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FRIDAY, March 25, 1898.

Smallpox is raging in a number of Kentucky towns.

A severe blizzard swept over Kansas Tuesday and Wednesday, and probably destroyed the fruit crop.

The Pacific Shingle Mill, at Tacoma, Washington, the largest in the world, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. It belonged to San Francisco capitalists, and the loss is \$100,000.

Snow blocked the trains in Montana the first of this week. The same cold wave was noticed in the blizzards of Kansas. It was more temperate when it reached here the middle of the week.

New Orleans is has succeeded in having one of the new cruisers recently purchased by our country from Brazil named for her. It will now read, "the cruiser, New Orleans."

In the death of H. C. Minor last week, Louisiana mourns the loss of one of her best citizens. He was a member of our State Senate from the 6th Senatorial District, and a prominent candidate for Collector of the Port at New Orleans.

Mrs. Akenhead, a first class teacher will open a private school in our town next week.—Marksville Enterprise.

If you can't pronounce that teacher's name just butt your head against a brick wall, then you'll have it.

Bailey offered a resolution that when the money appropriated by the Legislature (\$80,000) was exhausted, the Constitutional Convention adjourn sine die. Of course the resolution was rejected, but this city seems to be unanimous in the opinion that it was the best resolution offered up to date.

Mr. L. J. Alleman, teacher of the High School at Bruly Landing, has resigned and entered the Normal School at Natchitoches, where he will take a special course. He is succeeded by Mr. Abe Bath, of Natchitoches.—Sugar Planter.

Mr. T. J. Kernan, member of the Constitutional Convention from East Baton Rouge parish started out with a suffrage plan of his own, but in the shuffle he lost his original plan, and is now the boisterous champion of the plan submitted by the suffrage committee. Mr. Foster's men all lose their own plans, and abandon their own ideas when they discover that it does not suit their ruler, the Governor.—Caldwell Watchman.

Hon. Henry McCall was an agreeable caller at The Chief office today. He is anxious for a solution of the road question that will assure Ascension good highways, and is more than willing to bear his share of whatever taxation may be necessary to attain this object.—Donaldsonville Chief.

Enough such citizens will build up any country.

Railroad Receivership.

During the year of 1897 twenty railroads went into the hands of receivers, with a mileage of 1,475, stock at \$90,954,300, and with an indebtedness of \$71,953,000. When the government gets all these roads into paying order again and their debts straightened out, the receivers will be discharged and the roads turned over to private parties, to be again wrecked by speculators, after they have bled the stockholders and robbed the "dear people" to the limit.

It would seem that after such object lessons as these as to the advantage of government ownership, the man who would object to government ownership and operation of the railroads is a fit subject for a lunatic asylum. Yet there are objectors, and with the exception of those who own the railroads, are they fools or innocents, which?—Tribune.

Mr. W. H. Russell of Derry, was here this week attending to some work on the Finance committee of the Police Jury, of which he is a member.

Nothing Done Yet.

Forty-five days of the Constitutional Convention have passed and nothing done yet. Twenty-five days remain, and still those lawyers talk and squabble.

A set of farmers and business men not interested in securing an office for each of themselves, could have finished the work before now, and it would have been more satisfactory than these lawyers work will be, even if they take a year in doing it.

"We told you so" before you voted for them.

The convention had almost agreed upon the absurd plan mentioned in this paper two weeks ago, which admitted 10 different classes of voters, but Senators Caffrey and McEnery telegraphed from Washington that section 5 of said law, which admitted the 1867 voter and his descendants, was unconstitutional. This knocked the convention into "convulsion fits." They got back to normal, however, in a week, and tried to adopt the South Carolina humbug which failed. The understanding clause like Mississippi's failed also, and the convention is now where it began 45 days ago.

The alternative property or educational modification with poll tax is what ought to be passed.

But such a simple qualification would leave no room for trickery and fraud, and the slick scheming of the politician would be at a discount, so the convention is now trying to adopt a plan for special Registrars at \$100 per month, and clerks at \$50, to run a special registration until January 1st next, and register white men only (Democrats of course.)

We hardly believe it possible for this convention to adjourn without adopting some such farce as this.

Morning Salutation in the Convention.

Has any brother on his way seen the Lord and become converted since we parted?

The explanation: It is related that Mr. Ponder of Sabine, left home an earnest advocate of the poll tax provision. In his speech against this feature of the suffrage, he announced that he had been converted as St. Paul. One of the members of the convention being rather inquisitive as to the cause of Ponder's sudden conversion, was answered by one in the gathering with the remark that Ponder had seen the Lord, meaning Gov. Foster. About this time Gov. Foster walked up to the merry group smiling and in apparently good humor, and inquired what was the fun about, when one of the members repeated to the governor what the crowd enjoyed so much. To the surprise of everyone in the group this explanation did not seem to impress the governor as humorous, and on his features were the traces of a grin which left the impression that he saw the point, and would have said dam it, but he is closely allied to the church.—Caucasian.

A Supreme Court Vacancy.

Governor Foster will soon be called upon to fill a vacancy in the supreme court of the state resulting from the expiration of Associate Justice Watkins' allotted term of service, and there are three gentlemen prominently mentioned in connection with the prospective appointment—Judge Watkins himself, Hon. O. O. Provosty, of Point Coupee, and Attorney General M. J. Cunningham, of Natchitoches. Common report attaches but little weight to Mr. Cunningham's claim for the position, and places the contest between the other two aspirants named, each of whom will have the backing of a large number of prominent and influential friends.—Donaldsonville Chief.

If Cunningham gets it, 'twill be like he got the Att'y. Generalship the last time—by the backing of other people than those of his own parish.

This is the best sign, however, that he will get it, because Foster always appoints such men, knowing how it is himself to be rejected by one's own people.

The Montrose Lumber Co., Ltd. (Old River Mills) have completed their tram out to the timber, which they are now bringing in for framing in the mill, which is going up rapidly.

Good Roads.

The good roads question is being agitated extensively again. This is a move in the right direction and the agitation should be kept up—and aided by a little work and a few machines—till our roads are put and kept in a good condition. The loss incident to bad roads is enormous, but because the users do not directly put their hands in their pockets to meet it, they do not really appreciate what the present road system—or want of system—costs them. Some of our police jurors are doing what they can, for our roads, and they should receive the moral and material aid of all the people. Good roads are an immense factor in building up a country and in rendering country life more agreeable, as well as profitable.—Opelousas Tribune.

Against the mighty power of money through its agent Hanna, the great spirit of American Liberty is about to assert itself, and force McKinley to stop by armed intervention the outrages which the Spaniards are inflicting upon the helpless Cuban women and children. Fifty Republican congressmen have notified McKinley that unless it is done they will not dare to offer for re-election in their respective districts this fall.

Speaker Reed and Senators Hoar and Merrill are said to be the only members of congress opposed to it. Sec'y of War, Alger, strongly favors war, and it is believed the sentiment will overwhelm the national capital next week, and war will be declared, or a very positive ultimatum laid down to Spain.

An Advancing Step.

The terrible experience that this parish has suffered during the long rainy period which we have just gone through has proven a blessing in disguise, though dearly bought. At the special session of the Police Jury, on Thursday last, a considerable number of citizens from various parts of the parish were present and a very live interest developed in the discussion of the subject, to which much latitude was given by the Jury. Finally, the conclusion was reached that the most practical and effective plan to adopt would be the employment of a suitable man to take charge of road construction throughout the parish, furnishing him with teams and implements. As reported in the proceedings published in these columns, a committee was appointed to purchase six mules and all necessary implements, and Mr. Felix Mestayer was employed to take charge of this outfit and direct the work, calling upon the people in the various localities where work is done to cooperate with him under the law. It is expected that he will devote special attention to drainage, and thus lay an enduring foundation for good roads.

In adopting this policy, the Police Jury has acted wisely, and while it will require time to secure a perfect system, we at least have the assurance that under it we need never have anything approaching the conditions that have prevailed for the past three months.—New Iberia Enterprise.

Free Americans.

"What race submits to being clubbed by policemen, robbed and bossed by ignorant politicians, taxed by trusts, disgraced first by disolute thugs and then by stupid fanatics? What race is driven to the polls as Strasburg geese are driven to the fire that is to swell their livers and make fat eating? What race is inconceivably ridiculous, with all its pretensions to democracy, never evolving a policy or naming a candidate of its own, but forever receiving and obeying political orders from political rascals and sharpers?"

"Why, of course, the great American race, and none other west of Russia or north of the mud eating Bushman.

"A hundred thousand of us in New England fighting desperately for starvation wages, many other hundreds of thousands with no work at all. Seventy millions of us paying tribute to any trust bandit intelligent enough to buy our law makers. We are a pretty race of 'self ruling democrats.'

"A yawping Patagonian chasing thin goats across the rocks of the Land of Fire, has every right to despise us, and he probably does.

"Why don't you think, Americans and rule yourselves as it was planned you should?"

"When do you think you will begin to rule? What are your plans for 1900?—N. Y. Journal.

Mr. Editor:—Please tell your readers that the Quaker Valley Manufacturing Co., 319 and 321 South Canal Street, Chicago, sell a full line of high-grade household furniture direct from the factory at 20 to 50 per cent. lower than retail prices, and will send any one a copy of their catalogue free.

A MERCHANTS LETTER To Dr. Hartman, President of the Surgical Hotel.

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The People's Party.

Joliet Daily News. The People's party is now seeing better days. At the St. Louis national convention in '76 the delegations were filled up quite extensively with men who belonged to other parties and we had a chairman as unjust and autocratic as Czar Reed. Populists are a peculiar people in one respect, they want fair play in their own party, and if they can't get it are hard to hold.

The campaign in this city and state was very pleasant. Populists, Democrats and free silver Republicans rode in the same wagon, spoke from the same platform and sat upon the same committee. But it was not so everywhere. Even in our state many did not vote the ticket, and there was a general "flattening out" of Populist educational work. Populist newspapers everywhere, fusion or middle of the road, have had a hard struggle.

It is now much better. New life is coming in and the Populists are resuming control of their own conventions. By a club plan they find they can do something and are doing it.

The best educational work nearly if not quite is being done by the Alliance in the northwest. They have something like 700 grain elevators of their own, with switch tracks, track scales and other conveniences for keeping profits at home. They expect to land a terminal elevator in a short time and have cut down a differential rate between St. Paul and Chicago from 6 cents to 1 cent. They have 520 grist mills of their own and cheese factories in about the same proportion. The farmers buy their twine and supplies through their agent and sell their grain by sample through the same channel, J. C. Hanley, of St. Paul. While the Alliance is not a Populist organization yet it so well illustrates Populist principles, the farmers are falling in with good company. Their platform is substantially the Omaha platform.

In Tennessee, Benj. West, of Memphis, is engaged in similar work. Alabama has an active Alliance and in the far west labor exchanges are doing a similar work.

A "Tire" Item.

You will admit that it takes more force to pull a wagon up hill than on level ground; you will admit that when a wheel sinks in a soft soil the wheel is continually attempting to climb to the top, and the effect is the same as going up hill; you will admit that a narrow tire will sink quicker than a wide tire; you will admit that a narrow tire will cut a road much more than a wide tire; you will admit that a wide tire will operate more as a road roller than as a road-destroyer; you will admit that a wide tire wagon is better than a narrow tire wagon; you will admit that a wide tire wagon with the rear axle longer by width of the tires than the front axle, will be better than a straight-track wagon; then in your good-roads agitation, why don't you also agitate the wide-tire wagon question? Narrow tires cut a road so badly that we will never have perfect dirt roads until we also have wide tire wagons; the two must come together.—Tribune.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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