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To the Citizens of Lake Charles.

The State Teachers' Association will hold their annual session in our city December 28, 29 and 30, 1896. The attendance is expected to exceed four hundred persons, and our hotels cannot accommodate so large a number of guests in addition to their transient trade. It is therefore, necessary to ask the citizens of our city to assist in providing quarters for our visitors. It is hoped that some will see fit to offer free entertainment, but the committee does not ask this of all. However, it is hoped that at least one hundred families will be willing to entertain (at a reasonable rate per day) from one to four persons. Please notify me at once, by card or telephone, stating how many you will entertain and the rate per day. Respectfully,
J. E. KEENE,
Chairman Committee.

A new postoffice has been established at Linton, Bossier parish, and William W. Lay commissioned as postmaster.

The Wells-Fargo Express company have located an office in Shreveport to handle the express matter over the new Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad.

Mulberries in November are a rarity but nevertheless Abbeville can boast of them. A large mulberry tree in front of the old Martin house on Washington street just back of Lann's store has a fine crop now, the second this year.—Meridional.

Pensacola, Florida, will probably be the first city in the South to use compressed air as a power for its street railways. The company of Baltimore capitalists who have been granted a franchise for a new system of street railways in that city have ordered the work of grading to begin. They announce that they are favorably impressed with the results obtained from compressed air in New York, and will probably adopt it for the new lines in that city.

An exchange says that when a man takes a cigar out of his mouth to tell the editor to stop his paper, that he can't afford it, the editor may say nothing, but thinks a good deal. And when he stops his paper because he "hasn't time to read it" and goes down and whittles a dry goods box for hours, the editor may say nothing, but thinks a good deal. And when he stops his paper because a two-line item don't suit him and then pesters his neighbors by borrowing the paper, the editor may say nothing but thinks a good deal. And when some business man says he does not advertise because it does not pay and then uses the entire sidewalk, displaying his goods, plastering them over with such attractive cards as "I am cheap, buy of me," etc., the editor may say nothing but he thinks—a good deal.

Freeze in the Sugar Belt.

From the surrounding parishes reports indicate that the storm has been even more severe in the rural sections. A special message to the Times-Democrat from Donaldsonville says that the register got down to 30 degrees Tuesday, and that there was a freeze of considerable proportions. So far, however, but little if any damage has been done to the sugar cane. The effect of the freeze has been to stop the grinding and place all hands out in the fields to windrowing the cane. It is being placed lengthwise in the furrows, so that should the cold be followed with more freezing temperature, only the top layer will be damaged. Reports said that if the weather remains cool for a few days the frost of Tuesday will have no effect, but if it should then quite warm at once there will be considerable loss.

Messages from Belle Helene plantation give much the same picture as the Donaldsonville report. Like information came from the lower coast, which would indicate a general freezing temperature throughout the coast, and that the sugar crop will be damaged.

DROUGHT SUFFERERS.
The Railroads Come Nobly to the Front.

Monroe, La., Dec. 1.—Hon. Uriah Millsaps, chairman, and the committee accompanying him, have returned from St. Louis, where they went a week ago at the instance of Gov. Foster to confer on behalf of the State of Louisiana with the railroads which run into the corn belt and have their headquarters in St. Louis with a view of obtaining concessions in freight rates on corn to be shipped into the drought-stricken sections of Louisiana. Mr. Millsaps stated to the Times-Democrat correspondent that his committee had met and conferred with the traffic managers of the Missouri Pacific, Cotton Belt and M. K. and T. lines, and that he had obtained from these roads a large concession on freight rates on corn to the suffering territory, and that these concessions in rates were from railroad lines running through Southeastern Missouri, Southwestern Kansas as far north as Wichita, Northern Arkansas and Eastern Indian Territory, all comprising a very large area, yielding an immense corn supply. The committee hope to obtain like favorable concessions from the Illinois Central, the general officers of which route at Chicago have now under consideration a most favorable rate that was recommended by the subordinate officials interviewed by the committee. The last road will enable the State to draw on the green corn supply of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. These arrangements for freight gives the State the option to buy from the chief corn States of this country, which will insure the State's buying all the corn needed for free contribution at the lowest market price. The same concessions in rates will be given commercial bodies buying for the purpose of selling at cost to the sufferers.

The committee also possesses the names and address of every dealer in corn on the lines of the roads mentioned. The committee will now report to Gov. Foster. Mr. Millsaps says that several weeks may elapse before the Governor can secure responses from members of the General Assembly to authorize the purchase of the corn with State funds, and that the purchase be made, and the shipments will be delayed some by the fact that most of the corn is now in the ear and has to be shelled and sacked. He therefore hopes for patience on the part of the people of this section. He says there is now much suffering, but that neighboring charity will distribute the little corn now in this section among the sufferers and make the waiting possible.

Mr. Millsaps was deeply gratified at the results of the committee's efforts, and said that they were met by the railroad representatives in a spirit of humanity and large generosity, and that the saving to the result will be enormous.

A Tariff on the Immigrant.

The real need of the American laborer to-day is protection from the pauper labor of Europe, but this protection cannot be afforded by the imposition of a tariff duty on everything he consumes, as is the theory of the Republican party. On the contrary, such alleged "protection" only increases his distress and adds additional weight to the burden he has to bear. In order to protect the laborer, the duty must be placed, not on the necessary articles of consumption, but on the importation of labor. If the tariff laws were so amended as to require a duty, say of \$200, to be paid by every immigrant landing upon these shores, then American labor might be said to be adequately protected, and we should have a cessation of this overrunning of our mines and factories and our sugar plantations by these criminal classes to the exclusion of our own home labor.—Baton Rouge Advocate.

The Morgan Line Steamship Algiers sailed Tuesday from the Southern Pacific docks, at Algiers, for Havana, Cuba, with a cargo of 574 head of horses for use in the Spanish army. The animals were bought on the Texas plains for \$15 per head and the Spanish government allows \$30 per head for them.

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The Rice Industry.

The rice crop of Louisiana has proven practically a failure during the past year, and although it is not yet definitely known just what the size of the crop was, it was so far short of both the preceding season and the average year that it can be considered as nothing short of a disaster.

The yield was short all over the rice belt; but, of course, not nearly so short in proportion to the area along the river as in the prairie district. On the river, the absence of rain was in some measure made up by irrigation from the river, by pumping, or, in the usual way, by flumes. In the prairie country, however, where the crop is dependent nearly altogether upon the weather, the drought caused an almost total loss in many districts.

As far as the river district is concerned, while rice is exposed to many vicissitudes, there is, nevertheless, a reasonable assurance of making a good crop with a fair degree of certainty. The crop in the prairie section, however, is a lottery pure and simple, as it is solely at the mercy of the weather. In a very good season, where timely rains and warm sunshine alternate, and a good dry harvest is experienced, a wonderfully large crop is experienced; but the planters more frequently experience failure and disappointment. In the prairie district rice has become a most uncertain crop, and unless the producers are able to diversify their crops and provide some means of artificial irrigation, the area devoted to rice in Southwestern Louisiana, is pretty certain to diminish. Of recent years the planters have had also to contend with red rice, lack of care in selecting seed having no doubt permitted the lands to become infested with the red seed which is a defect very difficult to remedy.

Any curtailment of the rice area in Southwestern Louisiana would be a veritable calamity, as it would greatly reduce the importance of Louisiana as a rice producing State. At present Louisiana produces so much more rice than all the other rice producing States combined that she controls the trade and enjoys the distinction of being the great rice State.

The soil of the Calcasieu district has been deemed particularly suited to rice, and that industry has been pursued almost to the complete exclusion of other crops. It is possible that other products besides rice may be found to do well in that particular portion of the State, and the rice farmers may find it practicable to devote a good portion of their time and lands to other crops while still growing rice as a cash crop. The matter is certainly of great importance to the State, as well as to the rice producers themselves; hence it is sincerely to be hoped that no effort will be spared both to reduce the uncertainties attached to rice production in the Calcasieu district and to procure a wider diversification of crops. As far as rice itself is concerned, a better selection of seed and a judicious location of lands to be devoted to the cereal will probably do much to improve the situation.—Picayune.

The Texas "Bugaboo."

The health of this parish has always been a "bugaboo" to people from the hills, but we will venture to say that no part of the United States can show a healthier population than lives here, both white and black. Strangers are struck with that fact and acknowledge that they are surprised to see such evidences of good health among the people. Our people will welcome the young men from the hill country to aid us in building up our "waste places" just as the men of a former generation from there were welcomed, when they came to transform the "howling wilderness" into what they made the "banner cotton parish" of Louisiana. All we ask is for them to come and see for themselves.—Times Gazette.

Some time ago Litcher & Moore Lumber company received an order for a sample car load of slabs to be shipped to Mexico. Yesterday morning they received a telegram as follows: "Sample O. K. Ship a cargo of 500 to 1000 tons." This is perhaps the best order of this kind ever placed in this vicinity, and may be the opening of a market for this class of material.—Orange Leader.

Mules to Fight the Cubans.

Yesterday during the evening the Texas and Pacific Road brought into the city six hundred head of mules, from Big Springs, Tex. These mules came in a special train, there being sixteen cars in all. They were unloaded at the sheds of the Texas and Pacific, and to-day a large number of them will be shipped on the Algiers, of the Morgan Line, to Cuba, where they go to become army mules for the Spanish cavalry.

From time to time for the past few months the Morgan Line has been shipping mules and horses to Havana for the Spanish army. But only one time before has such a large number been shipped as will leave this week.

"What are all these mules being used for?" was the question a reporter put to a Morgan official yesterday.

"Why, I presume they are to be used as war horses to fight the Cubans," he replied. "But it is more than likely that they will be served up later as beef steaks for the Spanish soldiers, for it looks as if the Cubans are about driving the Spanish to the wall."

If these horses and mules are finally destined to become food for Spanish soldiers they are getting meat very cheap, for the mules, it is said, were bought for less than \$15 per head in Texas. They are wild little animals. Many of them being upon the bronco style. It is likely, as suggested by the Morgan official, that a great many Spaniards will bite the dust trying to learn to ride them. This same official said that he would like to see two or three of them hauling a cannon around; that the first time the gun went off there would be a stampede as terrible as gun powder explosion or the eruption of a mine.—Picayune, Nov. 28.

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Holiday Excursions to the Southeast.

The Southern Pacific—Atlantic System—on December 21st and 22d, 1896, will sell round trip tickets to all points in the Southeast, good for return within 30 days from date of sale, at rate of one fare for the round trip.

For the holiday excursions, tickets will be on sale Dec. 3d, 4th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and January 1st, 1897, from all points to all points in Louisiana, good for return up to and including January 3d, 1897, at rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip.

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Next on the List.

Six weddings are reported in this issue, and the next on the list (so far as we can learn) are the marriages of Mr. P. Goudeau and Miss Henrietta Barbe, at the Catholic church, next Wednesday, and Mr. Philip Breaux and Miss Jossie Burnett, at the bride's residence, on Thursday.

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Constable's Sale.

Third Ward Justice Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 88 & 89 vs. J. Ad. Lyons and L. Oppenheimer & son vs. J. G. Gray.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed, by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized, and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, with the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door, in the city of Lake Charles, La., the following described property, situated in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

Between legal hours, the following described property, situated in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit: One small Table. One Piece of Silk. One Piece of Russ Velling. One Marble-top Wash-stand. One Moss Mattress. One Clock. One Gold Cross. One New Home Sewing Machine. One Heating Stove. One Round Table. One Oil Lamp. One Mirror and Stand. Lot of open accounts. Two Silver Candle sticks, glass globes. One Pair Gold Eye Glasses and Chain. Six Champagne glasses. One Silver Caster. One Diamond Ring. One Gold Watch and Chain. One Pair Rings (gold). One Pair Ear-rings. Two Trunks. Two Baskets. One Wash-bowl and Pitcher. One Gold Collar-button. One Mineral Ball. Five old chairs. Lot of old chairs. One Book. One Chest. One Pin. Lot of land in Lake Charles, La., fronting on South Court Street, and running back south 80 feet, on Fifth Avenue, with improvements, bounded North by Public Square, East by land of E. D. Miller, South by land of Mrs. C. M. Richard, and West by John's Alley. Address with stamp.

Succession Sale.

Twelfth Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 910.

BY VIRTUE of an order and commission to me directed, emanating from the Honorable the Twelfth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, I, C. Brent Richard, Testamentary Executor of said succession, will offer for sale at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the Court House door, in the city of Lake Charles, La., on

Constable's Sale.

Third Justice Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 141.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed, by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized, and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, with the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this parish, in the city of Lake Charles, La., on

between legal hours, the following described property, situated in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

A certain piece of parcel of land known as Lot No. 2 of block No. 11 of the First subdivision of the town of Lake Charles, La., in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.

Terms—Cash on day of sale.

LEMUEL C. DEES, Constable, Third Ward, Calcasieu Parish, La. Constable's Office, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Nov. 16th, 1896.

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Constable's Sale.

Third Justice Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 8.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed, by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized, and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, with the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door, in the city of Lake Charles, La., on

between legal hours, the following described property, to-wit:

One set of new twelve dinner plates, one new soup dish. Five dishes. Twenty-seven bottles of Wells best red wine. One new brass pan. One water boiler. One mop handle. Twenty-three best olive soap. Two boxes perline. Two boxes four fold. One hair brush. One monkey-wrench. One large money safe. The Reynolds House.

Terms—Cash on day of sale.

LEMUEL C. DEES, Constable, Third Ward, Calcasieu Parish, La. Constable's Office, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Nov. 26, 1896.

Constable's Sale.

Third Justice Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 88.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed, by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized, and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, with the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door, in the city of Lake Charles, La., on

between legal sale hours, the following described property, situated in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land known as the S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 1, Range Twenty 20, Township Eight (8) South, Range Seven (7) West, containing Forty (40) acres.

Terms—Cash on day of sale.

LEMUEL C. DEES, Constable, Third Ward, Calcasieu Parish, La. Constable's Office, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Nov. 14, 1896.

Constable's Sale.

Third Ward Justice Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 27 and 21.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed, by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized, and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, with the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door, in the city of Lake Charles, La., on

between legal sale hours, the following described property, situated in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land known as the S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 1, Range Twenty 20, Township Eight (8) South, Range Seven (7) West, containing Eighty (80) acres.

Terms—Cash on day of sale.

LEMUEL C. DEES, Constable, Third Ward, Calcasieu Parish, La. Constable's Office, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Nov. 16th, 1896.

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between legal hours, the following described property, situated in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

All of said piece or parcel of land known and described as follows, to-wit: All of the Block bounded by Lawrence, Germain and Adams Streets, in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

Block bounded by Adams, Germain and Lawrence Streets, in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

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Constable's Sale.

Third Justice Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.—No. 110.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed, by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized, and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, with the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this parish, in the city of Lake Charles, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, on

between legal hours, the following described property, situated in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land known as the S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 1, Range Twenty 20, Township Eight (8) South, Range Seven (7) West.

Terms—Cash on day of sale.

LEMUEL C. DEES, Constable, Third Ward, Calcasieu Parish, La. Constable's Office, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Nov. 5, 1896.

NOTICE!

E. S. LAND OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS, LA. Complaint having been entered at this office by George W. Morris against W. B. Perry & Co. vs. W. B. Perry & Co., No. 1896, dated May 17, 1896, upon the 24th day of November, 1896, the said complaint is hereby returned to the complainant, and the said complaint is hereby returned to the complainant, and the said complaint is hereby returned to the complainant.

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