

HORRIBLE WRECK.

At twelve o'clock, Friday the 8th inst., news came that the train on the branch road, which was coming from Arnaudville, on its regular run, jumped the track at a point about three quarters of a mile above the St. John switch, at which point the track was in good condition and straight.

The train was running with the tender in the front, and both the tender and locomotive left the track, overturned and were fearfully mashed. One of the passenger coaches was lightly damaged, the front end was broken from the truck and thrown in the ditch, the rear end remained on the track, the second coach, being the last of the train was not damaged at all.

Engineer Walter J. Ryan and firemen Willis Eaves were in charge of the train, with conductor B. L. Durand and brakemen Sevigne Bienvenu and Derneville DeBlanc, and a few passengers, were on the train.

The condition of the wreck showed that engineer Ryan stood to his post to the last, as the engine was reversed, and the air brakes were on and he only jumped from the cap at the time the engine overturned, as he was caught under the cab of the engine, horribly mutilated and his body scalded. Death must have been instantaneous. After the steam had escaped from the engine through the busted pipes Conductor Durand looked for the safety of his crew, but Ryan was missing, and only one of his shoes showed from under the engine.

All the section crews in the vicinity had been summoned to the wreck and work of cleaning the wreck was at once commenced with the assistance of some of our people who had hurried to the wreck, to extricate the body of the unfortunate engineer, a hole was dug in the ground, and the cab was cut, and at four o'clock in the evening the body of engineer Ryan was brought out, in a most horrible condition.

Fireman Willis Eaves had one foot entirely cut, but he managed to get out of this fearful wreck with his life.

The balance of the crew and passenger were severely shocked, but received no injury.

At the time of the accident the people living where the wreck occurred, all say that the train was not running fast.

Mr. Ryan who leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his death had made many friends on the branch and was respected and esteemed by all.

Communicated.

Mr. Editor:

To complete my mission, would you please publish the following viz:

Our Republican McKinley and Williams club is composed of eighty four (84) bona-fide signatures in this ward of St. Martin. I vouch that ten good citizen friends did not sign the club's list voted for McKinley and Williams for protection's sake. Yet we find only seventy seven (77) ballots in the box for our candidates. There is rottenness somewhere. The counting was fair.

Respectfully,

GAB. GARDEMAL,

M. S. C. C.

The magnificent estate known as the Magenta Plantation, belonging to General de Clouets estate, and formerly owned by Secretary Seward under Grants administration, was sold yesterday to Mr. Lewis B. Tebbetts of the Mansur Tebbetts Impliment Co., of St. Louis, Mo., who intend to put the same in rice. The estate consist of 1625 acres of land fronting the Teche and intersected by the Morgan La., & T. R. R. It is with great pleasure that we greet the advance of men like Mr. Tebbetts in our midst. It is a good men for our parish—as properly remarked by the gentlemen composing the party, "This is an unknown Paradise" "why dont you advertise?" It may be that we are too modest or too selfish. We extend to Mr. Tebbetts and his friends a hearty welcome in our parish and hope that there stay will be both pleasant and profitable.

No Poll Tax, No Vote.

All voters under 60 years of age ought to take notice that in all the State and municipal elections which are to be held under existing laws after the last day of 1900, which is the 31st of December next, in order to cast their ballots they must have paid their poll taxes for two years preceding the year in which each offers to vote, and the receipts, as evidence that the tax has been paid, must be exhibited at the polls.

The tax for each year is one dollar, which is to go to the school fund. Many persons should be willing to pay the tax in order to help the schools, but the matter rests on more urgent grounds that solicitude for the schools. On it depends the right of suffrage in Louisiana. If the privilege of voting is worth having, it is worth the small trouble and small expense involved in the payment of the poll tax of one dollar a year.

The importance of this matter is so great that it should not be neglected, and, in view of the fact that the time in which it can be done in short, immediate compliance with the law should not be delayed.—Picayune.

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The Close of the Paris Exposition.

The great World's Fair of 1900, which has made of Paris the Mecca of all travelers abroad during the past six months, came to an end Monday night last. The French Government wisely resisted the efforts made to keep the show open for a time longer, and it is announced that steps will be immediately taken to demolish the temporary structures as soon as the exhibits are removed.

The end has come none too soon, as according to report many of the buildings are already becoming dilapidated, and would probably not be able to withstand a severe spell of winter weather. Accordingly, the removal of exhibits will be facilitated in every way possible, and the debris of the great fair removed from sight as fast as it can be done.

The fair was in every sense an artistic success, although it seems generally admitted that it scarcely reached the standard of the Chicago fair in general effect. In point of attendance, it surpassed all previous expositions, but it yet fell short of being a financial success. The absence of English visitors and English support repre-

sented the loss of much money to both the fair and to Paris, but that was a price which France expected to pay for the privilege of sympathizing with the Boers and caricaturing Queen Victoria.

M. Hanotaux, the French Foreign Minister, declares that the fair was a great success from the government's point of view, as it led to many permanent improvements and led also to a general embellishment of the French capital. As visitors are not concerned with the details of finance, and have one and all been pleased with what they saw, everybody is content, hence it must be accepted as a fact that the exposition was a great triumph, even without British countenance and support.

A SLIGHT WAR CLOUD.

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The United States has another international difficulty on its hands, although it is scarcely one that will compel any increase in the army, but it may give a few days' employment to one or more of our warships. The difficulty in question is with the so-called Empire of Morocco, the most westerly of the Barbary states on the southern shore of the Mediterranean.

Demand has been made by the representative of the United States upon the Government of Morocco for the payment of an indemnity for the murder of a naturalized American who was set upon and killed by the Sultan's troops in the streets of Tangier, and this demand has been refused.

Of course, such action on the part of the government of Morocco is tant-amount to a direct challenge to the United States to come to collect the indemnity by force. The next step by this country will no doubt be a further demand for payment of the indemnity conveyed by the American Consul General, backed up by a warship, probably the Kentucky, now at Gibraltar. A further refusal might bring on a bombardment of one of the coast towns of Morocco or the seizure of sufficient public property to meet the indemnity demanded. A declaration of war would hardly be resorted to in so small a matter, in which so insignificant a power is concerned.

It is more than probable that the Sultan will promptly weaken when a display of force such as he has no means of meeting is made, and the indemnity will then be forthcoming. The only argument which appeals to such petty despots as the Morocco ruler and his kind is physical force.

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