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POLICE JURY MEETING.

Parochial Lawmakers, As Governing Authority of First Road District, Authorize Issuance of Bonds to Amount of $15,000.00—Special Tax Levied.

Donaldsonville, La., Nov. 10, 1915.

The police jury of this parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, met this day in regular session at the courthouse, as the governing authority of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, and was called to order at 12:30 o'clock p. m. Present—Adolphe Netter, president, third ward; C. H. Landry, fourth ward; G. B. Reuss, first ward; L. W. Armitage, fifth ward; Leon Newman, sixth ward; C. N. Gautreau, seventh ward; Z. J. Causey, eighth ward. Absent—J. M. Ourso, Jr., second ward. Due notice of this meeting was served on each member of the jury.

The minutes of the last meeting of the jury as the governing authority of said road district were read, approved and signed.

Mr. Landry offered the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE.

Whereas, under and by virtue of the authority conferred at an election of the property taxpayers qualified to vote under the law, held in the First Road District of the parish of Ascension on the 19th day of October, 1915, the taxpayers of the First Road District, comprising the first, second, third and fourth wards of said parish, authorized the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing authority of said road district, to incur an indebtedness and issue and sell negotiable, semi-annual interest bearing coupon bonds evidencing such indebtedness of said First Road District under the terms and conditions of the constitution and the statutes of the state of Louisiana, including among others Article 281 of the said constitution and Act 256 of the legislature of 1910, as amended; and

Whereas, at said election held on the 19th day of October, 1915, in the said First Road District of the parish of Ascension, as shown by the proclamation of this police jury announcing the result of the canvass of the returns of said election, seventy-seven (77) votes, representing a taxable valuation of one hundred and sixty-two thousand six hundred and forty-nine dollars ($162,649.00), were cast in favor of the proposition to incur an indebtedness of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00), and issue negotiable, semi-annual interest bearing coupon bonds to evidence said indebtedness, and three (3) votes, representing an assessed valuation of eight thousand nine hundred and forty dollars ($8940.00), were cast against the aforesaid proposition; and

Whereas, in accordance with law the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing authority of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, did, on the 22nd day of October, 1915, meet in open session at the courthouse in the parish of Ascension, and did open the ballot boxes and examine and canvass the returns made at said election held on the 19th day of October, 1915, and found that there were seventy-seven (77) votes and a taxable valuation of one hundred and sixty-two thousand six hundred and forty-nine dollars ($162,649.00) in favor of the said proposition, and three (3) votes and a taxable valuation of eight thousand nine hundred and forty dollars ($8940.00) against said proposition, and that the said proposition was carried and adopted by a majority in number and amount of said property taxpayers voting at said election, and the result as found by them and as shown by the process verbal of the canvass of said votes was duly promulgated by this police jury and the proceedings ordered published in the official journal of the parish of Ascension and duly filed in the office of the recorder of mortgages of said parish of Ascension in Mortgage Book No. ..., page ..., and registered with the secretary of state, all in accordance with law; and

Whereas, the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing authority of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, being duly, fully and completely authorized to incur an indebtedness of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) for said First Road District and issue bonds for a like amount under such terms as the police jury may deem advisable, the said bonds to mature within twenty years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of five per centum, payable semi-annually; and

Whereas, the assessor of the parish of Ascension has certified that the assessed valuation of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, as shown by the assessment rolls for the year 1915, amounts to $1,656,750, for state and county purposes, and that, therefore, an indebtedness of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00), together with a previous indebtedness of thirty-five thousand dollars created by said First Road District, and bond issues representing those amounts for like amounts, is less than ten per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in the said First Road District of the parish of Ascension; therefore be it

Ordained by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing authority of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, having been duly authorized by virtue of the said election held in the said First Road District on the 19th day of October, 1915, that it hereby authorizes the incurring of the indebtedness of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) in, by or on behalf of the said First Road District of said parish, for the purpose of establishing, constructing, maintaining, improving and repairing the public highways and roads situated within the limits of said First Road District of the parish of Ascension, together with the bridges, culverts, drains and other appurtenances and accessories incident thereto, as the said First Road District was created by ordinance of this police jury adopted on the 21st day of February, 1913, as amended by ordinance of this police jury adopted on September 8, 1915, and that to represent said indebtedness the police jury of the parish of Ascension does hereby authorize the issuance of fifty negotiable bonds, which shall all bear date January 1, 1916; twenty-five of said bonds shall be of the denomination of five hundred dollars ($500.00) each and shall be numbered A-1 to A-25, both numbers inclusive, and twenty-five of said bonds shall be of the denomination of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each, and shall be numbered B-1 to B-25, both numbers inclusive. All of said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable on the first day of July, 1916, and semi-annually thereafter on the first day of January and of July in each year, said interest to be evidenced by interest coupons attached to said bonds, and said bonds shall become due and payable as follows:

Nos.	Denomination	Amount	Payable
A-1	$500	$500	July 1, 1916
A-2	$500	$500	July 1, 1917
A-3	$500	$500	July 1, 1918
A-4	$500	$500	July 1, 1919
B-1	$100	$100	July 1, 1919
A-5	$500	$500	July 1, 1920
B-2	$100	$100	July 1, 1920
A-6	$500	$500	July 1, 1921
B-3	$100	$100	July 1, 1921
A-7	$500	$500	July 1, 1922
B-4 and B-5	$100	$200	July 1, 1922
A-8	$500	$500	July 1, 1923
B-6 and B-7	$100	$200	July 1, 1923
A-9	$500	$500	July 1, 1924
B-8 and B-9	$100	$200	July 1, 1924
A-10	$500	$500	July 1, 1925
B-10 and B-11	$100	$200	July 1, 1925
A-11	$500	$500	July 1, 1926
B-12 to B-14	$100	$300	July 1, 1926
A-12	$500	$500	July 1, 1927
B-15 to B-18	$100	$400	July 1, 1927
A-13	$500	$500	July 1, 1928
B-19 to B-22	$100	$400	July 1, 1928
A-14 and A-15	$500	$1000	July 1, 1929
A-16 and A-17	$500	$1000	July 1, 1930
A-18 and A-19	$500	$1000	July 1, 1931
A-20 and A-21	$500	$1000	July 1, 1932
A-22 and A-23	$500	$1000	July 1, 1933
B-23	$100	$100	July 1, 1933
A-24 and A-25	$500	$1000	July 1, 1934
B-24 and B-25	$100	$200	July 1, 1934

Be it further ordained, that the bonds hereby authorized shall be payable at the ..... bank, in the city of ....., state of ....., or at the office of the treasurer of the parish of Ascension at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, at the option of the holder, and that the form of said bond shall be substantially as follows:

NO. ..... $.....

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—STATE OF LOUISIANA—PARISH OF ASCENSION.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND OF FIRST ROAD DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF ASCENSION.

The First Road District of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, by the police jury of said parish, its governing authority, for value received hereby promises to pay to bearer on the 1st day of July, 19...., the sum of ..... dollars, in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of coinage, with interest thereon at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and July in each year, upon presentation and surrender of the respective coupons hereto attached, as the same become due. The principal and interest of this bond are payable at the office of the .... bank, in the city of ....., state of ....., or at the office of the treasurer of the parish of Ascension, at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, at the option of the holder.

This bond is one of a series of fifty (50) bonds of like tenor, except as to denomination, number and date of maturity, aggregating fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00), issued by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing body of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, for the purpose of establishing, constructing, maintaining, improving and repairing the public highways and roads situated within the limits of the said First Road District under and by virtue of and in strict compliance with the provisions of the constitution and statutes of the state of Louisiana, including among others Article 281 of the constitution and Act 256 of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana for the year 1910, and acts amendatory thereof; and this bond, and issue of which it is a part, was authorized at an election duly and regularly held in the First Road District of the parish of Ascension on the 19th day of October, 1915, the returns of which election were promulgated on the 22nd day of October, 1915, by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing authority of the said First Road District.

It is hereby certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have existed, happened and been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law; that the amount of this bond, together with all other indebtedness of the First Road District, does not exceed any limit prescribed by the constitution or statutes of said state; that before the issuance of this bond provision has been made, as required by law, for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest as the same shall become due and payable.

The full faith and credit of all the taxable property of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal and interest of this bond.

In witness whereof, the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing authority of the said First Road District of the parish of Ascension, has caused this bond to be signed by the president and secretary of said police jury, and the corporate seal of the said police jury to be hereto affixed, and the coupons hereto attached to bear the fac-simile signatures of said president and secretary and this bond to be dated the first day of January, 1916.

POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF ASCENSION.

..... President.

..... Secretary.

FORM OF COUPON.

On the first day of July, 19...., the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, will pay to bearer twelve and 50-100 dollars ($12.50) two and 50-100 dollars ($2.50) at the office of the ..... bank, in the city of ....., state of ....., or at the office of the treasurer of the parish of Ascension, at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, at the option of the holder, being six months interest then due on said road bond of said road district, dated January 1, 1916.

..... President.

..... Secretary.

Be it further ordained, that when said bonds have been prepared they shall be presented for registration in the office of the secretary of state of the state of Louisiana, and for the endorsement thereon of the following certificate by the said secretary of state:

"This bond secured by a tax. Registered on this..... day of....., 1916.

..... Secretary of State."

Be it further ordained, that the police jury of the parish of Ascension, as the governing authority of said First Road District of the parish of Ascension, obligates itself and is bound under the terms and conditions on which said bonds are issued, each year to levy such tax upon the taxable property of the First Road District as will be sufficient to provide for the interest and such part of the principal of the said bonds as shall be due and payable, such tax not to exceed the constitutional limit prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana.

Be it further ordained, that these proceedings be duly recorded in the office of the recorder of mortgages in the parish of Ascension, be duly published in the official journal, and be duly registered with the secretary of state, in accordance with law; and that the president of the police jury is hereby instructed to see that the conditions of law are fully complied with.

Be it further ordained, that the president of the police jury is also instructed to have said bonds properly prepared and properly registered with the secretary of state to comply with law, and that the president and secretary of the police jury are instructed to sign the said bonds as officers of said police jury, and to seal the same with the seal of the police jury.

On motion of Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Reuss, the ordinance was adopted, roll-call resulting as follows: Yeas—Netter, Reuss, Landry, Armitage, Newman, Gautreau, Causey; nays—0; absent—Ourso.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Armitage:

AN ORDINANCE.

An ordinance levying and assessing a tax of three-quarters of one mill on the dollar on all property subject to taxation in the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, to pay the interest on fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) of five per cent bonds and the principal on one bond of five hundred dollars ($500.00), maturing July 1, 1916.

Be it ordained by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, as the governing authority of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, that a tax of three-quarters (¾) of one mill on the dollar is hereby levied on all the property subject to taxation within the limits of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, for the year 1916, to pay the interest on fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) of five per cent bonds, and the principal of one bond of five hundred dollars ($500.00), falling due on July 1, 1916, aggregating a total of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars ($875.00), said bonds issued by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, as the governing authority of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, on November 10, 1915, in accordance with the vote of the property taxpayers of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, at a special election held in said First Road District according to law on Tuesday, October 19, 1915.

Be it further ordained, etc., that the assessor of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to extend said tax upon the assessment roll of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, for the year 1915, according to Act No. 256 of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana for the year 1910, and in accordance with the laws amendatory thereof.

On motion of Mr. Armitage, seconded by Mr. Causey, the ordinance was adopted, roll-call resulting as follows: Yeas—Netter, Reuss, Landry, Armitage, Newman, Gautreau, Causey; nays—0; absent—Ourso.

Mr. Gautreau offered the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE.

An ordinance levying and assessing a tax of one and one-half (1½) mills on the dollar on all the property subject to taxation in the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, constructing and improving the roads and highways of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, that pursuant to the authority vested in this police jury by virtue of the election held within the limits of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, on Tuesday, October 19, 1915, and the proces verbal thereof, showing the adoption at said election of the proposition therein submitted of levying a tax of one and one-half (1½) mills on the dollar on all the property subject to taxation within the limits of said road district, there is hereby levied a tax of one and one-half (1½) mills on the dollar on all property subject to taxation within the limits of the First Road District of the parish of Ascension, for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, constructing and improving the public highways and roads situated within the limits of the said road district.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that the assessor of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to extend upon the assessment rolls of the said parish of Ascension, for the year 1915, the taxes levied, according to Act 256 of the general assembly for the year 1910, and in accordance with the acts amendatory thereof.

On motion of Mr. Gautreau, seconded by Mr. Landry, the ordinance was adopted, roll-call resulting as follows: Yeas—Netter, Reuss, Landry, Armitage, Newman, Gautreau, Causey; nays—0; absent—Ourso.

The jury now adjourned as the governing authority of the First Road District.

ADOLPHE NETTER, President.

C. C. WEBER, Clerk.

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RESERVE VS. GONZALES.

Ascension[illegible]ous in Spirited Basketball Game.

(Contributed.)

Those who are interested in the athletics of the various schools of this parish will be glad to learn that Ascension has won another laurel, through the earnest efforts of the Gonzales boys. On Sunday, Nov. 21, a splendid game of basketball was played on the Gonzales campus between the Reserve and Gonzales teams. There were many spectators, the best representation being from Dutchtown, Gonzales' staunch friends and rivals on the athletic field.

The boys from Reserve came in on the morning train and were entertained by the Gonzales boys. At 2:30 p. m. both teams stepped upon the campus, the visitors with confidence in full sway, the Gonzales boys with grim determination to lower the colors of the team that had never known defeat in basketball.

The first half of the game was played and it seemed as though the Reserve boys would win another laurel, for the score was 8 to 2 in their favor.

But they had no idea of the latent energy that would be exhibited in the last half by their opponents. However, the spectators seemed to know, for they cheered the home boys until they outplayed the visitors at every point, and when time was called it was found that the gallant Gonzales five had emerged victorious from the fray by the score of 15 to 13.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Nov. 22.

Cattle receipts 9000. The supply of southern cattle amounted to thirty cars, but on account of the large run of natives, the bulk of which were common to medium grades, the market on the quarantine side was about a dime lower on all grown cattle, while yearlings sold slow and steady. Among the sales were steers at $4.25 to $5.90; mixed stuff, $3.65 to $4.75; cows, $3 to $4.50; bulls, $3.65 to $4.75; oxen, $3.75 to $4.35; yearlings, $3.55 to $3.75.

Hog receipts 11,200. Market 5 to 10 cents lower than Saturday, top $6.75, with the bulk of the good hogs 150 lbs. upward selling at $6.40 to $6.65; roughs, $5.75 to $6.10; pigs, 120 to 140 lbs., $6.15 to $6.30; lighter pigs, $5.50 to $6.10. The late arrivals found a fair market for the strong weights, but there were a good many pigs and lights carried over, buyers quitting on these kinds.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COMMISSION COMPANY.

Oh, No Wonder!

Under the state law, candidates for governor or senator may spend $6000 in the campaign; minor state candidates, $2000; justice of supreme court, congressman or railroad commissioner, $200; member board of equalization, circuit and district judges, sheriffs, clerks and assessors, $750 each; members of the general assembly, $250, and the other candidates, 20 per cent of one year's salary. And yet some people are wondering why we are having such a quiet campaign!—Lake Charles American-Press.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference.

417 Camp Street, New Orleans.

Texas Women Serve on Board.

A department of public welfare has been established in Dallas, Texas. Six men and two women constitute the membership appointed by the mayor. These represent the different branches of public service work: the president of the school board, the judge of the juvenile court, and representatives from the labor unions, mothers' council, Dallas federation of women's clubs, Jewish federation, and board of health. These men and women give their services gratuitously, and no one doubts that the inclusion of women will better the social welfare of Dallas, improve conditions and increase the comfort and health of the children of the city. Woman has a distinct mission in civic welfare that in no way conflicts with the services of men, but will materially increase the happiness of city homes.

Woman's Court.

California has a court composed entirely of women. This is probably the first of its kind in the United States. The cases which this court will consider will be those affecting children. The judge, the clerk, the bailiff and the reporter are all women. It seems so very reasonable that the misdemeanors of children should be the special province of a woman's court. It is generally recognized that children are the natural care of women, and an over-fathered court is worse possibly than an over-fathered home.

Suffrage Banquet.

In anticipation of the convention of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference at Richmond, Virginia, the local Equal Suffrage League will entertain some of the distinguished suffragists at a banquet. Miss Kate M. Gordon has been invited to be one of the eight speakers who will add to the merriment and success of the feast, Dec. 10, at the Jefferson Hotel.

Era Club Captures Prize.

The orange day parade in New Orleans was a brilliant one and among the beautiful floats in the procession was that of the Era Club, which was awarded second prize. Towering high in the air was the demand "Votes for Women" on a golden background, while the American flag lent significance. Standing on a dais embowered in foliage, the goddess of Liberty was a striking paradox of freedom personified by a woman, and in practice denied the liberty she portrayed. Twelve young girls represented states which have extended the vote to women, and are true republics. Each girl carried a victory-palm. Louisiana, clad in black and with chained hands, implored for enfranchised womanhood. Joan of Arc preceded the float, as a fitting reminder of what woman can accomplish in the crisis of a nation as well as in guarding the home-flock in time of peace.

NEW LITERARY CELEBRITY.

Ascension Teacher Achieves Fame as Winner of U. D. C. Contest.

Five, ten, or maybe fifteen years from now there likely will be a new writer, one Ida C. Kline, among the "literary celebrities" of the day.

Miss Kline is the 21-year-old girl who won the first prize in the nation-wide U. D. C. contest in which girls from everwhere in the country competed with essays, all on the same subject, "The Place of the South in Southern Literature."

Mrs. J. Pinckney Smith, chairman of the Louisiana committee, announced the winner as Miss Kline, last week. Since then U. D. C. members here and elsewhere have wondered what manner of girl this Miss Kline is.

Mrs. Smith has received from her a long letter in which Miss Kline confesses that she is a Mississippi girl, born on a plantation near Vicksburg, and that she has been teaching French and English at a little school at Gonzales, La. She is a graduate of the Vicksburg high school and the Mississippi I. I. and C. One of her ambitions is to go to Columbia University. She has written things ever since she can remember, and has won U. D. C. prizes in many competitions.

TRIED, TESTED AND PROVEN.

There is a Heap of Solace in Being Able to Depend Upon a Well-Earned Reputation.

For months Donaldsonville readers have seen the constant expression of praise for Doan's Kidney Pills, and read about the good work they have done in this locality. What other remedy ever produced such convincing proof of merit?

John Ross, engineer of pumping station, Napoleonville, La., says: "I have had some trouble from lame back and at times my kidneys don't act as they should. Doan's Kidney Pills give me quick relief. I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone who is in need of a kidney medicine. They have no equal."

Price 50c., at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Ross had. Foster - Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—(Adv.)

A Logical Lunatic.

Lunatics frequently return amusing answers, says the superintendent of a great insane asylum.

One day a keeper was out walking with a number of harmless inmates, and the party met a pedestrian not far from the railway tracks. With a nod toward the tracks the traveler asked one of the lunatics:

"Where does this railway go to?"

The lunatic surveyed him scornfully for a moment and then replied:

"Nowhere. We keep it here to run trains on."—Youth's Companion.

LIVE STOCK EXTENSION.

Experts Ready to Aid Farmers Without Charge Upon Request.

The Live Stock Extension Service owes its existence to a special appropriation made by congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, and renewed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916. As a result of this appropriation, a five-hundred acre experiment station was established on land donated by the state at the Hope state farm, near New Iberia; and a live stock extension service was organized in co-operation with the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. The experiment station and the extension service are separate projects, both of which are operated under the general supervision of the director of extension at the University, but the superintendent in charge of each reports separately to Washington, in order to avoid any confusion in the two lines of work.

The organization of the live stock extension service is as follows: W. R. Dodson, director; G. E. Nesom, superintendent; W. R. Perkins, grain and forage crops; Turner Wright, marketing live stock and meats; A. F. Rolf, poultry husbandry; A. R. Moist, swine husbandry; C. H. Staples, dairying; R. W. Kiser, beef cattle; C. W. Radway, assistant in dairying; E. H. English, secretary.

The principal work of these specialists is the planning and supervision of specific live stock demonstrations on farms in different parts of the state, in co-operation with the parish demonstration agents. Something over a hundred of these have been established in twenty-five parishes, and include work with beef and dairy cattle, hogs, and poultry; the establishment of creameries and egg routes; the erection and filling of silos; and the planning of barns, hog farms, and poultry houses.

It is the purpose to give all aid possible to farmers who desire to restore to profitable cultivation idle and unprofitable lands by the introduction of modern diversified farming and stock raising. The specialists employed in this work, will, on request, visit farms anywhere in Louisiana, aid in laying out the farm for the crops to be planted, make plans for fences, buildings and silos, help to secure any needed live stock, seek trained helpers for stock farms, and advise producers as to the best method of marketing live stock and animal products.

A limited amount of judging and other assistance can be given to the officers of the live stock at parish and other agricultural fairs, for which service application should be made through the director of extension at Louisiana State University.

The live stock extension workers have, during the past year, aided the University in conducting a series of farmer's short courses and sent speakers to a number of meetings held in the interest of live stock. This work will be continued when it does not conflict with existing plans, or more important ones, the avenues are many.

This office cannot undertake to sell or rent lands, negotiate the financing of farming enterprises, or handle funds for the purchase of live stock.

A large collection of bulletins on all kinds of live stock, feeding, forage crops, dairy and poultry subjects are kept on hand for distribution, and will be sent free to anyone in the state on request.

For bulletins and further information on any live stock subject, address Superintendent, Live Stock Extension Service, Baton Rouge, La.

INSURANCE RATES CUT.

Result of Small Number of Accidents Among Light Beer Workers.

A reduction of 35 per cent in employers' liability insurance for employes of Missouri breweries went into effect last week. This virtually is the only industry in which the rates were cut. The new schedule, affecting all Missouri industries, recorded an average increase of about 33 per cent in rates.

The brewery rate was reduced from 42 cents to 27 cents per $100 of pay roll, and the distillery rate was increased from 75 cents to $1.25.

The companies did not decrease the brewery rates out of friendliness to the brewery owners, was the declaration of E. V. Thompson, president of the Insurance Federation of Missouri.

"The cut in rates was ordered after reports showing the experience of all the casualty companies in Missouri had been filed with the Workmen's Compensation Bureau of New York," Thompson said. "The reports showed that the accidents in breweries have been constantly decreasing.

"The lowness of the new brewery rates indicates that the insurance companies do not regard the drinking of light beers as causing any addition to the hazard involved in the insuring of a factory full of employes.

"In fact, the companies have long impressed upon their agents in cities and towns throughout the country that their experience has been that an almost negligible number of accidents have been caused through the employes' drinking of light beers, although many accidents are attributable to over-indulgence in more intoxicating beverages."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

How to Prevent Croup.

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as follows: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Obtainable everywhere. (Adv.)

Do your Christmas shopping early, pay your poll tax, join the boosters and read The Chief.

HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING.

Origin and Evolution of Time-Honored American Holiday.

Thanksgiving day is peculiarly an American institution. It is not borrowed, as are so many of our holidays, from ancient traditions of the older world or from ecclesiastical calendars. While it has a basis of religious belief in the protective grace of an over-flowing Providence, it has gained its place of supremacy because it stands for the ideal of the community out of which our great republic has grown. At every step in the evolution, this is apparent as the controlling impulse.

The beginning of the real Thanksgiving day came from the heart and mind of William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth. Grateful for the rich harvest of 1621, after a long period of privations and semi-starvation, this good man proclaimed a day of thanksgiving for Dec. 13, old style calendar, of that year. Then did the royal bird of our Thanksgiving dinner tables make his legitimate entrance into the theatre of action.

The good governor, having fixed upon the day of thanksgiving for the Pilgrims, sent four stout warriors with guns in search of game. These early hunters returned at night staggering under the weight of wild turkeys sufficient to meet the wants of Plymouth for a week. To them were added the goodies concocted by the thrifty housewives of the colony, and when the 13th of December dawned all was in readiness for the first real American Thanksgiving ever known.

And that was not all. After Elder Brewster's sermon in the church—a matter of two or three hours—dinner followed; and the scent of its goodness seems to have been wafted into the depths of the forest, for in the midst of the feast the Indian yell was heard and a party of a hundred friendly redskins under King Massasoit appeared, bringing with them great haunches of venison. With all this supply of food on hand, it is not strange to learn that the day of Thanksgiving lengthened into three, the feast being varied with psalm singing and exhortations; with war dances by the Indians; with military drill by Myles Standish's soldiery, and with various sports and pastimes of the more sober English kind.

This was the first Thanksgiving and others followed more or less regularly down through the years. From Massachusetts the observance spread throughout New England and later obtained national recognition. Washington proclaimed a day of thanksgiving following the successful ending of the war for independence, and Lincoln did the same after the battle of Gettysburg. Thereafter the last Thursday in November has been designated from Washington, and a national holiday has become established.

It is recorded that on Thanksgiving day, 1713, the governor of Connecticut and the king's commissioners were just preparing to fall upon the viands, when it was announced in horror-stricken tones that the bear prepared for the occasion had been "shot on ye Lord's day." At that dismal news, the entire gathering declined to touch a morsel of the roast bear, and it was decided that the Indian who shot the animal should be whipped to the extent of 39 stripes and restore the price paid for the meat. Then, having inflicted a "just and righteous sentence on ye sinful heathen," the company fell upon the meal with clear consciences and quickly put it out of sight.

CAN'T KEEP COOKS.

Even Uncle Sam Has His Troubles with Geniuses of the Kitchen.

Uncle Sam, rich and powerful, good to his "help," and the surest pay in the world, can't keep his cooks any longer or better than the ordinary Jersey commuter. He offers them good pay, easy hours, and lots of "nights out," but they simply will not overlook the fact that they are cooks, bred and born, and so keep moving on.

United States Marine Corps statistics covering the last two years show a greater percentage of men deserted who gave occupation prior to entry as "cooks" than any other class that enlisted during the period.

Desertions from the Marine Corps are very light at all times; the average marine considers that the service offers better advantages than anything he could find in civil life, and he believes the opportunities for travel and adventure to be unexcelled, and, were it not for the cooks, Marine Corps officials believe that the "oldest branch of the service" would have an almost clean slate with regard to desertions. No class of men look so lightly on the oath of obligation as these self-same "knights of the frying pan," Marine Corps recruiters declare.

Just the Right Present.

Don't take chances in the matter of Christmas presents. You don't want yours, like so many others, to be received with indifference or worse, and ten days after Christmas to be cast aside and forgotten.

You take no such chance in giving the Youth's Companion for a year.

Did you ever know of a home in which it came amiss, or of one in which it was not conspicuous on the library table or in some one's hands all through the year?

It is worth while to make a gift of that sort, and it is worth while to receive it, too, for the Companion illustrates the bests traits in American life in its stories and sketches, upholds the best standards in its articles and other contributions, and combines the practical and informing with the entertaining and blood-stirring.

If you do not know the Companion as it is today, let us send you one or two current issues free, that you may thoroughly test the paper's quality. We will send also the Forecast for 1916.

Every new subscriber who sends $2 for the fifty-two weekly issues of 1916 will receive free all the issues for the rest of 1915 and the Companion Home Calendar for 1916.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Boston, Mass.

LOUISIANA HOGS SCORE.

McCall's Famous Durocs Win Championship For Pelican State.

The victories of McCall, Geren and Bolds at the Shreveport state fair over entries from Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and other states was perhaps the most striking "hog triumph" ever experienced in the stock raising history of Louisiana. Evan J. McCall, with his wonderful Duroc-Jersey herd, headed by the grand champion Defender, and Geren with his remarkable Poland Chinas, walked away with the blue ribbons.

The foundation stock of the McCall herd was bought less than two years ago from the McKees at Versailles, Ky., who, up to the Jackson (Miss.) fair had defeated all comers. Meeting for the first time the men from whom he bought; McCall took the blue ribbon away from the recognized leaders and transferred the headquarters of the championship Duroc herd from Kentucky to Louisiana for the first time in the history of the south. In other words, with the very stock sold to him by McKee, and the get of this stock, McCall beat his former masters. This places Louisiana at the top rank of Duroc-Jersey hog breeding and is a remarkable demonstration of what science and unremitting industry may do in a short time.

The McCall victory will have a marked effect upon stock raising in Louisiana, especially as some of this championship strain will be put up at the big McCall sale on January 5. The sale will be under an inclosed barn and buyers from all over the adjacent south have signified their intention to be present and secure blooded stock to head and improve their herds. There will be a genuine Louisiana sugar cane plantation welcome, and as the hospitality of "Evan Hall" is celebrated, those who attend may come prepared to enjoy a novelty.

The beautiful, historic McCall sugar plantation has been converted into one of the most modern and up-to-date stock farms in the entire south. Hogs and cattle are scientifically bred, fed and raised with astounding results. The McCall farm is today one of the unique institutions of the state, combining as does the old ante-bellum type plantation home with the most modern and scientific hog raising establishment in the south.

MAIL YOUR PACKAGES EARLY.

Public Urged to Help Uncle Sam Handle the Rush.

The postal service is making extensive and effective preparations to handle the large volume of mail, especially parcel post, expected during the coming Christmas holidays. Additional clerks and facilities will be provided in order to prevent any congestion and resultant delay and damage to mail. The general public can materially assist the postoffice department in this by doing its duty by mailing their packages as early as is practicable, which will insure their safe handling and prompt delivery. Such action will also redound to the general benefit of the public.

Parcels may bear the words "Not to be opened until Christmas," or similar inscription, and this, together with early shipment, insures the timeliness of Christmas gifts, whereas the practice of mailing packages late in the hope that they will reach their destination on Christmas day is likely to defeat its own object through unavoidable delay due to the congestion of the mails.

This is a campaign of "preparedness," in which our readers are urged to assist.

In this connection attention is called to the fact that parcel post matter may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual cash value, not to exceed $100, upon payment of the following graduated fees: Value up to $5, fee 3 cents; value up to $25, fee 5 cents; value up to $50, fee 10 cents; value up to $100, fee 25 cents. These fees are in addition to the postage required for transportation of the parcel through the mails, and are to be prepaid.

Instruction in Variety of Subjects.

At the winter short course to be held at the Louisiana State University Feb. 1 to 11, inclusive, 1916, the lectures and demonstrations will embrace every phase of Louisiana agriculture and live stock raising. The courses are thoroughly practical and designed to meet the needs of the practical farmers of the state. The following subjects will be offered: Truck gardening, feeds and feeding, corn culture, corn judging, farm machinery, dairying, stock judging, forage crops, budding and grafting, milk testing, rice culture, beef cattle, soils and fertilizers, poultry, hogs, plant diseases, crop pests, breeds and breeding, home economics, silo construction, the marketing problem, rural education, fruit growing, vegetable gardens, cut-over pine lands, forestry, crop rotation, sugar engineering and others. For full particulars address College of Agriculture, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

Another Good Word For Fair.

The campaign for live stock breeding and farm diversification in Louisiana found a true reflection in the various exhibits of the South Louisiana Fair, which closed its third annual event on Oct. 17. With few exceptions, every department took part in testifying to the fact that Donaldsonville, the Donaldsonville country and, in fact, the entire southern portion of the state, has made rapid strides in firmly planting the idea and policy of farm diversification. The South Louisiana Fair Association is composed of ten parishes and ranks second in size and importance to the state fair held annually in Shreveport. The 1915 exposition was more than its officers even dared to expect in furtherance of enlarged facilities and a broader scope of beneficent influence.—T. & P. Magazine.

We buy at home. How about you?