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## THE FARMER AND FREIGHT RATES

Statement by Manager Martin of Cotton Seed Case of C. of C. Before Railroad Commission.

President Colomb and Manager Martin of the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Railroad Commission in New Orleans last week in behalf of the farmers of Lafayette Parish for the purpose of obtaining a reduction of the rates on planting cotton seed car loads from New Orleans to all points in Lafayette Parish. Manager Martin furnishes us the following statement:

"The present rate is fifteen cents per hundred pounds, the distance being 145 miles. It will be noted that the maximum rate that can be charged between any two points on same road in the state is fifteen cents, or in other words, fifteen cents is the rate on cotton seed from New Orleans to the Texas line on either the S. P. or the T. & P. Ry., a distance of over three hundred miles and this is the rate for seed for the oil mills for commercial purposes.

"It was shown the Commission that the United States Government advocates the planting of seed matured in northern latitudes for the purpose of maturing the bolls here earlier to avoid the boll weevil. It was further shown the Commission that the normal production of cotton in Lafayette prior to the advent of the boll weevil was approximately 30,000 bales per annum and since that time it reached the low level of five thousand bales in 1909, since which time we have gradually increased the production of cotton in Lafayette until in 1913 we produced almost 11,000 bales. It was shown the Commission that this was largely brought about by planting early maturing seeds. It was further shown the Commission that on account of the heavy rains in 1913 practically no seeds were saved and therefore it is absolutely necessary that most all of the planters in this district purchase seed to plant the 1914 crop.

"It was also shown the Commission that the Southern Pacific will haul mixed feed from Crowley to New Orleans, at the rate of 7 1/2 cents per hundred, a distance of 165 miles. It was also shown that the rate on cotton seed in the State of Arkansas for 145 miles is 7 cents and that the State of Georgia has practically the same rate. It was shown the Commission that the Railroad Company will haul cotton seed meal from New Orleans to Lafayette for 12 1/2 cents. It was further shown the Commission that the reduced rate on cotton planting seed was primarily for the benefit of the farmers of Lafayette, it being a well established

fact that "Jones" pays the freight every time and that by helping the planters out in this instance, the railroad would also be benefitted materially as the Southern Pacific must necessarily haul every bale produced in Lafayette, and if the production is brought back to its normal figure the railroad company would be the greatest beneficiary.

"After hearing all of the evidence and arguments by the Railroad Company and Messrs. Colomb and Martin, the Commission took the matter under advisement and will render a decision on January 28th. The only argument produced by the Railroad Company is that they cannot afford to reduce their revenues which is certainly ridiculous in view of the fact that is the stated policy of the Southern Pacific Co. to foster in every way possible the increased agricultural production throughout their territory, and it was especially shown them that this was one way to do it. This is an issue that is squarely up to the Railroad Commission as they must say by their action if they favor the farmer or not."

## MAJESTIC THEATRE GRECIAN ART ILLUSTRATED

Appollo Duo and his wife began an engagement at the Majestic last night, and are appearing in their great act bronze statues illustrating Grecean Art, in which they won high praise while showing last week at the Hippodrome in New Orleans. This is both entertaining and educative and while appealing to grown people, it is a most attractive and interesting thing to children. Mr. Duo and wife will be at the Majestic to-night, to-morrow and Sunday night. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

**Missionary From China.**  
Rev. J. Mercler Blain, of Kashing, China, will speak at the Methodist church next Monday night, Jan. 26, at 7:30. Mr. Blain has the reputation of being a very fine and most interesting speaker. He is back from China, and will deliver a discourse of unusual interest on present conditions in the Republic of China. Come out and hear him. All are cordially invited. No collection.

**Mrs. Florence Atkins.**  
Mrs. Florence Atkins, the noted temperance orator of Nashville, Tenn will address the friends and members of the W. C. T. U. of the various churches of Lafayette next Sunday night at 7:30 at the Methodist church. You are cordially invited to be present.

**Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Louisiana Traction and Power Co., will be held in the office of the Company at Lafayette, La., at two o'clock p. m. on Monday, February 2nd, 1914, to transact such business as may come before it.

P. O. MOSS, Secretary.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC MARDI GRAS RATES.

Account of Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Feb. 19-24, round trip tickets will be on sale Feb. 17, to 23, at one fare plus 25 cents.

## Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lafayette Sanitarium Association of Lafayette, La., will be held at the office of the Association on Thursday, Jan. 29th, 1914, between the hours of 6 and 7 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

T. M. BLOSSAT, JR., Secretary.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST AT SOUTHWESTERN

Several Prominent Visitors—Next Term Jan. 26. Greet Woodland Players Coming May 2.

Prof. C. E. Hester, of the Department of Agriculture, with Mr. Anders, of the State Extension Work in Lafayette Parish, were called to a community near Scott last week to inoculate hogs against cholera, and were successful. They are called this week for the same purpose to Broussard.

Prof. J. G. Lee, Jr., has returned from Baton Rouge, where he acted as sole judge of the cattle exhibited at the Baton Rouge Mid-Winter Fair, and was complimented upon accurate judging. He had some recent practice under Mr. Van Peit and other stock-judges of national reputation at the National Dairy Show at Chicago.

Visits to the Institute during the week were made by Mr. John Caffery of Franklin, and Mr. E. J. Fairchild, of Vinton, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning dairying, cattle and hog raising, feeding and other practical farm problems.

Special and complementary attention was given to the practical farm mechanics work of the Institute, under Profs. Bond and Woodson, during the visit last week of Dr. Sinclair, of Macdonald College, Montreal, Canada. Dr. Sinclair noted especially the substantial character of a workbench made by an Institute student for use on his farm; also the cowshed, the gates, the concrete work, the gymnasium-grandstand, and the swimming pool made by students as class exercises.

President B. V. B. Dixon, of Newcomb College, New Orleans, spent the day visiting the classwork of the Institute on Monday, and made instructive talks to several classes, especially in mathematics. He was present at the opening exercises and addressed the whole school, upon the importance of awakening ambition in students to be and do something of value with their lives. All he said was inspiring. The Institute has several graduates of Newcomb in its Faculty, and a number of Institute graduates continue their education in Newcomb, usually winning high honors there.

This is examination week, and the second term will begin next Monday, January 26. A number of new students have reserved rooms in the dormitories and a number will enter from the local public schools.

Mr. O'Neill, representing the State Board of Health made a thorough inspection of the Institute buildings and grounds on Monday afternoon. He made no comments, but it is likely that his report will show favorable mention of some of the buildings and rooms and unfavorable mention of others, which the management should try to show in better condition next time.

A prominent physician called on the aid of the Institute laboratories this week to determine the fat-content of milk.

The scholarship fund for students at the Institute is being materially helped by the Woman's Club benefits.

Pres Stephens has accepted an invitation to address the Teachers Institute at St. Martinville Saturday the 31st, and to take part in the Reading Circle meeting at Carencro on next Saturday, the 24th inst.

Voorhies Launey, a graduate of last year, visited the Institute Wednesday, and reports that he is having a great success as Principal of the agricultural high school at Vidrine, Evangeline Parish. He has 200 pupils and has a good school farm, a domestic science department, and an enthusiastic pig club among the pupils. His brother, Aloysius Launey, of the same class, is also successful as a Principal of another school in that Parish. Voorhies is on his way to Baton Rouge to take the Farmers Short Course at the University.

Dr. Stephens visited the agricultural high school at Carencro last week in company with Dr. Sinclair, of Macdonald College, Canada, and his sister, Miss Sinclair, and Mr. Anders. The school is in charge of Frank Baque, an Institute graduate who is making a great success of it. The farm department, under Mr. P. L. Gullibean, an L. S. U. graduate, is a most valuable and practical feature, as is also the domestic science department.

Inquiry was received from a practical farmer this week, asking the in-

## BUREAU DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING

High Enthusiasm Among Members—Manager Chevis Suggest Line of Efforts to Follow.

The first quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau convened in the parlors of the Gordon Hotel on Wednesday, January 21, 1914. Members were present from a number of the convenient parishes, and visitors who were in attendance confessed agreeable surprise at the high character of the gentlemen who considered the business of the Bureau to be of sufficient importance to justify them in laying aside their business and professional duties and journeying to Lafayette to participate in the deliberations of the directors.

The meeting was informal in its character, the members entering freely into the discussions and plans under consideration. The work has lagged during the past sixty days owing to unavoidable delay occasioned by the efforts to select a satisfactory manager, but this difficulty having been obviated, the work has been resumed under the encouraging conditions and enthusiasm among the members was high. President Moss occupied the chair and after some general discussions among the directors Mr. W. C. Chevis, the new manager, was invited to outline the work to be prosecuted.

He expressed the opinion that the field, being a broad one and the opportunities for service almost limitless, it would be best for the organization to confine its energies at the outset to the accomplishment of a few practical undertakings rather than to attempt to spread over too much ground at the risk of becoming mired. He suggested that the central objects of immediate effort should be an aggressive advocacy of good roads and its logical companion work, drainage; the securing of buyers for the vacant farming lands of the district, thereby bringing practical farmers and home-builders to Southwest Louisiana, and the location of demonstration farms at convenient points in the district to show our farmers the best methods to increase farm production and to make farm homes more pleasant and profitable.

Concurrently with these things, the Bureau will be at the command of the people of this section to supply them with trained men to advise with them at their meetings called to consider questions pertaining to the betterment of farming conditions, to organize clubs for special work and to furnish the most reliable scientific information concerning the soil, its products and the best methods of dealing with them.

The meeting was in every sense a success and adjourned to meet again on Thursday, February 5, 1914, when important questions concerning the charter amendments and the adoption of practical methods for placing the organization upon a solid financial basis will be considered.

## BUCK QUARTET INSTITUTE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT.

The Bulah Buck Quartet Concert Company will give a concert at the Industrial Institute next Monday night January 26th, at 8 o'clock, as one of the Industrial Institute's Lyceum numbers. Mrs. Buck, Soprano and Reader, has a clear and brilliant soprano voice and is a pleasing and effective reader. The other members of her quartet, Miss Harriett B. Jones, contralto, Miss Marjorie Paddock, soprano, and Mrs. Charlotte Harmon, contralto, are all excellent singers. The Company comes highly recommended, and will give an entertaining program. Admission 50 cents.

stitute agriculture department for information as to what variety of potatoes to plant for shipping to carry markets.

Mr. L. Von Tresckow, manager of the Sugar refinery, has kindly consented to supply the electric current that will be necessary to light up Beau Se four Park on Saturday, May 2, for the Ben Greet Woodland Players' performance of Midsummer-night's Dream—to which the Institute is going to make an effort to attract a large attendance from neighboring towns, like New Iberia, Broussard, St. Martinville, Breaux Bridge, Scott, Carencro, Youngsville, Rayne, Crowley and Opelousas.

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## NEW IBERIA BUDGETS BEFORE AND UNDER COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

In view of the fact that Lafayette and so that all may have correct information regarding the salary list, I have prepared the subjoined statement comparing salaries now being paid with those paid by the Powers administration.

New Iberia, La., Jan. 7, 1914.  
Editor Enterprise:  
In order to remove the impression in the minds of certain persons that the expense of operating the City government is now greater than it was under the previous administration, because of increased salaries, of 1912:

BUDGET 1912-1913.	BUDGET 1914.
Mayor's Salary .....	\$1200 00
Supt. Light & Water Plant.....	1200 00
Tax-Collector (Trustee of Finance) .....	1800 00
City Attorney .....	420 00
City Clerk .....	300 00
Police Department .....	4300 00
Board of Health .....	1300 00
Street Supervisor .....	900 00
City Engineer .....	750 00
Coroner .....	300 00
Incidentals .....	2297 71
Assessor .....	464 03
Light Plant Bookkeeper .....	960 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$15758 14</b>
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## JEFFERSON THEATRE

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**Programs.**  
Friday, Jan. 23.—A Dip in the Briny, comedy, Sell; When Mountain and Valley Meet, 2 reels, drama, Lubin; \$5.00 in gold given away at 8 p. m.  
Saturday Jan. 24.—The Uprising of Ann, drama, Vitagraph; Telltale Stains, drama, Kalem; The Upward Way, drama, Edison.  
Sunday, Jan. 25.—W. B. Patton, in "Lazy Bill."

## TELL SECRETARY ABOUT POTATOES YOU PLANT.

All members of the Farmers Marketing Association are requested to file with Secretary B. F. Martin of the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible full information as to number acres of Irish Potatoes planted, variety planted, etc. There are quite a number of planters who are planting Irish potatoes who have not become members of the association and it is the desire of the Chamber of Commerce that every person who will have Irish Potatoes for market to furnish the Secretary full information as to acreage and variety planted. Also have your name registered at the Chamber of Commerce so that Secretary can mail you the various instructions from time to time. Don't



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