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The Chattel Mortgage Question, New Orleans States.

With the near approach of the meeting of the State Legislature the question of the enactment of a law authorizing mortgages upon chattels is being agitated with more or less cogency in the columns of the country press. Although there are such laws in force in some of the States, and we believe Louisiana once permitted the mortgaging of chattels, the law was found to be bad from an economic and commercial standpoint, and for many years we have been without such a law.

That there is a sentiment in favor of the enactment of legislation of this character has been shown by the repeated efforts during recent years to secure passage of a chattel mortgage law and more stringent crop lien laws. We think this sentiment is confined principally to large plantation owners who operate their plantations on the tenant system and to country merchants who advance supplies to laborers. It is urged that the law is in the interests of farm tenants and laboring men generally, but the policy of the State has been—and correctly, we believe—that the humbler classes are hindered rather than helped by legislation of this character.

The first duty of the State, after the guaranteeing of equal rights to all men, is to protect the weak from the selfish aggressions of the strong. The enactment of a chattel mortgage law places the weak tenant and laborer at the mercy of the more powerful creditor classes, and initiates a system which tends inevitably to the debasement and practical enslavement of labor. To the ordinary individual the temptation of easy credit is an overpowering one. Articles will be purchased on credit which the individual would never think of acquiring for cash, and prices will be cheerfully paid that under different circumstances would be considered robbery. So, by the two-fold process of encouraging the tenant and laborer to buy at exorbitant prices, and by taking a mortgage upon his chattels, the debtor is kept "with his nose to the grindstone," the hurtful credit system is perpetuated and the labor of the State is degraded.

Such a law is entirely in the interest of the capitalistic creditor class and is in the last degree hurtful and oppressive in its effects upon agricultural labor.

The Cane Crop, Louisiana Planter.

Heavy rain has interfered with all field work, and more particularly with the completion of spring planting during the past week. Since the rain, however, we have had several days of warm, dry, spring-like weather which have been heartily welcomed and at this writing it has been possible to resume work and those of our planters who are not yet through with the planting of cane will doubtless be enabled to finish up this important work. With a continuation of this mild sunny weather germination will be rapid and we will shortly be able to see what sort of a stand the crop of this year will exhibit.

Honor in Wall Street.

"One would hardly consider the New York Stock Exchange exactly in the light of a communion of saints." Indeed, to judge by much that appears in the daily papers and the muckraking magazines, this might be the last place to look for the very soul and spirit of integrity. But there it is in the midst of them.

"Between members of that marble mansion of trade in securities on New York's famous Broad street no paper writing passes certifying to the binding obligations of a transaction. In the very fiercest rush and maddest vortex of the wild corner, a word, a nod, the merest sign, amply suffices. Whatever it may lead to—irreparable loss, ruin, bankruptcy, no matter—the deal is closed.

"I am not professing to be an apologist for whatever crimes may be committed in the name of honor. I simply record the fact—to be easily verified—that the dealings on that exchange are 'on honor.' The corinthian fairness of its pillars and established front is not shamed by the constant and consistent uprightness of the traffic within."—Christian Register.

Good Friends.

To see ourselves interiorly, we are fain to borrow other men's eyes; wherein true friends are good informers, and censurers no bad friends.—St. Thomas Aquinas.

SHOW THAT MONKEYS REASON

Animals Fight Under a Leader and Roll Stones Down on Their Enemies.

Aesop's ape, it will be remembered, wept on passing through a human graveyard, overcome with sorrow for its dead ancestors, and that all monkeys are willing enough to be more like us than they are they show by their mimicry.

An old authority tells that the easiest way to capture apes is for the hunter to pretend to shave himself, then to wash his face, fill the basin with a sort of bird lime, and leave it for the apes to blind themselves. If the Chinese story is to be believed, the imitative craze is even more fatal in another way, for if you shoot one monkey of a band with a poisoned arrow, its neighbor, jealous of so unusual a decoration, will snatch the arrow from it and stab itself, only to have it torn away by a third, until in succession the whole troop have committed suicide.

In their wild life baboons, as well as the langurs and many other monkeys, undoubtedly submit to the authority of recognized leaders. There is co-operation between them to the extent that when fighting in company one will go to the help of another which is hard pressed.

In rocky ground they roll down stones upon their enemies, and when making a raid, as on an orchard which they believe to be guarded, the attack is conducted on an organized plan, sentries being posted and scouts thrown out, which gradually feel their way forward to make sure that the coast is clear, while the main body remains in concealment behind until told that the road is open.

From the fact that the sentries stay posted throughout the raid, getting for themselves no share of the plunder, it has been assumed that there must be some sort of division of the proceeds afterward. Man, again, has been differentiated from all other creatures as being a tool-using animal, but more than one kind of monkey takes a stone in its hand and with it breaks the nuts which are too hard to be cracked with the teeth.

An Absolutely Honest Man.
"Is he a man to be trusted?" "Absolutely. You may even have a cigar exposed in your vest pocket and he won't reach over and grab it."

POLICE JURY HOLDS MEETING.

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axle grease, etc.	44 25
Hugh Hutchinson, bridge work, and hauling, special fund.	12 00
A. E. Mouton, lumber, bridge fund.	3 20
Gustave Duhot, bridge work and hauling, bridge fund.	6 00
Luke Leblance, lumber, bridge fund.	5 68
Hugh Hutchinson, bridge work, and hauling lumber, bridge fund.	6 00
Numas Chiasson, bridge work, bridge fund.	3 50

3RD WARD.

Simon Arceaneux, taking road tax assessment, special fund.	52 80
Contingent Fund—	
Falk Mer. Co., clothing.	3 20
Lafayette Democrat, printing.	5 00
Edmond Martin, committee work.	2 50
Miss Ophelia Broussard, refund account double assessment.	8 48
J. Gilbert St. Julian, services as clerk court.	13 00
Lafayette Gazette, printing.	8 35
Lafayette Advertiser, printing.	2 75
Moss Pharmacy, sundries.	3 45
Ulysse Duhot, 3 tons coal.	24 00
Clark and Courts, road tax book.	11 50
S. J. Veazey, buggy hire account Pin hook bridge.	4 00
Webster Oil Co., one brl. oil.	5 72
Cumb., T. and Co., services to sheriff.	3 35
Secretary, stamps.	1 50
Louis Lacoste, sheriff, criminal fees and feeding prisoners for February, sheriff fund.	456 93
Vandenbroun Lumber Co., lumber, bridge fund.	135 06
Gus. Lacoste, jury commissioner.	3 10
Criminal fund—	
Gaibert Comeaux, jury commissioner.	3 10
Odon Guidry, jury commissioner.	3 90
Edvard Pellerin, jury commissioner.	4 20
Jasper Spell, jury commissioner.	5 00
Leopold Hirsch, jury commissioner witness.	2 50
Jos. Ducote, jury commissioner witness.	2 50

4TH WARD.

H. David, B. B. S. work, special fund.	6 15
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5TH WARD.

S. J. Breaux, shoes and shirts for prisoners in jail, contingent fund.	25 00
V. A. Guidroz, taking road tax assessment, special fund.	43 01

7TH WARD.

Rosemond Langhinais, road work special fund.	72 00
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8TH WARD.

A. E. Mouton, lumber bridge fund.	14 00
Billare Monte, taking road tax assessment, special fund.	25 40
Jules M. Broussard, roadwork assessment, special fund.	15 00

Moved and seconded that the bill of Moss and Co., for flags taken by Messrs. Lacoste and Hirsch be approved. Yeas: Lacy, Spell, Broussard and Broussard. Nays: Martin and Voorhies. Carried.

There being no other business a motion to adjourn was made.
FELIX H. MOUTON,
Secretary.

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Adding to the Old Adage.
"That baker friend of mine has leuded all of his property to me." "Ah, I see. A friend in kneading is a friend in need."

Curiosity on the Farm.
A little girl of the electric lighted places went to her grandfather's farm to spend the summer. She saw an unfamiliar animal on one of her strolls and ran to the house very much frightened. "I don't know if it was a snake or an owl," she said, "but it runned crooked and spit fire, and I guess it was a griffin."

Suggested a Substitute.
Father: "While I hate to whip you, it hurts me worse than it does you." Willie: "Let ma do it, then. She can't pound hard enough to hurt me nor her either."

Real Cleverness.
A man is really clever if he can make you like an old story when he tells it.

Our Wisdom.
Most of us are extremely wise when it comes to knowing what other people ought to do.—New York Times.

Growth of Petroleum Industry.
The petroleum industry of the United States has increased eight fold in the last 39 years, quadrupled in the last 29 years and more than trebled in the last decade.

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