

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

The Views of The Telegraph Endorsed.

Editor Telegraph:—Your timely and well put comments in your issue of the 14th., on railroad bills of Messrs. Hunter, Dudenheffer and Hudson—"hit the nail square on the head" and should be followed up by the entire press of North Louisiana. The success of such bills—would be a defeat of the desires and will of the people of the Ouachita Valley, and I believe North Louisiana. To show that it is the will and desire of our people that we shall have more railroad development and that there shall be no antagonistic legislation it is only necessary to point to the thousands of signatures of the people of the entire Ouachita Valley on petitions in favor of special taxes to induce railroad capital to come into our country, and also to point to the strenuous efforts of the people east and west of the Ouachita Valley, Louisiana is in no condition to repel capital and enterprise seeking her borders. It is to be hoped that North Louisiana will prevent the blow at her interest contained in such measures as introduced by Messrs. Hunter, Dudenheffer and Hudson, probably based upon some little local complaints.

Yours, PROGRESS.

WE PROTEST AGAINST BARBARITIES.

N. O. Picayune.) The proposition of Senator Waddell to re-erect the whipping post in Louisiana as an engine of punishment for petty larceny offenders should not be regarded with any sort of favor. Flogging for any class of criminals has been discarded as a relic of slavery and barbarism, and not to be thought of in these days. It is not even retained in the navy, where it was long believed to be indispensable, and should not be tolerated in any public capacity in a free country, except as a last extremity, a punishment for wife-beaters. Some years ago the entire country was electrified with horror by the report that a white girl had been carried to the whipping post at some place in Virginia and there punished with stripes by a negro constable under the orders of a court. Let not those who would approve such a bill argue that the law would only be executed upon the negroes. A law is made for all, since the lash upon the back of a white man or woman might only be equal justice. We protest against the revival of this extinct barbarity. It is an atrocious degradation to threaten free men and women, no matter of what class, with the lash. The day of the slave driver has past forever.

The President is reported negotiating for a \$17,000 residence in the suburbs of Washington.

The Cuban customs receipts during April amounted to \$1,043,066 39. In April last year the receipts were \$957,281 66.

The Ouachita river at Camden Tuesday stood 4 feet 3 inches above low water mark and was falling at the rate of 8 inches every 24 hours.

The Sheriff's and Clerk's office of Lincoln parish came near being destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. The Caligraph says that Mr. Pollard the deputy clerk kindled a fire in the stove the pipe of which enters a flue through the ceiling and says that the ceiling caught fire but Mr. Pollard saw it and extinguished the fire before any damage resulted.

The Senate Committee on pensions yesterday voted to indefinitely postpone the House Mexican pension bill, substituting therefor the Senate bill passed last session, making pensions dependant on disability, not on service.

The Hanna had, arriving at New Orleans Tuesday last: 223 bales cotton; 133 sacks seed cotton; 4480 sacks cotton seed; 26 bales moss; 400 pcs staves; 43 hides; 9 head hogs and 2 head cattle.

During last month 218 slaves were declared free at Colon, Cuba, leaving 448 still to be liberated in that locality. At the time of the promulgation of the gradual abolition law there were upward of 6000 slaves in the Colon district. The sugar plantations "Alava," "Vizcaya" and "Habana," where the slaves used to be counted by thousands, now have only 28, 13 and 11, respectively.

John L. Sullivan and Charlie Mitchell signed articles of agreement Saturday to box eight rounds, according to the Marquis of Queensbury rules. The contest will take place in Chicago on June, 14th., the winner to take 75 per cent of the gate receipts. In case of any interference by the authorities the pugilist having the best of it up to that time is to be declared the winner.

It is favorably commented upon in New York City, that there are no strikes, boycotts or lockouts in the busy manufacturing districts of the South—in the iron works of Chattanooga, Birmingham, Virginia and North Carolina; the oil mills of Memphis, Helena and New Orleans, and the cotton factories of South Carolina and Georgia.

Over thirty-six millions have been invested in the Southern States in the first quarter of the present year in industrial enterprises.

We learn from Mr. Robert Blanks, who arrived in the city yesterday on the steamer John H. Hanna from Columbia, La., that the Ouachita river below Columbia had overflowed several plantations, and was still rising from the back water. He is of the opinion that the plantations along the Black river will also be submerged, as the river was still rising. This will be a sad disappointment and loss to the planters along those rivers, as they had fine prospects of making a splendid crop, as corn and cotton were up and looking well.—Times-Democrat.

THE BEAR MOUNTAIN, ARK., MINES.

Special to The Times-Democrat. HOT SPRINGS, May 18.—The Hot Springs Valley Bank and the Arkansas National Bank received per express to-day from E. R. Moffat, two 100 pounds pigs of pure bullion, out of the recent test run of Bear Mountain ore, made at the Joplin (Mo.) Smelting Works. The following letter from Mr. Moffat accompanied it:

JOPLIN, Mo., May 14, 1886.

Gentlemen—I have made the test of the black ore I got in Garland, Montgomery county. The test has proven so satisfactory to me that I can save all the metal in the ore. I send you a pig of bullion from the ore I got there. Please put same in a conspicuous place for the doubting thousands to look at. I find no trouble in testing this ore, after experimenting with it a little.

Yours, E. R. MOFFAT.

The receipt of the shining bullion created much excitement among citizens and miners. Great crowds of people grouped about the banks most of the day, eager to view the bullion. Those largely interested at the mines fired 100 guns to-day in honor of this practical demonstration of their success. The principal metals in this bullion are lead and silver, but the percentage of each has not yet been ascertained.



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