

NOT AS BAD AS PAINTED.

Dr. S. A. Knapp Sees Bright Side of Boll Weevil Visitation.

"I am in the south to help the farmers fight not only the boll weevil, but their own feeling of apathy and discouragement," said Dr. S. A. Knapp, special agent of the department of agriculture, last week at his old home in Lake Charles.

"We expect to give the farmer improved seed, renewed confidence in himself, and the best advice we can offer. There is no reason for the cotton farmer getting so completely discouraged as some of them appear to be.

"The cotton farmers of Louisiana had a discouraging year," continued Dr. Knapp, "but it was no more discouraging than other years, when the boll weevil was unheard of. The boll weevil does his share of the damage, but it is unfair to saddle on him the financial stringency, the disinclination of the banks to lend money, and the loss of other crops."

"I have a list of farmers in Louisiana who worked under our directions last year and made excellent crops, better than the average, and they are glad over the state. In Texas, where the boll weevil is an old story, the farmers are making much cotton as they ever did.

"The boll weevil will be a blessing in disguise," continued Dr. Knapp earnestly, "if it teaches the farmers to diversify; to live at home, and get a way from the credit system. We will be in the field until May 1st, and we hope to see the situation in Louisiana and surrounding states materially improved."

Insane Negro Woman.

Washington Progress: Charlotte Hall, a demented negro woman, was carried to Opelousas last Monday, from which place she was transferred to one of the institutions for the insane.

A familiar figure on the gang to the depot rain or shine, whose husband had retained a portion of her mind to be affected.

L. C. Granier bought a lot in the Bercier & Lewis addition, on which he is building a very pretty cottage.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Opelousas Development and Improvement Company, Limited, will be held at the office of Littell & Lawler, in the city of Opelousas, Monday, March 22d, 1909, commencing at the hour of 11 a. m.

Said meeting to consider and vote upon the following, to-wit:

To authorize a first mortgage bond issue of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00), the first ten thousand of which is to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent, and the other thirty thousand to bear six per cent interest, and giving priority to the first ten thousand dollars.

Or an additional bond issue of ten thousand dollars, one to ten-year bonds, to bear eight per cent interest, etc., the original bondholders having agreed to either of the above propositions.

JOHN W. HARMANSON, Secretary.

Notice.

To whom it may concern: In compliance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas at the meeting of March 2, 1909, notice is hereby given that all purchases for supplies of any kind for the city of Opelousas must be by a written order of the Purchasing Committee of the city.

M. HALPHEN, Mayor.

March 5, 1909.

AUG. A. CROUCHET, UNDERTAKER

Laundry St. bet. P. O. & Waller's Stable.



Coffins, Metallic Caskets, etc., every thing necessary for a funeral. Mr. J. Lafond, who has had several years experience in the business, will give his personal attention to all calls. Residence Phone 86.

E. W. PERRY AND WATCH MAKERS

Watches, Clocks and Jewellery repaired with neatness and dispatch. Fine repairing a specialty. Store, corner of North and North streets, opposite Blacksher's.

DEAD SHOT.

Cure for all Skin Diseases. For all druggists. Price \$1.00. 3-08

Real Estate Transfers.

Placide Boudreau to Mrs. Alf. Delorme, 27 arpents, improved, Sunset, \$129.

Andre Cotin to Ignace Cotin, 161 acres, improved, in Prairie Gros Chevreuil, \$1,776.

Emma Johnson, widow, to E. T. Lewis, 60 arpents, improved, near Opelousas, \$1,600.

Heirs of J. U. Payne to L. S. Isacks, 197 acres in T. 3, 2 E., \$1,182.

State of Louisiana to J. U. and A. M. Payne, 40 acres in Sec. 12, T. 3, 2 E., patent.

Heirs of N. C. Devilliers, settlement.

Mrs. E. W. Daigle to Oscar Daigle, 8 arpents, improved, near Church Point, \$2,500.

Same to same, 21 arpents, near Church Point, \$3,000.

Ignace Chotin to Andre Chotin, 161 acres, improved, in Gros Chevreuil, and 30 arpents, improved, same locality, \$2,776.

E. E. Childs, widower, to Paul S. Himel, lot, improved, in Lewis & Bercier addition, \$700.

Last will of Mrs. V. B. McPherson, half her property goes to Mrs. Virginia Casse and half to the children of Dr. Clarence Smith.

Agamar Duplechain to John Conques, 50 arpents, improved, in Coulee Croche, \$850.

James Nevils, to Pat. E. Moore, half interest in 80 acres in Sec. 3, T. 5, R. 2, W., \$300.

A. J. Campbell to Delta Land & Timber Co., one-sixth interest in 640 acres in T. 3, R. 6, T. 3, R. 5, and T. 2, R. 6, \$1,308.25.

J. B. Vidrine to Thos. Fruge, 16 arpents wood land near Bayou Cape, \$58.25.

Cyp. Ardoin to J. B. Deshotels, 15 arpents, improved, near Tate's Cove, \$272.

Amb. Celestin et al to Armand Sovet, their interest in 70 arpents, improved, in Plaisance, \$12.

Mina Herr, widow to J. A. Haas, 21 arpents, improved, near Opelousas, \$965.

Louisiana Central Land & Improvement Co. to Ville Plate Bank, lot in Ville Plate, \$400.

Marius Coleman to J. A. Haas, and B. Bennett, 45 arpents and 53 1/4 acres in Prairie Laurent, sugar mill stock corn, hay, plows, etc., \$3,000.

Simeon Ardoin to Didier Ardoin, 2 lots improved in Eunice \$1,200.

L. P. Bridges to C. Circello lot in Melville, \$140.

Same to Rosa Scardino, lot in Melville, \$150.

J. B. Deshotels to Cyp. Ardoin, 15 arpents improved near Tate's Cove, \$300.

Mrs. Zelina Deshotels to Regile Deshotels, 50 arpents, improved, Grand Prairie, \$800.

Some Practices Must Stop.

To the Public:

Several complaints have been made to me regarding the practice of sitting on the steps of the government building, and I take this method of informing everybody that hereafter no one will be allowed to sit on the postoffice steps under penalty of prosecution. It is also noticed that the entrance to the lobby is often used as a spittoon; warning is hereby given that this practice must cease. The lobby is well provided with spittoons. There is a severe penalty attached to spitting on the floors or walls of public buildings, and any one caught spitting in the postoffice or entrances will be punished. Respectfully,

GOLDMAN L. LASSALLE, Custodian U. S. C. H. and P. O. Building.

Property Owners Get Checks.

The vouchers from the Frisco railroad offices for the payments to the Cheney street property owners, as per the compromise effected early last month, were received Tuesday by Lewis & Lewis, attorneys for the property owners, and by them distributed. The amounts received were as follows: A. C. Jones \$900, Albert C. Mouret \$900, Mrs. Cyrus Tatman \$950, R. R. Guiffry \$150, Mrs. Arthur David \$1,515.

Swords Gets Negro.

Jennings Herald: Upon receiving a wire from Sheriff M. L. Swords of Opelousas that a negro by the name of Clarence Clark was wanted there, Constable L. R. Deputy spotted the bird and has him caged awaiting the arrival of the sheriff from Opelousas.

The downpour of rain Sunday morning interfered with the meeting of the laymen at the Methodist church. The meeting was postponed until Sunday, immediately succeeding the regular preaching service.

ALONG THE STEEL HIGHWAYS

FRISCO RUSHING WORK.

Baton Rouge, March 17—Much of the timber and the steel rails that are to be used in the construction of the Red River Valley inclines have been ordered, and is now on the way to Baton Rouge.

The order has been placed so that there will be no delay in the construction of inclines made of tracks after the work has begun.

As the inclines are wanted by the Colorado Southern to use in getting on the eastern bank of the Mississippi and reaching the tracks of the Red River Valley road, the officials of the Frisco, for which the inclines and tracks are to be built, are anxious that the work be completed as early as possible.

July 1st has been set as the date for the running of the first train of the Colorado Southern into the city.

Added interest has also been given to the prospects for the early completion of the incline by the presence in the city of R. L. Van Sant of St. Louis, Mo., who is one of the largest contractors for the Colorado Southern, and built the bridge for the road across the Atchafalaya river.

PORT BARRE TO GULF.

Abbeville, March 14—The corps of engineers that has been engaged in this section for some days locating the line for the Abbeville and Port Barre railroad, has completed the survey to Abbeville and retraced to Broussard and Breaux Bridge.

F. M. Welsh, under whose direction this work is progressing, says the permanent work on the construction of the road will begin shortly. It is understood that this line will leave the line of the O. G. & N. E., a branch of the Texas & Pacific, at Port Barre, and run to Breaux Bridge, where a line will be built to New Iberia and one to Abbeville and possibly south to the gulf coast.

Officials of the Texas & Pacific made an inspection trip to Southwest Pass and Chienne-au-Tigre some time ago, looking for deep water, and later a preliminary survey was made into that section. They found sufficient water in the pass for any purpose, but the soundings out to Trinity Shoals, 15 miles, developed shoal water the entire distance.

T. F. Fay, general freight agent of the M. L. & T., and several other officials, went over the Frisco road to the Atchafalaya bridge on a special train Sunday morning.

R. F. D. No. 2 on May 1st.

Opelousas will soon have another rural free delivery route in operation. Postmaster Lassalle has received word that rural service has been ordered on No. 2 route, to begin on May 1st.

A civil service examination will be held on April 10th for the purpose of establishing a register of eligibles from which the rural carrier will be chosen. Persons fulfilling the necessary qualifications can have application blanks by applying to the postmaster. All applicants who wish to stand the examination must send in their application so as to reach the civil service commission at Washington, D. C., before April 1st.

In connection with the patrons of the route supplying themselves with rural boxes, Postmaster Lassalle wishes to have clearly understood that he has nothing whatever to do with the sale of rural boxes. The patrons who have signed the petition must supply themselves with approved rural mail boxes at their own expense, and have same conveniently located along the rural route. A list of approved boxes will be found posted in the postoffice. Any further information will be cheerfully given by applying at the postoffice.

A Change Up in Positions.

K. W. Maxon who has been working in Opelousas for the W. J. Oliver Construction company left several days ago for Knoxville Tenn. J. K. Rogers who has been in Livognia for the same company will take Mr. Maxon's place here.

The Lurid Glow of Doom.

was seen in the red face, hands and body of the little son of H. M. Adams of Henrietta, Pa. His awful plight from eczema had, for five years, defied all remedies and baffled the best doctors, who said the poisoned blood had affected his lungs and nothing could save him. "But," writes his mother, "seven bottles of Electric Bitters completely cured him." For Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Sores and all Blood Disorders and Rheumatism, Electric Bitters is supreme. Only 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

U. C. V. Reunion.

The nineteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Memphis on June 8-10, all the details having been agreed upon between the veterans and their hosts at Memphis.

Gen. Clement A. Evans in his general orders says:

"The general commanding can not too earnestly urge his beloved associates to attend this gathering. Let the old soldiers come to Memphis in great crowds—come because it is centrally located and easily accessible; come because they will find possibly the most progressive and up-to-date city of the south; come because it was once the home of our only president; come, because it is a part of Tennessee, where lived such confederate heroes as Alexander P. Stewart, Benjamin F. Cheatham, Wm. B. Bate, Nathan Bedford Forrest (the 'Wizard of the Saddle'), Felix K. Zollicoffer, Wm. H. Jackson, and countless others; come, because on her sacred soil were fought some of the most sanguine conflicts of the war—Shiloh, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, Franklin—and because no army of the confederacy fought more desperately or endured so heroically and uncomplainingly more sufferings and hardships than the immortals of Hood's army. Let there be such an outpouring of United Confederate Veterans as was never known in the past."

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Acadia, Raymond T. Clark; Ascension, B. J. Vega; Assumption, Kempton Dugas; Avoyelles, V. F. Gremillion; Bienville, J. F. Harrell; Bossier, S. W. Vance; Caddo, William H. Scheen; Calcasieu, F. A. Von Phul; Caldwell, E. J. Langham; Cameron, Dr. L. O. Miller; Catahoula, T. A. Routh; Claiborne, B. H. Moore; Concordia, D. H. Scott; DeSoto, Jos. B. Rice; East Baton Rouge, R. L. Pruyne; East Carroll, W. C. McRae; East Feliciana, F. M. Norsworthy; Franklin, W. A. McCoy; Grant, J. A. Williams; Iberia, Charles L. Provost; Iberville, Edward B. Schwing; Jackson, W. H. Allen; Jefferson, J. B. Dauenhauer; Lincoln, A. H. Colvin, Jr.; Lafayette, D. V. Gardebled; Lafourche, Thos. Beary; Livingston, James M. Hawze; Lasalle, L. M. DeMadison, D. M. Evans; Madison, J. B. Levy; Natchitoches, F. Alex. Cloutier; Ouachita, Dr. T. L. Hood; Plaquemine, Joseph Casse; Pointe Coupee, S. E. Bertoniere; Rapides, G. A. Staples; Red River, Norman S. McLeod; Richland, J. W. Wright; Sabine, E. C. Dillon; St. Bernard, Ferdinand Bel; St. Charles, William Lussan; St. Helena, R. N. Thompson; St. James, Henry Stieb; St. John, Nemours F. Pecquet; St. Landry, J. J. Stagg; St. Martin, Alfred Delaune; St. Mary, W. H. Vetter; St. Tammany, James Band; Tangipahoa, Guy Ballard; Tensas, G. C. Goldman; Terrebonne, Harry L. Wilson; Union, C. H. Hudson; Vermilion, Ophelia Bourque; Vernon, W. H. Weeks; Washington, J. P. Kent; West Baton Rouge, Louis Kirkland, Jr.; West Carroll, R. V. Reeves; West Feliciana, John F. Ard, Jr.; Winn, J. W. Teddlie.

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