

CROWLEY GETS RICE STATION

The Rice City Wins the Coveted Experiment Farm

Crowley, March 29—President John A. McAyale of the Crowley Board of Trade this afternoon received the following telegram:

"Baton Rouge, March 29, 1909.
"John A. McAyale, President of the Crowley Board of Trade.
"Crowley gets the rice experiment station. We will arrive in Crowley Tuesday evening to inaugurate the work."
(Signed) "DODSON, CHAMBLISS."

Baton Rouge, March 29—At a conference this morning between Dr. W. R. Dodson, director of Louisiana experiment stations, and Prof. C. E. Chambliss, of the United States department of agriculture, it was decided to locate the Louisiana Rice Experiment station at Crowley. Dr. Dodson and Prof. Chambliss will leave for Crowley tomorrow to arrange for the acquisition of the site and the other preliminaries. Work will begin at once, and Prof. Chambliss, who will have charge of the rice experiments for the department of agriculture, expects to have his planting completed by April 15th.

The reasons for the conclusion are:

The soil near Crowley is more typical of a larger area of the Rice Belt than that of any other station site offered.
The site of the station is well suited for experiments in high and low grade lands.
The situation of the proposed station with references to Crowley is good. No good public roads run out to the town, and it has spur tracks on both the Colorado Southern and the Southern Pacific.
The land offers better conditions than any other for the rotation of the crops. Crowley is easily accessible from the entire Rice Belt, having six railroads. After the completion of the Southern Pacific Lafayette-Baton Rouge cut-off it will be easily accessible from Baton Rouge, the general headquarters of the experiment station work.
Railroad

Eunice News Budget.
Says the Eunice Gall:
Councilmen E. Miller and Dr. J. J. Stagg have sent in their resignations as members of the Eunice board of aldermen to Gov. Sanders, both of which were accepted. This leaves the town with a mayor and two councilmen, and that is not enough for a quorum. The town is virtually without a council. We suppose the governor will appoint some one in their places.

Once in the history of Eunice St. Joseph's day was not celebrated in Eunice by a dance. Not even a comic masker appeared on our streets that day.

Darius Fontenot of Opelousas left for home on Wednesday after completing the Eunice assessment.

Oscar Lacombe of Washington was a Eunice visitor this week. We understand Mr. Lacombe will take charge of the Jackson hotel after April 15th.

On Monday mail service was started on the Rock Island railroad, which will greatly be appreciated by all towns along that line and will be a great convenience to our people.

J. B. A. and Laurent Stagg and P. A. Sandoz of Opelousas were business visitors here Thursday.

Miss Cora Dubuisson left Saturday for a visit to Alexandria, New Orleans and several other points in Louisiana. She will spend some time in Mobile, Ala.

Swept Over Niagara.
This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal mal-dies—Drop-sy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Back-ache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at all druggists.

WASHINGTON.
Washington, March 31—The month of March has been somewhat tempestuous and trying on the system, particularly of the old persons. The frequent spells of rapid transition from cold to heat and vice versa has been very disagreeable and unforting. The deleterious effect has been less noticeable on vegetation, regarding the growth, and, in many instances, killing the young and tender garden plants.

The farmers are rushing their field work—many have corn up, and are still planting. No cotton to any extent is yet being planted. The fall plant of cane is coming up slowly.
By way of suggestion to the business interests of the town and to the advantage of the planters along Bayou Boeuf from here to Whiteville, where numerous patches of cane are planted, the cleaning and clearing of that once important water way and restoring it to navigation would be of incalculable benefit to the town and that section of country, enabling the planters to transport their cane to the syrup factory now being installed here; at a minimum cost of transportation on barges that could be towed to their landings by gasoline boats, several of which are here in Bayou Courtableau, and when loaded led drift with the current to the wharf here, where a fair price and good profit could be realized for their cane. The cost of this undertaking would not be great, and it would be of interest to the farmers and business people to look into this, and if necessary, raise by subscription the required amount to make a beginning, until they could secure an appropriation from Congress to extend and effect the restoration of this important stream to navigation. Besides this, one of these gasoline boats could be put in commission, carrying light freight and delivering to the planters along the bayou. This waterway competition would also put them in a position to command competitive freight rates from the railroads. The plan is most practicable, and should commend itself to the serious consideration of this section.

Work is still advancing at a satisfactory rate on the Union Rice Irrigating canal.
Gilbert Baillio spent several days in Crowley visiting his two daughters, who reside there.
Mrs. W. M. Pescott is at home from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Alf. Wartelle, at Gold Dust.
J. W. Bailey, Sr., paid a visit to the Crescent city last week.
J. E. Thistlewaite has returned from Indiana, where he was hurriedly summoned to the death-bed of his sister, Mrs. Newby.

Dr. W. R. Roudreau paid Shreveport a visit, attending the convention of the Woodmen of the World.
Miss Joicy Stagg of Opelousas is spending some time here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Jr.
Prof. W. B. Prescott of the Opelousas high school accompanied by his wife and son, spent Sunday at the home of his uncle, W. M. Prescott.

Major D. F. Allen of Indiana and a former owner of the Manjony plantation, is here on a visit.
Henry Graff, a prosperous farmer of Garland, was a Sunday visitor. His never comes to town with his farm expenses.

Mr. J. B. A. paid the Alexandria four in the early part of the week to buy a piece of machinery belonging to his gasoline launch, "Helen B."

Opelousas was fortunate in his buggy torn all to pieces last evening, when his horse struck through our streets. He plucked and prevented any serious damage.

BIG TIME FOR PUPILS.
Baton Rouge Expecting to Entertain at Least 1,000 of Them.

Baton Rouge, March 30—Baton Rouge will entertain from April 30th to May 1st fully 1,000 high school pupils from the different high schools of Louisiana, who will be the guests of the citizens of the Capital city during the state high school rally.
Fifty high schools will be represented in the different contests. Five hundred children are expected to come as contestants, and as many more as "rooters" for their schools and spectators of the event.
The railroads of Louisiana will give a rate of one fare plus twenty-five cents for the occasion, and all of the children who attend and the teachers who accompany them will be entertained in Baton Rouge homes without cost.

The details of the program, now being worked out, provide for two classes of contests, literary and athletics. In the literary contests will be debates, spelling matches, compositions, declamations. In the athletic program will be races, shot putting, high and broad jump, pole vault, and championship games of all kinds. Scholarships, cash prizes, or medals are offered to winners in all events.

Mornhinvegs Awarded Contract.
R. Mornhinveg & Son the enterprising Main street jewelers have been awarded the contract for furnishing the silverware for the new Lacombe hotel, having been the lowest bidders. The silverware to be furnished by this firm, under its contract, consists of one hundred pieces of plate and six dozen pieces of hollow ware. The assortment may be seen on display in the show windows of Mornhinveg & Son about April 20th.

J. H. Smith, formerly agent for the Frisco, of this place, has accepted a position with the Texas & Pacific at Ville Platte.

ALONG THE STEEL HIGHWAYS

FORCED TO EXPROPRIATE.
The Louisiana Railway and Navigation company has filed expropriation proceedings to secure a right of way through the property of W. J. Knox, north of the city of Baton Rouge limits, upon which the road will build its inclines and tracks to bring the trains of the Frisco from the west into Baton Rouge.

The expropriation proceedings followed the failure of Mr. Knox and Clarence Ellerbe to agree upon a price for the land, or to agree upon the amount of the land to be transferred.

Mr. Ellerbe offered Mr. Knox \$100 an acre for the land which the road wanted and needs for its right of way an incline.

Mr. Knox made a counter proposition to sell for \$340 an acre provided the Frisco used the land, which was refused by Mr. Knox.

Mr. Knox offered to leave the matter to arbitration. This course was not agreeable to Mr. Ellerbe, so the only other way open was to bring expropriation proceedings.

MR. FAY TELLS ABOUT IT.
"The track is now completed from Lafayette to Atchafalaya river, a distance of twenty-one miles," said Vice-President and General Manager Fay of the Southern Pacific, a few days ago, "while on the east end the track has been laid west from Port Allen, which is across the river from Baton Rouge, for a distance of seven miles."
"The total distance from Lafayette to Port Allen is fifty-two miles, and the total miles of track laid to date twenty-eight."
"The piers for the bridge to be erected across the Atchafalaya river have been completed, and the metal for the bridge work is on the ground. Work on the bridge is to be pushed to immediate completion."
"East of the Atchafalaya river, for about twelve miles, there is a low swamp, along a portion of which the railroad grade has been built with wheelbarrows when some parts of the swamp were comparatively dry. The balance of the grade is now being built with dredge boats."

FRISCO TO LAKE CHARLES.
It is reported in Lake Charles that the Colorado Southern will be running trains out of that city in less than twelve months, and will open a general agent's office there in less than two months. The Frisco system has been contemplating this move since the line first built into Calcasieu parish. It is presumed that the road will either operate over the rails of the Kansas City Southern to DeQuincey, or build into the city from Kinder.

VALLEY'S NEW TRANSFER BOAT.
During the next week a new and larger transfer boat will be installed by the Louisiana Railway and Navigation road on the Mississippi river at Angola and Naples. This new transfer boat will be used in transferring the trains of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation company over the eight miles of water that stretches from the tracks of the Edenborn road on the east side of the Mississippi river at Angola to the mouth of the Red river at Naples.

HORDES OF IMMIGRANTS.
More Than Ten Thousand in One Day at New York.
New York, March 30—"Man can never be more than the wave. Humanity is the ocean," says Hugo. Adopting this metaphor, more than 10,000 human waves washed over this port yesterday in the arrival of seven ships of more than 10,000 aliens. Strong and healthy, the pick of the peasantry of southern and northern Europe, the tide flowed all day to Ellis island, where an army marched through the main building to the tune of "Good Times Come Again."

In the clearing house, 4,900 immigrants had their pedigrees taken yesterday. Of these, the most left ere nightfall for their new homes in the great northwest and for Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs. Last night 650 aliens slept on the island, and about 200 were detained for examination by special inquiry.

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March 29, 1906.....	41,300.22	274,245.16
March 16, 1907.....	53,625.01	395,200.54

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