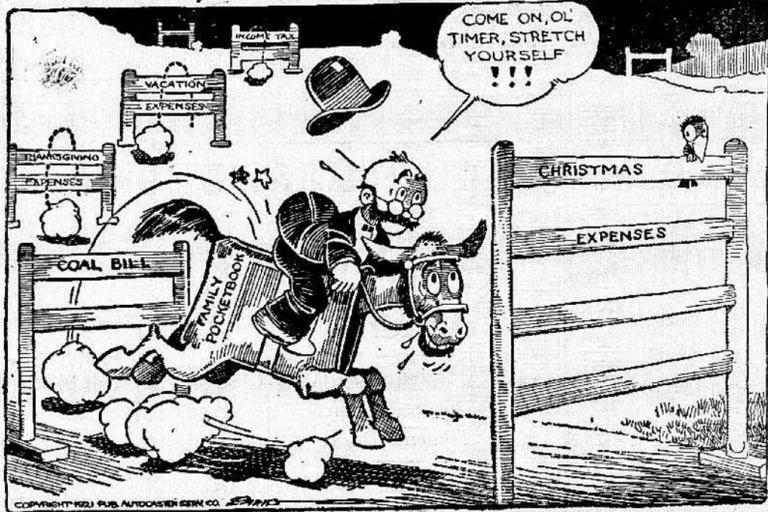


JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER



The St. Tammany Farmer

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IS THE HIGH COST OF OPERATION WITHOUT RELIEF?

The Interstate Commerce Commission is now investigating freight rates and the financial situation of the railroads. It does not seem that the rates ordered under Ex Parte 74 has given the relief expected.

The railway business is like any other business—it is hurt by depressed conditions and it is rejuvenated by prosperous conditions. When the cost of transportation is so high that business can not use the railways...

It is stated that the cost of hauling a ton one mile by horse and wagon is 23 cents, by railroad as low as 5 mills, by steam truck in England 2 mills per ton mile, and on the lakes from one to two-thirds of a mill.

It must be already apparent that the difference in the cost of transportation by different methods is sufficiently great to be worthy of serious consideration, but it is worth while to carry the argument a step further.

By horse and wagon, over a circle of little more than 8 miles in diameter, with the English steam truck on the English good road, the diameter of the circle becomes 40 miles; at the average railway rate in the United States, it expands to 266 miles; at the rate on the selected railways, to 400 miles; at the Erie Canal rate, to 666 miles; at the European canal rate, to 1000 miles; at the Soo Canals rate, to 3000 miles; while at the coal rate which has been named, the dollar will carry the ton to the outer limits of the circle 6000 miles in diameter.

Two things follow from these facts as certainly as night follows day: Every increase in freight rates lessens the distance within which business can profitably be done; and The cheapest of all transportation is water transportation.

It is to be hoped that the Interstate Commerce Commission will be able to find some means of relieving both the railroads and the public. There must be some unreasonable cost in conducting railroads. Whether it be salaries, wages or what not, the cause should be removed.

The heralded success of Mr. Ford's railway venture with high wages and banished stockholders was premature, according to an editorial in the Chicago Journal of Commerce, which heads as follows:

The Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad, made famous by its possession by Henry Ford, the wizard of industrial economics, if not of history, has been piling up instructive figures since Mr. Ford got hold of it and modestly confessed his superiority over all other railroad managers.

In April net operating income soared to \$275,452. The touch of the wizard was there. In June 52.7 cents paid operating expenses for every dollar earned. But in August it required 71.8 cents out of every dollar taken in, to operate the road and the net operating income was only \$70,642—less than when Mr. Ford acquired the road.

CHRISTMAS IN ST. TAMMANY.

Christmas in America will be celebrated with the usual ceremonies and the kiddies will welcome Santa with the usual joyful anticipation of his gift giving. They will not see the longing in the faces of the children of stricken nations, will not know that the greatest gift that Santa could give them would be a loaf of bread.

Also in America there are degrees of prosperity and some suffering. In this respect, we of St. Tammany parish are fortunate. There seems to be promise of a fair Christmas business and the health condition is unusually good. The farmers are taking most important steps to bring greater agricultural prosperity and the business men of the parish are uniting with them to secure better markets and bring better profits for farm products.

Aside from the pleasure of gift giving there are some considerations that should make this Christmas a happy one. We extend greetings to all our readers and wish that none of them may enjoy less of the making than is usual on this day.

A CHRISTMAS GARDEN IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

(Continued from page 1) gestion of cool in the air to raise one's vital spirits to a pitch of happiness, of the marvelous beauty of Lake Ponchartrain under the winter sun, the pine forest, the red holly and casino berries in the woods, the evergreens, and roses—all these

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

A MULE KICKED ME SO HARD TOTHER DAY, DOCTUH SAY AH LOS' MAH CONSCIENCE BUT JEDGIN' FUM DE BILL HE SONT ME, DAT MULE MUS' ER DONE KICK HIM TOO!



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setting out in the permanent bed the plants have been twice transplanted. This strengthens the root growth and by thus making a stronger plant increases its size and development.

These are the chief secrets which Mr. Esquinance has wholly learned since he was 22 years of age, for before that he had never done any gardening, as he was brought up to another business.

Although Mr. Esquinance did not stress the fact, there are two other principles which are very important in his system. His land is well drained, and by the hill or ridge system drainage is further obtained. Besides, the large amount of stable manure and compost constantly being worked into the soil increases its moisture-holding capacity.

The other principle is rotation of crops. The truck gardener in the south frequently has to abandon the business because of root knot or nematodes. Rotation of crops, that is, a different crop each year on the same ground for a succession of three or more years, is a partial preventive.

There is no way to become a successful gardener excepting by experience. Any intelligent and industrious person has the same advantages with which Mr. Esquinance started. His success proves the superior advantages this parish offers for truck growing. His winter garden shows the enormous advantage this section possesses every month of the year for any grower who takes pains to do things the right way.

ers. Summer and winter he is always on the job, always has the best of vegetables to sell, appetizing vegetables and a good variety of them.

So, Mr. Vegetarian, wisely have you learned to go ask Mr. Esquinance what you can have for any day's dinner. An acquaintance has interestingly related to me the pleasing sensation of internal fermentation from yeast cake taken to supply one of the three needed vitamins. But Mr. Vegetarian tells me that, although yeast provides water soluble B, fat soluble A and water soluble C are abundantly in and most cheaply obtained in vegetables. Possibly the food source of those vitamins, as stated by an eminent nutritionist, Prof. Harrow, will be valuable information to those in a lowered state of health.

Water-soluble B. "Nearly all natural foods contain some of it. Yeast is particularly rich in this vitamin. So are milk and orange juice. Hoopay for St. Tammany oranges!" Water-soluble C. Most fresh fruit and fresh vegetables contain this vitamin. The emphasis is advisedly put on fresh material. The orange and the tomato are particularly good examples. Water-soluble B "is more abundant than either of the other two." Isn't that a first-rate argument, most convincing, that when fresh vegetables are available, that when fresh vegetables are available, that when fresh vegetables are available...

But St. Tammany parish needs the advertisement. I believe the day will come when every product which can be raised in this parish will be able to find a market within thirty miles. I am thinking of the day when this will be a great winter resort. As a matter of fact we have now in New Orleans an undersupplied market in many products which we could profitably raise here, and as long as our parish is agriculturally undeveloped we are letting our chief opportunity for greatly increased wealth go by. But Mr. Esquinance is a notable example of what thrift, industry and intelligence is able to accomplish right now. He sells right in Mandeville everything he produces to customers who come to get such vegetables as cannot be purchased in the French Market in New Orleans. And yet the parish is full of croakers who will tell you we can't raise truck crops here.

Now, listen! These are some of the vegetables Mr. Esquinance can sell you in season right out of his garden: Cabbage, November to July; lettuce, November to June; onions, the year around; beets, November to July; carrots, all the year; sweet potatoes, all the year or as long as his supply lasts. His cauliflower are enormous; some heads will weigh ten pounds. In summer his supply includes okra, tomatoes, eggplant, sweet peppers, beans (string and butter), cucumbers, muskmelon, etc. The Mandeville strawberry used to sell on the New Orleans market at a fancy price because of its flavor; now it is no longer shipped; the home consumption exhausts the supply.

The average Mandevillian believes that Mr. Esquinance uses some kind of hocus-pocus to make his vegetables grow so big and fine. He does. He told me all his secrets. While his neighbors plant by the dark or the light of the moon and the more superstitious say certain words during the operation of planting, etc., he places reliance simply on three principles: cultivation, fertilizer and seed.

His rule for cultivation is plow deep with a big plow, and cultivate plants shallow so as not to disturb plant roots. His method of fertilizing the ground is commendably simple and easy to understand. Stable manure piled mainly in the fall is the best of soil fertility, and commercial fertilizers are used only to stimulate or force growth. The manure is put in the row and mixed with the soil so that all the roots of the plants can utilize it besides other advantages of this method.

Of course, good vegetables cannot be grown from inferior seed. But Mr. Esquinance goes further than this. He raises his own plants for setting out. With good reason he thinks it is absurd to buy cabbage and tomato plants when he can raise them as good as any one else from seed, for when he transplants from his own seed bed the plant does not suffer wilt or root injury. Before

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