COTTON CROP IN MIDST OF BOLL WEEVIL

A Longansport, La., Farmer Raises Cotton Successfully, and Has Bank Account.

PLANT EARLY, PUSH MATURITY

Writes Letter Telling His Methods--Also Sells Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Milk, Hogs, Corn, Vegetables, Etc.

Mr. D. J. Bland, a farmer of Logansport, DeSoto parish, makes money planting cotton, notwithstanding that he is in the heart of the boll weevil district.

The Monroe News of a few days ago contains a letter from Mr. Bland, in which he gives an idea of how he succeeds in making a bank account farming.

The letter is written to the Monroe Progressive League, together with a circular letter, which he sends to farmers inquiring about his methods.

The letter and the circular follows:

MR. BLAND'S LETTER.

"Longansport, La., Jan. 10, 1909.
"Monroe Progressive League,
"Monroe, La.

"Dear Sirs: Your letter to hand. Yes I have been fairly successful at raising cotton in spite of the boll weevil.

"No, I am not employed by the State regularly. I went with the Crop Pest Commission, touring the lower part of State, holding a series of Farmer's Institute Meetings.

"I would have been glad to have met you in Monroe. We did not hold any meeting in Monroe, but stopped there en route from Mer Rouge to Columbia.

"Now I will tell you what I think of your land (what I saw of it) in Ouachita Valley.

"On all that land that is well drained, and has any sand in it, I would not think of making less than a thousand pounds to a bale per acre, but on that stiff or buckshot land, I would not plant cotton.

"I thoroughly prepare my land before planting. I plant about the first of April, then I cultivate well.

"I made last year, 1908, 800 pounds seed cotton per acre on poor hill land. On Castor Bayou I made from 1100 pounds to 1500 pounds seed cotton per acre, and on a pet patch, highly fertilized and cultivated, I made 2,700 pounds per acre.

"And I had all or about all my cotton made by the 20th of July. I plant Kings, Triumph and Brodwells Double Jointed. I don't plant Triumph on my strongest land. The foliage is too heavy. I like thin foliage cotton on rich land.

"I judge, looking at your land from the window that your land around Monroe needs fertilizer to make a paying crop of cotton.

"I use a mixture of 100 pounds cotton seeds meal and 200 pounds phosphate, and put-out from 200 to 300 pounds of that to the acre.

"I put it in drill and bed on it about ten days before I am ready to plant.

"Respectfully,
"D. J. BLAND."

CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION.

"Logansport, La.

"Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of rscent date. Since I wrote Prof. Newell on Oct. 10th how my cotton was turning out this year, I have been receiving so many letters that it is impossible for me to write a personal letter in reply to each one.

"Therefore, I have prepared a circular letter with which to answer such inquiries as yours. Because I am sending this circular letter, do not think I am in any way connected with the State Crop Pest Commission or that I am drawing any pay for this service.

"Yes, I make money farming in the midst of boll weevils. I refer you to the Bank of Logansport or any business man in Logansport.

"I sell corn, hogs, cattle, chickens, eggs, butter, milk, and vegetables all in my local market.

"As soon as I get my cotton out, which is generally about the middle of October, I commence to turn under my cotton stalks using a 12-inch turn plow.

"I fastern a hervy chain to right end of double-tree, given a proper slack; then fasten other end to beam just in front of king-bolt, and my cotton stalks don't grow so rank that I can't cover them completely under.

"In January, when, as I believe, all the weevils are in winter quarters, I burn all the stumps, trash and thickets I can.

"If I am to plant cotton where I had corn, I try to start in January to throwing out the old row with middle buster.

"If, where I had cotton, I start to streaking off with middle buster in time to put in fertilizer about 10 days before planting.

"I use from 200 to 300 pounds of a mixture of cotton seed meal to two pounds of phosphate per acre on hill land. I bed on fertilizer in middle buster furrow. About the first of April, I run harrow ahead and plant on bed.

"I have tried many varieties but Kings and Triumph are hard to beat.

"When cotton comes up I cultivate about every 10 days, and on ordinary land, say land that will make 700 to 1000 pounds seed cotton per acre, I cultivate shallow.

"On rich spots where cotton would go to weed, I plow deep—'top it with the plow.'

"On my thin land, I put my rows three feet apart, with cotton in the drill, two stalks about every 10-inches, the stronger the land the more distance I give it each way.

"No set rules can be laid for farming as the climate, seasons, and soil vary; but we can make cotton by destroying the cotton stalks as early in the fall as possible; thereby cutting off the food-supply of the weevil.

"Then planting an early variety of cotton, planting it as early as it is consistent on well prepared land, and pushing it to maturity, insures a paying crop in the midst of the boll weevils.

"Very truly yours,
"D. J. BLAND."

Value of Advertising.

Baton Rouge State-Times:

A writer with a gift of phrasing once wrote: "If your store is not worth advertising, advertise it for sale." His phrase runs trippingly, but his logic halts. To sell a store that is "not worth advertising" would be to defraud the buyer—so that the advice is ethically unsound.

Of course there are not so many stores that are not worth advertising—in this city, perhaps, none at all. The fact is that no store ever gets to be worth very much—beyond the mere open market value of stock and fixtures—until it has been adequately advertised. Until then it has exerted no influence as an organization, equipped for useful service to to the people. It has simply been a place where certain things were kept for sale.

After it has had the breath of life put into it by advertising it becomes a store in the militant seuse—intent upon winning friends, upon the problems of growth.

The dullest store in Baton Rouge can be revived in a month by intelligent and consistent advertising and can be made as busy as a bee hive.

There is nothing like it to stir up interest and trade among the people in a business.

Take the stores in Baton Rouge that advertise and see how they prosper. The ones that advertise most prosper most. There is no better indication of business than the manner in which a merchant advertises. Follow the crowds any day and they will lead you to the place of business of a man who invests largely in newspaper space—the best sort of advertising on earth.

Hunter's Licenses May Be Increased.

New Orleans dispatch says.—The state game commission is considering the advisability of raising license fees through proper legislation, as a means on increasing the revenues of the state from that source.

It is estimated that the value of the game killed in Louisiana annually is $5,000,000, while the revenues derived by the state amount to less than $100,000 in fees, etc.

President Frank Miller declares that the pressing need for an increase in the revenues can be met in this manner.

EATING 'POSSUM AINT NO SIN

President-Elect Taft Did Not Follow Advice of Chicago Divine, 'Deed He Didn't.

Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 18.—It is not a sin to eat 'possums, declare a number of Atlanta divines and Biblical scholars, to whom were referred the appeal of the Chicago man to Presicent-elect Taft, "For God's sake" not to eat 'possum in Atlanta if he wished to avoid committing a sin. This zealot referred Judge Taft to the eleventh chapter of Leviticus, in which the Mosaic law prescribed what kind of meat should not be eaten. The President-elect read the chapter in the Bible to which he was referred and ate all the 'possum wanted and declared that he enjoyed it. The Atlanta ministers who were appealed to by a local paper to pass judgment upon the matter, expressed the opinion that the Chicago man is laboring under the impression that a 'possum is an animal with a cloven hoof or one that chews the cud, whereas it is nothing of the kind. It is a member of the Marsupial family with a foot hand-like, and its principel diet is persimmons, though it is sometimes held responsible for the disappearance of small chickens

Jack London's Latest Novel.

Uncle Remus'-The Home Magazine makes the important announcement that it has secured the serial rights of Jack London's latest novel, "Martin Eden." It will begin in the Febuary issue of that popular Magazine, which was founded by Joel Chandler Harris, and is edited by Julian Harris and Don Marquis.

The critics who have read "Martin Eden" state that it is gripping, vivid and picturesque, and is such a story as only Jack London could write. The editors of Uncle Remus's-The Home Magazine believe it to be a story that every man and woman should read, as it contains a big lesson, and in its arraingment of false ideals, both noble and notable.

Martin Eden, the character who is really the book, is so keenly true that he seems lurid with life. He is intense, big in his ideas and ideals, and without faltering, yet unselfishly, he strives ceaselessly and courageously for the genuinely best in life.

"It is just the story that should be printed serially," state the editors of Uncle Remus's-The Home Magazine, for there is much you will want to learn more about and understand better before going on, and the time between each issue of the Magazine gives the reader ample opportunity.

Send 50 cents in stamps to the Sunny South Publishing Company, and they will send you Uncle Remus's -The Home Magazine eight months, beginning with the Feburary issue which contains the first instalment of "Martin Eden."

Church and Spiritualism.

One of the most significant facts of this new century is the presence in the United States of Dr. Godfrey Raupert, professor in the College of the Propaganda at Rome, and member of the London Society for Psychic Research. He comes as the special delegate of Pope Pius X to tell the people of the United States the position of the Church on the facts of spiritualism, spiritism, or so called occultism, and his presence and his mission are of themselves evidence that the Church accepts the facts as genuine; that is to say, that the Church admits that apart from the fraudulent mediums, men have received and do now receive communications from intelligent beings who live in an invisible world; beings which can, and do, now and then, take on a visible human form which can be photographed by an ordinrry camera. —M. A. LANE, in Uncle Remus's-The Home Magazine.

Write Your Name on Farm Tools

Do you know that you can write your name on the metal of your farm tools? You can. Just take a little tallow or bees wax, melt it and spread it over the place on which you want your name. Write your name down through the wax with a big needle or awl and pour a few drops of nitric acid over the letters you have made. Leave a few minutes, and then wipe off the wax and your name will be on the iron.

SALESMEN WANTED—to look after onr interest in St. Landry and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission. Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, O.

"THE LILY AND THE PRINCE."

A Play Replete With Romance and History at Opera House To-Night.

To the soft melody of curtain music and the rippling of fountain water the curtain rises on Mildred Holland's greatest success, "The Lily and The Prince," at the Opera House tonight, Saturday, 23.

No epoch in Italian history was more replete with grandeur, romance and tragedy than during the reign of the House of Borgia in the sixteenth century. It is with this period that the life and action of "The Lily and The Prince" deals. The powerful Borgias influenced the politics of the greater part of the world, so much so that England, France and Spain cast avaricious eyes upon the Papal States, with the result that a conspiracy arose for their overthrow. The Houses of Ferrara, Orsini and Colonna all figure in the story, as does the beautiful Lucrezia Borgia, but not as a dispenser of poisons. Carina Jordan, the author, merely depicts this character, as the beautiful, powerful and unscrupulous woman.

As a direct foil to the preceding character is that of Angela di Savelli, the daughter of a Florentine noble who is the Lily of the story. Angela is first seen at the house of her father, the Count, where he is approached by Ferrara, disguised as Frontini, who has a scheme for the downfall of the Papacy. The Count spurns Ferrara, and as a result he is imprisoned in the Fortress of St. Angelo. Angela goes to Rome to seek her parent, and in her absolute innocence calls at the house of Lucrezia to plead his cause.

It appears that Lucrezia is attached to Orsini, the young noble betrothed to Angela, and she welcomes the girl with subtle design. This, of course, is not apparent to the innocent Florentine maiden.

At this time the Prince of Colonna is the favored suitor of Borgia, but he is attracted to Angela, which affords Lucrezia another opportunity for her unscrupulous designs. Under a pledge of secrecy Angela is allowed to visit her father in the fortress and penetrates the inquisition chamber. Among the councillors in the chamber is Cardinal Capua, in disguise, and in the president Angela detects the voice of the man who had approached her father with the plot to dethrone the Pope and Vatican. She denounces him and the Cardinal, appreciatihg the truth of her tale, dissolves the council.

Her father and brothers are released and full of joy Angela hurries to the palace of Lucrezia only to be met by her lover with a charge of perfidy, exhibiting convincing proofs, due to the machinations of Borgia. Even the Prince of Colonna is deceived, and declares his belief in Angela's unfaithfulness. It then follows that the Prince and Silvio, the lover, risk their lives on the cast of the dice. Silvio loses and is to take his life within an hour.

Bound by her oath, Angela is unable to prove her innocence, while the beautiful Borgia maintains a grim silence. While everything is dark news arrives that Ferrara is excummunicated and Borgia is exiled.

The clouds roll by and the sorrow enshrouding the life of the innocent Lily falls away.

Prices: Orchestra seats $1, parquette 75c, general admission 50c, children 25c.

Abbeville Will Act.

The business men of the community are very much displeased at the action of the Cumberland Telephone Company in raising the rate to New Orleans to seventy-five cents for a conversation of three minutes and twenty-five cents for every additional minute or fraction thereof, and steps will be taken to have the railroad Commission restore the old rate. —Abbeville Meridional.

Small Pox at Washington.

The Washington correspondent of the Church Point Democrat says that small pox has broken out in the negro section of that town, and that every possible means have been taken to prevent its spread and stamp out the disease.

This makes three small pox foci in this parish—at Mallet, Plaisance and Washington. The disease is confined to negroes, and the health officers have it under control, and do not fear a spread.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

SOUTHERN SAW MILL CO. LTD.,
versus
R. L. BAILEY.

No. 1624, 15th Judicial District Court, Avoyelles Parish, La.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale dated the 26th day of December, 1908, and to me directed, signed by the Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court, of Louisiana in and for Avoyelles, parish, issued in the matter of the Southern Saw Mill Company, Limited, versus Robert L. Bailey, No. 1624 on the docket of said Court, I have seized and taken into my possession and will sell to the last and highest bidder, at public auction, at the principal front door of the Court House of Avoyelles parish, in the town of Marksville, La., at 12 o'clock, noon, on

Saturday, Feb. 20, 1909,

the following described property situated in Avoyelles parish, La., belonging to Robert L. Bailey, to-wit:

The ne¼ of section 18, e½ of se¼ of section 12; se¼ of sw¼ of section 9, containing 278.52 acres, w½ of e½ of section 9, w½ of nw¼ of section 12, containing 277.73 acres, all in township 2 south range 2 east, aggregating 556.25 acres; also nw¼ of sw¼, n½ of nw¼ and sw¼ of nw¼ of section 9, all in township 2 south range 2 east, containing 160 acres; also sw¼ of sw¼ of section 9 and se¼ of se¼ of section 8, all in township 2 south of range 2 east, containing 80.78 acres. Aggregating in all 797.25 acres.

The said land will be sold exclusive of the logs and standing timber thereon, which logs and timber have heretofore been sold by the said Robert L. Bailey to the Southern Saw Mill Company, Limited.

And the said land will also be sold subject to a lease thereof made by the said Robert L. Bailey to the said Southern Saw Mill Company, Limited, which lease is recorded in Book N-1 at pages 439 et seq of the records of conveyances of Avoyelles parish, La.

The said land will be sold with all the immovables by destination thereon and especially including an engine and boiler formerly constituting part of the sawmill of said Robert L. Bailey.

The said land is the same purchased by the said Robert L. Bailey from Caldwell and Kilpatrick on December 7, 1906, by act recorded in Book No. 67 of mortgages at page 688 of the records of said parish on January 9, 1907, to which reference is had for further description of the said land.

Terms of sale—Cash, subject to appraisement.

O. COCO,
jan16-6t Sheriff of Avoyelles Parish, La.

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Feed by day, week or month
Best of Care Given to Horses
Located on Vine Street, in Robert Chacher's stable. Opelousas, La.

Notice of Registration

The registration office is now open in Opelousas, and under the law everybody will have to re-register.

Persons wishing to be registered under the "property qualification" must present tax receipts.

HENRY LASTRAPES, JR.,
jan9 Registrar.

SEED CANE FOR SALE.—I have about 50 tons of fine seed cane for sale at $3 per ton; f. o. b. $3.75. John H. David, one mile from Opelousas. jan 9-tf

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that trespassing and hunting on my plantation, near Grand Coteau, is strictly forbidden, under penalty of the law. J. L. GUILBEAU. dec5-3t

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that trespassing and hunting on my plantation situated near Arnaudville is strictly prohibited, under penalty of the law.

jan2-5t J. M. CALLANDRET.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

SOUTHERN VEHICLE MFG. CO. LTD.,
vs.
LUSTMAN & ROONEY.

No. 18444, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the Hon. 16th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale, for cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of Gus Fusilier's store, at Eunice, La., on

Saturday, January 30, '09,

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

One red colored trap, one black horse named Black, one gray horse named Distance, one roan horse named Roan, four top buggies.

Terms—Cash.

jan16-3t M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

DR. S. A. PENNINGTON,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Saizan Building,
PHONE Residence 328 Office 189
OPELOUSAS, LA.

Notice.

I have sent to the public school teachers of St. Landry parish manuels containing the rules and programmes for the exercises to be held in the public schools respectively on Arbor Day, Library Day and Bird Day. All teachers are requested to report to me promptly at the conclusion of said exercises, the character and extent of the exercises held.

C. J. THOMPSON,
jan16 Parish Superintendent.

Notice.

There will be an examination of applicants for teachers' certificates at the St. Landry High School at 9 o'clock a. m., on January 28, 29, 30, 1909. All persons whose certificates have expired, all persons who may be teaching without a certificate and all persons of good moral character who desire to enter the public school service, will be required to take this examination.

C. J. THOMPSON,
W. B. PRESCOTT,
E. E. ORTEGO,
Committee.

Notice.

Pursuant to Act No. 25 of 1907, amended by Act 282 of 1908, bids will be received until 6 p. m., February 6, 1909, by the Board of School Directors of St. Landry Parish, from the banks of this parish for the Fiscal Agency of the School Board. All bids should have endorsed on the envelope "Fiscal Agency Bid," and should be addressed to C. J. Thompson, Secretary, Opelousas, La.

C. J. THOMPSON,
jan16 Sec'y Board of School Directors.

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that hunting and trespassing on my Letreyte place, near Lawtell, is positively forbidden; under penalty of the law. J. A. HAAS. jan16-6t

The Peoples State Bank
OF OPELOUSAS, LA.

BEGAN BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 9, 1895.
GROWTH:

SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS.		DEPOSITS.
March 31, 1896	$ 5,518.02	$ 56,308.98
March 30, 1901	17,388.02	141,224.17
March 29, 1906	41,300.22	274,245.16
March 16, 1907	53,625.01	395,200.54

Capital, paid in	$16,300.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	53,625.01
Amount paid in Dividends	28,525.00

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Murry Hill Whiskey	$5.00	$12.00	Tom Charles Whiskey	$4.00	$9.00
Cold Tea "	5.00	12.00	Bonanza King "	4.00	9.00
Cascade "	5.00	12.00	Duffy's Malt "	4.00	9.00
Green River "	5.00	14.00	Camberlan Club "	3.50	8.00
Old Forester "	5.00	14.00	Fairmont "	3.50	8.00
Old Joe "	4.00	9.60	W. H. McBrayer "	3.25	8.00
Five Feathers "	4.00	9.60	Geneva Holland Gin	4.00	9.00
Paul Jones "	4.00	9.60	Old Holland Gin	4.50	10.00
Old Tom Lithia and Gin	4.50	10.80	Superior Tom Gin	3.50	8.00
Mobile Buck Gin	4.00	9.60	St. Julien Wine	2.50	6.00
French Vermouth	3.00	7.20	Imp. St. Juulien Wine	2.50	6.00
			White Wine	2.25	5.40
			Imp. White Wine	3.00	7.20

Bulk Goods Per Gallon.

Cold Tea Whiskey	4.50	Avonhill Whiskey	2.00
Woodbine "	3.50	Dutchess Rye "	2.50
Clifton Spring "	3.00	Rose Brand "	2.50
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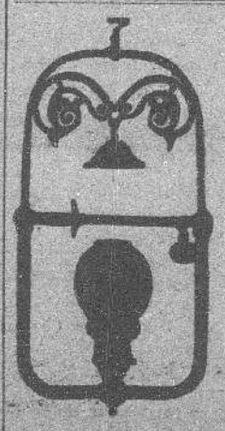

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