

Geo. Hopkins, late carpenter on the steamer St. John, died at New Orleans last Friday.

Arcadia is terribly excited over the proposed removal of the parish site of Bienville to Sparta.

Louis H. Pille, city surveyor and a prominent citizen of New Orleans died in that city last Friday aged sixty-six years.

An exchange suggests that an appropriate sign for a church in need of musicians is: Wanted—singers; in choir within.

A meeting of Master Masons was held at Vidalia, La., on Wednesday last and it was decided to organize a lodge at that place to be called Concordia Lodge.

The President has put the eight-hour law in operation at the White House. With so illustrious an example, the rule is likely to become generally popular.

All appropriations recommended by the River and Harbor Committee for Louisiana rivers were adopted without objection by the House yesterday morning.

An iron tower 394 feet high is to be erected on the grounds of the coming Paris International Exposition. The structure will cost one million dollars completed.

Capt. William H. Sargent, a prominent steamboatman, died at Vicksburg last Saturday. He had been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected.

The Exposition property at New Orleans will be sold by the Sheriff tomorrow, to satisfy the claim of the World's Exposition against the North, South and Central American concerns.

The Shreveport fire department will have a grand parade; picnic; balloon ascension; display of fire works etc., on Tuesday May 4th.

Mr. John Phelps, a well known cotton factor of New Orleans, died in that city last week. Many of our readers were doubtless personally acquainted with him.

The steamer John W. Cannon will be taken to Jeffersonville, Indiana, in a few days where she will be dismantled of all that is valuable about her, which will be placed on the new boat being built by the Howard's of that city. The name of the new boat has not been decided upon yet.

Willie Whitney, son of Hon. J. J. Whitney was shot three times and killed by J. D. Wyche at a ball at Harrison station on the Natchez and Jackson railroad last Saturday. The difficulty was about an old matter that had remained unsettled.

The following suggestion in the matter of selecting good flour, cannot fail to interest all housekeepers:

In selecting flour, first look to the color. If it is white with a yellowish straw color tint, buy it. If it is white with a bluish cast or with black specks in it, refuse it. Next examine its adhesiveness. Wet and knead a little of it between your fingers, if it works soft and sticky, it is poor. Then throw a little lump of dried flour against a smooth surface; if it falls like powder it is bad. Lastly, squeeze some of the flour tightly in your hand, if it retains the shape given by the pressure, that, too, is a bad sign.

The noted case of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Honor against Rebecca Morgan to recover \$2,000 insurance paid her on the life of her husband, Robert Morgan, was decided in the United States Court at Louisville, Ky., on the 20th ult., in favor of the lodge. The money will now be paid to Mrs. Robert Morgan, of Philadelphia, whom Morgan had married previously, and from whom he had no divorce when he married defendant.

W. A. Taylor, President of the Local Directory of the Midland Railway Company, of Waco, Texas, and Major W. T. Walker, late Engineer of the Shreveport and Houston Railroad, are in the city on a prospecting tour. These gentlemen leave in the morning to take a trip on horseback through the country which they propose to examine personally so as to determine if it will pay to build the projected road, which is to start from Waco, Texas, to Shreveport, thence to some point on the Mississippi river not yet agreed upon. The road, if built, will run through a portion of Bossier and Claiborne to the Ouachita river, thence through Arkansas.—Shreveport special to Picayune.

I hear that George Gould is gradually becoming more and more engrossed in his economical schemes. His friends say that he looks absolutely unhappy when a bill is presented, and sighs mournfully when the check is handed over after his having failed to reduce the amount about twenty-five per cent. Some short time ago he was sent a present of a handsome lot of game chickens from a friend in Virginia. The birds were very much admired, and George was quite pleased with his acquisition, until one day his servant presented a bill for \$1.75 for their feed. This wasteful expenditure worried him so much that he ordered them all killed, and he lived on chicken pot-pie for three days.—Town Topics.

A war is imminent between the Sunday newspapers and the Church. At a recent meeting held in Cleveland O., of the ministers held in secret, it was resolved to institute a moral boycott against newspapers, and a circular was formulated inviting the co-operation of the clergy at large. Of the 130 Protestant ministers more than 100 pledged themselves to join in the war against the Sunday papers, and preparations are made at once to begin the onslaught. A printed letter originated by Bishop G. L. Beddell, of the Episcopal diocese, headed "Confidential," was mailed to each minister, containing detailed instructions as to the manner of procedure, but the Executive Committee did not get its printed matter ready, and the battle has been postponed until next Sunday.

Several clergymen refused to be pledged in advance by the "confidential" letter, and responded to interviews laying bare the ecclesiastical conspiracy.

MR. GOULD'S LIBERALITY.

During his recent Florida trip Mr. Jay Gould visited Fernandina. His advent had been heralded, and the town was agog. The baggageman at the depot handled his multitude of trunks and valises with unwanted care. Mr. Gould personally supervised the operation. When it was completed he graciously slipped a coin into the hand of the "smasher." It felt just like a new \$5 gold piece, and the onlookers observed a glance of joy on the workman's face. For some moments the coin lay unexamined in the palpitating palm. At last Mr. Gould was gone, and the man was no longer restrained from feasting his eyes on the prize. He did so. It was a bright new nickel five-cent piece.



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