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GOOD ROADS.

In considering the construction of good roads, the people of this section must be impressed with the conditions existing as provided by nature. Here is wanting the stone which has macadamized the highways in Tennessee, Kentucky and other States where material for road-making abounds and is near at hand. The construction of such roads in this section, say Caddo parish, would require a great expenditure in money and years in labor. Let it be borne in mind that macadamized roads are not constructed in a day and must be maintained with diligence at a certain cost. It is not reasonable to contrast the possibility of road-making with the streets of a town or city where there are advantages and facilities which are not possessed in the country. In this public road improvement it may be suggested that the principal public thoroughfare could be constructed along side of railway tracks and parallel with the right of ways which being, as a rule, the most direct and shortest, could be maintained in conjunction by the parish and the railroads, but serious objection could be raised to this plan for obvious reasons. However, it is conceded without argument that good roads are as necessary now as they have always been, but as it will take years to macadamize the main roads of Caddo parish, if it should be so determined. Attention, however, may be given to natural conditions in the betterment of roads which are opened to the public.

The construction of good roads must not be viewed as a theory but as a fact, in which common sense must prevail, after all.

VOLUME SECOND.

"The People," edited and published in Baton Rouge by Leon Jastrzemski, the gallant and fearless champion of Democracy, has reached its second year. The People has always been bright, vigorous and interesting, and is an authority on the issues in which the masses in Louisiana are directly concerned. We wish The People and its editor the fullest success.

It may seem strange or singular to some people that while the farmers and the planters are at home busy with their cropping, the festive politicians, would-be-governors for instance, are in activity at public gatherings, in country towns, advocating the construction of good roads, the reduction of the acreage of cotton and the decrease in the use of fertilizers. It may be said in a general sense that the politicians and place-hunters do not know of good roads, cotton acreage, fertilizers, bugs and worms would scarcely fill a book, but the masses will not be misled or misguided by this pretense of great solicitude for the "horny-handed sons of toil," etcetera. It may be said that with rare exceptions the "clod-hopper" is "on to the game" of the politician and his unmeasured love for the dear people.

SUCCESSION SALE.

No. 343—First Judicial District Court: Succession of Andrew J. Windham. By virtue of a commission to sell, to me issued in the above entitled and numbered cause, I will sell at public auction, at the principal front door of the court house at Shreveport, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1905, the following described property belonging to said succession, to-wit:

Eighty acres of land, more or less, in section 24 township 14 north, range 15 west, described as follows: That portion of the northwest quarter of southeast quarter lying east of Black bayou; and also that portion lying west of Black bayou and north of Black bayou slough; also that portion of northeast quarter of southwest quarter lying north of Black bayou slough; also that portion of southwest quarter of northwest quarter lying south of Black bayou, being land purchased by A. J. Windham as per conveyance book 25, page 320, of the clerk's office of Caddo parish.

Also 2 mules, 1 horse, 14 head of cattle, 10 hogs and farming implements, as shown on inventory on file.

Terms of sale cash, according to law, for the purpose of paying the debts of said succession.

LOUIS L'EBLAN, Administrator.

TO ADVERTISERS.

The advertiser who would reach the greatest number of people, and who would get the most for his money, should send his advertisement to the Caucasian.

SQUADRON IS LOCATED

Rojestvensky's War Vessels Arrive at Kamranh Bay.

JAPANESE SURPRISED

Claim the Russians Have Remained Longer in French Waters Than Neutrality Laws Permit and Tokio Exercised.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—News that the vessels of the Russian squadron put into Kamranh Bay, north of Cape Padaran, off the east coast of Cochin-China, bears out the statements contained in these dispatches a week ago to the effect that Admiral Rojestvensky would probably seek shelter off that part of the Cochin-China coast and there coal and make his final preparations before embarking on the final stage of his journey. No definite information is obtainable as to the length of the squadron's stay at Kamranh Bay or whether the war ships have already sailed, the



MAP SHOWING SCENE OF OPERATIONS. ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY'S RUSSIAN SQUADRON. JAPANESE FLEET.

admiralty being naturally silent on the point. "You may be sure," said an official, "that every precaution will be taken against a torpedo attack. Rojestvensky can be relied upon to protect his ships."

Among naval men the idea that Admiral Rojestvensky has divided his squadron is not entertained. No confirmation has been received here of the reported naval engagement north of Natusa Islands, which, according to the British steamer Telemachus, which just arrived at Hongkong, took place 150 miles north of Natusa Islands on the afternoon of April 12.

HEARD AT TOKIO.

News Received There of the Arrival of the Russian Squadron.

Tokio, April 18.—It is calculated here the Russian squadron arrived at Kamranh Bay at noon April 12, and therefore had been occupying the port forty-eight hours when seen at noon April 14. Information received regarding the vessels of the Russian squadron being seen at Kamranh Bay April 14, reached Tokio Monday and was given to the public through a brief communication from the navy department. The news was a surprise because it was generally doubted that France would permit the use of her ports to a belligerent squadron engaged in offensive operations. The Japanese government is silent on the subject of its intentions, but it is expected it will make immediate representations to France. The response of France is eagerly awaited, particularly as to whether she admits the Russian squadron within her territorial waters. France denied the Russian squadron within her territorial water when off Madagascar. If she denies it in this instance it will give Japan an opportunity to attack the Russian vessels without violating France's neutrality.

Many people continue to believe the Russian squadron will speedily leave Kamranh Bay and continue its voyage northward.

CHANGE IN TONE.

Papers Say Americans Are Hostile, but Government Friendly.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—Very marked change in tone toward the United States is noticeable in newspapers which usually voice opinions of the government, many of which dwell on manifestations of friendly disposition at Washington. The Novoe Vremya, discussing the question of foreign sympathy, remarks upon the distinction between the attitude of governments and peoples. The French masses, for example, are earnestly desiring Russian victory, while the French financiers are doing everything possible to bring about conclusions of peace. In the United States, the paper adds, "the people appear to be hostile, but the government is friendly."

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Cargo of Vessel Bound for Japan Will Doubtless Be Seized.

San Francisco, April 18.—The steamship Manchuria sailed for the orient with a cargo of 10,000 tons of freight, mostly for Japan. The cargo is mainly of a character that will be considered as contraband of war by Russians, and consists not only of foodstuffs, but heavy machinery for railroads and bridges in Manchuria. In view of the possibility of Admiral Rojestvensky's meeting Admiral Togo on the sea somewhere on the Asiatic coast, some anxiety exists regarding the safety of the Manchuria, and she calls at Manila Island to receive instructions.

STATE RESTED.

Auditor of Kirby Lumber Company Testified to Entering Large Amount.

Austin, April 18.—At noon Monday the state rested in the trial of the case of the state against John H. Kirby and A. S. Vandervoort, charged with conspiracy to bribe a judicial officer. The state closed, however, with the understanding that it would introduce additional direct testimony, if it saw fit. At the morning session William M. Bangh of Houston, auditor of the Kirby Lumber company, called by the state, testified to making an entry on the voucher book for \$12,500, and that half of this amount was charged to the Kirby Lumber company and the other half to the Houston Oil company. This amount was charged to the account of legal services and expenses incidental to dismissal of antitrust cases.

Brown Betts of Houston, clerk for the Kirby Lumber company, testified that he had made an entry on the voucher book for \$12,500, and that half of this amount was charged to the Kirby Lumber company and the other half to the Houston Oil company. This amount was charged to the account of legal services and expenses incidental to dismissal of antitrust cases. Judge James B. Robertson, who was Kirby's lawyer in anti-trust cases, testified to a conference he had with different lawyers representing the Kirby Lumber company in which he contended that the cases could be won eventually. He testified that he had furnished a written opinion to Kirby to the effect that the cases could be won, as the anti-trust act was unconstitutional; that also the district attorney had no jurisdiction and also on the facts. The purpose of the state in placing Judge Robertson on the stand was to show that anti-trust cases had been furnished to Kirby and according to law and without resorting to alleged bribery of the judiciary.

Testimony of Vandervoort submitted in the Moore trial was submitted by the state to show the alleged connection of Vandervoort in paying over the money to Glover.

Sons of Hermann Meet.

Houston, April 18.—Sons of Hermann of the state are in session here with a large attendance.

TEN HOUR DAY.

New York State Law is Held Not to Be Constitutional.

Washington, April 18.—In an opinion by Justice Peckham the supreme court of the United States held to be unconstitutional the New York state law making ten hours a day's work and sixty hours a week's work in the state. Justices Harlan, White and Holmes dissented and Justice Harlan declared that no more important decision had been rendered in the last century.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

Awaiting Final Ruling of Justice Gaynor on Surrender of Papers.

New York, April 18.—The trial of Nan Patterson, which was postponed from last Monday, was again postponed when the case was called in the court of general sessions Monday morning. The delay in this case, however, will probably be for only twenty-four hours, since the only thing awaited is the final ruling of Justice Gaynor on a motion asking that District Attorney Jerome be ordered to surrender papers confiscated when J. Morgan Smith and his wife were arrested at Cincinnati.

BURIED A PAUPER.

Yandow Was Entitled to a Large Portion of a California Estate.

Norfolk, Va., April 18.—Thomas Yandow, a conspicuous figure in Norfolk for over fifty years, claimed up to the time of his death he was entitled to a large fortune in California. Five years ago he was adjudged a lunatic and sent to the Eastern Virginia asylum at Williamsburg. Two years ago he died and was buried in a pauper's grave at the asylum. A letter received here by a local attorney from the Pacific coast stating Yandow was entitled to a large portion of an estate in California worth upward of \$1,500,000. Yandow's wife is dead and left no heirs.

PRESENT TO PRESIDENT.

Moro Chief Tenders Mr. Roosevelt Fine Collection of Weapons.

San Francisco, April 18.—Captain Thomas Darrab, who has arrived on the Sherman from Manila, is the bearer of a letter to President Roosevelt from Datto Piang, a Moro chief, on the island of Mindanao. Piang has a fine collection of native weapons which the letter tendered to the president as a token of loyalty. In consideration of their destination the weapons are passed free of duty by customs officials.

MEETS AT ATLANTA.

Four Hundred Physicians Are in Attendance From Many Places.

Atlanta, April 18.—The American Anti-Tuberculosis congress assembled Monday with an attendance of 400 physicians from nearly 100 of the United States east of the mountains and several prominent representatives from European centers. It is a formal address by Dr. George Brown opened the proceedings.

BRIGGS ACQUITTED.

Manila, April 18.—Commander John B. Briggs has been acquitted of charges preferred against him by the naval court-martial which tried him here. Commander Briggs was in command of the cruiser Baltimore when that vessel grounded in the Straits of Malacca about six months ago, and it is presumed the charges were preferred against him in connection with that affair.

HEAVY FOG AT NASHVILLE.

Nashville, April 18.—There was a heavy frost here Monday morning and at 6 o'clock the government thermometer registered 33 degrees. Grave fears are felt for the straw-berry crop. Peaches are too far advanced to be materially injured.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Liverpool, April 18.—The Corn exchange will be closed April 21, 22 and 23 and Provision exchange April 22 and 23, in observance of Easter holidays.

EXTRA SESSION BEGINS.

Promptly at Three O'clock Both Houses Reassemble For Business.

Austin, April 18.—As soon as the house met in extraordinary session Speaker Seabury appointed Messrs. Dean, Cobb and Terrell of Travis county to notify the governor that the house was ready for business and Messrs. Sharp, McKinney and Hill to notify the senate. A resolution reappointing all the pages and eight of the thirteen appointed committee clerks was adopted. Porters were also appointed. An adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

In the senate about half of the clerks were retained. Senator Willacy introduced the general deficiency bill passed by the house at the regular session and it was referred to the finance committee. The senator who was elected president pro tem of the senate by unanimous vote, and Lieutenant Governor Neal created great applause by embracing each other on the rostrum. Adjournment until Tuesday.

Employees of the senate presented Senator Hanger with a morocco bound chair and Lieutenant Governor Neal a morocco desk. House members presented Speaker Seabury with a gold watch the porters gave him a handsome suit case and clerks remembered him with a rotary bookcase.

BILLS PASSED.

Two Hundred and Thirty Nine Measures Enacted Into Laws.

Austin, April 18.—Regular session of the Twenty-ninth legislature lasted ninety-six days. During that time there were introduced in the house 642 bills and twenty-five joint resolutions, and in the senate 321 bills and twelve joint resolutions—a total of 1000 measures, exclusive of concurrent and simple resolutions. Total number of measures enacted was 338—138 of a general nature and 204 local. Taxation legislation was the most important work done. Other important measures enacted were: State bank bill, drainage bill, bills providing for state, county and city depositories; general land bill; bill for protection of the mineral lands of the state; bill raising salaries of district judges; irrigation bill; general school bill; bill reorganizing the militia.

Measures passed for railroads were: The Southern Pacific merger bill; Santa Fe-Cane Belt merger; Santa-Jasper and Eastern Texas merger; Texas and New Orleans segregation bill.

HOUSTON SELECTED.

Travelers' Protective Association Holds Next Meeting There.

Dallas, April 18.—Next year's meeting of the Texas division of the Travelers' Protective association will be held at Houston. Retiring President Diehl was presented by the association with a silver service set. Chaplain Homer T. Wilson delivered an interesting address, to the many ladies present.

Adolph Ebold of Houston was elected president; C. Z. Horton of Austin, first vice president; D. R. Snodgrass of Nacogdoches, second; Arthur Storme of San Antonio, third; secretary-treasurer, Fritz Mitchell of Dallas. For the twelfth time Rev. Homer T. Wilson was elected chaplain.

FATALLY HURT IN RUNAWAY.

Brownwood, Tex., April 18.—A young man by the name of Will Ashcraft was hurt here by his horse running away with him and turning the buggy over on him. It is thought his injuries will prove fatal.

AGED GARDENER GONE.

Temple, Tex., April 18.—Johnnie Fitzgerald, the Santa Fe gardener at the Harvey House park, died at the company hospital at the age of ninety years. He was a remarkably well preserved old man, and stayed in active harness up to within a few weeks of his last sickness.

MRS. ELLIOTT PASSES AWAY.

Texasana, April 18.—Mrs. Leona Elliott, wife of Judge W. H. Elliott, clerk of the United States district court at this place (Texas side) died Saturday night. She was one of the original settlers of the town, having settled here in 1876.

PRESIDENT KILLS A BEAR.

Executive and His Hunting Party Could Not Venture Out Sunday.

Denver, April 18.—A special to the News from Newcastle states that a fierce bizzard raged at Camp Roosevelt, twenty-five miles south of there, Sunday. So violent was the storm that no one ventured out of doors. The day was spent by the president and party around the camp fires telling hunting stories. The News also has a dispatch saying that the mail carrier who covers the territory adjacent to Huntsman Hills, reached Newcastle and verified the report that the president killed a large cinnamon bear with the first shot he fired Saturday afternoon. It required several hours chase to bring the animal to bay. Secretary Loeb, who is at Glenwood Springs, took a horseback ride and also a swim in Hot Springs pool, with icy rain falling on his head and snow falling heavily on the surrounding mountains.

FINE DEPOT DESTROYED.

Detroit, April 18.—A Free Press special from Durand, Mich., says: Fire destroyed the Grand Trunk union depot here, in which were located the general offices of the road's division west of Fort Huron. The building was new, and valued at \$125,000.

JUDGE NEAL CRITICALLY ILL.

Lebanon, Ind., April 18.—Judge Stephen Neal, author of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, is critically ill at his home in this city. Judge Neal is past eighty years of age.

SAILOR RESCUED.

Floated For Twelve Hours on a Plank in Straits of Malacca.

Saligon, April 18.—The Russian sailor who fell overboard in the Straits of Malacca and who was rescued after floating twelve hours on a plank, was brought to Saligon, whence he rejoined his squadron.

Admiral Bayle signed a contract with a Hongkong firm for salvage of French armored cruiser Sully, which ran on the rocks in Allong bay early in February. The firm will be paid \$300,000 if it succeeds in raising the cruiser. The Sully is still fast upon the rocks.

The Japanese recently captured a large number of coilers off the coast of Cochin-China. Six men supposed to be Japanese landed some days ago at Cape St. James, near here, from a Japanese junk and after a brief stay embarked.

The steamer Frieden, which was purchased by local French firm, sailed with a full cargo of provisions for the squadron.

Health of Russians is remarkably good. Only eight deaths from disease occurred since their departure from Europe, out of an effective total of 18,000 men. A Russian officer is suffering from beriberi in a hospital here. Other sick men who were brought here by Russian hospital ship Ore include Prince Cantacuzene, but reports of Ore wounded men on board are unfounded, as there had been no fighting up to the time of her arrival.

Admiral DeJouquieres has rejoined the French cruiser Descaarte at Kamranh Bay, Cochin-China, about 200 miles northeast of Saligon.

WAS STOPPED TWO HOURS.

Hongkong, April 18.—The German steamer Brunhilde was stopped for two hours by three Russian cruisers April 14, thirty miles north of Cape Padaran. The Brunhilde, counted altogether thirty-five vessels steaming northeast at ten knots. The ships appeared to be in good condition. A report is current here that a portion of the Russian squadron reached a bay in Chinese waters northward of Hongkong. Cape Padaran is off the east coast of Cochin-China, not far south of Kamranh Bay, where it is reported a number of Russian warships anchored and are reviewing.

SAW FORTY.

Hongkong, April 18.—The German steamer Brunhilde arrived here from Singapore and reported that in latitude 16 north, according to advices from Hall-fong to a Paris newspaper, forty Russian vessels were sighted steaming north. Another dispatch says a portion of a Russian squadron was seen Sunday at Turan Bay, 350 miles north of Kamranh Bay between latitudes 16 and 17.

VESSEL AND CARGO CONFISCATED.

Nagasaki, April 18.—The appeal in the case of the British steamer Nigretia, seized by the Japanese cruiser Tsushima Dec. 30, off the coast of Korea and condemned as a prize Jan. 5, has just been rejected. The vessel and her cargo have been confiscated.

MRS. DANZ MUST HANG.

Philadelphia, April 18.—The supreme court has decided that Mrs. Catherine Danz must hang for the murder of her husband.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

No more Ponca Indian girl babies are to be tattooed.

One hundred and fifty Americans visited the pope on the 16th.

Terrell, Tex., fire department will have a carnival all next week.

Powder, Henderson county, Texas, parties will burn 1200 feet of oil.

Three head of cattle died from rabies in Oklahoma county, Oklahoma.

Three miles north of Colmesneer, Tex., several freight cars overturned.

An old negro named Peter Reeves was killed by a train near Calvert, Tex.

Bonds of Coalgate, L. T., \$2,000, were sold to a Gainesville, Tex., company for \$154,612.

Experiment in rice raising will be made in irrigated district near Wichita Falls, Tex.

Miss Ida Tarbell, the writer, is recuperating on a ranch in Williamson county, Texas.

Eight miles west of Hugo, I. T. W. O. Parker lost sixty hogs from a disease resembling cholera.

A Mexican section hand was hit by a car at Royston City, Tex. A jaw was broken and ear nearly torn off.

Dr. H. H. Fuller of Peoria, Hill county, Texas, was thrown against a barb wire fence by his team and badly hurt.

Past season Paris, Tex., received by wagon 23,117 bales of cotton, against 21,536 for same period previous season.

Kelsey and Walter Cranford, brothers, were fired on by negroes fifteen miles east of Covington, Ga., and Kelsey killed.

General Albert E. Payne, who defected Washington during General Early's raid in 1864, died at national capital.

In a difficulty near Pittsburg, Tex., Oit and Cliff King, brothers, were shot. Ben Watts, their brother-in-law, was arrested.

J. M. McKnight and Mrs. C. N. Donnelly were severely burned during the burning at Roswell, N. M., of their residence.

Because he was ejected from a boarding house at Luzerne, Pa., Andrew Byrass blew up the building. Nobody was hurt.

Miss Anna Johnson of Mount Sterling, Ky., has been selected as maid of honor for the entire south at the Confederate reunion in Louisville.

Near Prattville, Delta county, Texas, the little child of W. T. Chandler stuck arm of a china doll up a nostril. It took seven hours to dislodge it.

Thomas Beveridge, a nephew of the Indiana senator, seriously stabbed James Dalwood at Mattson, Ill., and was twice wounded by an officer.

Ernest Gaston of Kaufman has resigned as a committee clerk of the Texas legislature. On the 26th he is to be married at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to Miss Virginia Sweet.

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