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AGREE ON RICE PRICE

TEXAS-LOUISIANA FARMERS WILL HOLD JAPAN AND HONDURAS FOR \$3.50.

Action Declared to Be Justified by the Conditions of Supply and Demand.

Crowley, La., Sept. 18.—Although the largest and most representative meeting of rice farmers ever held on the Gulf Coast assembled here to-day for the purpose of taking action in the matter of a definite holding price for rice. The meeting was called by President Winn, of the Texas-Louisiana Rice Farmers' Association and representatives were present from Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange, Tex., and from every important rice section in the three Louisiana rice parishes of Arcadia, Calcasieu and Vermillion.

Resolutions were adopted fixing the holding price for both Japan and Honduras at \$3.50 per barrel for No. 1, and inclosing the advertising plan proposed by A. E. Groves, of Houston, for selling rice direct from the producer to the consumer.

The following resolutions, drawn by a committee consisting of John P. Burgin, of Crowley; B. I. Irby, of Beaumont; S. M. White, of Orange and Henry T. Merritt, of Kinder, were adopted unanimously:

"The Texas-Louisiana Rice Farmers' Association, composed of rice farmers of the two great rice-producing States, hereby declares its intention to hold Honduras and Japan rice at a minimum price of \$3.50 for No. 1 milling grades, f. o. b. shipping point, and we urge not only the members of this association, but all other farmers, not to sell their rice at a lower price.

"We believe that conditions of supply and demand justify the fixing of this minimum price. While it is too early for us to make a definite estimate of the size of the crop of 1909, we desire to call the attention of producers, manufacturers, distributors, and consumers of rice to these facts, which we believe to be unquestioned:

"The preliminary estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture gave an increased acreage this year of about 11 per cent over last year. The department's estimate of crop conditions on Sept. 1, 1909, indicated that the Texas rice crop was 13 per cent below the condition of the same crop Sept. 1, 1908, while the condition of the Louisiana crop was 7 per cent below that of Sept. 1, 1908. This indicates that the deterioration in condition this year as compared with last year fully offsets the increase in acreage, making it obviously impossible to justify the prediction of a larger crop this year than last year. Our own personal observations confirm these figures as to crop conditions in the two States.

"While there is a small carryover from last year we believe that the improvement in business conditions throughout the rice belt country justifies the belief that the increase in the available supply represented by the carryover will be easily absorbed.

"We note with approval the advertising campaign inaugurated by the Rice Association of America, which we believe, will result in a material increase in the consumption of rice. Other advertising projects now on foot and the advertising of the rice sections will also add to the consumption.

"The definite announcement of our intention to hold for a fixed price and to advance the price later will tend to give the trade confidence in the stability of the market.

"For these reasons we fix the minimum price of No. 1 Honduras and Japan rice until further notice at \$3.50 f. o. b. shipping point, and urge all who are in a position to do so to hold for this price."

Notwithstanding his great experience, Commander Peary does not appear to have learned the wisdom of keeping cool under trying circumstances.

J. Burnett of Lake Charles in town Thursday.

CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE.

When President Taft reaches New Orleans don't think for a minute that he is to be fed on the fat of the land, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat; that he will be served the rare and most delicious of famous Creole dishes, salads that would cause Epicurus to burst through the conventional six feet and tie himself Louisiana-ward, or desserts that would make him decide to move the national capital to the Crescent City. Instead, Mr. Taft will get plain but good food, and get it in a hurry. No elaborate series of courses, but just a case of "free-for-all, set in and fall to."

No, New Orleans isn't got anything against the President, and neither is it lacking in that hospitality which has made it famous, but on the other hand will be merely bowing to the President's wishes.

Mr. Taft has gone on record through his aide, Capt. Archie Butt, that he would rather have a cornbeef and cabbage menu than an assemblage of epicurean tidbits. That is what the natives of San Antonio were told, at least, by Capt. Butt via wire.

It is known that the breakfasts, luncheons and dinners that the President has been receiving during his tour have taken up too much time, most of them lasting two hours. For this reason Capt. Butt has let it be known that short dinners with simple menus and quick service will be appreciated in the future.

This will come as a blow to New Orleans, but then if the President prefers cornbeef, or even liver-wurst, he can get it here, served in just as flossy style as any place in these broad United States.

EAT IT YOURSELF

In the last issue of the Crowley Signal there is an amusing editorial on the rice problem that now presents itself. It seems that recently the manager of one of the breakfast food concerns in Battle Creek, Michigan, made the statement that a million bags of rice could readily be distributed throughout this country in rice flakes alone, if some little effort was made in that direction. This means, any way, that there is an incalculably large market for rice at home, and that all is needed is adequate information and a sufficient amount of work. The editor of the Crowley Signal holds that the very people who are now advertising the merits of rice are the ones who don't act up to their knowledge and belief, but are eating at home some one of the breakfast foods made of wheat, bran, corn cobs and other wheat and corn products. If we go into the grocery stores, says the Signal, we shall see wagon loads of wheat, oats, corn and sawdust foods, but very little or no rice breakfast foods. The editor holds that we must start the good work at home and not wait for the Esquimaux to get the rice habit. Some of us are already doing this on principle, but we ought all to do it.—Louisiana Planter.

LEPER'S HOME DAMAGED

In addition to the storm damage reported by the Executive Office to the State Board of Liquidation at the meeting held recently, when the Governor was authorized to borrow \$100,000 for the purpose of making repairs to the State properties, the Executive Office now reports having advised that the damage at the Southwest Industrial Institute at Lafayette is found to be about \$1200, and the damage to the Lepers' Home in Indian Village, Iberville parish, is estimated at \$8000. These State institutions were among those located in the storm-affected territory and suffered with the rest in the storm zone. This ends the estimates of damage caused by the storm to State institutions and it will take all of the \$100,000 appropriated by the State Board of Liquidation to repair these State institutions.

At Hombeck, La., last Saturday the town marshal Chas. F. McGee, was waylaid and shot to death by unknown assassins. Berry Mitchell and Jack Erwin have been arrested and placed in the Leesville jail and held as suspects.

THE TOURNAMENT

GREAT DAY FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CITIZENS

Large Crowds Present and Everybody Pleased With Programme of the Day.

The tournament, auto races and harness races given under the auspices of the Knight of Columbus at Wallior Bros park last Sunday afternoon proved a success in every way.

Large crowds came in on the railroads, and combined with the large attendance from the city and vicinity, formed one of the largest crowds seen in the city for quite a while.

The Church Point brass band, in their attractive new uniforms, with their handsome instruments, made quite a feature.

The parade at 12 o'clock, consisting of Knights on horseback, automobiles, etc., was very pleasing, and many people were out to witness it. It was headed by a platoon of policemen, with W. J. Saucier grand marshal and his aid.

The tournament was won by Paul Mizzie, with Henry Larcade second, and R. M. Hollier, third prize winners. The winner of the tournament crowned the queen, at the ball given at the Auditorium last Monday night.

The automobile display was excellent several cars being here from each of the following cities—New Orleans, New Iberia, Broussardville, Lafayette and Crowley. The feature of this portion of the contest was an exhibition between a Ford driven by Geo. Tuttle of New Orleans, and a Buick driven by S. Krauss of Lafayette. Only one accident is reported during the entire day—a car driven by Lonel Lyons of Crowley ran into the fence on the race course inflicting slight injuries to Mr. Lyons and considerable damage to the machine.

The display of race horses owned by several prominent local and visiting horsemen was very fine, and the exhibition races between three favorites which are to appear at this Park next Saturday and Sunday was very interesting.

The ball given at the Auditorium Monday night was one of the most delightful social events of the year. The crowning of the queen by the winner of the tournament, Paul Mizzie, was most interesting, Miss Mathilde Lacombe of this city, being selected by him for the honor. Misses Bessie Sandoz and Bessie Clements were the maids of honor. A beautiful brooch set with pearls was presented to the queen on behalf of the committee.

The first prize, a handsome bride, was awarded to Mr. Mizzie; the second, an amethyst pin to Henry Larcade and the third prize, a fine penknife with K. of C. emblem to R. M. Hollier.

The music was furnished by the orchestra of the Musical Association.

Governor Advises Cotton Growers.

To the Cotton Growers of the State of Louisiana:

It is evident that the cotton crop of the South will be short this year, and especially the Louisiana crop. It is also evident that the people will have to get a very much higher price for the cotton that they have made or else they will be practically driven out of the cotton growing business. It is also evident that if the crop is rushed to the market and sold as fast as ginned that a small price will necessarily obtain, while a gradual slow marketing of the crop will secure better prices.

The farmers should, therefore, sell slowly and just as the mills need it, selling only when the price is high and withdrawing their cotton from sale entirely on all depressions.

If the farmers will adhere strictly to this plan of marketing, they will get the best price obtainable for their cotton and it should be followed by every cotton grower of the South.

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor.

THE BUSINESS MAN IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On October 3rd, 4th and 5th in the city of New Orleans there will be held a conference in the interest of reaching more of the business men of Louisiana and securing their cooperation in Sunday School work. W. C. Pearce of Chicago, Adult Superintendent of the International Association, and W. N. Wiggins, General Secretary of Texas, will conduct this conference under the auspices of the Louisiana Sunday School Association. On the last day of the conference, October 5th, the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Sunday School Association will hold its semi-annual meeting and the conference and committee will have a great rally on the night of the 5th. On Monday night from 5:30 to 7:00 o'clock there will be a supper for men only. All men interested in the promoting of Sunday School work in Louisiana are especially invited. At 7:00 o'clock there will be a great parade of business men interested in religious education in the state. Tuesday night from 5:30 to 7:50 the state Executive Committee will hold their annual dinner in honor of the out of town members of the committee, and at the closing session Mr. Pearce will deliver an address on "The Men of Louisiana for the Man of Galilee." Special rates on all roads.

THE POSTAL CARDS

We common people do use a few postal cards annually. Uncle Sam is just now considering a contract for 3,600,000,000 postal cards to be sold during the next four years—a matter of 90,000,000 a year. These will cost the government \$800,000, and the people will pay \$36,000,000 for them, which also includes the cost of delivering. But this does not comprise the postal card output. We are now annually buying from Germany alone 700,000,000 postal cards, and also several millions from France and other European nations. But Germany has thus far had a cinch on the colored postal card trade, for even American publishers, instead of doing their own printing and lithographing, have found it more profitable to place orders directly with German houses. It is safe to say that Americans buy 2,500,000,000 postal cards a year—20 to 25 for each man, woman and child in the country. More than half of these are of the picture variety. But suppose Uncle Sam should invade the picture postal field? What a howl would go up from the picture postal card makers.

ENJOYABLE EVENT

A very pleasant and enjoyable lawn party was enjoyed at the home of Miss Mathilde Flux last Saturday evening. The lawn was decorated with Japanese lanterns and the national colors, and refreshments were served. The guests spent a most pleasant evening, and all regretted when the time of departure arrived. Those presents were: Misses Celestine Roos of New Orleans, Lucile Castille, Alma Thompson, Alice Delery, Judy Breaux, Thelma Healey, Lucile Pavy, Rose Sibille of Sunset, Lilburn Guilbeau of Grand Coteau, Altha Andrus, Blanche Guilbeau, Carmen Voorhies, Mathilde, Gertie and Lottie Fux. Messrs. Ashton Barry of Grand Coteau, Robert Budd, Edward Boagni, Arthur Veltin, Jr., Hart and Eddie Littell, Edwin Bercier, Sidney Brown, Herman Edwell, Ferdinand Dardeau and Frank Sibille of Sunset, Leon Chachere, John Brown, Willie Healey, Clifford Edwards, Willie Hargroder, Carl Roy, Lionel Bienvue, Raymond McBride, Lawrence and Henry Fux.

Of Interest to Mothers.
There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In case of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears, so as to prevent attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so, and it saves them much uneasiness. For sale by All Druggists and Dealers.

Texas Red Rust-Proof Oats for sale by F. L. Sandoz, Opelousas, La.

SOUTHERN WOODS

RECORD WHOLESALE PRICES OF LUMBER FOR THREE MONTHS.

Railroads Producing their Own Cross-Tie Supply Anticipating Scarcity.

A record of the wholesale prices of lumber f. o. b. mill for the quarter including April, May, and June, last, based on reports submitted by more than 2,000 of the largest manufacturers of lumber in all parts of the country, has been issued by the United States Forest Service. Requests for data for the second quarter, ending September 30, will be sent out in several weeks, and will be published in the early part of October.

The record covers the principal items of all the commercial woods out in nearly every state. The compilation was undertaken for the double purpose of having a continuous statistical record of such prices and to show, in contrast to market prices—which include the important items of freight charges and selling costs—just what the manufacturers of lumber receive for their product at the mill.

For more than a year, a monthly record has been compiled showing the prices of lumber in 18 of the largest markets of the country. The market prices published do not show what the lumber is worth at the mill, as the freight charges, selling costs, and other items were included, but the quarterly record eliminates these items and shows the mill price. Only a few representative grades in each of the hardwoods and softwoods were taken, but from them lumbermen can draw deductions so as to give the approximate values of grades on which prices were not requested. In addition to the numerous items on which prices were secured, the value of the mill run—the average of all grades of lumber produced—was also obtained for all the commercial woods.

Realizing the advantage of an assured future timber supply, a number of railroads are adding to their forest holdings and managing their forest properties for the production of a sustained yield of cross-ties for their own roads.

The success and economy of preservative treatment now make it possible to use for cross-ties woods that are cheaper and more abundant than the woods of longer life. By their recent purchases of tracts of loblolly pine the railroads are showing their appreciation of this fact.

The practice of forestry by the railroads is especially significant, in that it includes, in addition to conservative management, the commercial utilization of timbers of lower grade. In a number of cases planting is done, also with a view to tie production, though such planting is usually a subordinate part of the forest policy.

OPELOUSAS INSTITUTE

We take pleasure in noting that the Opelousas Institute is unusually well equipped to furnish up-to-date educational facilities this term.

The academic department is in charge of Miss Alside Guidinger, of Northwood, Iowa, who represents the best training of the public and private schools of her native state.

Miss Guidinger completed the full course of the Northwood High School and of a fine private seminary; then spent three years at Cornell College, a well-known Methodist College in Iowa; and afterwards was graduated from the State University of Iowa, in the class of 1904, with the B. A. degree.

Miss Guidinger has had several years experience in teaching; and in addition to the regular academic branches, is prepared to conduct classes in French, German and Spanish.

We bespeak a liberal patronage of this popular and long established school for the ensuing session.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AND BANQUET

Wednesday evening Mr. Durand of Port Barre celebrated the 23d anniversary of his birth by a banquet and dance at the Lacombe hotel, this city. Eight couples were invited and enjoyed Mons. Cretin's "spread" to the fullest. While the banquet was in progress a string band appeared and was pressed into service for the occasion, and after the banquet the dining room was transformed into a ball-room and the guests whiled away the hours in the maze of the "light fantastic" until the "wee sma' hours." The happy attendants all wished Mr. Durand many returns of the day.

The guests of the occasion were: Misses Anita Veltin, Virginia Budd, Celina Chachere, Eva Dossman, Bessie Sandoz, Ochs, guest of Miss Bessie Sandoz, Ritha Desmaris Donohoo. Messrs. Morgan of Lafayette, Chas. Sandoz, Sidney Dejean, Ross, Perkins, Lawrence Larcade, Tobe Veltin.

Proclamation of Third Regular Session of Red River Improvement Association.

The Red River Improvement Association is hereby called to hold its third regular session at Paris, Texas, on Thursday and Friday, October 14th and 15th. Since the last regular session at Denison in November, 1908, the development of the entire river has become an approved project of the United States government and it only requires the enthusiastic co-operation of the people of the Red River Valley to assure the permanent reclamation of the stream and the immense economic benefits that will inevitably flow therefrom. Mayors, County Judges, Presidents of Boards of Trade, Commercial Clubs, and all other civic organizations in all the counties bordering on Red River and its tributaries in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, are hereby requested and empowered to appoint twenty-five delegates each to attend said Convention and to send lists of appointees to Mr. N. H. Ragland, Secretary Board of Trade, Paris, Texas. All members of the association and all other citizens of the valley are cordially urged to attend.

Mrs. Sheppard, President, Red River Improvement Association.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

It is rumored that the Opelousas Female Institute will celebrate its fortieth session by a large alumnae reunion in May, 1910.

The details of the celebration have not yet been arranged; but the corresponding secretary of the Alumnae Association, Mrs. Stephen F. Reade of Seguin, Texas, will leave no stone unturned to make it a signal success.

Mrs. Reade's wide experience in club work specially fits her for the duties involved in preparing an enjoyable reunion.

SCHELL COMING.

Mr. Schell will leave Pennsylvania for Opelousas and Washington Oct. 4 and arrive about the 7th with a party of about 100 of the most prominent business men and farmers of Lancaster and other sections of Pennsylvania.

The party will also visit Crowley, Eunice and Mamou.

SURVEYING LINE OF NEW PARISH OF EVANGELINE.

Villa Platte, La., Sept. 25.—Surveyors are out surveying new parish line between old St. Landry and new Evangeline. The surveyors started Thursday beginning at the Acadia line going northward.

COMMISSIONER REMOVED.

Harvey Campbell, a member of the Board of Commissioners for the parish of Evangeline, has been removed by Governor Sanders, and Justice Z. Fontenot appointed to fill the vacancy. This removal followed upon the visit of the warring factions of the new parish, who were at Baton Rouge Saturday to see the governor about their differences.