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**The Administration and
Sugar.**

If there is any real regard for the welfare of the sugar industry underlying the expressions of "sympathy" uttered by Congressmen Wilson and Catchings they have now a chance to show it.

Admitting that the repeal of the one-tenth differential upon foreign bountified sugars is a commercial necessity, there is no conclusive reason why the repeal bill introduced by Mr. Wilson should not be accompanied by an increase of the duty to offset this discrimination against our home producers; also by a provision for the payment of the bounty already earned under the McKinley bill.

It is to be presumed that the Louisiana representatives will endeavor to have one or both of these just provisions attached to the measure, which will result in special advantages to foreign sugar producers. The action of Messrs. Wilson, Catchings and other administration leaders will demonstrate just what measure of good faith there is in the promises made to their fellow-Democrats of Louisiana. There is no doubt but that relief will be provided for our assailed sugar interests if the administration earnestly seeks to secure it. The time of testing its sincerity has come.—Daily Item.

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Sugar House Fires.

N. O. Picayune.
Since the holidays there have been a number of fires in sugar-houses through the sugar district, causing the loss of large amounts of valuable machinery and sugar stored in the factories waiting to be shipped. It is stated that the loss to the underwriters has been in the neighborhood of \$300,000, which is a waste much larger than the normal.

As a result of these heavy losses to the sugar district, the insurance companies have become afraid of sugar risks, and have already cancelled many policies, not a few of the companies withdrawing from the sugar-house business altogether.

The fires which have occurred have been no doubt due to accidental causes, except in one instance, when incendiarism was charged; but the result has undoubtedly been unfavorable to the sugar interests from an insurance standpoint, and many planters will have insurance canceled which they cannot afford to do without. This would be a hardship to the sugar producers which they have scarcely deserved.

With the number of sugar-house fires so numerous within a short period, it is difficult to altogether blame the underwriters for their course, hence the planters should take the matter in their own hands, and by adopting extreme precautions, greatly diminish the risk of fire. Vigilant watching will no doubt prevent further fires and aid the underwriters to recover from their panic by demonstrating that the losses which have occurred have not been due to other than accidental causes.

Seventy million dollars of bonds made good by the pledge of the government's credit is what the United States Senate did for the Nicaragua Canal project yesterday. This is a good starter but it will be found but a drop in the bucket after work on the big ditch has well begun.—Daily Item.

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What Next.

After years of labor and expenditure of thousands of dollars, all ending in a vain attempt to extract the crystalline sulphur at the sulphur find in this parish, it has become the good fortune of Mr. Herman Frasch, of the Standard Oil Company, to suggest a method which proves perfectly successful.

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Thanks to Mr. Frasch and his great genius. L. C. Commercial.

Double Railroad Track.

The Southern Pacific is making preparations to put in double tracks from Lafayette to New Orleans. The work, which is already begun, will be gradual, only twenty-five miles being built each year, until completed. Mr. James Parkerson, of Lafayette, one of the officers of the road, has been negotiating for the right of way forty feet wide from Olivier to Bayou Sale, and this will be the track built during 1895. This portion of the road is first to be built because it is there that most trains meet and pass each other. It is not yet known just where the next twenty-five miles will be constructed. This looks as if the S. P. had firm faith in the country, bounty or no bounty, that it should at this time be preparing to do a larger business.—Iberian.

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