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NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

Jockey Killed While Exercising Horse on Carencro Track.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR NEW ORLEANS.

A Baptist College Assured for Alexandria—Election for Opelousas Railroad Ordered by Vermilion Police Jury.

Archbishop Chapelle confirmed 300 children in New Iberia Sunday last.

An electrical storm at Thibodeaux last Sunday did much damage and injured several people.

A. Zorn, a tailor, committed suicide by shooting himself through the mouth in Shreveport, last Sunday.

A burning gas well near Shreveport presents many of the features on a small scale of an active volcano.

State Bank Examiner Thomas issued a statement which shows that 133 Louisiana banks have a total resource of \$71,473,799.33.

John Barrett, former minister to Panama, predicts that New Orleans will become a world city on the building of the Panama Canal.

It is claimed at Calhoun, a small Louisiana town, that several men were poisoned by drinking beer from a keg in which a dead moccasin was found.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of raising \$3500 to complete the \$30,000 subscription necessary to secure the Baptist college for Alexandria have raised the necessary sum.

Six mysterious burglaries have been committed in Lake Charles within a few weeks, and no clue had been found until lately, when it was revealed that all six of them were committed by a nine-year-old boy.

While exercising "Louisiana Henry," the well-known race horse, on the Carencro track, the jockey Alton Roger, eleven years old, was thrown and killed. The boy fell when the runaway jumped a high fence.

Pierre Didier, the fourteen year old son of L. P. Didier, was drowned in Bayou Rapides on the 16th, while in swimming with a number of companions. His body was recovered a quarter of an hour afterwards.

The building committee of the Citizens Bank of Bunkie, rejected all the bids submitted for the construction of the new bank building. The bids ranged from \$1000 to \$2500 higher than the committee had decided to expend upon the building.

The Jennings oil field is once more wide awake over a 10,000-barrel gusher brought by the Heywood Company, it being their fourth well. The well was drilled and completed in twenty-two days by H. H. Jones. The oil is of a fine quality and thoroughly clean. The bringing in of this well will greatly increase the work of the now busy pipe lines.

Elbert Sandoz, of Opelousas, was here during the week laying off the new addition to town on the East side of the railroad. Mr. Sandoz reports having his hands full of survey work in this section and as we know the young man personally we are sure that there is lots more work out here that will fall into his hands after he completes that which he has on hand. In regards to the addition to the town we will have more to say about it later on after the map is finished—Eunice Gall.

The police jury met Monday and received the petition asking for an election to vote on the special five-mill tax in the third ward in support of the Opelousas, Gulf and Northeastern railroad. The election was ordered and the date set for July 27. Other routine business was disposed of. The surveyors who are laying off the route of the new road are now

working between Melville and Opelousas and it is stated that the construction work will begin August 1.—Abbeville Republican Idea.

Lafayette, June 15.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the committee on right-of-way of the Lafayette Railroad League, concerning the Lafayette-Baton Rouge Railroad, met at the office of Mr. C. D. Caffery. This committee will meet other committees of its kind at Baton Rouge Tuesday next. The people of Lafayette are determined on having this railroad.

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Will Revolutionize Cotton Pressing.

Several years ago we mentioned that Mr. Wm. Hill, the Alexandria cotton buyer, had invented a cotton compress. Since that time he has been working at odd times on the invention and to-day has a perfect machine that will revolutionize the cotton compress business of the south. It presses a square bale, and the press can be sold at \$3,500, putting it within the reach of every grower who turns out a thousand or more bales. It is estimated that a 20 horse power engine will operate the Hill press, giving the cotton compressed four pounds greater density than the best cotton compress now in use in the South which cost \$40,000 or more. It will revolutionize the cotton business for the reason that instead of cotton being brought to the large cities and towns to be compressed, it will be compressed in all parts of the country and shipped direct to the ports for export. The principle of the Hill compress is two powerful screws, on which both the upper and lower holders, between which the bale is placed, work one up and the other down on the screws at both sides. The screws are revolved by cogs. A model of this wonderful machine was on exhibit Tuesday at the First National Bank, also a small bale of cotton pressed on the machine.—Alexandria Town-Talk.

The American minister at Peking is making efforts to correct the Chinese boycott of American goods.

THE GOOD RESULTS OF DRAINAGE.

A Timely and Interesting Letter From Dr. Paul Foster on the Subject.

Mr. Editor.—We recently paid a visit to Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Johns (the latter a sister of ye scribe) at Gueydan, La. It is needless to say we were highly entertained, for all who are acquainted with our host and hostess know that that goes without saying.

This Gueydan section of Vermilion parish is called the Holland of America. We were impressed with the loveliness of the country. Nature has adapted it to immigration. We were told that there were fields of rice there containing 160 acres with only one ordinary levee around the outside borders of the field—no cross levees at all. These vast expanses of beautiful prairie land, as they stretched out before us almost on a dead level, with large canals wending their serpentine courses hither and thither, presented a view pleasing to the eye. Here and there could be seen in the distance a deep well, indicated by the smoke as it issued from the smoke-stack and drifted off lazily, borne upon the bosom of the breeze.

We visited the L. & H. Canal Co.'s pumping plant, situated seven miles northwest of Gueydan, and were kindly shown through it by Mr. Vallet, who has been connected with the plant for several years. This is said to be the largest pumping plant in the world. It operates six pumps, four of 45000 gallons, and two of 60000 gallons capacity per minute, thus affording 300,000 gallons per minute. This water is supplied by the Bayou Que de Tortue and the Mermentau river.

The water flows off the main canal, which is about eighty feet wide, from four to five feet deep and about twenty-five miles long. From this main canal numerous laterals make off in different directions. This plant irrigated last year about 45000 acres of land. They used for fuel Jennings oil, direct from the field.

Another thing which struck your scribe favorably was the wide, straight public thoroughfares, which were in marked contrast to most of our narrow, crooked roads, which in some instances present quite a geometrical proposition.

The rice crops were very late. Great many still planting. Gueydan is only eight or ten years old, and would have been quite a thriving place by now had not the price of rice dropped so low, but the recent rise in the price has started it on another boom, which promises to make quite a little city out of the place in the near future. They have a goodly sprinkling of Northern people there, which seems to be an impetus and inspiration to things. But the main thing to which I wish to refer to is the drainage system which these people adopted a few years ago, and of which they are well pleased. I mapped out a drainage district consisting of a part of the eight ward in the western part of the parish, submitted the proposition of the levying of a five mill tax for drainage, which was carried by an overwhelming majority. Drainage commissioners were then appointed and bonds aggregating \$90,000 issued and sold at par. The commissioners then advertised for bids, and the lowest contract bid was 23¢ per cu. yard, which they rejected. Then they built two steam dredges and went to work on their own account. By the last of this month (June) they will have completed twenty-six miles of drainage canals at a cost of only five cent per cu. yard, thus reclaiming about 25,000 acres of the richest land in the parish, which formerly was assessed at fifty cents per acre, owing to the fact that it was marsh. Now it will easily sell for ten dollars

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and upwards, and the parish will accordingly get the benefit of the enhanced value on taxes. South of Gueydan is a large tract of marsh lands owned by the Orange Land Co., Ltd. Profiting by the experience of the parish in reclaiming similar lands by drainage, a stock company is now being organized. This company has obtained an option on about 12,000 acres of this land at \$4.50 per acre, same being two miles wide by ten miles long, north and south to the north shore of White Lake. This company proposes to dredge out a canal down the center of this tract emptying into White Lake. Thus the tract will be cut into two sections by the canal, each being one mile wide by ten miles long. This will be offered for sale in strips one mile long by a quarter of a mile wide, bordering on the canal. I was told by Mr. C. D. Babbit, one of the promoters of the scheme, that they had already been offered \$10 per acre for some of this land as soon as the canal was finished, but they declined taking it. This canal is to be 20 feet wide and from 4 to 6 feet deep. It will be dug by a steam dredge boat 18 by 70 feet. The digging of this canal will take less than a year, and the cost, including the price of the dredge, will be \$1500 per mile.

Now, if so much can be done in Vermilion parish in the way of drainage, and if the profits and benefits accruing therefrom are so great, why can't something of the kind be done in certain parts of St. Landry, where it is so much needed?

Yours for progress,
P. FOSTER.

Charles M. Schwab will head a new big steel concern.

Cure For Chicken Cholera.

A small piece of well-cooked corn bread, a liberal pinch of ground black pepper, three or four small pieces of finely-cut red pepper, four to eight drops turpentine (regulate by age of fowl). Soften slightly, so that it will stick together after mixing thoroughly. Force this down the throats of the fowls. Give plenty of fresh drinking water and keep corn before the fowl all the time. Isolate the fowl and repeat the dose at least four times a day, but give only two or three drops of turpentine after first dose. I have never lost a fowl when treated as above stated. I have cured chickens with a single feeding. One turkey hen was badly diseased, and was cured with four feedings. The entire mixture ought to be about a tablespoonful. Make up just enough for a feeding. I find turpentine fed in corn bread crumbs very fine to prevent or cure gapes. This was an idea of my own and proved effectual whenever used. I was born and raised in the limestone section of Virginia, and cholera is as prevalent there as in Eastern Virginia. I hope others will find this as satisfactory as I have found it.—Mrs. Layton Rhodes in Southern Planter.

The boll weevil is actively and disastrously at work now in the cotton fields of South Texas—as far up as Waco and Bryan. Some farmers can not find them—there are none so blind as those who will not see. The condition of our corn crop is a menace to the cotton in all parts of North Texas and Louisiana. Corn has been planted continuously in patches and spots for 90 days in nearly every county, and the corn worm or boll worm will have an easy bridge over which to pass from early corn to the cotton crop. Yet, we see some people are still planting cotton.—Texas Farm & Ranch.

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May 1st, 1901 to May 1st, 1902.....	9,298.60
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