

# ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL LOUISIANA.

## Report That Henry Fuqua Will Not Be Reappointed to University Board.

## Colonel Robertson Said to Be Slated as the Business Executive.

## Former Congressman Is Graduate and Former Instructor of Institution.

## Judge Brunot Disposes of Remaining Sunday Law Violation Cases.

## Sentence Deferred.

### THE PICAYUNE BUREAU.

It is currently reported in Louisiana State University circles that Henry Fuqua, whose term as Vice President and business executive of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State University expires at the end of the current year, will not be reappointed, and that instead Governor Blanchard will select for this position Colonel S. M. Robertson, who was defeated for Congress by Judge G. K. Parrot last year. Colonel Robertson, prior to his long term in Congress, was an instructor in the University, and in addition is a graduate of the institution. No official announcement has been made of this, but it is understood that the news is definite.

To-day in the District Court of East Baton Rouge Parish before Judge H. F. Brunot, the remainder of the Sunday Law violation cases and parties charged with allowing gambling on their premises were tried. Three were found guilty, one found not guilty, and one case is not yet decided. The Sunday Law violators will be sentenced, according to the outline set forth by Judge Brunot in his statement last week. A. D. Bryan was charged with operating slot machine. In this case Mr. Bryan withdrew his plea of not guilty, and entered a plea of guilty. Sentence was deferred until Dec. 8. Burt Layton, who was charged with permitting dice playing at his place of business, entered a plea of not guilty. Evidence was submitted and the case is set for trial. Mike Winfield was charged with allowing dice playing at his place of business. Sentence was deferred until Dec. 8. Burt Layton, who was charged with permitting dice playing at his place of business, entered a plea of not guilty. Evidence was submitted and the case is set for trial. Mike Winfield was charged with allowing dice playing at his place of business. Sentence was deferred until Dec. 8.

The assessment rolls of Natchitoches and Livingston Parishes were accepted by the State Auditor to-night. The assessment roll of Natchitoches for 1907 is \$7,250,007, an increase of \$1,742,000 over 1906. The assessment roll of Livingston is \$1,100,000, an increase of \$100,000 over 1906. The Board of Control of the State Penitentiary has been investigating the question of early cotton, in view of the fact that the great State Farm at Angola, La., is now infected with the boll weevil. Two years ago the Toole cotton was introduced on Angola and in 1906 proved to be very prolific and very early, with a fairly good staple. This season, of course, all cotton was brought to a stand so late that it was scarcely a fair test. The Board will continue to plant largely of the Toole cotton next year and will also put in some new varieties. The following letter was received in this connection from Washington:

Washington, D. C., Nov. 7, 1907.  
"Mr. C. Harrison Parker, President Board of Control, State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 20 with reference to our report distributed in Oklahoma some of an early maturing variety of cotton, has been referred to this office for reply.  
"I note that you wish to cultivate an early maturing variety of cotton in order to escape the boll weevil, which has extended into your State. We are glad to state in this connection that the seed of the Pride of Georgia and Toole cotton was distributed in Oklahoma last winter, and it is probable that you may refer to the Pride of Georgia. This is an early, big boll and productive sort, with a rather high percentage of lint, and is considered to be the best of the big boll cottons which have been tested by this Department. We expect to make further distribution of seed of this variety this present season and shall be pleased to send you a small supply free of cost. This cotton was originated by Mr. James T. Jones, Hagenerville, Ga., and it is possible that seed might be obtained through him. The seed which we are distributing was grown by R. C. Keenan, Columbia, S. C. Very truly yours,  
D. N. SHOEMAKER,  
Acting in Charge, Cotton and Tobacco Breeding Investigation."

The Board of Control has ordered some of this seed of the Pride of Georgia cotton, and will try it alongside of the Toole cotton, from the originator, James T. Jones, Hagenerville, Ga. The Board will also endeavor to obtain such supplies of the Toole cotton seed from its point of origin, in order to test whether it has deteriorated since it has been brought into the bottom lands. The Toole seed which the Board is now planting was obtained from Colonel F. P. Stubbs, of Monroe, La., Ouachita Parish, some three years ago.

It will now be only a matter of a few days before all of the assessment rolls of every parish of the State will be in, accepted by the State Auditor and taxes collected upon it by the tax collectors. The parishes that have not received their rolls will be late in beginning the collection of their rolls. They are now already nearly three months overdue, and this time in the collection of the taxes at this season of the year may prove a serious handicap to some of the sheriffs. There are now, however, only three rolls that have not been finally accepted by the Auditor, approved by the official and the tax collector told to proceed to the collection of taxes. It is only a few hours before one of these rolls will be received, and doubtless accepted, if it is found correct. This will leave two to be finally disposed of. The two rolls that have not been accepted are from Vermilion and Natchitoches Parishes. The roll from Lafourche Parish has been received, but has not been approved by the Auditor for the reason that the total figures of the assessor do not tally with the figures of the Secretary of State Board of Equalization, who figured out from the abstract which the assessor sent into the Board which the total assessment should be. The roll of Vermilion Parish has been shipped and should reach the Auditor's office at any time. The roll of Natchitoches is expected here this week. The assessment roll of Lafourche Parish will be accepted just as soon as the assessor explains the discrepancies between his figures and those of the Secretary of the Board of Equalization.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 7 o'clock, at Hazel Hall, participated in by all of the Protestant Churches of the city. The services will be conducted by the various ministers. The annual Thanksgiving sermon will be preached by Rev. R. L. Porter, Pastor of the First Christian Church of Baton Rouge, and one of the most eloquent young ministers in the city. For the past several years it has been the custom in this city to hold union Thanksgiving services at night, in order that all of the congregations could join in the services, and the business men of the city can attend. During the morning hours services will be held at a majority of the churches at 11 o'clock. At the possibly of the churches the ministers will conduct the regular Thanksgiving services in the morning, and will participate with their congregations, in the night services.

Several of the city officials are strongly advocating the erection of a city jail to take the place of the antiquated and dilapidated building now used for that purpose. It is argued in behalf of the proposed new jail that it is extremely dangerous to confine a person in the place now used to hold the city's prisoners during the winter months. One prisoner died of exposure in the building last year, and the authorities have not been the least bit improved since that time. "The place now used as a city jail is a disgrace to the city," said a prominent citizen in discussing the situation a day or two ago. "Besides being entirely unfit for the confinement of prisoners, it makes any pretensions toward decency, or is the least bit respectable to the objects of exposure, it is often so crowded that it is impossible to keep the two races separate; and as far as sanitation is concerned, that is a thing entirely out of the question." By all means, let us have a new city jail.

J. B. Anwell, State Superintendent, has issued the following to the Parish Superintendents:  
"Please announce that the next regular examination in teachers' certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools will be held on Dec. 10, 20 and 21, 1907. Graduates of certain institutions who are exempt from the examination in academic subjects should report on the second day (the 20th), for examination in the theory and art of teaching. The examination of white and colored teachers will be held on the same dates, in separate rooms or buildings. The law, as you know, permits no teacher to draw a dollar of salary from any public school fund unless said person holds a valid Louisiana teacher's certificate. You will I I swear to comply with the law. Let all teachers not holding valid certificates be informed. Provisional certificates now in force will not be valid after

December, 1907. Many of the questions on the theory and art of teaching will hear upon the reading course and the work outlined last year in the manual teachers' association meetings and institutes. All questions will be sent you in due time."

"I am in thorough accord with the purposes of the President's call for a conference of the States and Territories at the Whitehouse on May 13, 14 and 15, and I have so advised him. If it is possible for me to do so, I intend to attend this conference. It is my intention to co-operate with the President in every way possible in his palace-reform movement looking to the consolidation of the great natural resources of our country."  
"N. C. BLANCHARD."

This is the statement given out to-night by Governor Blanchard in reply to a query as to what he thought of the call issued by President Roosevelt for a meeting of the Governors of the different States to preserve the natural resources of the country.

## SHREVEPORT.

### Louisiana Compress Company Will Make Answer to Suit.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 10.—An answer will be filed in the District Court to-morrow by the defendants in the suit brought yesterday by Frank B. Hayne and H. De L. Vincent, of New Orleans, against the Louisiana Compress Company for appointment of a receiver and alleging mismanagement as their reason. Judge Muff, at request of the attorneys for the defense, to-day agreed to have the trial Friday instead of next Monday, as asked by the New Orleans men. A general denial of the charges made by Messrs. Hayne and Vincent will be made and counter-allegations offered, one by the petitioners sent their cotton to other warehouses.

C. F. Whitney, former Secretary of the Shreveport Trades Council, charged with embezzling funds collected for the Labor Day parade, was acquitted by a jury to-day.

Mrs. Patton, wife of W. F. Patton, who met a tragic death here a few days ago, is now in Texas with relatives, the remains of her husband having been taken to Richmond, Tex., for interment, accompanied from here by D. G. Measow, Mrs. Patton's father, and by Patton's father, of Antioch, Tex.

The Shreveport chapter of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity has reorganized, with Henry O'Neal, President; Fred Hatzburg, Vice President; D. G. Frantz, Secretary, and Clarence King, Treasurer.

Acting City Judge Robert Williamson has fined Charles Debose \$200 for violating the Sunday Law, making his third conviction in a week. The District Court also affirmed a decision of the City Judge, sending George Nield, a negro snookkeeper, to jail for 30 days for breaking the Sunday Law.

## COVINGTON.

### New Brick Manufactory Will Soon Be Ready for Business.

Covington, La., Nov. 10.—Lawrence Cole, Manager of the St. Tammany Brick Company, which is just beginning operations north of Covington, near Ramsay, was in town to-day and states that his Company would soon be ready for business. The prospects there are the best he has ever seen in an experience of many years in the business in this country and Mexico.

Mr. Cole states that his Company has fifty-one acres of land close to the railroad on which clay of a remarkable fine quality is found near the surface and of a proven depth of fifteen feet. With an abundance of cheap fuel near at hand and admirable facilities for handling both the raw materials and finished products, he hopes to be able to market all the output of the factory at a remarkably low figure. In the next few days work will begin on the first kilns which will be of antique brick, and the product will be used to build the permanent kilns.

To date but one machine has been installed. It is a "Club" of Anderson, Ind., and has a capacity of 20,000 brick a day. The first kiln will have a capacity of 200,000 brick. Mr. Cole has associated with him in the enterprise the friends of St. Joseph's Abbey.

The St. Joseph's Chapter of the Order of Christ Episcopal Church, will preach the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service to be held by the Protestant Churches, which will be held this year in the new Baptist Church. A special musical programme will be arranged for that day by the choirs of various churches of the town.

## LAFAYETTE.

### Two Interests Claim Rights on Valuable Oil Field Property.

Lafayette, La., Nov. 10.—The purchase of a large tract of land at Assa La Butte from Ambrose Bagnaud by a number of Lafayette citizens for \$30,000 is likely to result in litigation for possession of the property. It appears that Robert Martin and others have a lease on the entire tract, and to-day proceeded to erect a derrick on the land near the present pumps, but were notified to desist by the purchasers of the tract. The derrick was met with a refusal, and the work of erecting the new derrick preparatory to drilling a new well still goes on. It is probable that the interested parties will seek to enjoin the exploiting of the tract by instituting legal proceedings in the Court at St. Martinville, and a battle royal will likely follow for possession of the most favorable section of the oil field. The purchasers bought the land in fee simple with 10 per cent royalty, the Martin Company having previously leased the property for mineral exploring. The exact nature of the lease is not known, but it is the evident purpose of the purchasers to break it and gain possession if possible.

## ROSELAND.

### Returned Missionary From Africa Becomes Pastor of Baptist Church.

Roseland, La., Nov. 10.—At the last regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Church in Roseland, Elder G. G. Thomas' resignation was accepted, and Elder Chas. E. Smith, returned missionary from Africa, was called to take charge of the Church. Elder Thomas, of Amite City, who organized the Church some years ago, and who became the Pastor the second time, something more than two years ago, finding that he had more work than he could do, resigned the charge. Elder Smith, being compelled to retire from his mission work, after twenty-two years of labor, on account of Mrs. Smith's health, is making his home here. He is a forcible speaker and a scholarly man, and his extensive travels through foreign countries enable him to impart the religious and other views of the natives of that far-off land in an interesting and impressive way. Several persons have united with the Baptist Church of late, and present appearances indicate prosperity and success under the leadership of Elder Smith.

## ALEXANDRIA.

### Herring Case on Trial—Alleged Attempt to Cremate Negro's Body.

Alexandria, La., Nov. 10.—The case of George Herring, charged with manslaughter, was taken up by the District Court to-day. The trial consumed the entire day and may not be completed until to-morrow. Herring is accused of killing J. N. Rachol in this city several months ago.

The body of an unknown negro man was found this morning lying in the back part of John Barrett's Plantation on the north side of Red River, about two miles from Pineville. The man is supposed to have been murdered, and it is reported on the streets that his clothing had been saturated with coal oil and partly burned off him. Coroner G. M. G. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff E. E. David left this afternoon for the scene.

## COLFAX.

### Proposed Tax for System of Water Works Is Defeated.

Colfax, La., Nov. 10.—At an election held here to-day to vote on the proposition of levying a tax of 5 mills on all taxable property in the town of Colfax for a period of thirty years for the purpose of installing a system of water works in the town, the proposition was defeated by the following vote: Number of votes for tax twenty-nine; amount of property for tax, \$27,010; number of votes against tax, sixteen; amount of property against tax, \$45,255.

A regular meeting was held last night at the Courthouse to discuss the water works proposition and it was thought the tax would carry as to numbers and amount of property, but the proposition was defeated by failing to receive the necessary majority as to property valuation.

## FRANKLIN.

### Electric Lighting System Will Be in Operation by New Year.

Franklin, La., Nov. 10.—Dr. D. N. Foster, Parish Superintendent of Public Education, has called a regular examination for teachers not holding first-grade certificates from Dec. 10 to 22, inclusive.

Senator Wilson T. Peterman spent Saturday and Sunday with his family here and returned to Baton Rouge Monday morning.

The poles for the new electric light plant here all been placed. Wiring will commence at once by Muralt & Co., of New York. This end of the work is being looked after by J. P. W. Bunsen. This gives Franklin an up-to-date electric light plant, all the principal streets being lighted with arc lights. The new outfit will be completed and ready for business by Jan. 1.

Archie M. Smith has taken the editorial management of the St. Mary Banner.

## GRAMERCY.

### Unknown Man May Have Perished From Hunger and Cold.

Gramercy, La., Nov. 10.—The body of an unknown white man was discovered to-day by a negro hunter, in the cane field of Golden Grove Plantation, property of the Colonial Sugars Company, midway between the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley and the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company's tracks. The body was lying in the second or third row of cane, near one of the plantation roads. The head rested on a bush of grass. The shoes had been thrown five or six feet

away from the body. The hat, which was found thirty feet away, led to the discovery. The only clothes worn were a pair of trousers and an undershirt. Apparently the man must have been in his office. The body is not decomposed, and death is likely to have been caused by hunger and cold, as there is no sign of foul play. The body was taken in charge by the Coroner of St. James Parish.

## ABBEVILLE.

### Archbishop Blenk Administers Confirmation to Large Class.

Abbeville, La., Nov. 10.—Archbishop Blenk reached here late last evening by train from Mauriceville. He was met across the bayou by a delegation of Catholic Knights, the Mayor and a committee of citizens, who extended the reverend visitor a cordial welcome. The long drawbridge over the river here was lined with parishioners, and those fell in behind and formed a long procession to the church. Addresses of welcome were made by Hon. R. P. LeBlanc and Felix J. Samson, and His Grace responded feelingly in French and English. To-day confirmation was administered to a large class, after which Archbishop Blenk drove to Bancker and continued his tour of inspection.

## MORGANZA.

### Parish Teachers Meet.

Morganza, La., Nov. 10.—The teachers of Pointe Coupee Parish met here Friday. Among the teachers present were Misses. McIlson and Misses Smith, Turner, Campbell, Kelly, Vignes, Hieroman, Kearney, Bouanchaud, Corkery, Midyette and Denison and Messrs. Alexander, Edwards, Busco and McFarland. The Institute was conducted by Superintendent Trudeau. Subjects discussed were: "The Teaching of English," Annie Corkery; "Principles of Teaching," Miss A. Kearney; "Among Country Schools," Prof. McFarland; "Teacher and Pupils," Mr. Edwards. New Roads was selected for the next meeting, Dec. 11.

## RESERVE.

### Boy Has Both Legs Cut Off by Engine—Dies on Train.

Reserve, La., Nov. 10.—Louis Duhie, a young boy, was run over by a Yazoo and Mississippi Valley engine Sunday afternoon at the depot and had both legs below the knee cut off. He was on his way to dinner, and was walking on the sidetrack holding an umbrella in front of him to keep off the rain, and did not see the engine backing up the switch. Immediately after the accident he was taken to Litcher to Dr. Jones, the Railroad Company surgeon, but was in too weakened a condition from the nervous shock and loss of blood to undergo an operation. He died on the afternoon passenger train while being taken to New Orleans.

The recent cold snap has affected the cane in this section, and a number of planters are withdrawing their cane.

## NEW IBERIA.

### New Elks' Theatre Opens.

New Iberia, La., Nov. 10.—The Elks' Theatre opened last night to a crowded house, "The Red Leather" being presented. The building was erected at a cost of \$40,000 by the Elks' Theatre Company, Ltd.

The heavy rains of Sunday knocked out field operations of the sugar planters, as no cane was hauled yesterday and but few hands were in the field. The scarcity of labor is pronounced, and the fear is expressed by some that cane will be lost this season from inadequate labor to save it.

## LAKE CHARLES.

### Trial of Former Cashier in Progress in District Court.

Lake Charles, La., Nov. 10.—The trial of J. H. Hoffman, formerly Cashier of the Citizens' Bank at Jennings, which went into liquidation four years ago, is in progress in the District Court. Hoffman is accused of accepting deposits when he knew the bank to be insolvent. He was tried once before, the jury disagreeing.