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it subscriptions to the fund for celebra-  
tion of Lafayette's birthday, September 6th. Donors are requested to make their checks payable to "The  
Lafayette Birthday Celebration."

## HAPPENINGS 69 YEARS AGO.

(By Count de G. —)

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What's the matter with the sun?

If we were Millerites, we should begin to think of the end of time. The papers are talking of a most remarkable astronomical phenomenon—a decrease in the size of the sun—lately discovered by some of our star-gazers. It is said that by recent discoveries at the National Observatory, Washington City, and other places, it has ascertained that the sun has decreased in volume nearly one-tenth, and this singular phenomenon has occurred entirely during the month. The change took place suddenly, since according to accurate observations, on the morning of the 18th ultimo, it presented its usual volume to the vision of the spectator, yet, as it arose on the next day, the alteration was easily perceptible, even to the naked eye. Its form, too, is altered. Its latitude has decreased while its longitude has been prolonged.

## The republic of Andorre.

In a deep and retired valley of the Pyrenees exists the small independent State of Andorre, under the joint protection of France and Spain. It has laws by prescription, which are administered by two judges—one French, the other Spanish. This little republic comprises fifty-four villages, with a population of about 12,000 inhabitants, living on the produce of flocks and herds, their chief wealth. Murder is a crime extremely rare in this little State. The mode of execu-

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tion is consistent with the nature of the people. At a short distance from the road into Catalonia is a tremendous precipice, the bottom of which no eye of man can discover. The final, with his eyes bound, is led to the edge, and, in the presence of all who wish to attend, is thrown over by the executioner.

## A curious society.

A society in Cincinnati called the "Last Man," held its anniversary meeting in that city on Wednesday, the 17th instant. It was organized sixteen years ago, and but four of its members now survive, which remnant met. No new members are taken in after organization, and the society continues annually to meet as long as one survives.

Washington letters state that the estimates of war expenses for the ensuing year, as made out by the department, have been much cut down, and that the aggregate will be only \$300,000.

(To Be Continued.)

## Trade Edition of the New Orleans Bee.

Pursuant to its annual custom, the Bee will publish a Trade Edition covering the civic activities of the Crescent City during the twelvemonth ending August 31, 1916.

This issue of the Bee will be printed on Sunday September 3, instead of the usual date, September 1 so as to give its readers, in the same number of the paper in addition to the many special articles in the fields of literature, arts and sciences, and general topics, a most comprehensive résumé of the progress of New Orleans in all its various branches of industry, commerce, finance and municipal advancement.

The articles, carefully written, from information and data obtained from authoritative sources, will show the wonderful strides taken by the city of New Orleans in the extension and expansion of its internal and external trade, in the substantial growth of its urban development, such as improved port facilities, important additions to the already excellent system of public utilities, and the solid and constant increase of the commercial and financial business of the metropolis of the South.

The Bee, with its eighty-nine years of continuous existence, having a class of readers, among the French-speaking population of the city and State, that is reached almost exclusively by this newspaper, the only French daily in the United States, outside of New York and San Francisco, offers a splendid field to advertisers desiring to reach a certain class of people many of whom are neither readers nor subscribers of newspapers printed in English.

Merchants and business men are invited to consider the claims of the Bee to their patronage, and to extend to it their advertising favors. The outlook, thus far, is very encouraging, our solicitors bringing in many important advertisements; but there is ample room for more, as the size of the paper will accommodate itself to the volume of advertisements that will be sent in.

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## FARM LOAN ACT.

System of lending money on farm lands at reasonable interest for relatively long periods.

The Federal farm loan act, popularly called the "Rural credits law," was signed by the President and became a law on July 17, 1916.

The primary purpose of this act is to promote agricultural prosperity by enabling farmers to borrow money on farm-mortgage security at a reasonable rate of interest and for relatively long periods of time. To attain this object, two farm-mortgage systems are provided: (1) A system operating through regional land banks, and (2) a system operating through joint stock land banks.

To attract money to the farm-loan field the act provides a method whereby those who have money to lend can find safe investment in the farm of debentures or bonds, of small and large denominations, issued by the banks and based on the security of mortgages on farm lands.

These two systems are to be under the general supervision of a Federal Farm Loan Board in the Treasury Department, composed of the Secretary of the Treasury, as chairman ex-officio, and four members appointed by the President. This board has authority to appoint appraisers, examiners, and registrars, who will be public officials.

## SOLDIERS TO PUBLISH PAPER.

La SD-Oklahoma Provisional Brigade to Have Newspaper Devoted to Military Affairs and Events.

The Bee has received a copy of "No. 1, Vol. 1, La. S. D., Okla," published at San Benito, Tex., a newspaper of the soldiers, for the soldiers and by the soldiers. That is the object in the publication of The Oklasodak, the first issue of which is just out. The paper will be the official organ of the Louisiana-South-Dakota-Oklahoma provisional brigade. It will contain in addition to general news matter several departments that are sure to prove interesting and instructive to the officers and enlisted men.

The subscription for the paper will be 50 cents for the time the brigade is in service not to exceed three months. It will be a feasible thing for soldiers to send copies home and let their friends know what is going on down on the border.

## Lafayette.

In connection with the Lafayette celebration throughout the United States on September 6, which it is hoped will be impressive and appropriate in this city, Mr. W. O. Hart, a member of the local committee, and in touch with the National Committee, has suggested to Miss A. R. King, regent of Louisiana for Mount Vernon that a picture or possibly a model of the key to the Bastile now at Mount Vernon should be procured and in connection with the celebration presented to the Louisiana Historical Society; this key it will be remembered was given to Washington by Lafayette and is one of the many priceless relics at Mount Vernon.

## COMMERCIAL.

## Spot Cotton.

New Orleans	15.32
Little Rock	15.65
Noblesville	15.18
Montgomery	14.32
Memphis	15.12

## FINANCIAL.

## Bonds.

Street Railroads	Bld. Asked.
American Cities 5-6s	97 1/2 98
Birmingham Ry. gen. ref. 4 1/2s	90 1/2 92 1/2
Merdian 5s	94 1/2 96
N. O. City R. R. gen. mts.	100 1/2
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State and City	97 1/2 97 1/2
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