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LOUISIANA NEWS

FABRICAL END OF NORTHWESTERN IMMIGRATION TOUR.

SHIPPING OF IRISH POTATOES

University Commencement Begun

Man Kills Himself Through Grief Over His Wife's Death. Crops Damaged.

Joseph Knoll, of Echo, died from the effects of drinking a bottle of laudanum. His wife died about two months ago. His grief was so great that he could not sleep, and he had been taking a few drops of laudanum each night to bring sleep. It is thought he must have lost his mind, as for a few days before his death he had been saying that he was almost blind and tired of life, and wished he could die or kill himself or get out of the world some way, for life was not worth living without a wife.

Dead Body of Woman Found.

Authorities were notified of the finding of the dead body of a white woman, supposed to be Mrs. J. W. Ramsay, in a ditch near Gahagen, La., several miles south of Shreveport, on the Texas and Pacific railroad. Bruises on her face and body indicate that she was murdered, and the condition of the ground near where the body was discovered suggests a struggle. Letters found on her are marked "Broken Arrow, Okla." Mrs. Ramsay is said to have arrived in Gahagen with a show, and her husband is alleged to have deserted her about a week ago, going towards Alexandria.

Field Hand Shot and Killed.

Dave Sanders, twenty-seven years old, was shot and killed by Ed Davidson, seventeen years old, on Guy Ballard's place, twelve miles north west of Amite. The shooting took place in the field. It seems that the two men engaged in a dispute when Sanders called Davidson a liar. This morning, when Sanders was in the field hitching a horse to a plow, he was attacked by Davidson. Sanders after he was shot walked about thirty steps before he fell to the ground dead. There were no witnesses to the shooting, and Davidson escaped.

Industrial Institute Graduation.

The graduating exercises of the Louisiana Industrial Institute were held last week, at Lafayette, there being six graduates in the Academic Department and eleven in the departments of Domestic Science, Shop Work and Telegraphy. The feature of the occasion was an address delivered by State Superintendent, J. B. Aswell. He took as his theme the quotation from Carlyle: "This, and only this, is tragedy, that a human being should be born into the world with a capacity for learning and die ignorant."

Governor Explains Appointment.

Governor Blanchard stated to a representative of the Times-Democrat that the rumor to the effect that he had appointed Henry G. McCall a notary for the parish of Orleans on the recommendation of President Roosevelt was erroneous. He denied that the President had ever asked for this or any other favor at the hands of the administration. Mr. McCall was appointed on the request of Congressman R. C. Davey of Orleans and as a personal favor to that gentleman, said the former governor.

Court Postponed.

The regular June term of the Webster district court, which was to have convened the first Monday in June, has been postponed indefinitely by Judge Drew. The reasons given in the order postponing the court is that the recent severe rains have greatly hindered the farmers, who, therefore, have a great amount of work to do, and to take them from their crops at this time would work a great hardship on them. In many instances the crops will have to be planted again.

Illuminations at University.

The illuminating at the State University are attracting considerable attention. The driveway through the grounds has been arched with electric lights and the letters L. S. U. stand out in electric bulbs over the third street entrance to the grounds. The illuminations will be continued throughout the commencement season.

Sabine River Overflows.

Belton Hanson, of Connell's Ferry reported the whole country above Logansport inundated along the river. Incalculable damage has been done to crops in the bottom lands by the overflow, while the wind and hail have injured the crops and gardens all over this section. Fruit has been injured to some extent, though the prospects are still good for a large crop of all kinds of fruit.

The Picayune's Patriotic Work.

In its circular the Southern Confederate Memorial Association expressed its desire "that a picture of Jefferson Davis should be placed in every school in the South on June 3rd, 1868, the one hundredth anniversary of his birth." As its share in this patriotic work the Picayune has had engraved a splendid picture of Jefferson Davis as he was during the four memorable years of his Presidency of the Confederate States of America. Several thousands of these will be donated to the schools for white children in Louisiana and Mississippi, through the parish superintendents of education, and the Department of Archives and History at Jackson, Miss.

Season of Conventions.

The season of conventions which began with the State Sunday School Association and has continued for the past several weeks will close with the convention of the State Firemen's Association and the convocation of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, which two organizations will hold their sessions the first week in June.

Bitten By Spider.

H. C. McDaniel, a substantial farmer of the Fourth Ward of Caldwell parish, was bitten by a small spider last week on the arm, and his physician, Dr. V. H. Meeom, says it may become necessary to amputate the arm to save the man's life. Mr. McDaniel has suffered intense pain from the spider bite, and at one time it was thought that lockjaw would set in.

Shipping Cotton to Liverpool.

The Bunkie Compress and Warehouse Company is shipping a train load of fifty cars of compressed cotton direct to the spinners in Liverpool. It is the first consignment of the kind ever made from any interior point as small as Bunkie. The whole transaction was handled by local capitalists and speaks well for the town.

Levees in Good Condition.

Inspector of the levees in Rapides parish, from Alexandria to Avoyelles says he found them all in perfect condition, hard and sound, and easily able to take care of seven or eight feet more of water. There being some water standing near the levee above Echo, he sent the jail hands there to drain the levee at that point.

One Lone Farmer.

The arrival of the great party of immigrants from the Northwest, generally advertised and widely heralded, degenerated into a comedy in one single immigrant arrived in Baton Rouge in company with Joseph Bauer, of Perham, Minn., Immigration Agent of the Northwest. It is possible that others may come, but the possibility appears to be very small.

Bank Sues Bonding Company.

The Board of Liquidators of the Bank of Plaquemine, filed a suit against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company to recover \$10,000, being the amount of the bond of J. Andrew Gourier, Cashier of the above bank. The Bank of Plaquemine closed its doors last August on account of \$29,000 shortage.

Contracts for Levee.

The Atchafalaya Levee Board has closed a contract for two miles of levee on the Atchafalaya River, lower side, and also for the closing of Bayou Alabama. This work will prove of immense value, and will practically free the Grosse Tete and Meringuin sections of high water and overflow.

Pays Semi-Annual Interest.

The State Auditor's office is issuing warrants on the State Treasurer to pay semi-annual interest past due on coupons of new consols and constitutional bonds of the State to fiscal agent banks of the State in New Orleans, aggregating about \$436,272.

Montgomery a Hustling Town.

Montgomery has shipped four cars of Irish potatoes, and more are being hauled in every day. This town promises to become one of the largest truck shipping points in central Louisiana. The prospects for a cotton crop are fine, with the exception of too much rain.

A stock company has been organized which will be known as the Southern Stock Specific Company, Ltd., capitalized at \$5,000. This company absorbs all the property and rights of the Louisiana Remedy Company, located at New Iberia, which will be moved to Franklin.

Fails to Agree.

The jury in the case of Andrew Royer at Crowley, charged with the murder of Seleste Gotheaux failed to agree and was discharged by Judge Pugh. The murder was committed June 18, 1908, and the evidence against Royer was entirely circumstantial. When discharged the jury stood eight for conviction for murder in the first degree, two for manslaughter and two for acquittal.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

APPROPRIATIONS FOR LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI.

CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY BILL.

Post Offices Near Large Cities No Longer Called Stations. Currency Commission is to be Named.

Washington.—The Senate has passed the omnibus public buildings bill with several amendments. Among the amendments were three which were inserted at the request of Senator Foster, one appropriating \$200,000 for a site and a public building at Franklin, La., and the other appropriating \$55,000 for Crowley (and \$40,000 for Gulfport).

Body Buried 96 Years.

The body of George Clinton, twice Vice-President of the United States and first governor of the Empire State, of which he was the executive for 21 years, was exhumed at the old Congregational Cemetery and transferred to the United States Naval Hospital, where it now lies, awaiting removal to the old Clinton home at Kingston, N. Y. The body was found to be in a most remarkable state of preservation in spite of the fact that it had rested in the leaden coffin for 96 years. The chemicals in the soil had seemingly petrified most of the upper portions of the body and head, and even the cloth of the coat and silk of the stockings seemed to be as strong and substantial as when new.

Democracy Stands Solid.

In a statement Representative Williams said "The Democracy is standing solid, with less division than it ever knew in its ranks, still tendering the full Democratic vote of the house to any thirty independent Republicans to pass or to consider at any rate, a bill for pre-election publication of campaign contributions; a bill to secure the liberty of the citizens by a modification of the powers exercised by inferior federal courts in connection with injunctions, a bill to safeguard the rights and dignity of the states against the same sort of attacks; a bill to put wood pulp and print paper on the free list, and a bill for a model insurance law in the District of Columbia."

Wood Pulp Matter.

The publishers are inclined to make much of the statements of the International Paper Company showing that it is selling approximately 300 tons of paper per day for \$1.85 per hundred pounds to the Hearst Publishing Company of New York, Boston and Chicago, on a ten-year contract beginning in 1904, and also of the statement that within the last week the Philadelphia Press has made a contract for a year at a rate of \$2.25 per hundred pounds.

Currency Commission.

The appointment of a currency commission, to be composed of nine senators and nine members of the House, is provided for in a bill which Senator Aldrich introduced in the Senate, and if this is passed by Congress it will comprise all of the financial legislation that will be enacted at the present session. This course demonstrated beyond question that there is no hope of getting an agreement between the Senate and House on an emergency measure.

Branch Postoffices.

The Postmaster General has issued an order that hereafter postal stations for the receipt and dispatch of mails that are located outside of the corporate limits of cities shall be known as branch postoffices, and shall be separately entered in the postal guide in alphabetical order in the list of postoffices.

Conference on Meat Inspection.

An important conference between officers of the Department of Agriculture and meat inspectors from all parts of the United States will be held at Chicago this week. The primary object will be to secure, if possible, a more uniform enforcement of the new regulations governing inspection of meat under the law.

Postoffice Bill Sent to Conference.

The disagreement of the House of Representatives to the ocean mail subvention to the postoffice bill was laid on the table and a further conference was ordered, the Senate conferees being instructed to insist upon the disputed amendments.

Ship Subsidy Abandoned.

Practically all hope of a ship subsidy was abandoned when the House by a vote of 145 to 156, rejected the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill, containing a provision therefor and on which the principal fight was made. The bill was sent back to the conference, and there now is little prospect that the House conferees will yield to the Senate.

No Friction Over Railroad Suit.

The White House has made public an official denial of the story that serious differences arose between the president and Attorney-General Bonaparte over the question of bringing suit against the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, the story going so far as to say that Mr. Bonaparte had threatened to resign.

Ship in Distress.

A message states that the Greek steamer Cyclades, bound from New Orleans to Genoa, loaded with cotton and grain, foundered off the Bahama islands on May 13. The captain and 15 of the crew reached Nassau in a small boat. A boat with four passengers and six of the crew are still missing.

Louisiana Guards to Participate.

It was announced at the War Department that the Louisiana National Guard was expected to participate at the army maneuvers at Leon Springs, Tex., July 16-25. These maneuvers will be performed by regular troops and the National Guard of Texas and Louisiana. Four companies are expected from Louisiana.

Allowing Castro to Drift Along.

Senator Cullom, of Foreign Relations Committee made it plain that public sentiment was not such as to warrant the Senate in taking any steps against Castro now but that eventually something would have to be done. The state department will let the matter drift along until next winter.

Rivers and Harbors Convention.

President Roosevelt assured a delegation of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, headed by Representative Ransdell, of Louisiana, that he would do everything in his power to bring about the success of their convention, which is to be held in Washington, Dec. 9, 10 and 11, of this year.

To Advance Freight Rates.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has not approved any plan of the railroad companies to advance freight rates, and if the corporations attempt to carry out their announced intention in that respect they may find themselves confronted with the penalties of the Sherman Anti-trust Law.

President Signs Bills.

President Roosevelt signed the bills providing for the participation of this country in the exposition to be held in Tokio in 1912; the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill and a bill authorizing the extension of the street railways of Washington city to the new Union station.

Reduce Southern Representation.

By a strict party vote of 100 to 125, a campaign contribution publicity bill, with an amendment providing for a reduction of representation in the House from the Southern States, was passed. The Democrats voted against the bill because of the amendment.

Beginning Forest Conservation.

Under suspension of the rules, the House passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to co-operate with states and with private owners of woodlands for the admission and conservation of forests.

Adjournment May Be Delayed.

It is stated at the Capitol on apparently good authority that Congress would not adjourn earlier than Wednesday, May 27, and that there was a possibility of the session being prolonged until June 1.

Slow to Act on Measures.

Ineffective efforts were made by Mr. Beveridge to pass the omnibus territories bill and by Mr. Newlands to secure consideration of his resolution creating an inland waterways commission.

Enlarge Homestead Entries.

The conference report on the bill enlarging homestead entries in the arid regions from 160 to 320 acres was rejected, thereby finally defeating the bill.

Visit of Fleet is Changed.

It was announced at the Navy Department that the visit of the Pacific fleet's armored cruisers to Victoria, B. C., has been postponed perhaps indefinitely.

May Veto Bill.

President may veto the public buildings bill. He has asked for financial data from Treasury.

To Expel Congressman.

Movement is on foot to expel Congressman Lilley.

Bill Pigeon-Holed Two Years.

Senator Beveridge gave notice that he will move to discharge the Committee on Agriculture from further consideration of his bill requiring packers to put the date of canning on all meat products. The bill has been pending before the Senate committee nearly two years. Senator Beveridge says that the present system of canning without the date is a menace to the entire nation.

THE LEGISLATURE

VARIETY OF MEASURES INTRODUCED.

DOINGS OF THE LAWMAKERS

Briefly Related So That "He Who Runs May Read."—What Our Representatives Are Doing at the Capital.

Both Houses held but brief sessions Monday before adjourning for the inauguration. Notices of a few bills were given in the Senate after which Chief Justice Brewer appeared and administered the oath of office to Lieut. Gov. Lambremont.

A few formalities having been quickly accomplished, the House took a recess, a large majority of the members going over to the Senate side to witness the induction of Lieut. Gov. Lambremont. Thence, all hands went out to the lawn of the State House, and there remained until Gov. Sanders had read his inaugural address.

The inauguration of Governor Sanders was a brilliant event. His inaugural address committed him against race-track gambling, and in favor of many radical reforms in the liquor traffic, including minimum \$500 parish license.

TUESDAY.

Hon. Samuel D. McEnery, of Ouachita, was elected to another six-year term as United States Senator from Louisiana beginning March 4, 1909, by a unanimous vote of the Senate and House.

Two financial measures were given legislative birth in the House. One by Representative Thomas, of Caddo, providing for the refunding of the public debt of eleven millions, by issuing a new bond at a lower rate of interest. Mr. Thomas suggests three per cent. The introduction of this measure by Mr. Thomas was specially interesting because it became known to almost a certainty that Mr. Thomas will be made Chairman of the House Committee on State Bonded Indebtedness, which Committee will have the consideration of the entire proposition of financing and caring for the state indebtedness.

Perhaps the most interesting feature was the concurrent resolution, demanding a thorough investigation of the printing contracts of the past four years, and that the present printing contract be held up until July 1, so that these inquirers can have time to determine how Louisiana can save some of the vast expenditures for her printing. Mr. Thomas pressed a quick consideration of the measure and had it made special order.

Several anti-lobby bills were introduced, and Senator Marston presented his anti-option bill.

Still another interesting bill from Caddo came from Mr. Smith, who presented a measure designed to repulse the army of lobbyists from the halls of the Legislature, this apparently being drawn on the lines of a similar law in New York State.

From what can be gathered only uncertainty as to whether the establishment of State prohibition will require a constitutional amendment has so far prevented the introduction of a bill to that end in the Senate, and it will make its appearance as soon as the Senator interested can obtain legal advice on the subject. A most important bill in the Senate came Senator Marston's measure to prevent "future trading," this being identical in its provisions with the laws of Georgia and Texas on the subject. No enthusiastic supporters of such a proposition have yet come forward.

WEDNESDAY.

By adoption of House resolution No. 7, by Mr. Johnson of Madison, the House decided that no bills involving appropriations shall be taken up on third reading until the general appropriations bill and the bill for the present session have been passed.

Mr. Shattuck's resolution advocating the exercise of economy in monetary legislation was also adopted.

Mr. Locke of Calcasieu has been selected by the anti-racing interests to present their bill in the House against race track gambling, and the measure may appear at a very early date.

From Mr. Polk will come a measure for the immediate abolition of the Board of Equalization of Assessments, for which, say its backers, over half a hundred votes have already been secured "and that without any trying," as they express it.

Presbyterians Worldwide Campaign.

Kansas City, Mo.—It is expected that the Presbyterian general assembly now in session in this city, will make plans for an evangelistic campaign to be begun within a year to touch every part of the world, the expenses to be borne chiefly by laymen. John H. Converse who in the last several years has given more than \$250,000 for evangelical work, is said to be the leader in the movement.

Now that the principal committees have been announced in the House and practically all in the Senate, rapid progress may be anticipated in the line of positive legislation.

THURSDAY.

State-wide prohibition for Louisiana, including New Orleans and all, was given legislative birth today. Senator Elder, of Union, gave notice of the bill in the Senate and Representative Roberts, of Webster, gave notice in the House. The bills will be identical, and will meet in committee. The prohibition fight is on. It means that beginning early next week the state-wide prohibitionists and the high license people will start an effort to get together on a compromise. As for the liquor people, they appear to have surrendered and given up their hands.

If the bill of Representative Bruner, of Acadia, becomes a law, a rice experimental station will be established in southwest Louisiana for the purpose of furthering the culture of rice as a great and growing industry. Crowley is said to already have an eye on the station.

Raising the age of consent will again figure in this legislature as it has in every general assembly during any recent time. Representative Harold A. Moise, Twelfth Ward, New Orleans, proposes to raise the age of consent from 16 years, where it now stands on the statute books to 19 years.

Governor Blanchard turned over to the new executive the sum of \$53,952.87, which is to the credit of the Spanish-American War Veterans' fund. This money has been in the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company, and has been earning sufficient interest to pay for the disbursement of it.

FRIDAY.

With sixty-nine bills on the House calendar and forty-six measures before the Senate, making a total of 115, and more than a score of resolutions, concurrent and otherwise, between the two houses, and with all committees appointed and both houses thoroughly organized, the second week of the General Assembly came to a close today, when adjournment was taken until 12 o'clock noon on Monday. The old scheme of adjourning until Monday night was knocked out in the first round when it came to the House today, as had been strongly urged by Speaker Dupre in his inaugural recommendations.

The legislature is now ready for work. Committees will meet often and late. Practically all of the 115 bills have been assigned to committees and are now in their possession. If a person loses his life because of negligence on the part of any company or corporation, Representative Edward M. Comisky, of the Third Ward, Orleans, believes the damages should not be less than \$10,000. He would put a limitation of not less than \$10,000 on a human life when taken through negligence on some one's part.

The Audubon Society bills made their appearance when Representative W. W. Ventress, of Iberville, proposed two game bills. One provided for the protection of game birds; the other to provide for a board of commissioners for the better protection of game and fish in Louisiana. Representative Comisky, of Orleans, also fathered a bill for the protection of game and birds. Representative Dougherty also contributed to the sum-total of game bills, and gave two notices, one for a stringent protective measure, and the other for the creation of a State Commission and a game warden.

Among interesting new legislation proposed in the House today was a bill by Representative N. S. Dougherty, of East Baton Rouge Parish, to prevent tax collectors from getting new rolls until they have completed the old ones and received a quietus from the Auditor.

State Board of Equalization legislation took a turn in the Senate today, when Senator Perrin offered a bill restricting the powers of the Board to its dealings with State property only. Representative William Polk had introduced in the House the day before a bill repealing the act creating the Board.

Calumet Mine Dividend.

Boston.—A quarterly dividend of \$5 a share was declared by the directors of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company. This is the same as the dividend three months ago. A year ago the dividend was \$20 quarterly.

A sweeping reduction in the wages of the Fall River (Mass.) mill operatives was announced.

Battle With Night Riders.

Ripley, Ohio.—Night riders destroyed the tobacco beds of Walter Hook, six miles from Ripley. Hook fired at the men and in return they riddled his house with bullets. One ball came within two inches of hitting the man. Troop B, which is patrolling this section was soon on the scene. It is said that some of the riders were recognized and arrests are expected.

HELD FOR PERJURY

WILL NOT RELENT IN FIGHT AGAINST SENATOR PLATT.

MISS MAE WOOD UNDISMAYED

"I Will Win Yet," Declares Miss Wood After Dismissal of Breach of Promise Suit Against the Senator.

New York.—Mae C. Wood, the Omaha woman who was sent to prison in default of \$5,000 on a charge of perjury after her complaint against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, which was dismissed in New York, had been dismissed, is still in a cell. Apparently no effort is being made to procure bail, although Miss Wood said immediately after her arrest that she was sure influential friends in Washington would come to her assistance.

"This case is one of a very vicious type not uncommon in this city," said District Attorney Jerome. "It will be presented to the grand jury as speedily as possible and if the woman is indicted she will be placed on trial in the hope that her conviction will have a salutary effect and demonstrate such offenses cannot go unwhipped of justice."

Miss Wood seemed not at all perturbed by the prospect. "I suppose I shall have to swallow any medicine they prescribe for me for the present," said she. "But you may say this for me: As long as I live and there is a Platt alive I shall fight, and fight hard, for my rights."

"Do you still claim you are Senator Platt's wife?" "I certainly do," she replied, "and I would have proved it if they had not robbed me of all my papers. I did not expect to win. I feared that the suit would be dismissed and I had counted on being permitted to go on my way—I wouldn't have bothered old Platt after that. I did not expect this," she added, as she glanced around at the narrow cell.

STREET CAR BLOWN UP.

Cleveland, O.—A street car was blown up by dynamite and a few persons were injured, one probably fatally. The car had just left a large load of passengers at a park and had proceeded only a few hundred feet when it was blown from the tracks. Motorman Kusta was thrown with the car and slightly injured. The conductor, one of the new men, whose name was not learned, ran away after the explosion.

The car was wrecked. The windows in all the house in the neighborhood were broken. Despite a positive assertion by a participant in the negotiations, Vice President Adolph Behner of the union issued a statement at the close of the meeting that the bill of arbitration had not been agreed to and two of the arbitrators selected it is generally considered that peace is now in sight.

Cottonseed Crushers Convention.

Louisville, Ky.—H. J. Parrish of Memphis, Tenn., was elected president of the Interstate Cotton seed Crushers' Association, A. D. Allen, of Little Rock, Ark., was elected vice president, and Major Robert Gibson of Dallas, Tex., for the thirteenth time was re-elected secretary. At the close of the convention retiring President Ransom was presented with an elaborate silver tea service. The place of meeting for 1909 will be decided by the new executive committee next spring.

Colonization Scheme.

Tokio.—Some strong objections have been raised here against the provisions of the Oriental Colonization company, the bill for which was rushed through the diet at the tail end of the session. According to the statement of the government delegate, the object of this measure was to found a company on the lines of the old East India company, of England, for the colonization of Korea by the Japanese.

Says Attack Was Farce.

City of Mexico.—It has been officially stated that O. Bustillos, the Special Commissioner from Honduras charged with complicity in the recent attempt on the life of President Estrada Cabrera, of Guatemala, has been safely landed on Honduran soil, thus clearing the atmosphere of all possible international complications which might have arisen as a result of this incident.

To Combat Fruit Fly.

San Francisco.—George Compere, entomologist, arrived here on the liner China after a tour of India and the Far East in search of the natural enemies of the pests that infest the orchards of California. His quest was successful and when he left Western Australia three months ago the parasite that he found in India was reducing the ravages of the fruit to a noticeable degree.