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President McKinley will appoint  
President Dole the first Governor  
of Hawaii.

M. Dupuy de Lome, the former  
Spanish minister at Washington,  
has been appointed ambassador to  
Italy.

A coal mine explosion in Utah  
last Wednesday resulted in the  
death of more than two hundred  
miners.

Former Assistant Secretary of  
the Navy Allen was last Tuesday  
inaugurated as Governor of the Isl-  
and of Puerto Rico.

A report is current in Washing-  
ton that Denmark is negotiating  
with Germany for the sale of the  
Danish West Indian Islands.

It is said that Secretary Long  
will formally reprimand Capt. F.  
E. Chadwick for his recent criti-  
cisms of Rear Admiral Schley.

Property taxpayers of Alexan-  
dria voted to issue \$73,000 of nego-  
tiable bonds, the money derived  
therefrom to be expended for mu-  
nicipal improvements.

Five of the defendants charged  
with complicity in the assassina-  
tion of the late Senator Goebel of  
Kentucky have been granted a  
change of venue by the trial judge  
at Frankfort.

The military and civic parade  
and celebration in Chicago in hon-  
or of Admiral Dewey was never  
surpassed by a similar event in  
that city. It was estimated that  
600,000 people were gathered along  
the line of march.

Labor strikes in different lines of  
industry were inaugurated Tues-  
day in Milwaukee, Port Huron,  
Omaha, Kansas City, East St. Lou-  
is, Pittsburg, Akron, Youngstown,  
and Springfield, O., and at various  
points in New England.

**Opelousas Wins.**  
A cocking main between Op-  
elousas and Natchitoches was  
pulled off at the latter place Tues-  
day, and resulted in a signal victo-  
ry for the Opelousas sports. The  
purse was \$800, and \$10 on each  
fight. Opelousas won five out of  
eight.

Capt. Jack is now particularly  
proud of his "Black Jacks." They  
covered themselves with glory.  
Three of them were put in the pit,  
and the three brave birds who  
faced them crossed over into the  
land where cocks never crow.

The Opelousas boys are loud in  
their praises of the hospitable  
treatment at the hands of the  
Natchitoches people.

## Public Schools.

The public schools of the parish  
will probably be ordered closed at  
the end of the current month, thus  
cutting short the school term one  
month. This policy is forced by the  
inability of the parish to at present  
pay the appropriation made for  
schools, and the consequent inabil-  
ity of the School Board to pay its  
teachers. While the money will be  
forthcoming later on, many teach-  
ers aren't disposed to "work on credit  
and pay board." The policy adopted  
by the Board, in the opinion of the  
Clarion, is an eminently wise  
one; but we trust that sufficient  
money can be secured to pay the  
teachers their back salary.

The monthly pay-roll of teachers  
in this parish is \$4,200.

## Mrs. Amythe Dupre.

There passed into another world,  
on last Saturday morning, one of  
the most lovable and estimable  
characters that can be found any-  
where on earth. And when we say  
this it is in no spirit of flattery or  
exaggeration. When it was  
learned that Mrs. Amythe Dupre  
was dead, the expressions of sorrow  
were universal, her charity, christian  
devotion and amiability and  
sweet disposition were extolled on  
every hand. Mrs. Dupre was a  
daughter of the late Lastie Dupre,  
and the widow of Edmond Dupre.  
She leaves five children, all of  
whom are married and have fami-  
lies, to mourn her loss. The chil-  
dren are Gus. E., Achille E.,  
Jacques, Lastie, and Mrs. Dela-  
houssaye.

The host of relatives and friends  
have our heartfelt sympathy in  
their hour of bereavement.

## Entire Family Poisoned.

On Thursday of last week Mr.  
Aristide Sebastian, living in Plai-  
sance, left for market with several  
dozens duck eggs, but before he  
had proceeded far the horse  
hitched to the conveyance ran  
away, breaking most of the eggs.  
Several dozens that were rendered  
unfit for market by being more  
cracked were taken home by Mr.  
Sebastian, and the family had an  
egg feast. Shortly after eating the  
eggs, the entire family, and two  
visiting children who had partici-  
pated in the feast, were taken vio-  
lently ill. Drs. Vidrine and Rog-  
ers were at once summoned, but  
they arrived too late to save the  
oldest boy. Mr. Sebastian and two  
of the children were despaired of  
for several days, but we learn that  
they are doing better, as well as  
the rest of the stricken.

The only explanation that can  
be given for the poisoning is that  
the basket in which the eggs were  
when broken had contained Paris  
Green.

## Fire.

The old Brooks house, now occu-  
pied by Mrs. Thos. B. Brooks, in  
the eastern portion of town, was  
destroyed by fire last Tuesday.  
The alarm was sounded at 11:30 a.  
m., but the fire had been burning  
fiercely for sometime before discov-  
ered, and the building was beyond  
saving when the fire department  
arrived on the scene. Nothing was  
saved but two mattresses.

The origin of the fire is a myster-  
y. Mrs. Brooks and children were  
on a visit to a neighbor, and "Aunt  
Sarah," the family servant was  
left to do the weekly washing. The  
servant was in the yard washing  
when her attention was attracted  
to the house by the roaring of the  
fire. The entire kitchen end of the  
house was then enveloped in flames.

The misfortune is particularly  
severe on Mrs. Brooks who is a  
widow with several small children.

The house was insured for \$1000,  
and the furniture for \$500, but that  
will not near cover the loss.

## Candidates Galore.

Candidates for the various ap-  
pointive offices are looming up.  
For assessor the contest is being  
waged so far between the present  
incumbent, Mr. Alfred Stagg, and  
Mr. Eraste Dupre. There will  
doubtless be others in the ring  
that have not yet announced  
themselves.

For the School Board (that most  
enviable position whose remunera-  
tion is getting "cussed") there are  
by actual count up to the closing  
of the "forms" 62 candidates. Poor  
fellows, they don't know what  
agony it is to have sixteen pretty  
girls begging, with tear-dimmed  
eyes, for the same school; and  
when you have picked out one  
(which you must necessarily do)  
have the other fifteen talk of the  
"partiality of that nefarious  
mean man!" Oh! it's a job for you!

For parish superintendent of edu-  
cation there are three appli-  
cations—the present incumbent, Mr.  
J. L. Guilbeau, Prof. Dudley Guil-  
beau, and Dr. A. D. Harmanson.

## Judge Dupre and Mr. Garland Banqueted.

Last Saturday afternoon was the  
last day of court for Judge Dupre  
and District Attorney Garland in  
Acadia parish, that parish being,  
under the new Constitution paired  
with Lafayette as the eighteenth  
judicial district. Before the ad-  
journment of court Saturday the  
bar of Acadia passed resolutions  
eulogizing the "eminent, impartial  
and just administration of justice,  
and the learning and ability dis-  
played by Judge Dupre." The res-  
olutions "deplore the loss of Robert  
Lee Garland, the Chevalier  
Bayard, sans peur et sans reproche,  
our district attorney, who, by his  
brilliant attainments, resplendent  
gifts of mind and masterly ability,  
has so successfully represented the  
State in all prosecutions coming  
before the court."

Judge Dupre responded in a feel-  
ing manner, in which he protested  
as to the manner in which he was  
defeated for Judge in this parish.  
Lee Garland also spoke, but filed  
no protest. He was re-elected Dis-  
trict Attorney.

That night a banquet was held  
in their honor.

Judge Dupre and District At-  
torney Garland have many warm  
friends in Acadia.

## Carlton, Fitz and Panther.

A panther of tremendous size  
has been paying visits to the prem-  
ises of Mr. Carlton N. Ogden. The  
first visit was about a week ago,  
Mr. Ogden having on that day  
butchered a calf and Mr. Panther  
was evidently in search of fresh  
meat. "Fitzsimmons," the fight-  
ing bull-dog, was in the yard, and  
entered such a vigorous protest  
against the nocturnal stranger par-  
ticipating of the toothsome meal  
that he left the yard, after a fur-  
ious fight with "Fitz." Mrs. Ogden

heard the unearthly cries of the  
panther and awoke Mr. Ogden, but  
before the latter could reach the  
scene of the conflict the beast had  
left.

Thursday night he came again,  
and again engaged "Fitz" in a  
scrap. This time Mr. Ogden heard  
the cries of the animal, and armed  
himself with a shotgun and pro-  
ceeded to the ringside, but on ac-  
count of the proximity to a neigh-  
bor's house could not get a shot,  
the panther bounding over the  
fence on his approach. But he got  
a good sight of the huge beast, and  
is satisfied beyond a doubt that it  
is a panther.

While it is peculiar that a beast  
of the panther's habits should ven-  
ture abroad in the heart of town,  
still it is known that there are  
some of these beasts in the dense  
thickets near town. In fact some  
years back, we are told, two large  
ones were killed.

Fitz and Carlton are ready for  
another round.

The municipal election in St.  
Paul was a Democratic landslide.

## DR. R. M. LITTELL, PHYSICIAN and SURGEON.

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## SOCIAL BLUNDERS.

Painful Predicaments Resulting from  
Lack of Breeding.

A lady found herself at table with a  
number of English naval officers of high  
rank who were entertaining a large  
company at dinner. An admiral had  
taken her down to the dining-room,  
and she felt constrained to introduce a  
naval topic. Consequently, during the  
first pause in the conversation, she  
turned to her companion and asked him  
if he had been present when the battle-  
ship Victoria was sunk through some-  
body's stupid blundering—she had for-  
gotten whose, but it was shocking and  
inexcusable.

She looked up innocently into a face  
which had suddenly grown white and  
convulsed with feeling.

"Yes, madam," answered the admiral,  
with a grim smile, as he perceived that  
her question had been heard, and that  
other guests were looking at him curi-  
ously, "yes, unfortunately I was there;  
and I did it."

The talkative lady blushed deeply.  
She had forgotten that Admiral Mark-  
ham, who was sitting beside her, had  
commanded the battleship. Camper-  
down when the Victoria was sent to the  
bottom of the Mediterranean by colli-  
sion in the naval maneuvers. The  
blundering was not, perhaps, his, as he  
was following the orders of the com-  
manding officer of the fleet, who per-  
ished with his men in that appalling  
naval disaster; but the memory of that  
day had overshadowed and saddened his  
subsequent life.

That was an unfortunate question,  
prompted solely by ignorance. When  
needless pain and annoyance are  
caused in conversation by deliberate  
intent, the social blunder becomes so  
gross as to merit punishment.

An English sculptor was at a public  
dinner with a prominent man of letters,  
whom he had never before met, in a  
chair beside him. His companion rudely  
concluded that it would be a rare  
sport to try the sculptor by pretend-  
ing not to know who he was, and by se-  
verely criticising his work. Accord-  
ingly, he led the conversation so that arti-  
cles were introduced, and then abruptly  
mentioned the sculptor's name, and re-  
ferred contemptuously to some of his  
best-known works.

Other guests scowled at him and trod  
upon his toes under the table to warn  
him that he must change the subject;  
but he ran on perversely with his ad-  
verse criticism, raising his voice and  
finally asking the sculptor, without  
naming him, whether he thought that  
any worse work had ever been done  
under the pretense of being art.

The sculptor, convinced by this time  
that his companion knew who he was,  
and was seeking to annoy him wantonly,  
turned toward him with a face quiv-  
ering with indignation.

"Either you or I, sir, must leave this  
table and building," he said, "and do  
it without a moment's delay."

The man with the abusive tongue  
could not meet the sculptor's flashing  
eye. He looked around the table, and  
seeing that the other guests sym-  
pathized with the victim of his rudeness,  
left the room without a word. The joke  
which he had attempted was brutal and  
unjustifiable, and he was well punished  
for it.—Youth's Companion.

## TOLD BY THE BIG COP.

How He Divided a Reward for Kind-  
ness with the Cabman.

Some policemen were telling stories  
in the back room of a station house up-  
town and the subject of the conversa-  
tion was the ease with which money  
could be made on "the outside" occa-  
sionally. A big man, with two stripes  
of blue on his arm, denoting over ten  
years' service put in on "doin' his bit on  
the walk," told this: "The easiest way  
I think I ever made a cent, an' mind  
you, I don't say an honest cent, was  
about three years ago. The funnest  
thing about it was that my benefactor  
was Dr. John Hall. He's probably for-  
gotten all about the affair, but this con-  
versation just brought it to my mind  
as showin' how laziness sometimes  
brings good luck. It was when I had a  
beat on Fifth avenue. I'd just been sent  
there, and was settling down to enjoy  
my lunch after puttin' in some hard  
work down along the river front. Well,  
the second day, late in the afternoon,  
as luck would have it, an old drunk  
comes up the avenue and flops down on  
a corner of my post. He wasn't drunk  
enough to send for the wagon, so after  
making it pretty warm for him for  
awhile I got him on his feet and was  
just gettin' ready to lug him over to  
the house when along comes Jimmy  
Burns, a friend of mine, on top of his  
cab.

"Hello, Jim," I says, 'are ye goin'  
somewhere?"

"What's the matter, Bill," he says.

"D'ye want a lift?"

"Sure," I says.

"Well, pile in an' I'll take ye both  
over."

"Jim drove his cab up to the corner  
and we got the drunk aboard. Jim got  
upon his seat again, and I was just about  
to climb in with the drunk when I felt  
a tap on my shoulder. I turned around  
and recognized Dr. Hall.

"'Officer,' he says, 'that's the kindest  
act I ever saw done by a policeman,' and  
then what did he do but go down in his  
clothes for a five-spot. 'Allow me, he  
says, 'to pay for that cab. It would be  
a shame for such an act to cost you any-  
thing.' 'Thank you, doctor,' I says, and  
then I got into the cab with the drunk.  
"When we got over to the house Jim  
says to me: 'Bill,' he says, 'how much  
did that bloke give yer over on de cor-  
ner?' 'Jim,' I says, 'to be dead square  
with yer, he gave me a dollar for doin'  
an act of kindness. Now,' I says, 'you'll  
permit me to give you half, and in re-  
turn take me back in your cab, seein'  
you warn't lookin' for no fare.' 'It's a  
go,' said Jim.—N. Y. Sun.

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lowing ordinance, to-wit:

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the Parish of St. Landry, in regular ses-  
sion convened, that the License Ordi-  
nance adopted on the 5th day of De-  
cember, 1899, be so amended as to permit  
the issuance of three-quarter licenses  
for the balance of the year 1900, to retail  
dealers in alcoholic, malt and vinous  
liquors.

Be it further ordained, etc., that this  
ordinance take effect from and after its  
passage.

Ordinance adopted by all voting yes,  
excepting Mr. Chachere, who voted no.  
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