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BOLL WEEVIL POISON HAS BEEN FOUND

"The Only Poison that Can Ever Possibly be Utilized in Any Way in Fighting Weevils."

LETTER TO MR. E. P. VEAZIE

In Which Secretary Newell, of the State Crop Pest Commission, Tells of a Cheaper and Better Poison than Paris Green."

Mr. E. P. Veazie, of Opelousas, who is largely interested in cotton culture on the Atchafalaya River and neighboring points, hoping to be of assistance to the farmers of the parish, publishes the subjoined letter, which explains itself.

(The letter is dated Baton Rouge, from the office of the State Crop Pest Commission, and addressed to Mr. E. P. Veazie.)

Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of recent date, we beg to say that the recent newspaper report, to the effect that we have found a poison more effective against the boll weevil than Paris green, was substantially correct.

Since 1904 this Commission has made numerous experiments with Paris green as a boll weevil poison. Briefly stated, the experiments with Paris green showed that when it was applied to cotton before the first squares appeared a considerable number of boll weevils could be killed with it. In a series of carefully-made experiments of this character in 1906 the Paris green killed an average of 34 percent of the boll weevils that were ACTUALLY ON THE SMALL COTTON PLANTS WHEN THE POISON WAS APPLIED. Experiments made in cotton fields, by applying Paris green to the cotton just before the squares appeared, apparently decreased the number of boll weevils but did not result in any marked increase in the amount of cotton produced.

These experiments made it very evident that the Paris green itself was injurious to the cotton plants, and in most of the experiments the amount of damage done by the Paris green actually exceeded the amount of damage that was done by the boll weevil where no poison was applied.

These facts led us to believe that if a poison could be discovered which would kill the boll weevil on young cotton to the same extent that Paris green did, and which would at the same time NOT injure the cotton plant, it might be made an adjunct of some value in fighting the boll weevil. We first made investigations to determine why Paris green injured the cotton plants, and, without going into details, it may be stated that it is now quite well established that this injury is due to the amount of soluble arsenious oxide contained in Paris green, this soluble arsenious oxide being present in most Paris green in the amount of from 2 to 5 percent. This soluble poison is taken up by the tissues of the plant and the injury results.

We conducted some experiments in which this soluble arsenious oxide was almost entirely removed from the Paris green and the resulting product, that is, the Paris green devoid of arsenious oxide, did not appear to be injurious to the cotton plants, but the method of removing the soluble arsenious oxide from the Paris green made its use on a large scale of questionable profit. We therefore set about finding an entirely different poison, and for the past two seasons have been experimenting in this direction.

A large chemical manufacturing concern has been working on the problem under our direction and we now have a poison which is free from soluble arsenious oxide, free from acetic acid, almost absolutely insoluble in water and evidently far more effective in killing weevils than Paris green has been. The substance is a white powder which can be dusted upon the small cotton plants with the same facility as Paris green, and it can be used against the cotton caterpillar or leaf worm in the same way that Paris green has heretofore been used. Thus far in our experiments no injury to the cotton has followed the use of this poison, and as the substance is insoluble we hardly see how any injury to the plant can possibly follow its use. At the same time we are applying this poison to a considerable number of fields and will determine the production of the poisoned and non-poisoned fields before passing final judgment upon whether or not the poison operates to decrease the productivity of the plant.

In the experiments which we made with this poison this spring, by confining adult boll weevils in cages containing cotton to which the poison

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LEE MILLS HEADS PARISH FARMERS.

Re-Elected President of the Farmers' Co-Operative and Educational Union.

MEETING AT PRAIRIE RONDE

Secretary of Union Says Farmers Will be Better Able to Hold their Cotton this Year, as they Have Diversified.

The St. Landry branch of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union held a most successful meeting at Prairie Ronde on Thursday, June 25, at which over five hundred people, including over one hundred ladies, were present. Mr. R. Lee Mills was re-elected President.

The announcement is made that the next parish meeting will be held at Bristol on October 15th.

Writing to the Clarion of the Prairie Ronde meeting, Secretary Lamary says:

"The meeting was in every way a success, and the farmers are rapidly educating themselves in farming. In this they are greatly aided by Mr. L. Perrin, U. S. Agricultural Lecturer, who gives us lectures at every one of our parish meetings. He is the right man in the right place. I think the government should put a few more agents in the field to help the farmers, who will work with the intelligence and activity displayed by Mr. Perrin, as he has been a source of great help to the farming interests."

"The farmers will be better able to hold their cotton off the market this Fall, for they have diversified their crops a great deal more than last year. The corn crop will be bumper crop in St. Landry.

"The boll weevils are beginning to show themselves in hordes in several places in the parish, and they will do a great deal of harm, no doubt."

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS.

Dr. H. Fitzpatrick Elected President—Appointment of Teachers for Next Term.

The Board of School Directors of St. Landry parish met in regular quarterly session last Wednesday, and appointed many of the teachers who are to serve for the next term of school.

It is believed that the school funds of the parish will be augmented in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars for this term, due to the new school laws adopted by the present Legislature, notably the one forcing the police juries throughout the State to set aside three mills for school purposes, and the one giving one hundred dollars to every High School in the State.

The Board at its meeting Wednesday elected Dr. H. Fitzpatrick, of Washington, President, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Lazaro, resigned on account of being a member of the State Senate. This is the third President for the present administration, and all three gentlemen so serving are physicians—Dr. Ray, Dr. Lazaro and Dr. Fitzpatrick. The new President is well identified with the school system of this parish, and will doubtless make a good officer.

Due to the fact that the meeting was held in the middle of the week, and that the proceedings are voluminous, they will not appear until the next issue of the Clarion.

The teachers of the Opelousas High School appointed are: W. B. Prescott, Principal; R. L. Amberg, Assistant Principal; Miss Effie Dimick, Miss Billee Hebrard, Miss Belle Dupre, Miss Gertrude Sandoz, Miss Wardella Turner, Miss Hilda Mayer, Miss Edith Mayer, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Wartelle, Miss Mathilde Estorge, Miss Alma Platt.

Weather Man Forgot Grand Prairie.

Mr. Alfred Deville, who attended the meeting of the school board here Wednesday, and Police Juror Theodore Doucet, who was here for committee work connected with the parish treasurer's office, both told us that their section, Old Grand Prairie, was passed up in the general distribution of rain this week.

They report crops suffering much in that section.

Percy Was Here.

Hon. Percy T. Ogden, candidate for District Attorney of the Lafayette-Acadia District, was here Tuesday, visiting his parents, Hon. and Mrs. John N. Ogden.

"Of course politics is warm in our district. Politics is always warm. But I think I shall win," said the able young ex-Opelousan.

GOOD RECORD FOR THE DISTRICT COURT

Four Convictions, One Mistrial and One Acquittal the Score for the Week.

BANK OFFICIALS TRIAL ON 9TH

Willie Badger, Negro Wife Murderer, Enters a Plea of Guilty and Saves His Neck. Mistrial in Another Wife Murder Case.

A two weeks jury term of criminal district court began last Monday, and will end on the 11th.

The term opened Monday by the first case on the docket entering a plea of guilty, which saved a star subject from the gallows. This was the case against Jimmie Badger, the negro who five years ago murdered his concubine, Anne Cooke, in Melville. Badger Monday plead guilty, and will serve a life-term in the penitentiary. The negro made his escape from the Opelousas jail shortly after his incarceration for the murder, and remained at large until last February, when he was captured in East Baton Rouge parish. The murder was an atrocious one. Anne Cooke, his paramour, was at her mother's house on the night of the murder. Badger went there, and Anne announced to him that she was going out somewhere. He protested, but she started out. He followed her to the gate and tried to persuade her not to carry out her intentions, finally telling her that he would kill her if she left the yard, and when she attempted to do so he shot her to death. A witness passing the point heard the entire quarrel and saw the shooting, so there was no chance for the negro to escape the noose with a jury doing its duty.

The case tried Tuesday was that against Rufus Rudolph, a Bellevue negro, also for murder. He was convicted of manslaughter, and recommended to the mercy of the court. The defense was that the killing was accidental.

The trial of John Henry, colored, charged with drowning his wife near Leonville, consumed a part of the day Wednesday. It was a difficult case for a jury. They both left the house at the same time, and the woman was found drowned in the bayou the next day. After the jury remaining in the chamber of deliberation from Wednesday to Thursday at 10 o'clock, and having failed to agree, a mistrial was entered.

The trial of Wm. McCullom Wednesday evening was a record-breaker for rapidity of action. McCullom was tried for burglary, entering the house and store of Mr. Cesar Mouille, in Opelousas, and stealing therefrom \$7 in cash and a pistol. Although the evidence was all circumstantial it was absolutely convincing, and the jury entered the chamber and came right out again with a verdict of guilty as charged.

The District Attorney filed a number of bills of information this week, as follows: Gilbert Laviolette, burglary, who plead guilty to the charge upon arraignment; Wm. Robertson, burglary, plead not guilty; Olivier Brown, larceny; Ethel Guilbeau, larceny; Luther Johnson, burglary; Julian Dugas, carrying concealed weapon; Jimmie Fruge, Maurice Pelouquin, Melacon Vidrine and Adraeste Guidry, disturbing a peaceable assembly; Nace Green, larceny; Westley Malone, assault and battery; John Roy, Jr., burglary; Victoria Buckner, petty larceny; Jim Brady, larceny; Frank Doyle, carrying concealed weapon; Sophie Belonier, burning a house.

The following parties were arraigned: Jean Bte. Richard, carrying concealed weapon, plead not guilty; Edward Cary, assault and battery, plead not guilty; Paulin Comaun, assault with intent to rape, plead not guilty, case fixed for July 10; Eusebe Andrus, Angelas Andrus and Lucas Andrus, assault and battery, plead not guilty; Clarence Clark, shooting with intent to murder, plead not guilty; Victoria Buckner, larceny, plead not guilty; Tansy McGee, assault with intent to murder, plead not guilty.

Wednesday Arthur Gardiner was arraigned on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, and entered the plea of guilty. Sentence: \$100 and costs fine, or sixty days in jail.

The trial of the President, Cashier and members of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Melville was fixed for next Thursday, July 9. C. W. Krotz, one of the members of the Board of Directors, came from his home in Defiance, Ohio, Saturday and was arraigned and plead not guilty. His bond was fixed at \$500, the bonds of the other indicted bank officials having been raised from \$250 to \$500 on Wednesday, the 24th.

Tuesday two cases were disposed of, Geo. Pinckney, charged with mur-

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER STATE.

Rapides Jury Acquits Sheriff Kinney Reid--Several Prohibition Campaigns Launched--Calcasieu Division Defeated in the Senate.

Safeflowers at Delhi robbed the postoffice of \$600.

Ferdinand Bundy, while asleep beside his wife at Echo, was assassinated by unknown parties.

Prohibition campaigns were launched in St. Tammany and Rapides parishes this week.

Edward Wilbert, captain of the L. S. U. baseball team, was drowned while bathing in the locks at Plaquemine.

Ex-Governor Blanchard of Louisiana will speak at Tammany's Fourth of July celebration in New York today.

Henry High, convicted of murder in Shreveport, made two attempts at suicide in jail. He is sentenced to serve a term of ten years in the penitentiary.

The Summer Normal School at Bunkie closed on last Friday, after a very successful session. The one held at Lake Charles also closed on the same day.

The Vermillion Fair Association has arranged to hold its second annual parish fair in September. J. S. Ewell was elected president of the Association.

A mass-meeting held in Lafayette started the prohibition campaign in Lafayette, and an election will soon be held in that parish.

L. D. Hopkins, a railroad man, walked into a hardware store at Leesville, asked to see some pistols, slipped a cartridge into one of them, and blew his brains out.

The bill to divide Calcasieu parish was defeated in the State Senate

Wednesday. It was proposed to submit the question to the voters of Calcasieu whether or not that parish should be divided into four parts.

It required a jury at Alexandria ten minutes to exonerate Sheriff D. J. Reid, of Calcasieu parish, in the suit to oust him from office. The case had been tried seven times in Calcasieu, and was before a Rapides jury on a change of venue. It will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Oscar Sharp was killed by his cousin and prospective father-in-law, Emile Sharp, at Folsom Tuesday. Oscar was to marry Emile's daughter, and Emile objected to the match, so while Oscar and his intended bride were strolling near a spring Emile fired a load of buckshots into him from ambush.

It took a jury in the criminal district court of New Orleans less than five minutes to bring in a verdict of guilty as charged against Ferdinand B. Dudenhefer, the defaulting Third District tax-collector. He made no defense, but his lawyer laid the foundation for an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, in the effort to quash the indictment.

John Chipari, an Italian, demanded \$100 of a countryman, Steve Bartolotto. Bartolotto not having the money, turned over his garden to Chipari, and the latter dug up the vegetables and sold them, after which he renewed his demand for \$100, and got instead several charges of slugs and buckshots, fired into him by Bartolotto. All this occurred at Bogalusa.

der, being convicted of manslaughter, and Aristide Fruge being acquitted of cutting with intent to murder. Fruge is again on trial, this time for larceny, at the time of going to press.

LOYAL FRIENDS RECEIVE JUDGE PERRAULT ROYALLY

The reception tendered Judge W. C. Perrault by some of his Opelousas friends last Saturday, upon the occasion of his return from the National Convention of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, was a testimonial of loyalty and enthusiasm that could not help but go straight to the locker of his heart, and it did, and at the impromptu reception held at his residence upon the arrival of the party there he so expressed himself.

The entire affair was impromptu. Judge Perrault was attending the Workmen meeting when he answered in the affirmative the telegram of members of the Opelousas bar beseeching him to make the race, and the purpose was to receive him upon his entrance into the parish capital as a candidate for Judge.

Perrault's Concert Band was engaged for the occasion, and the party met the Judge at the depot, the band striking up "Hail the Chief" as he alighted from the train. He was received by Mr. E. B. Dubuisson, Mr. B. H. Pavy, Mr. D. L. Guilbeau, Mr. Raoul Pavy, and others, and escorted to a waiting carriage, and the procession formed, and, preceded by the band, wended its way through town to the courthouse, where a few more selections were rendered, when it proceeded to the residence of Judge Perrault. Mr. Robert Harry and Mr. D. L. Guilbeau met Judge Perrault at Lafayette, and were on the train with him.

At the residence speeches of welcome were made by Mr. Dubuisson, Mr. Guilbeau, and others.

Mr. Dubuisson was warm in his expressions of gratification at the candidacy of Judge Perrault. He said that no one knew Judge Perrault's eminent qualifications for the office of Judge better than he (Dubuisson) knew them; that he had worked as District Attorney with him for four years, and during that time had first learned to place a high estimate on the judicial attainments of the candidate. He recalled the campaign then pending, the bitterest ever known in this State or parish, where factional strife struck at fairness and justice, and during those trying days, said the speaker, Judge Perrault had maintained a poise of mind and a spirit of fairness to all concerned that had challenged his admiration.

Judge Perrault replied feebly. He said that he was brought into this fight by the repeated appeals of members of the bar and lay citizens of the parish; that he had heard

ened to the call because he keenly felt the distinction, and also because he felt that the office was an honor that any man should strive to attain and no man should resist an opportunity to possess. He proposed to pitch the campaign upon a high plane, winning, if he should win, upon his own merits and not by detraction of those of his distinguished opponent. He said he was in the fight to a finish, and expressed his great gratification at the honor his friends chose to bestow upon him.

The impromptu affair lasted not over an hour, when his friends retired, and the Judge prepared to obtain the rest from the trip he so much needed.

CITY COURT BUSY BODY.

Police Record Swells Under the New Order of Things—Score for Twenty-One Days.

Of course the police record of Opelousas would look like the dwarfish telegraph pole representing all other companies and the tall pole representing the Western Union telegraph company which one sees on the back of the latter company's telegraph blanks, if it were compared with Crowley or Alexandria or some other boisterous Louisiana towns, because Opelousas has a law-abiding population, but nevertheless if one imagines that a city judge is as care-free as a Zulu ruler, he is mistaken.

A look at City Judge Kerr's police record-book since his induction into office, on June 8, just 21 clear days to July 1st, shows that during that time he has had before him forty eight cases, or more than two for each day. Of this number 20 took street work, representing an aggregate of 157 days on the streets for one man; 17 paid their fines, making a total of \$152.50 for the city; six were discharged; one is a fugitive and four are pending.

This isn't so bad for the first twenty-one days.

Laudable Work.

Out of fifty-six qualified voters in the Pine Prairie section, only one is opposed to voting a special tax for a high school and forming themselves into a school district.

This is the statement of Mr. E. L. Fontenot and Mr. Glaze, the latter the son-in-law of Representative Wm. Clark, who were here Wednesday in the interest of the movement above mentioned.

This is a feather in the cap of the people of that thriving section.

Henry Back Home.

Henry D. Larcade, Jr., the bright and energetic clerk in the St. Landry State Bank, is back home, after an extended trip to Northern and Eastern points.

Henry enjoyed his outing hugely, and looks refreshed thereby.

SANDERS LEADER GETS LOVELY LOVING CUP

Hon. L. J. Dossmann, Chairman St. Landry Sanders Campaign Committee, Gets Taken

FROM ST. LANDRY FRIENDS

Presentation Made by Dr. M. D. Lewis at Royal Banquet Held at the Lacombe--Fourteen Co-Workers Participate.

Hon. Laurent J. Dossmann, Chairman of the Sanders Campaign Committee of St. Landry parish during the late primary for Governor, was presented on Saturday night last with a magnificent loving cup in appreciation of his services during that memorable campaign.

The presentation was made at a sumptuous banquet at the Lacombe, amidst a flow of oratory, good cheer and fellowship seldom witnessed in our city.

The supper party was composed of fourteen persons, contributors to the cup and fellow-workers with Mr. Dossmann in the campaign that landed St. Landry parish in the column of the distinguished Governor of Louisiana by a majority of over six hundred. Dr. "Daney" Lewis, the wheelhorse of the West, was there; Yves Andrepont, the Creoles' representative in the courthouse, was there; Austin Fontenot, who kept the rostrum smoking with Sanders speeches, sat at the head of the table and acted as toastmaster; Lee Wiggins, trusted file leader in the West, ate hearty and made a speech; Henry Lastrapes, the new first ward committeeman and the representative of the "Young Democracy" of Opelousas, annexed his full share of the feast; Eddie Loebe, Old Faithful and Opelousas' envoy extraordinary to Baton Rouge, was there; Adam Budd, of Marsinguin fame and one of the original Sanders shouters, answered as "Dr. Daney." Peyton Sandoz, whose voice was the first and last to echo through this parish for Sanders, was there, and again his subject was "Sanders;" Willie Ardoin, whose work in his native heath, Chataignier, helped things mightily, was there; Mine Host Cretin, all-wool Sanders, was there; Fred. Martin, Mayor of Washington, he who rowed against the current so creditably, was present; and Raymond Breaux made the fourteenth who participated in the joyous occasion.

The presentation speech was made by Dr. M. D. Lewis, referred to above as "Dr. Daney." He spoke of the invaluable work of Mr. Dossmann in the Sanders campaign; how he had sacrificed his own interests to make the fight for the St. Mary man, and how gloriously the St. Landry campaign had ended. He said he had been in many campaigns, but never had he seen a man so imbued with his work, so tireless and alert and possessed of such mental quickness and adroitness in the management of a campaign, as exhibited by Mr. Dossmann in that memorable fight. "If a man ever deserved a Loving Cup for services accurately and intelligently and indefatigably performed, Mr. Dossmann richly deserves this token from the friends of Louisiana's peerless Governor."

Mr. Dossmann replied with warmth. In expressing his appreciation of this expression of esteem on the part of his co-workers in the Sanders campaign, he desired to say that it was the candidate himself that was mainly entitled to the glory of the St. Landry as well as of the State campaign which resulted in his election. "It was the personality of the man himself, his sturdy manhood, his clear-cut enunciation of principles, his Americanism, that made it possible for his friends to rout the enemy and win the day." He to-day felt proud that he had participated prominently in the campaign for the election of Gov. Sanders; he had supported him because he knew he would make a good Governor, "and he will make the best Governor Louisiana ever had."

Short talks were made by every member of the party, and the affair was a most enthusiastic and pleasant one. So universal is the effectiveness of Mr. Dossmann's services in the Sanders campaign recognized that one of the prominent orators "on the other side" complained the day after the presentation that he had not been invited to it, so that he might have added his attestation. "We are in even a better position to judge of the work of Mr. Dossmann, because we were on the inside of the fort he was shelling," said the ex-Wilkinsonite.

The Loving Cup is a lovely specimen of silversmith's art. It is solid silver, fifteen inches high, gold lined, on an ebony base six inches high. It was furnished by the celebrated Gorham Silver Co., of New York, at a cost of \$130. On the

LOCAL POSTOFFICE NOW SECOND CLASS

Went Into Effect on July 1st, With A. Morgan Sandoz as Assistant Postmaster.

FREE DELIVERY IS NEXT

If Receipts, Now Only \$1000 Short, Can be Brought Up to \$10,000 by July 1st, 1909--New Rural Delivery.

The Opelousas postoffice was formally changed from third to second class Wednesday last, the 1st of July, with the following office force in charge: J. Morgan Sandoz, assistant postmaster; Leslie M. Moriarty, money order and registration clerk; Miss Nina Mizzi, mailing clerk.

Assistant Sandoz has charge of the general delivery, and is head of the force in the absence of Postmaster Lassalle; Mr. Moriarty, as his office indicates, has charge of the money order and registration, and Miss Mizzi has charge of preparing and sending out of all mail.

One of the important changes from the old to the new classification is that the government has now full charge and appointment of all the force, and, what is more to the liking of the postmaster, Uncle Samuel "pays the freight," while under the old order of things Mr. Lassalle had to pay it.

The next step of the Opelousas postoffice, one which there should be no trouble in making, is that to free delivery. The receipts from July 1st, 1907, to July 1st, 1908, were \$9000. It is required that they should be \$10,000 to entitle a postoffice to free delivery; so we will have to increase the receipts \$1000 this year—from July 1st, 1908, to July 1st, 1909. Our business men should keep an eye on this.

With the new order of things, Postmaster Lassalle is confident he will be enabled to give improved service, as soon as the new force is familiarized with the work.

Mr. Lassalle informs us that the postoffice department at Washington has not yet appointed the mail carrier on Rural Delivery Route No. 2. The examination papers were sent to Washington, and he believes that the route will be in operation by August 2. Work to establish Route No. 2 is progressing satisfactorily.

POLLOCK CO. IS A "PEACH."

Bellevue Theatre Surpasses Former Achievements With Its Latest Company.

When the Allen Stock Company came here, and produced entertainments that made people marvel at their high-standard for the price, it was believed that the popular Bellevue had attained its zenith. Those who have attended the Bellevue since the coming of the Pollock Stock Co., however, have concluded that such was not the case, and that the Pollock Co. is really "the best that is to come."

Every member of the new company is an artist, and the people of Opelousas are showing their appreciation by turning out large houses. People from the adjacent country have heard of the merits of the new company, and several were noted at the performances on the last days of this week.

The Pollock Co. is here for an indefinite engagement. The popular actor, Mr. Brammon, who came here with the Allens, remains here, and has charge of the Bellevue during Mr. Hanway's absence as manager of the Lake Charles Casino. Mr. Hanway came here for a short visit last week, and assures the people that he will at all times strive to give them the very best that it is in his power to procure.

To-morrow night, and Monday and Tuesday nights, will be rendered "In Dixie Land," a production that is highly spoken of. To-night will end "A Fool's Advice."

Dressing Up Auditorium.

Mr. H. A. Dominique is at work painting the Music Auditorium on Bellevue street.

The color is white, with red roof.

cup is engraved the inscription; together with the names of the donors: Presented to Hon. Laurent J. Dossmann

By The Undersigned as a testimonial of their appreciation of his untiring efforts in behalf of

of The candidacy of Hon. Jared Y. Sanders During the memorable campaign of 1907-1908.