to add to its
importance and promote its commer-
cial and industrial growth. The erec-
tion of a fine capitol building would
add to its attractiveness, to say noth-
ing of the direct advantages to come
from the employment of a large num-
ber of people in the erection of the
buildings. Skilled workmen employed
to carry on this work would add to
the population and expend their earnings
largely in the city. A new capitol
building cannot be put up for less than
\$1,000,000, and certainly with the ex-
penditure of this sum it would be
bound to benefit Baton Rouge exten-
sively, even if her people did not have
a single contract in connection with
the same.

State Bankers to Meet in April.

For the first time in its history
the Louisiana Bankers' Association
will hold its annual convention in
April. All conventions have been
held in May heretofore. This change
was decided upon last week at the
second day's session of the Execu-
tive Council, and New Orleans was
selected as the meeting place. April
25 and 26 were the dates decided
upon.

Alexandria's New Hotel.

Alexandria is to have another
modern hotel, to cost \$100,000. It
will be five stories high, built of
brick and stone, with elevators and
all modern improvements. It will
be located on Second street, and will
be ready to open September 1. The
building will contain 100 rooms,
with stores to be rented on the lower
floor. The stock is divided into
1,000 shares of \$100 each, and an
effort will be made to get twelve citi-
zens to take all of the stock.

Proved His Rarity.

At a recent meeting of the Pointe
Coupee school board the salary of
Superintendent Treaudou was re-
duced from \$1,800 to \$1,000. This
reduction was in accordance with
the wishes of the superintendent,
and his action in the matter was a
most laudable one.

Hammond Will Have Waterworks.

A majority vote was cast at Ham-
mond last week in favor of issuing
\$30,000 of bonds for the erection of
waterworks and providing a drain-
age system.

Damage by Blast and Snow.

Great damage has been caused
throughout the State of Louisiana
by the snow and sleet of the past
week. The blizzard destroyed thou-
sands of dollars worth of standing
timber.

Students Damaging a Library.

It is reported that the back levee,
at Pointe a la Hache, is being dam-
aged by students, and land owners
are now endeavoring to investigate
the matter.

Will Hold a Joint Convention.

The joint convention of the Loui-
siana State Agricultural Society
and the Louisiana Stock Breeders'
Association will be held March 14,
15 and 16, at Shreveport.

Turpentine Association Formed.

Turpentine operators of St. Tam-
many, Tangipahoa and Washington
parishes, met at Covington a few
days ago, and formed the East Loui-
siana Turpentine Operators' Asso-
ciation.

Drugs, Food, and
There is a great deal of interest
in the matter.

Much Interest in the Meeting.

The department of agriculture
and immigration is manifesting
much interest in the coming joint
meeting of the Louisiana State
Breeders' Association, which is to be
held in Shreveport, March 14, 15,
16, and which will be attended by
many of the prominent stockmen
and agriculturists of the United
States. This meeting is an impor-
tant one to the people of Louisiana,
and realizing this the State board
of agriculture and immigration will
do everything in its power to make
it a success and to get from it the
best possible results for the people
of Louisiana. The preparations for
the meeting are now being made in
Baton Rouge and in Shreveport, and
everything is being done that is pos-
sible to make the gathering a nota-
ble one and surpassing in every re-
spect any previous meeting of this
character. One interesting feature
of the three days' meeting, which an
effort is now being made to arrange,
is a live stock show, exhibiting var-
ious kinds of live stock. Hon.
Charles Schuler, of DeSoto parish,
is president of the State Agricul-
tural Society; Hon. Walter Foster,
of Caddo parish, is president of the
State Breeders' Association, and Dr.
W. H. Dalrymple, of the Louisiana
State University, is secretary of
both of the organizations.

Killed by a Negro.

A white man, known in the sec-
tion by the name of Smith, who had
been in a demented condition for
some time, attempted to enter the
cabin of a negro living five miles
from Batchelor last week. The ne-
gro, after warning the trespasser
away, shot him, death resulting in-
stantly.

Houseboat Man Murdered.

Charles Hauck, houseboat owner,
was murdered, and Mrs. Blanken-
ship, his companion, brutally beat-
en and left for dead, by three ne-
groes, who plundered the Hauck
fishing camp at Sicily Island, a few
nights ago.

Swap Jobs.

Hon. C. K. Schwing was last
week elected judge of the Twenty-
first Louisiana Judicial district,
succeeding Hon. E. B. Talbot, who
will be made superintendent of edu-
cation in Iberville parish, recently
made vacant by Schwing.

Twenty-Seven Book Bids.

Bids were received at the State
superintendent's office in Baton
Rouge last week from twenty-seven
companies for supplying the books
for the public schools of Louisiana
for the next four years. Bids will
be opened March 20.

A New Insurance Company.

The insurance department of the
secretary of State's office announces
that the Alliance Insurance Com-
pany, of Philadelphia, Pa., has been
granted authority to do business in
Louisiana. A. H. Hart, of Baton
Rouge, has been made State agent.

Louisiana's Love Bonds.

Louisiana has levee bonds out-
standing to the amount of \$4,311,-
700, which draw \$229,382 interest
each year.

Will Drill Seven Oil Wells.

Contracts were closed for drilling
seven new oil wells at Caddo City,
a few days ago. Ten acres of land
brought \$3,000.

Sick Man Suicides.

James Grout committed suicide
at Patterson last week while men-
tally unbalanced on account of sick-
ness.

Fire at Ruston.

Fire at Ruston, a few days ago,
destroyed nine store buildings and a
hotel. Loss, \$40,000; insurance,
\$25,250.

Wall Acquitted.

The jury in the case of H. C.
Wall, at Amite City, a few days
since returned a verdict of not
guilty. Wall was charged with the
murder of I. N. Varnado in April,
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THE CONDITION OF TRADE

While Some Disturbances Has Been
Caused by the Elements, Trade
Is Generally Satisfactory.

New York, Feb. 11.—R. G. Dun &
Co.'s weekly review of trade says:
Some disturbance has been caused by
the elements, but business conditions
are otherwise unusually satisfactory
for the season. Distribution of mer-
chandise is of liberal proportions, and
the new year is fulfilling sanguine ex-
pectations. Low temperature and
storms interrupted traffic to some ex-
tent, but accelerated business in heavy
wearing apparel, overcoats and fuel.
Manufacturing is still the best feature,
especially in the various departments
of the iron and steel industry.

Some conservatism is noted in the
placing of advance orders, but this is
a favorable symptom, indicating the
absence of reckless operations that
produce inflated prices and ultimately
cause excessive accumulation of stocks,
followed by the inevitable period of re-
trenchment.

A DOMICILIARY VISIT

The Residence of M. Witte, Russia's
Great Financier, Searched by
St. Petersburg Police.

London, Feb. 11.—The correspondent
at St. Petersburg of the Daily Mail
sends to that paper the report that
the first act of the new minister of
the interior, M. Bouligand, on arriving
in St. Petersburg on Friday, was to
have the residence of M. Witte, presi-
dent of the council of the empire,
searched by the police, who removed
a mass of documents for examination.
M. Witte was at home at the time, and
the police made a systematic and thor-
ough examination of all the private
papers in the house. The correspond-
ent adds that when M. Von Plehve was
assassinated he was carrying an order
to the emperor for his signature, au-
thorizing just such a perquisition for
M. Witte's papers. It looks, there-
fore, the correspondent says, as though
the new interior administration is be-
ginning just where Von Plehve left off.

BUY NO MORE KANSAS OIL

The Standard Oil Co. Retaliating for
Unfavorable Legislation in
the Sunflower State.

Chanute, Kas., Feb. 11.—The Prairie
Oil & Gas Co. (the Kansas name for
Standard Oil Co.) has posted a notice
that it would purchase no more Kan-
sas oil. The Kansas City refinery is
to get its supply from the territory
field and the Neodesha refinery is to
shut down. Until it does shut down
the territory field will supply the Ne-
odesha refinery also.

All the guaguers have been laid off.
All the plants at Chanute will shut
down indefinitely. Hundreds of men
will be thrown out of work, but the
operation will take care of them. The
operators say that they will put still
more energy into the fight for state
legislation as a result of the shut down.

RAILROAD WRECK IN MEXICO

Three Persons Killed and Several In-
jured in a Wreck on the Na-
tional Railway of Mexico.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 11.—In a wreck
on the National Railway of Mexico be-
tween Carleton and La Ventura, three
persons were killed and perhaps others
were killed or injured. A south-
bound train was making its way
through the mountains beyond Sautillo
it crashed into a northbound
freight train which had taken a siding.
The second coach, which was used for
second and third class passengers, was
telegraphed.

A passenger on an incoming train
said that one woman, a child and a
coal passer are known to be dead, and
many others are supposed to be in the
second class coach, which was sur-
rounded by debris. Traffic is delayed
on both the central and northern divi-
sions.

IN BEHALF OF GREASON

Lawyers Endeavoring to Have the
Case Reopened in View of Mrs.
Edwards' Confession.

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Attorneys
representing Samuel Greason, the ne-
gro, who, with Mrs. Kate Edwards, is
condemned to be hanged at Reading
next Thursday for the murder of Mrs.
Edwards' husband, came from Reading
to lay before the supreme court a peti-
tion asking that Greason's case be re-
opened and sent back to the Berks
county court for retrial.

The petition is based on a confession
made by Mrs. Edwards on Thursday.
Accompanying the petition is an af-
idavit made by the woman in which
she swears that Greason "is entirely in-
nocent of all crime; that he had no
knowledge of the perpetrator thereof,
and did not in any way, manner or
form participate therein, nor did he
by any word, act, or deed aid or abet
therein."

For "Benefit of the Church."
Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 11.—Baker
brothers, of Atlanta, Ill., were giving
a stereopticon entertainment at the
Baptist church, for the benefit of the
church, when an explosion occurred, in-
juring one of the Bakers, causing a
panic, and damage by fire, to the
church to the amount of \$300.

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FARMER AND PLANTER.

IN THE TRUCK GARDEN.

Lettuce a Good Seller and Does Not
Require Very Much Work
After Preparation.

We are always glad when the time
comes to plant our first seed. We want
to know that something is growing. If
we can ever get our garden as we are
now planning, and have something
growing the year round, then indeed
"our summer will last all the year."
We are glad that we can plant two
vegetables even in January. Have just
finished reading the Government Bul-
letin on the American Varieties of
Lettuce. There are listed over three
hundred varieties, but in reality there
are over one hundred distinct varieties.
For ordinary use, we may divide
them into three classes. The large-
headed or cabbage, the curly and the
butter. Of the first class, we would
recommend planting the Hanson, Big
Boston and New York; of the curly—
Early Curled Simpson; of the butter,
California, Cream Butter, Philadelphia
Butter and Virginia Solid Headed. Fix
up your hot-beds and cold-frames and
plant your lettuce right away. It is
such a healthy salad and comes when
we relish something green so much.
After our winter fats and salads. Let-
tuce is a good seller. It matures in 80
or 90 days and should always be
planted in hot-beds or very rich soil.
If it is not given every opportunity to
get its proper growth within the time
of maturing it will run up to seed and
get bitter. It does not require very
much work after proper preparation,
and thrives best in early spring or late fall.
Let us plant every seed we can that
will grow something to eat.

Radishes Easily Grown.

This is one of the nicest, quick-
est and most easily grown of all our
vegetables. A bed 6x12 will keep an
average family supplied all the year,
if kept sown in rotation. They can be
grown in six weeks under favorable
conditions. For the earliest, we recom-
mend French Breakfast and Scarlet
Globe. For succession, the Long Scar-
let. The Long Scarlet does not be-
come pithy so quick and really have
more in them. The white varieties are
as good to eat, but don't sell so well
as the red ones. You can sow your
seed in three or four-inch rows put-
ting one to two seeds every two inches
apart. Then keep your bed clean and
moist, and you will have all you want.
It is essential to keep them damp. If
the soil is allowed to become dry they
lose their crispness and become pithy.

Irish Potatoes and Onions.

We have many inquiries about Irish
potatoes and onions; and they are
two crops that can not well be over-
done. We are preparing an article on
each for February 1, issue. Also we are
getting a successful grower to write
an article for the same issue, on all
the important crops we want, not only
one competent person's views or ex-
perience, but many, so that our read-
ers can choose and modify to suit
themselves. Variety is not only "the
spice of life" but essential to the var-
ied minds and conditions of men.—
Southern Cultivator.

HOME OWNERSHIP.

Every Farmer Should Be Ambitious
to Own the Acres He Plants
and Reaps.

Every farmer should be ambitious to
own his home. There is really very
little of the genuine home life, the
home spirit, on a rented place. At best
such a home should be regarded as
merely a temporary makeshift. The
tenant has no motive before him to
improve his home, which is regarded
as merely a place in which to exist.
There is no wonder that the good wife
and children almost weary of existence
when they see nothing about them, or
before them, but toll, toil, toil on an
unattractive rented place in which they
have no interest. Nothing to look for-
ward to, nothing to build hopes of the
future upon, nothing to break the
weary monotony of unslavish labor, is
the condition that causes as much de-
spair among laboring people, and that
fills our insane asylums.

Every man, who deserves the name
of man, should be planning for a home
for his family, however lowly it may
be. It is a plain duty he owes to those
who are dependent upon him. Let the
man who has always rented once ac-
quire his own home, and the sense of
ownership will prove an inspiration to
him and his family. Labor that was
once drudgery becomes a genuine
pleasure when a family is working,
planning or even sacrificing, to pay
for a roof of their own. The whole
family enters heartily into every plan;
there is a feeling that there is
really something worth living for.

There are thousands of tenants who
could become their own landlords, and
that, too, more easily than they now
fill the land of others. Of course, it is
not always possible to buy and pay for
\$40 or \$50 an acre land and it is not
always best to do so. There are thou-
sands of acres of first-class land in
Texas that can be had for \$8 or \$10 an
acre with a small cash payment and
the balance on long time. These lands
are not in dreary wastes, but in good
sections of the state where people have
demonstrated year after year that
farming is profitable. The Texas ten-
ant who ever expects to own his home
should get out as soon as possible, for
the lands are even now rapidly in-
creasing, and the great influx of im-
migrants to this state every month
tending to do so by the thousands. It
is really a pity that the tenant of
this state should be so poor and that
he should have to pay so much for his
land.

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your home; don't be afraid of the debt
you may have to assume in buying it,
for every industrious and honest man
can always find help while strug-
gling to pay for his home. The earlier
you make the start the better it will
be for you.—Will H. May, in Farm
and Ranch.

FERTILIZING FOR TRUCKS

"Cottonseed Meal Goods" Are Good,
or Any Guano Carrying
Acid Phosphate.

A correspondent of the Southern Cul-
tivator writes:

"Having just organized a truck-
growers' association we desire infor-
mation in regard to trucking in general
and on fertilizers in particular. You
will do us a great favor by advising on
the following questions:

"What is the best fertilizer to use
on Irish potatoes, radishes, cabbage
and tomatoes?"

"Are there different grades of acid
phosphate; if so, what is the best,
about what the cost and where to be
gotten? This being Harrison county,
Mississippi, soil light gray with stiff
red clay subsoil."

The following answers were given:
"We have so many inquiries about
fertilizers that it is impossible to an-
swer all of them. In a later is-
sue we will prepare a special article on
fertilizers and give several formulas
for mixing them. Will say here,
though, we have always been pleased
with what is known as 'Cottonseed-
meal Goods,' or any guano composed
of acid phosphate, cottonseed-meal and
German kainit. But we know a very
successful truck gardener who prefers
highly ammoniated goods. We would
like, if we were sure of plenty of rain.

"There are many grades of acid
phosphate, and of course the best is
the one that analyzes the highest per-
cent. of available acid phosphate."

The Family Orchard.

The people need to be educated up to
the practical principles of fruit-grow-
ing, and then results will begin to
show. Generally there is quite a nice
little orchard around each home in
this country, but only a few of them
contain first-class fruit; just enough
of it to know that it will grow, and
that is about all. Four-fifths of the
fruit are second or third class, with
little or no care, which is worse than
no orchard at all. The owners of these
orchards have comfortable homes in
which to live, good clothing, and
good food on their tables, but when it
comes to consider the orchards around
their homes, we find them uniformly
open to criticism. Always keep in mind
that a good tree is no more expensive
and trouble than a poor one,