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## Sixty Per Cent Average.

### The Rice Crop of 1905 Will be Small But Profitable.

As the planting season draws to a close the estimate of seeding done this year can be pretty safely made, the latest report of conditions in the belt by the Crowley Signal being as follows: "Most of the farmers in the rice belt finished their planting last Saturday, although some farmers will continue to plant up to the first of July. It is believed that practically all the planting that has a reasonable chance to yield returns had been completed on the 10th of June. Reports from Texas are to the effect that on account of the small acreage and the high price now ruling planting will continue with almost unabated vigor this week and for several weeks to come. In Louisiana last Saturday marked the close of the planting for this season.

Estimates of the effective acreage planted up to the 10th do not vary greatly, although they are all based on a comparison with the acreage of last year, which was the maximum. A canvass of six canals of the Louisiana Irrigation & Mill Company, made last week, estimates that sixty-five per cent of the 1904 acreage would be in by Saturday night. A month ago the same company estimated a fifty per cent acreage, and the increase is attributed to the stimulus given planting by the rise in the price of rice. Prominent rice farmers who were in Crowley Friday and Saturday attending the trial of the Mermentau Dam proceedings gave the following estimates of acreages planted up to the 10th of June:

W. L. Doss, formerly president of the Mutual Rice Mill, of Gueydan: fifty per cent of the 1904 acreage in eastern Vermilion and sixty-two per cent in the Gueydan district, in western Vermilion.

Henry L. Gueydan, of Gueydan: sixty per cent of 1904 acreage in the western part of Vermilion, with the percentage decreasing eastward to about forty per cent in the vicinity of Abbeville, where corn and cane have to a large extent replaced rice.

James Ellis, a prominent farmer of Welsh, Calcasieu parish, who has had occasion to examine the crop conditions somewhat carefully this year estimates the Calcasieu acreage at fifty per cent on an average. In some sections of the parish the acreage will go considerably above this figure while in other sections it will fall below.

During the past two weeks most sections of the rice belt have been visited by showers which have relieved the extremely dry condition that prevailed. Acadia parish has been somewhat less favored in this respect than other parishes and rain is badly needed here. Planting conditions during the past two weeks have been somewhat more favorable in Texas than in Louisiana and reports agree that Texas will get in a somewhat larger percentage than Louisiana. In Jefferson county the acreage will be close to normal, while in the

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Bay City district there will be a large cut.

From all over the belt the reports are that the early planting is up to a good stand and looking well. S. Locke Breaux, of New Orleans, who spent last week driving over Southwest Louisiana, is of the opinion that the rice now up and under irrigation looks favorable for a ten-bag yield. In the vicinity of Crowley there is a considerable quantity of volunteer rice under irrigation and this is looking well.

The market remains firm. Demand is strong but very little rice is moving. Only a very small percentage of the visible supply is in the clean and most of the mills are still idle. Those that are running are mostly engaged in brushing old goods.

A notable feature of this year's crop is the small amount of advances outstanding against it. Two of the largest milling companies in Southwest Louisiana state that of the farmers to whom they made advances in previous years not to exceed twenty-five per cent applied for advances this season. These two companies are among the strongest financially in the rice belt and have been accustomed to make heavy advances. It is believed that the percentage of advances made by them this year is the maximum. The mills that are weaker financially have advanced less.

It is also true that less labor is being employed this year than formerly. The net result will be the cheapest crop ever raised in the rice belt."

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## CUBA WILL CAPITULATE.

### American Rice Will Have the Long Promised Protection.

C. C. Duson and R. N. Sims, who have been laboring with the Cuban Congress for the passage of the Govin bill, are back home and Mr. Duson gives the following favorable outlook for the success of the measure:

"The Govin bill for the protection of American rice, now before the Cuban congress, will be passed at this session, and it will pass with practical unanimity," says Hon. C. C. Duson, who returned from Havana Saturday night. Mr. Duson had been in Havana during the present session of the Cuban congress in the interest of the Govin rice bill, which proposes to increase the tariff on rice to \$2.75 per hundred kilograms. It will be remembered that the bill failed to pass the Cuban congress at its last session and it has been feared by many American rice men that it never would pass.

"The reason the rice bill did not pass the last congress and has not passed thus far," explains Mr. Duson, "is that the political conditions on the island

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have prevented it being taken up. During the last session both parties were jockeying for the soldier vote, and the pension bill absorbed the interest of the politicians to the practical exclusion of all other questions. During the present session the liberal party has one short of a quorum and as a consequence very little business of any kind has been done. Only once during the session has the rice bill come up before the house, and on that occasion one member moved to postpone its consideration until the next session. Only one member voted with him to postpone the consideration of the bill. By a request of the opposition we consented to recommit the bill. After six days discussion the committee reported the bill back to the house without any amendments and by a unanimous vote.

"The bill will pass at this session for the reason that it is believed in Havana that President Roosevelt thinks it is just and ought to pass. The leaders of both political parties favor its passage, but they are so engrossed in their political jockeyings that they have not been able to settle down to it yet.

"The political situation in Cuba is badly mixed and President Palma may have a hard fight for re-election. Both sides are fighting for the lower house of congress, in anticipation of the election going to the house. Each side fears to commit a political blunder at this juncture and although both sides favor the rice bill neither is willing to take it up if there is the slightest chance of their losing or of the other side gaining a point in the fight for supremacy.

"The leaders on both sides are squarely on record in favor of the Govin bill and they have promised to press it at the present session. They will be more likely to keep this promise because they believe the American administration is watching the fortunes of the bill."

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## PETITION

To the Honorable Police Jury of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana.

The undersigned duly qualified electors and property tax payers of the Third Ward of the Parish of Vermilion, La., and composing more than one-third of the qualified voters and property tax payers of said ward, request your Honorable body to order an election (as provided by Act No. 202 of the Acts of the Legislature, approved and signed July 14th, 1898, and in accordance with Article 270 of the state constitution) in said ward, to take the sense of the legally qualified voters whether your Honorable body shall levy a five mill tax for the period of ten years, to raise a fund amounting in the aggregate to \$46381.22 payable in annual installments of \$4638.12, as collected by the levy of said tax, to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad a road projected by the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern

Railway Company, and by which it is proposed to connect Opelousas with some line of railway traversing the Eastern portion of the parish of St. Landry and entering New Orleans and paralleling the Mississippi River and constructing and extending said line from Opelousas in a south westerly direction, intersecting and crossing the Louisiana western Railroad at or near the town of Crowley, or at or near the town of Jennings, or at or near the town of Rayne (via the town of deep water on the Gulf; said tax to be levied, collected and paid over to said Company subject to the conditions hereinafter stated.

Firs:—The tax shall only be levied and collected after the line of railway projected by the said railroad company shall be completed in running order, from the point of its intersection with some other railroad northeast of Opelousas, paralleling the Mississippi River and entering New Orleans, to Abbeville, at a point on or near the Vermilion River within one mile of the Court House, between the projection westward of the northern and southern boundary lines of said town.

Second:—The first tax collectable under the provisions of the proposed tax ordinance shall be levied and collected the year succeeding the completion of said railroad to Abbeville as afore said and the said tax shall be levied and collected each succeeding year thereafter to complete the full period of ten years' levy, unless the said sum of \$46381.22 shall have been previously collected and paid to said Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, or its assigns, in which event the levy and collection of said special tax shall end and cease, provided further that the fund realized from said tax shall be paid over as collected to the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, or its assigns;

Third:—In case the projected line of railway be not completed and in running order to the town of Abbeville, as aforesaid, within five years from the date of this petition, then in that event the ordinance laying said tax shall be ipso facto null, void and of non-effect, and the tax payers of said ward will thereby be relieved from all liability to said company;

Fourth:—Bona fide owners or holders of receipts for the payment of said special taxes, amounting in the aggregate to \$25 00, the value of one share of the capital stock of said railway company, shall be entitled to receive therefor stock at par in said company; the holders of such tax receipts shall be permitted to club together to make the necessary amount of a share of the capital stock, and to have a certificate of stock issued in the name of any one of them for himself and as agent of his associates; and all such tax receipts shall be transferable by the blank endorsement of the taxpayers.

Fifth:—No transfer or assignment of the proposed railroad, or its franchises, shall ever be made without the consent of the stock holders, given at an election held to take their sense upon the subject matter; and no transfer of shares of the capital stock, or receipts, for the payment of special taxes in aid of the construction of said road, shall be made to any non-competing railroad company, and any such transfer of stock on tax receipts shall be illegal, null and void.

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- Arthur LeBlanc
- Nicholas Meaux
- Alfred Boudoin
- Chas Ledrice
- Eufrom Guidry
- W B White
- R W Bernard

## ORDINANCE.

An ordinance, ordering a special election to be held of the qualified electors who are property tax payers of the Third Ward of the Parish of Vermilion under the provisions of Article 270 of the Constitution, and Act No. 202 of the legislature of the year 1898, to take the sense of the said electors and property tax-payers, whether a five (5) mill tax for ten (10) years shall be levied and collected within said Third Ward to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf and Northeastern Railroad:

Whereas, one third (1/3) of the qualified electors and property tax payers of the Third Ward of the Parish of Vermilion, have signed a petition addressed to the police jury of the Parish of Vermilion, asking that the said jury order a special election to be held in said ward, under the provisions of Article 270 of the Constitution, and Act 202 of 1898, to take the sense of the qualified electors, under said laws, whether a five mill tax shall be levied and collected for the period of ten years upon the property of the inhabitants and all property in said ward, subject to taxation, to raise a fund amounting in aggregate to Forty Six Thousand Three hundred and Eighty one, and 22-100 Dollars, and producing annually the sum of Forty six hundred and thirty eight, and 12-100 Dollars and whereas, the legal number of qualified electors and property tax-payers of said ward, respectively, have signed said petition, it now becomes the duty of this body, under the law, to order said special election, therefore be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Vermilion.

Section 1—That a special election be held in the said Third Ward of the Parish of Vermilion,

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on Thursday, July 27th, 1905 to take the sense of the legally qualified electors who are property tax payers of said ward whether a five (5) mill tax for a period of ten (10) years shall be levied and collected upon all property within the said ward; respectively, subject to taxation, in aid of the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf and Northeastern Railroad, provided the Depot and terminals shall be located within the present corporate limits of the Town of Abbeville, and within one mile from the Court House in said town:

Section 2—Be it further ordained, etc. That the proceeds of said tax shall be paid to the Treasurer of said railroad company as collected. Provided, that should the vote at said special election be in favor of the imposition of said tax, it shall not be levied, nor any portion thereof be collected until after the line of railway projected by the said railroad company shall be completed and in running order, from the point of its intersection with some other railroad, north-east of Opelousas, paralleling the Mississippi River and entering New Orleans, through the said ward, and the first tax collectable thereafter shall be levied and collected the year succeeding the completion of said road through said ward, and the said tax shall be levied and collected each succeeding year thereafter to complete the full period of ten years, and provided further that should the said election be in favor of the imposition of said special tax, it shall be levied, collected and paid over to said railroad company in accordance with the conditions set forth in the petition of the property tax-payers and qualified electors which has been presented to this body.

Section 3—Be it further ordained, etc. That said special election shall be held on Thursday, July 27th, 1905 at Abbeville, La in said ward at the place where the last congressional and judicial election was held; that the said election shall be presided over by the commissioners and clerks to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the Parish of Vermilion; and said board is hereby requested to appoint the said commissioners and clerks for said special election, and to give due notice thereof, as also due notice of said election; and the polls shall be opened at the hour of six o'clock, a. m., and closed at the hour of seven o'clock, p. m.

Section 4—Be it further ordained, etc. That the ballots to be used by the voters at said election shall have printed on them the words, "For a special tax of five mills for ten years to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf and Northeastern Railroad, Provided the Depot and terminals shall be located within the present corporate limits of the Town of Abbeville, and within one mile from the Court House in said town or against the special tax of five mills for ten years to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf and Northeastern Railroad," and that each voter before depositing his or her vote in the ballot box, shall endorse his or her name upon the back of the ballot.

Section 5—Be it further ordained, etc. That said special

election, the following persons shall be entitled to vote as property tax-payers of the Third Ward, who are qualified electors of said ward, who are assessed on the tax roll of 1904; and men property tax-payers who reside in said ward, and who are twenty one (21) years of age and provided further that men property tax-payers who vote either in person or by proxy, conferred by notarial act.

Section 6—Be it further ordained, etc. That there shall be provided for the guidance of the officers of said special election a certified list of the persons entitled to vote thereat, the assessed valuation of each voter to be set down on said list, opposite or her name, of the year the election shall make return in duplicate of the number of persons voting in favor of the special tax and of those voting against it, also the aggregate amount of assessed valuation of these voters for and those voting against said tax, said returns to be made according to law; the ballot shall be sealed immediately after the election, and the returns delivered to the president of a police jury, together with ballot boxes.

Section 7—Be it further ordained, etc. That the police jury of the Parish of Vermilion shall meet on Tuesday 15th, of August 1905 at 9.30 a. m. and shall open the ballot boxes, count the ballots and make proclamation of the result.

Section 8—Be it further ordained, etc. That this ordinance together with the petition of property tax payers and qualified electors of the Third ward published in the official journal for the full period of thirty days preceding the election.

Section 9—Be it further ordained, etc. That unless said railroad should be completed and in running order through the said ward, within five years from the 9th. day of July A. D. 1905, then, in that event this ordinance shall be null, void and of no effect, and the property tax-payers of said ward shall be relieved of all liability to pay said tax to the Opelousas, Gulf, and Northeastern Railroad Company.

Section 10—Be it further ordained, etc. That for cause, this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.  
Adopted June 12th 1905.  
E. M. Stebbins, J. N. Williams, Pres. Sec.  
The Police Jury then adjourned to meet as a board of referees, Monday, July 3, 1905.  
J. N. Williams, E. M. Stebbins, Clerk. President.

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