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"The statement is sometimes made across the counter to a credulous customer that the fancy imported rice is the best," said a local commission man who had extensive rice fields of his own in the South, according to the New York Post. "This is not true. The finest rice in the world is grown in Louisiana. The Southern States in this country produce the best quality of rice with the exception of Egypt, which grows as fine an article, just as they do the best quality of cotton. France and England buy their fancy rice in the United States, but it is only a small quantity and for epicureans. They import the great bulk from India and Japan. They pay 6½ cents a pound to us on this side of the Atlantic, paying all expenses of shipment besides. The best imported grades may be bought in New York at 4½ cents, wholesale price, and this, after the cost of transportation and 2 cents a pound duty has been paid.

"The United States produces annually about 150,000,000 pounds on an average, and two-thirds of this is grown in Louisiana; the remainder is grown in South Carolina and Georgia. An additional 75,000,000 pounds is needed to meet the demands of the home market and this amount is imported every year. This comes from India, Calcutta and Japan. A fine grade, not as fine as our domestic article, however, comes from the island of Java, but in very small quantities. The Japanese variety is the most popular, after our own, in this country.

"Louisiana alone could produce all that is necessary for home consumption and will probably do so as soon as a system of irrigation, now under way, is completed and in operation. This will clear away uncertainties, the crop now being totally dependant upon the rainfall.

"Our rice growing possessions will not cut any figure in the market."—Chicago Record.

One Who Resigned.

It is said that a crossroads postmaster in a nearby State wrote the following resignation recently:

"Havin' served the government faithful for twelve years, ill health compels me to resign before death, an' in resignin' I would like for you to appoint my widder, that is to be, my successor in the office I have run so well that all men rise up an' call me blessed. The government has not lost a stamp by me, an' I'm certain that as long as my wife's a widder she will run things as well as I have. She can't vote, of course, but she can catch folks by the collar an' make 'em vote, just as she has done all the husband's that ever come under her control. I hope you'll think of her in the matter; for if you don't, she may git on the train an' go to Washington herself."

Some men are so busy telling what they would do if they had an opportunity that the opportunity passes by unobserved.



"Sweet Bells Jangled Out of Tune and Harsh."

Shakespeare's description fits thousands of women. They are cross, despondent, sickly, nervous—a burden to themselves and their families. Their sweet dispositions are gone, and they, like the bells, seem sadly out of tune. But there is a remedy. They can use

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NOTICE.
Passing through my inclosures is strictly forbidden.
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Abbeville, May 7, 1898.

NOTICE.
The public is hereby notified not to trespass on any of my lands on both sides of South-west Pass in Vermilion and Iberia Parishes.
OZEME DITCH.

NOTICE.
The public is hereby warned not to hunt, cut timber, or trespass on any land owned by me, under penalty of the law.
March 5—98. SOLOMON WISE.

NOTICE.
Entering my pasture and stock ranch on Chênère au Tigre, without my consent is forbidden. Any person trespassing on said premises will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
AUBRE DEFRANCE,
Widow Louis Laporte,
Abbeville, January 4, 1896.

To Hunters.
The undersigned hereby notify hunters not to hunt within their enclosures from and after this date; otherwise they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
Felix Broussard,
Benj. C. Hebert,
Alex. R. Broussard,
Pierre R. Broussard,
December 4, 1897.

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The Atlanta Constitution's Great Offer of 1900—The Cotton Receipts at New Orleans from September to April—Full Statistics Given for Your Guidance—An Unparalleled Offer for Our Readers.

The Atlanta Constitution offers a \$3,000 cash prize contest for January, February and March, 1900, as follows:

To the person sending a yearly subscription to The Weekly Constitution, together with the correct estimate on the cotton receipts at New Orleans during the first seven months of the present cotton year (September 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900)—
\$1,500 if estimate is received during January.
\$1,000 if estimate is received during February.
\$500 if estimate is received during March.

The above are for the exact estimates; there are besides these six prizes, ranging from \$300, \$400, \$250, \$150, \$125 and \$75, amounting to \$1,500, that will be paid out sure for the six nearest estimates to the New Orleans cotton receipts at any time during the three months of the contest. But you hit it exactly during January and secure the full \$1,500 prize check.

The Constitution believes somebody will hit the figures exactly and expects to pay out the full amount of the prizes offered—\$3,000 in all. In a Constitution contest upon the same subject in 1896 Mr. R. T. Poole, of Capels Mills, N. C., hit the exact figures and received a check for \$1,000 as his prize. Mr. Poole did not try to swell himself up at once, but very generously paid off a mortgage on his father's home place and with the balance he very wisely educated himself at Trinity college, Durham, N. C. He is now doing well in business in North Carolina and lives still near his old home. It is needless to say he is a warm friend of The Constitution.

As a guide in making estimates upon the New Orleans port receipts, The Constitution gives the following figures, compiled from statistics of the past four seasons:

SEASON.	N. O. recs. Sep. 1—Feb. 31.	N. O. recs. whole year, Sept. 1—Aug. 31.	Total U. S. crop for season.
1895-96	1,629,974	1,312,167	7,157,216
1896-97	1,936,587	2,192,476	8,757,964
1897-98	2,422,315	2,578,195	11,199,394
1898-99	1,854,133	2,339,296	11,274,819

The Constitution's market page will give each week the port receipts for the cotton season from which you can always see the New Orleans port receipts from September 1, 1899, up through the Friday immediately preceding the publication. This will keep you posted to within two or three days of the time you send in your estimate.

It is believed that some of the Texas crop, that as a rule is sent in bulk to New Orleans, will be diverted this year to other points because of the quarantine regulations against New Orleans. The effort of Louisiana to have quarantine courts will not have very soothing effect upon the direction of cotton shipments to New Orleans. This is mentioned simply as a pointer in making up estimates; how much to allow, if anything, for this cause must be left to each man's judgment.

The \$3,000 contest is an express contract to which The Constitution will stand in every particular. Yet it is in its nature simply an advertisement by which The Constitution, combined with this paper may be made better known in this community. Send us the subscription to The Constitution and our paper at the advertised price of the two and with it your estimate on the New Orleans port receipts, and we will forward all together for you. On April 1st we trust a \$1,500 check will reach some of our subscribers to help make times even more easy round about us.

The Weekly Constitution for 1900 will be better than ever before. Its special news features are unsurpassed. The Boer-British war, the Philippine and Cuban operations, the busy session of the most

important congress that has ever assembled, the beginning of the issues of the presidential campaign of this year and the debates and speeches during its progress; the final result of the November elections, the development of the south's great industrial movements; diversified farm and village industries and thousands of other important things will be found fully and freely discussed in The Weekly Constitution for the year. The Farm and Farmers' page, the Woman's Kingdom, the Southern Pulpit, the Children's Page and other interesting departments will be ably conducted and will be especially adapted to those addressed. The ringing editorials of The Constitution speaking right out in meeting exactly what it means in the advocacy of true democratic doctrine and in behalf of the great interests of the masses of our plain people, and protecting them from the grasping greed of those who would wring their earnings from their helpless hands, are alone worth the subscription price of the paper over and again.

The Constitution has long stood as the champion of the people and has sent its shafts deep into the errors and evils that threaten and beset the masses. Its complete exposure of the methods of Neth, of New Orleans, and the shattering of the influence of this prophet of big cotton crops, and apostle of ruinously low prices, and high priest of robbery, who has cost the southern farmers hundreds of millions of dollars, ought to win for The Constitution the lasting gratitude of the whole south. The advice to farmers to organize against the trust that would increase the price of fertilizers and fertilizer materials for the home compost heap, and taking up the cudgel in behalf of the farmers against the combination that would put a fresh burden upon them, is sound and valid, and ought to be heeded. The bulwark of the people's rights and the best method of defense will often be found in a great paper, ably and fearlessly edited upon which the people may rely, not only for news of the ordinary events of government, army and political life, but also for an alert foresight of the trend of future events that may operate to our lasting damage. The downfall of Neth, the breaking down of the fertilizer trust, the upbuilding of all southern interests, and the enlightenment of every village, farm and mountain home are among The Constitution's many high aims and great ideas for 1900. That these interests may all be well served, and with the same unswerving fidelity to the people that The Constitution has always shown, goes without saying.

The management of The Constitution, with Mr. Clark Howell as editor-in-chief, and his well disciplined corps of staff writers, brilliant contributors and special correspondents, still under the faithful leadership of Colonel William A. Henshall as business manager, will remain the same for the new year. The Constitution's long and honorable business course, keeping faith with the people in all its contracts, contests and engagements, as well as in its consistent and conspicuous editorial fairness, places it among those reliable institutions of our country on which the people may depend.

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