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### Editorial Chips.

The Republican postal clerks who were going to get up a boycott on the postal authorities seem to have been sitting on the limb when they sawed it off.

It is admitted by McKinly, of Ohio and Read of Maine, the leaders of the Republicans in the House of Representatives, that their party does not stand the ghost of a show in electing a majority to the next Congress.

The colored race owns six million acres of land in the South and is assessed upon taxable property to the amount of nearly one hundred millions of dollars. And when they will have abandoned their extravagant ideas, drummed into them by white men who use them as stepping stones, and will settle down to co-operation with the good white people, it will prove incalculably beneficial to each and the whole country.

Every bill brought forward that tended to benefit the railroads, was adopted by the legislature. But not a single bill in the interests of the people was looked upon favorably. Mr. Murphy, was right when he said, that this is "a railroad legislature, first, last and all the time." Verily a beautiful set of representatives.

### Local Lights.

Where is the wang of the wanglewane.

Well, at last, old Sol is getting a chance.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams, are spending a few days in town.

The general query, in town, is: "Are you going on the excursion."

We erred last week in saying that Dr. Beturnay's wife survived him.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beslin, aged 8 days, died last Sunday.

Some people do not take very kindly to the idea of having their assessment increased.

Figs and peaches are on the market. And vegetables of all kinds are not so scarce.

Several of our town lawyers were in attendance at the Supreme Court, at Opelousas, this week.

Now is the season when lawns are being put in condition, find croquet parties are the order of the day.

The dramatic entertainments by the amateurs of Breaux Bridge, takes place in that town, tomorrow and the day after.

At the Catholic Church, last Monday, Mr. Camille Boudreaux, of New Iberia was married to Miss Lucie Beslin, of this town. May their path through life be strewn with flowers.

We call the special attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. J. A. Hitter, displayed in another column.

Some people when they talk politics, can manage to let escape enough superfluous wind to run a wind-mill at a lively rate.

Our young friend Jeff DeBlanc, is enjoying at home, a well earned rest from his arduous labors on the Morgan railroad.

The crops in the Coteau section of this parish are said to be magnificent—in fact it is said, they are the best—especially corn.

Should the excursion prove a financial success, the projected Hell will soon be erected. And, if built, it will be an ornament to the town.

The New Iberia Enterprise might have extended its encomiums much further than still Judge Gates would not have received his just desserts.

The truck of Home H. & L. Co. No. 1 was received, last Wednesday, and is a magnificent piece of work. The colored boys must be proud of it.

The Lake Charles Commercial, has commenced its 6th. volume last Saturday. The Messenger wishes a continued prosperity to the Commercial.

There were two sales made by the Sheriff last Saturday. One being the plantation of Amos Haines and others, and the other the contents of the store of Cyprien Guidry.

Since our last report, the crops, blessed by favorable weather, have taken a big start, and continue to grow fine. The planters have checked the grass and everything appears lonely all along the line.

Mr. James Simon, son of Judge Edward Simon, successfully passed his examination before the Supreme Court, at Opelousas, this week and is now an "Attorney and Counsellor at law."

A very enjoyable ice-cream party was given at the residence of Mr. John Frantz, last Monday evening. The young folks indulged in a dance, and the time passed off very pleasantly indeed.

A special received yesterday brought the pleasing intelligence that the Supreme Court had affirmed the decision of the lower court in the matter of J. O. Halphen vs. Gullbeau and Broussard. Wonder what'll come next?

We noticed in the report of the commencement exercises of the Louisiana University, at Baton Rouge, that F. T. Gullbeau, son of Dr. H. P. Gullbeau, of Breaux Bridge, received marked distinction, for his studies and course.

It is said that a piece of gum camphor one-third the size of an egg, held over a lamp or candle, taking care that it does not ignite, that the smoke therefrom will soon fill the room and expel mosquitoes. Do this at bed time and the next morning there will not be one to be found, though the windows have been left open for the night. Try it.

The annual election of officers for the Mutual Benevolent Association, last Wednesday, resulted as follows: C. Guerinere, President; C. L. Lacaze, Vice-President; Louis J. Voorhies, Secretary; Aug. Maraist, Treasurer; Gab Gardemal, Grand Marshall.

The State official journal, this week, publishes the Governor's order of election, for the election of a Judge of the 21st. Judicial District. The Sheriff has received the order. The election is to be held at the same time as the Congressional election in November next.

Though no public announcement has been made that we know of, still we are reliably informed that Judge Simon, of this place will be a candidate for Congress at the approaching election. We shall have something to say on this subject, shortly, perhaps in our next issue.

Antoine Felix Olivier, son of the late Felix Olivier, and of Theodora Ledoux, aged 19 years, died last Saturday night, at the residence of his mother. He was buried next day, a large concourse of friends and acquaintances attending the funeral. He was a promising young man, full of energy, and his demise is sadly deplored. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

The management of the M. B. A.'s excursion feel quite elated over the flattering prospects for a large attendance on their excursion of the 13th. Arrangements are all perfected and we assure those who intend going that nothing has been left undone for their pleasure and comfort. Besides the enjoyable trip they will witness the celebration of French festival, which it is confidently believed, will surpass in splendor any of its predecessors. Let every body, who can, go.

James E. Mouton, Esq., who had been appointed, a week or so ago, by the Governor, Judge of the 21st. Judicial District, composed of the Parishes of Iberia and St. Martin, qualified, before Judge DeBlanc, last Wednesday. This appointment meets the entire approbation of the people of this parish, and we trust Iberia will be equally well pleased. Mr. Mouton is well and favorably known and will make an excellent Judge. St. Martin is grateful to the Governor for this appointment. Judge, we doff our tile to ye.

The members of the Police Jury sitting as a Board of Reviewers have been in session during the week revising and equalizing the assessment lists. It seems there was a deficiency, from what was calculated upon of about three hundred thousand dollars in the amount of the total assessment. It is thought that by a just revision and making the burden bear equally on all, that the shortage will be overcome. We expected this, hence, advised our readers, who owned property subject to taxation, to see about their interests during this time. We understand, the Board has notified those of whom their assessment has been increased, of its action.

Herodotus records a Babylonian custom, which he declares to be the wisest he had ever heard of. This was their wife auction, by which they managed to find husbands for all their young women. The greatest beauty was put up first, and knocked down to the highest bidder, then the next in the order of comeliness—and so on to the damsel who was equidistant between beauty and plainness, who was given away gratis. Then the least plain was put up, and knocked down to the gallant who would marry her for the smallest consideration—and so till even the plainest was got rid of to some cynical worthy who decidedly preferred lucre to looks. By transferring the scale of the ill-favored the prices paid for the fair beauty was made to endow ugliness and the rich man's taste was the poor man's gain. The Babylonian custom might be advantageously adopted in some modern countries. It tends to a fair distribution of the gifts of fortune.

### Caught on the Fly.

A friend in need is a friend to feed.

A rrank is a man with a bad turn of mind.

It is a satire to tell a fool to use his own judgment

Fish can be caught by argument, but you must worm it into them

A sure cure for sleeplessness is to imagine you have got to get up.

Another hotel horror, as the man said when the hash was set before him.

Is taking ground against a man the same thing as throwing mud at him.

It seems natural, doesn't it, that when a man's business gets run down he winds up?

Conscience is the central station on the telephone wire between the head and heart.

The girl with fine, plump arms is the creature who does not mind the mosquitoes at all.

Just so long as a woman retains her maiden name, her maiden aim is to change it.

A man never loses much time in interviewing a bee. He generally comes right down to the point.

The eye is some times called the window of the soul, consequently a black eye must be a stained window.

De man dat tells yer that clothes doan make de man, is de one what looks to see how yer's dressed. I see done dis myself.

The Acadian Club exacts that English be spoken among its members. How would it do to organize an anti-nigger French speaking club?

Has you rgirl beaten you at croquet this year yet? One of the easiest ways to make yourself solid, young man, is to let her win three straight games.

An impecunious individual remarks that life was the same to him at school as it is now. He was strapped then, and he has been strapped ever since.

Some people are so literal! When Mose was asked what were the most conspicuous features at a certain entertainment, he laconically replied: "The noses."