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THE LEGISLATURE AND ITS WORK.

The present session of the Legislature which convened Monday promises to be very interesting as some very important matters are to be brought to the attention of our legislators, chief of which are as follows: The creation of a new congressional district. The redistricting of the other Congressional Senatorial, Judicial and Legislative districts. The appropriation of a handsome sum to display Louisiana's unparalleled resources at the St. Louis World's Fair. The remodeling of the Judiciary system. A bill to provide separate accommodations for whites and blacks in street cars of cities of over 100,000, meaning New Orleans. To transfer Chalmette monument to the Federal government. An Anti-Trust act. A bill to allow the lease of oyster lands up to 100 acres to one individual. A constitutional amendment giving the governor power to reappoint Chief Justice Nicholls as Chief Justice. An act to make agricultural contracts real instead of personal. The Poll Tax Question. The Public School System. The passage of a concurrent resolution inviting the Hero of Santiago to visit the Capital of Louisiana and address the Legislature. There is a little sentiment in favor of reducing the number of members of the house and Senate, which under the Constitution is limited to 41 in the Senate and 116 in the House. At present there are thirty nine Senators and 114 representatives. There will be a fight however for both the additional places in each branch. As will be seen this session of the legislature will be of more significance to the people of Louisiana than one would imagine. That the session will witness some lively skirmishes is quite evident. We are satisfied that our representatives Messrs. Angelloz and Delaune and Senator W. H. Price will watch over the interest of the parish of Lafourche with a vigilant eye.

A TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

The town of St. Pierre, in the island of Martinique, a French possession, has just been totally destroyed by the eruption of a volcano, Mount Pelee, and every soul perished. The volcano exploded with terrific force and the city was soon covered with burning lava. Eighteen ships in the harbor were destroyed. St. Pierre had a population of about 30,000 inhabitants, one third of whom were white. Towns for miles around felt the effect of the eruption, and thousands of people were killed outside of St. Pierre. The loss of lives is estimated at 40,000. The island of Martinique is forty miles long by twenty miles wide. This is the most destructive catastrophe of modern times. Nothing since the days of Pompeii and Herculaneum has ever occurred in which so much property was destroyed and so many lives lost. Slight earth shocks had been felt and Mount Pelee had been in a state of eruption for several days before. The inhabitants thought themselves safe and remained. The shower of fire and ashes soon destroyed property and lives leaving not a soul to tell the awful story of the destruction of St. Pierre and its inhabitants. No greater calamity has ever happened to a people, and the United States with commendable generosity have already begun the work of relieving the sufferings of the distressed and afflicted. The French government has our deepest sympathy and in no way can our country better show it than by assisting the distressed people of Martinique.

DEATH'S DOINGS. Last week there passed away from the scenes of this world several conspicuous personages in the history of our country. Bishop Corrigan, Admiral Sampson, Bret Harte the novelist who died last week and Paul Leicester Ford the author of Janice Meredith? The Hon. Peter Sterling and other notable works who was slain by his brother were each in their respective sphere of usefulness, prominent men. That the soul of the man of God, the advocate of love, of peace and good will towards men, should have winged its flight to its creator at the same time with the man of war is the strange work of fate. With them go two others whose lives were devoted to please to interest to instruct—the novelists. Together they stand to-day before their Great Judge to give an account of their stewardship upon earth. The death of Admiral Sampson removes from our midst the central figure in the naval controversy incident to our late war with Spain. That he possessed superior abilities is recognized by all, but it is unfortunate that he should have lost in his declining years the good will and confidence of his people. It is said that he was lacking in that magnanimity characteristic of the great man, and hence his action in the Schley matter. Be it as it may his good name and reputation suffer and there is no one but himself to blame. Whatever we have to say about the dead let it be but good things. We are willing to forget the part he played in that unjust quarrel and give the Admiral all the credit that he deserves. We are only sorry that such a man, so well qualified and fitted, should not leave a greater name.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE POOR.

We know several heavy tax-payers who favor the school tax and yet they have no children to educate. Why are they willing to pay a tax from which they will derive no immediate benefits. If we could search beneath their coats we would find hearts as big as lowland watermelons—men who love their kind, and while they cannot enjoy a thing themselves would love to see others do so. As the campaign progresses we will give to the public the names of these gentlemen which will prove that they have no pecuniary interests at stake and are acting the parts of philanthropists.—Marksville Blade. It is a fact that among the opponents of every proposition to levy a special school tax are to be found many persons who own very little or no property. At the election recently held in this town the results showed that there were, proportionately, more votes cast against the school tax by people whose taxes amount to very little, than by those who have larger sums to pay. As the poor man is less able to do without good public schools than his rich neighbor, this fact is, to say the least, very strange. Yet it is not an uncommon thing to see a poor man with a house filled with children moving heaven and earth in an effort to defeat a school tax, when he knows that the public school alone offers his sons and daughters an opportunity to secure an education. The school tax is paid by people who have no children to educate and by railroad companies and other non-resident corporations. If these, who are not the direct beneficiaries of the system, opposed the public schools, they would merely betray a brutal selfishness and show that they are totally devoid of civic pride, but the poor man with children to educate who votes against a school tax is inconceivably blind to his own interests and shamefully neglectful of his duties. Thomas Jefferson, the greatest exponent of Republican principles that ever lived in any age and in any country, was a believer in universal education at the public cost. In the words which follow the Sage of Monticello gives characteristic expression to his views on the subject. He said: "The object is to bring into action that mass of talents which lies buried in poverty in every country for want of the means of development, and this gives activity to a mass of mind which in proportion to our population shall be the double or treble of what it is in most countries." Who, then, are more interested in public education than the people who have not the means to send their children to the universities to be educated? Jefferson had an abiding faith in the virtue and good sense of the masses and he believed that all that was necessary to insure the permanence of the republic was a system of free schools which made the school-house accessible to every child in the land. With prophetic vision he said that the public school would bring into action that "mass of talents which lies buried in poverty." How well the history of this country has verified these words is known by every one who has read the story of the republic, for did not the Jacksons, the Clays and the Lincolns come out of the rude log-cabins to make the cause of human liberty grander and dearer throughout the world?—Lafayette Gazette.

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