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Calcasieu Rice.

The past week has not been as wet as we were looking for, and the little showers that fell were not of much benefit. The weather now indicates a dry spell, and that is just what all the providence farmers are not wanting. The dry weather is creeping upon us just the same, and there are thousands of acres of rice which have not yet sprouted, owing to the soil being so dry. Only about a week ago there occurred some heavy showers which did a great deal of good, but they were very local, and in some localities they were too light to do much good. Complaints of dry weather come to me from many sections of the country, and if the rain holds off long enough to make a dry spell of about four weeks, then much of our rice will be very late.

Some farmers are still planting in the dry soil, and that rice is better off than the rice which is just coming up, for if the rain holds off, this young rice is bound to die. Owing to the condition of the soil in many sections of the country, the rice is coming up very uneven, the rice which is in shallow not being sprouted yet. Some of the early-planted rice is looking well and is a good stand, and has such a deep root that the dry weather will not injure it much unless it continues for a long time. We are looking for abundance of rain when it does come, but if it does not come for three or four weeks, some of the rice will have to die. Some of the irrigating pumps are running, but farmers are shy about holding water on their rice this early, as the nights are too cool, and cold water would retard the growth of the rice.

A few farmers stopped the water from showers which fell a few weeks ago, and the cold water and the cool nights ruined their rice as far as the water extended. The majority of those who are pumping will let the water off the rice as soon as the fields are well wet, and not flood until the weather gets warmer. The seasons vary so each year that one can not handle his crop the same way for two years in succession, and one must be on the look out for crop advantages.

Our rice would make a good stand this year if the rains were frequent enough to keep the soil well wet up so that the rice could sprout at once. We look for our late rice to make a good yield if rain does not hold off too late for it, but all sprouted rice wants rain badly at this writing, with a few exceptions.

We are working for the interest of the tariff out here, the best we can, and we hope that our efforts will not prove to be fruitless, for we now want a little prosperity mingled in our bad luck and depressed condition. If a reasonable tariff is secured on rice, then the subject of building rice mills will be renewed and some good may come out of it; but, unless we can have the protection, the industry will go down hill. Farmers are now harvesting their oat crop, and the crop in general is very good, for the weather has been favorable for the oats, and they have not rusted very much. The crop is a little thin, but is better than was looked for some time ago. Corn seems to be doing finely so far, and some fields are so far advanced that they have been laid by, but the heft of the crop is small but looking well and does not feel the effects of the dry weather yet.

[illegible]tton is doing well and bids [illegible] be a good crop, but we can [illegible] what will befall the crop [illegible] near future.—Calcasieu [illegible], in Southern Farmer.

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DURRANT TO DIE.

Governor Budd Orders the Death Watch Set.

Sacramento, Cal., May 30.—Theodore Durrant will hang on June 11, one week from next Friday. Gov. Budd this evening telephoned that much in effect to Warden Hale, of San Quentin, at the same time ordering the death watch to be placed upon the prisoner.

Mrs. and Mrs. Durrant received the news of Governor Budd's decision shortly after 10 o'clock last night. They expressed themselves as greatly disappointed but took the news quietly and without anger or tears.

Eugene Duprey, Durrant's attorney, last night said that there was yet an appeal pending before the Supreme Court. He added:

"Failing in the State courts we may file our case in the Federal courts, and ask for a writ of supersedeas to the warden of the State prison.

"This will prevent the execution and can be done either by application to the United States Supreme Court, or to those of inferior jurisdiction."

Referring to this possibility, Warden Hale says he will be governed by the opinion of the attorney general.

DURRANT SAYS HE WILL DIE LIKE A MAN.

San Quentin, Cal., May 31.—Theodore Durrant has made the declaration that if he must meet his fate on the gallows he will die like a man. The mere suggestion of suicide is repulsive to him, he says. He also declares that he will die in the presence of his parents, who will insist on attending the execution as his invited guests.

The elder Durrant says his wife is a woman of determination and she will press her legal rights to the limit. Under the law Warden Hale cannot deny her admission if she presents at the prison an invitation of her son requesting her presence at the hanging. The law gives him the right to invite five relatives.—Associated Press.

A Party Gone Mad.

The warmer summer season is coming on, and the Democrats have little to do but gather in the weapons their enemies are so freely supplying them. It seems to us that a party never before marched so deliberately to its own overwhelming overthrow as the Republicans are now doing. They have had a full measure of power and ample opportunity to use it, but they have done nothing but tinker up a ridiculous tariff, keep the business of the country unsettled and grind their own particular axes. The great and crying need of the country, currency reform, has not been toughed.

The financial condition of the Union has not improved a particle and the discontent of the people has increased, and justly increased. The great Republican majorieties of last summer are melting like snow under a summer sun. If Bryan were running against McKinley to-day he would sweep the country.

Meanwhile the silver sentiment is steadily widening and strengthening. This opinion is confirmed by all our correspondents and by the letters we are receiving from subscribers. The Republicans seem to be blind to the fast-rising tide of public opinion against them. Perhaps it is another exemplification of the truth of the old proverb that whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.—World.

"There's no use in talking," says W. H. Broadwell, druggist, La Cygne, Kan., "Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy does the work. After taking medicines of my own preparation and those of others' I took a dose of Chamberlain's and it helped me a second dose cured me. Candidly and conscientiously I can recommend it as the best thing on the market." For sale by M. D. Kearney, Agent for Meyer and Lake Charles Drug Store.

Programme of the Ninth Annual Convention of the Calcasieu-Cameron Sunday School Association.

Below we present to the COMMERCIAL'S readers the official programme of the ninth annual convention of the Calcasieu-Cameron Sunday School Association, which will be held in the M. E. Church, in the town of Welsh, on Thursday and Friday, June 10th and 11th.

PROGRAMME.

The convention will be called to order by the President at 10:40 a. m., Thursday, June 10th.

Address of welcome by Rev. J. H. Burger.

Response by the President.

Appointment of committees on credentials, nominations and resolutions.

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION, TWO P. M.

Opening service, Rev. Paradis.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Report of President.

Report of Executive Committee.

Report of Delegate to State Convention.

Report of Corresponding and Statistical Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of Special Committees.

Adjournment.

THIRD SESSION, EIGHT P. M.

Address on "Vashti," by Rev. I. N. Pardee, of Jennings.

FOURTH SESSION, NINE A. M., JUNE ELEVENTH.

Opening service, Rev. Shamberger, of Roanoke.

Regular subjects for discussion:

"Mistakes in Sunday School Teaching; what they are and how to avoid them," H. S. Williams, of Lake Arthur.

"The Sunday School Program," W. N. Clyde, of Iowa, La.

"How may we best promote a Missionary spirit in the Sunday School," Mrs. Ada E. Price, of Lake Charles.

"The Superintendent's needs and duties," Rev. G. N. Funk, of Jennings.

FIFTH SESSION, TWO P. M.

Opening service, Rev. Vinton Lee, of Jennings.

Discussion, "Sunday School Attendance; how to secure it and how to maintain it," Mrs. C. L. Jones, of Lake Charles.

Report of Committee on nominations.

Selection of time and place of next meeting.

Election of Executive Committee

Collections.

New Business.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Adjournment.

Stated addresses or papers limited to 15 minutes, unless extended by convention; discussion, five minutes.

There will also be report of State Convention by President John Lightner, and report of lectures at State Convention by Mrs. A. M. Mayo and Rev. R. P. Howell, at such time as may be determined by the Convention.

The delegates will be all Sunday School superintendents, ministers of the gospel and one delegate from each Sunday School having less than 100 members; for schools having over 100, one delegate for each 100 or fraction thereof.

Delegates are requested to bring note-book and pencil, also a copy of Gospel Hymns. All delegates entertained free. Delegates please report promptly to Committee on Credentials upon their arrival.

Jno. H. Cooper, Mrs. D. E. Dudley, Mrs. L. Paradis, Executive Committee.

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LINE COMPLETED TO LEESVILLE.

Two to Three Miles of Track Laid Each Day.

Yesterday afternoon the Times reporter had the good fortune to secure a few moments' interview with Col. G. Knobel, division engineer in charge of construction of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway, and from him we gathered some interesting items.

The track is now finished into Leesville, Vernon parish, which is thirty-five miles south of Many. Tuesday three and a quarter miles of track was laid, and the work is progressing now at the rate of about two miles a day on the average.

De Quincey, which is the point at which the road diverges to Lake Charles, is fifty miles south of Leesville. The rails are already laid and construction trains are running from Lake Charles to a point ten miles north of De Quincey; so it will be seen that but forty miles of track will close the gap and put the road in operation from Shreveport to Lake Charles. This forty miles will be laid inside three weeks, as the piles are all driven and everything is out of the way for the tracklayers.

From De Quincey to Beaumont, on the other prong of the road, the distance is forty-seven miles, and from Beaumont to Port Arthur is twenty miles. The twenty from Port Arthur to Beaumont is finished and in operation; so it only needs the gap closed between De Quincey and Beaumont to finish up this great trunk line, after the first forty miles of track above mentioned is done.

Col. Knobel says that the iron draw span of the bridge across the Sabine is already in, and both that bridge and the one across the Neches river will be completed by the time the tracklayers get to them. "In fact," said Col. Knobel, "there need be no delay to the tracklayers whatever. Everything will be out of their way by the time they reach it."

When asked what time he thought the road would be completed both to Lake Charles and the Gulf, Col. Knobel told the reporter just what he had said two months ago. "I think the road will be completed by the 1st of July. I am satisfied it will unless something very unexpected occurs to interfere with the work." Col. Knobel said the steel was coming right along, and if it is necessary the tracklaying can be conducted from four different ends viz: From Leesville south and from De Quincey north: from De Quincey south and from Beaumont north.—Shreveport Times.

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Your Attention, Please!

For the remainder of the present month we will sacrifice our large and endless stock. It is money we want and stock that we don't want. Our stock, at present, is very large, and in order to make room for our coming fall and winter invoices we are compelled to make this sacrifice. Our stock we wish to dispose of is a necessity in every house in the parish, and is daily used in ways too numerous to mention. The stock is [illegible] is OLD NEWSPAPERS, which we propose to dispose of at the following low prices for cash: [illegible] per hundred, or 5 hundred for 25 or 1000 for $1. Think of it!

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