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OPELOUSAS SHIPS FIRST CAR EXPORT CORN

Many Times At the Evans Mill, Where "King Corn" is Being Prepared for Foreign Market

CORN OF EXTRA FINE GRADE

An Export Who Came Here Pronounced Quality Especially Adapted for Export...Business Picking Up.

There is some animation 'round the Southern Pacific depot. It reminds one of old days—days when cotton and rice wore the king's crown.

Now it is corn that is king, and people generally seem to be satisfied with their new ruler. For the first time in its history, St. Landry is exporting corn, and preparing it for export right here at home.

That this presages more corn next year, can not be questioned. The farmers have discovered they can dispose of all of their corn right here at home, at a price that will pay them handsomely for the raising.

Not so many years ago corn sold on the streets of Opelousas for twenty cents a bushel. At that price sometimes it was necessary for the owner to peddle it on the streets for hours, before he could dispose of it.

Now buyers rush at the corn wagon, and unhesitatingly pay 45 cents a bushel for it.

The St. Landry corn crop, while not as large as expected some time ago on account of unfavorable season, will be the largest in its history, and the quality of the corn is the best ever known. The farmer seems to have taken more care this year, as regards to seed, cultivation and harvesting. There are few "hubbins" this season—large, well filled ears, greet the eye in every corn crib and in every wagon bringing it to market.

The Evans mill, located on the S. P. tracks, is more than busy buying, shelling, and preparing corn for the export market. Things are just humming around there. The first carload of shell corn was shipped last Tuesday; and the expert who came here for the purpose of inspecting the corn expressed the opinion that it could be shipped without elevator drying in New Orleans.

The Evans mill husks and shells the corn and bales the husks. Other markets are also doing good business.

Cotton has been coming in briskly, but the rice market is not doing so well, on account of the low price of the market. In Eunice and Crowley farmers are holding their rice, and the rice planters around here are "following suit."

Things are "picking up," really.

REV. DONEHOO PROMOTED.

Local Episcopal Minister Called to Christ's Church, Dallas, Texas.

Rev. J. deQ Donehoo, for the past three years Pastor of the Church of the Epiphany at this place, will leave on the 1st of October for Dallas, Texas, where he will fill the pulpit of Christ Church in that city.

While of course the departure of Mr. Donehoo and his estimable family is received with deep regret by the entire community, it would be selfishness to withhold from him hearty congratulations upon his promotion.

Mr. Donehoo is a true minister of the Gospel, a true disciple of the lowly Christ. He attends to the duties of his church—ministers to his flock and labors for his God. Were there more preachers like Mr. Donehoo, there would be more church-going people, and less hypocrisy in the church.

SEED ASSOCIATION DISBANDED

No Cotton Seed to Protect, and An Organizer, His Protection Is Not Necessary.

According to the Baton Rouge Times, the organization, formed two years ago to protect the farmers against the cotton seed oil mills in this State, is no more.

The reason advanced is that there is not enough cotton seed in the State to protect.

And there we are! Not enough cotton seed in Louisiana to protect!

Perhaps deep down another reason could be found for the disbanding of the organization. Or if there is no other reason, then the farmer can not complain when he is paid \$12 per ton at one point and his neighbor six dollars away receives \$20 at his point.

As long as the farmer stands divided, unorganized, cutting each other's throats, so long will the speculator rob him.

ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING ANTI-TRUST LAW

B. M. Corona, Manager of Lafayette Compress, Gets Himself in Trouble.

WANTED COTTON COMBINE

And When Wayne Giss Refused to Go Into Scheme to Rob the People, He Tried to Force Them by Putting Up Prices.

B. M. Corona, formerly of Opelousas, where he was connected with the Opelousas Compress, was arrested in Rayne last Saturday morning, charged with attempting to violate the State anti-trust law. He waived examination and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$250.

The Clarion does not want to prejudice Mr. Corona's case. But if he is guilty of the charge levelled against him, no hand of mercy can be extended to him.

Robbery is robbery, no matter how done. The darkey who steals a chicken from the roost may have children at home crying for bread.

But the scoundrel who, because he can do so, because there are other scoundrels like him (who enjoy social recognition and business standing), will combine to rob his fellowman, to rob his country, of his and its just earnings, and of its life—who will conspire to rob the father of needy children of bread—is the bigger thief, is more the subject of punishment, than any criminal on earth save the rapist. Come to think of it, it is in the same category with rape. The hapless victim of the rapist is helpless, at the mercy of her assailant; she can not defend herself.

The victim of the robber of the honest toil of man, by conspiracy and combination, is equally as helpless as the victim of the rapist.

But the case of Corona does not stand alone—assuming that Mr. Corona is guilty, of course. Its duplicates are everywhere, differing only in this: that the combinations are consummated in other places, while in this instance the cotton ginners of Rayne, to their everlasting credit, refused to go into the combine.

The Corona case is this: Corona is manager of the Lafayette Compress. Rayne is a near-by territory. Corona, or his representative, went to Rayne and proposed to combine with the Rayne ginners, by which seed cotton was to be held down to a certain price. Upon the refusal of the Rayne ginners to go into this unholy combine, Corona, or his representative, jumped the price of seed cotton to \$42.50 per hundred pounds, a price said to be exorbitant.

This was done to force the closing of the Rayne gins, when Corona would then have controlled the situation and put down the price to the figure he desired. Corona was paying \$32.50 in Lafayette his home on the same day that he was paying \$42.50 in Rayne.

Hence his arrest for trying to violate the anti-trust law by offering to combine with the ginners to put down the price of cotton.

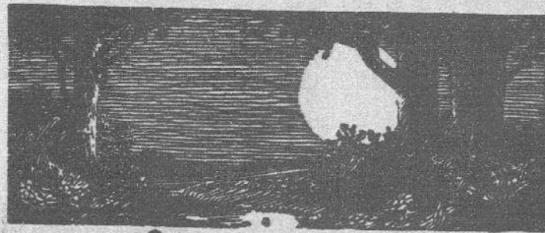
More arrests of this kind throughout the country would have a salutary effect.

WILL INSTALL CORN ROLLERS.

Cotton Ginners in Louisiana Looking After New Crop.

Wednesday's Times-Democrat says: Cotton ginners throughout the Red River district are installing machinery for handling the new corn crop, according to information received by the freight officials of the various lines. Most of this apparatus is hulling and shelling machinery, which will be operated by the engines of the cotton gins. On this account the ginners will be enabled to handle both the cotton and corn crops when the occasion arises. At Alexandria a corn elevator is under construction, and at various points along the Texas and Pacific and Southern Pacific lines corn-handling apparatus investments are being made.

The first carload of export corn from a point on the Texas and Pacific arrived here Monday from Lake End. The Morgan lines had brought in two carloads the week previous from Lafayette, but it failed to grade and had to be sent to the elevator for drying. The Gould line corn graded No. 2 white and was immediately loaded at Westwego for export. It was not the first corn to arrive here, however, on the Texas and Pacific. Chief Clerk Barnett of W. F. Braggins' office said that several other shipments had come in, but they did not come up to the standard. Altogether a number of carloads had been handled by Gould lines into the local terminals.



The Song of the Night

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

"Ye shall have a song, as in the night, when a holy solemnity is kept."—The Prophecy of Isaiah xxx, 20.

Night has her song, when days voice has been stilled,
When toft's last bugle call has forth been shrilled,
Night sends her song on breezes faint with musk
Along the blurring avenues of dusk.

Then die the strident chords of forge and mill,
And softer strains float downward from the hill,
Soft shadows hush the tumult of the streets,
A whisper comes that echoes and repeats.

The dark drifts in with slow and stately sweep
And croons the low-toned harmony of sleep,
And spreads about us all its velvet bars
Until we may but look up at the stars.

And then the stars chant in a hundred keys
The wondrous song of all the centuries,
The blended song, eternal and sublime
That pulses with the mystery of time.

It is the song whence spring our sweetest strains,
The song that blessed the breadth of Eden's plains,
The song great solus on a lonely height
Have heard come falling, falling through the night.

And no man knows it, neither note nor word,
And no man knows when its great strains he heard,
But into each man's heart sometime it steals
And all its marvel-music then reveals.

Night has her song—across the depths of space
It leaps from some vast, holy, hidden place,
A song of angel-sweetness in its tone,
A song of silence, mighty and unknown.



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RACE TROUBLE IN THE MAMOU SECTION.

Meeting Was Called for the Purpose of Driving the Negroes from that Section.

WORDS FIXED UP MATTERS.

Was Advised of Proposed Meeting, and Went to the Scene and Amicably Arranged the Affair With the Leaders.

There was a flurry last Saturday when it became rumored on the streets that the citizens of Upper Mamou, near Dr. R. T. Marshall's and near the Mamou town, were to have a meeting for the purpose of driving the negroes away from that section of the parish.

It was said that there was to be a meeting that night, when final steps would be taken looking to the wholesale "Klu Kluxing" of the negroes of that section.

A prominent citizen of that country advised Sheriff Swords of the state of affairs existing there, and the Sheriff immediately left for the scene, reaching there that evening. He experienced no trouble in persuading the people who intended to drive the negroes out, to desist in their purpose.

The trouble at Mamou seems to be the result of the shooting of a negro by a white man some time ago. The negroes resented it, and it is said made threats to avenge their black brother.

Everything is quiet, and no further trouble is expected.

Killed Bears.

Baton Rouge, Aug. 12.—News has been received in the city from Fardoche that some parties have at last succeeded in killing some bears reported so numerous in the Fardoche swamp, and after which several hunters of Baton Rouge have recently gone.

An extremely large bear was killed yesterday in the swamp by a party composed of Messrs. John Anderson Oscar Long and D. Zachary. The bears have been so numerous this summer in the Fardoche swamp that they have destroyed much of the corn in the fields of the farmers in that vicinity.

SUGAR CANE GROWING ON THE ATCHAFALAYA

"Sugar Planter" Thinks A Sugar Factory Could Be Supported by Acraage in Northeastern St. Landry.

Says the Sugar Planter, of New Orleans, in a recent article:

Mr. R. A. Gordon, formerly prominent as a cotton planter, but now going over to cane, in St. Landry parish on the Atchafalaya river, was a city visitor this week, and in referring to cane conditions in his section, reports the crop outlook most promising on the well drained lands there, the prospect being for the plant cane averaging around 30 tons. Mr. Gordon, whose first year in cane this season finds him with nearly 150 acres, that he will ship to the Godchaux Company's Elm Hall central, in Assumption parish, tells us that the largest cane grower in his locality is Dr. A. L. Strange, with 210 acres, while Dr. Gordon Morgan has about 200 acres and W. A. White has 100 acres, the latter two planters selling to the Eran Hall central, in Ascension, where the others, from Melville to Simmesport, have contracted for shipments to the Elm Hall mill.

Since the prospect is for an approximate doubling of cane areas in 1910, over what they are this year, and a still further expansion assured during the next several years, it looks very much like this part of the Atchafalaya country could easily support a 1,000-ton central sugar factory for the home disposition of the large cane crops in sight for the future and yet allow of the sending of thousands of tons to outside factories. For example, Mr. Gordon's plantation alone can easily be made to produce so much as 15,000 tons by 1911, and there are other planters with larger tracts of land who could exceed that figure.

With this territory having had its adaptability to cane growing proven in times gone by, and with the certainty felt by the planters that cotton raising will never again occupy the exalted position it formerly held in their esteem, it appears that no better location for a new sugar factory could be found in the State than close to Mr. Gordon's Neita plantation, in the locality of the border line between Avoyelles parish and the northeastern corner of St. Landry.

PRESENTATION TO "OPELOUSAS" OCT. 17.

Committee Tenders Silver Service, and Louisiana Oyster Commission Accepts.

WHOLE FLEET TO ATTEND.

The Ceremonies Will Be Held at Baton Rouge. Excursion to the Capital City Over Erisen and G. Geo.

On Sunday, the 17th day of October, the citizens of Opelousas, through a committee will present to the "Opelousas," a "gunboat" of the Louisiana Oyster Commission, a silver service, in appreciation of the honor bestowed upon this city by the naming of the boat after it.

The presentation will be made at Baton Rouge, where the entire "mosquito fleet" of the Oyster Commission will be present.

This was decided upon at the meeting of the Oyster Commission at Baton Rouge, last Wednesday. The letter of the committee representing the city of Opelousas was presented to the Board, and the Board at once accepted the offer of the silver service. The committee representing Opelousas is composed of R. Lee Garland, Chairman; L. Austin Fontenot, Yves Andrepont, Peyton R. Sandoz and Raymond Breaux.

Excursion rates will doubtless be given by the Opelousas, Gulf and Northeastern and the Frisco, and a large crowd from this city, and way points is expected to be present at the state capital on "Opelousas Day."

The silver service will be ordered next week. The committee is still short of sufficient money, but that will be forthcoming in due time.

Those who have subscribed, so far, follows:

Chas. Thibodeau, \$5.00, J. A. Budd, \$10.00, M. L. Swords, \$5.00, L. Austin Fontenot, \$5.00, Dudley L. Guilbeau, \$2.50, A. S. J. Campbell, \$2.50, D. M. Fontenot, \$5.00, B. H. Pavy, \$5.00, P. R. Sandoz, \$2.50, L. S. Isaacs, \$2.50, R. L. Wiggins, \$5.00, Ludovic Fontenot, \$2.50, G. H. Cretin, \$2.50, R. Mornhievig & Son, \$5.00, J. J. Perrodin, \$2.50, L. J. Larcade, \$2.50, I. Isaac, \$2.00, M. Winstberg, \$2.00, E. K. Wallior, \$2.00, R. Lee Garland, \$5.00, Yves Andrepont, \$10.00, B. Bennett, \$2.00, Chas. Ventre, \$2.00, G. E. Baillio, \$2.50, Plais Horn, \$2.50, Harry Flanders, \$2.50, S. L. Hebrand, \$2.50, Andrew Moresi, \$5.00, A. L. LaCombe, \$5.00, C. P. Dunbar, \$1.00, W. D. Lewis, \$2.50, F. J. Dieltien, \$2.00, J. P. Boagni, \$3.50, L. T. Castille, \$2.00, A. Leon Dupre, \$2.00, H. D. Larcade, Jr., \$2.50, W. B. Prescott, \$1.00, St. Landry Clarion, \$5.00, Jos. M. Bosagni \$5.00, Adolphe Jacobs \$2.50, M. Halphen \$2.50, Jno. A. Haas \$5.

MEETING AT PINE PRAIRIE.

Mamouites Invade the Territory of the Prospective Candidate for Courthouse Honors.

On last Saturday, at Pine Prairie, there was a rally in the interest of Mamou for the location of the courthouse of the new parish of Evangeline.

People from far and near attended, and the day was spent most pleasantly.

The orators of the day presented the claims of Mamou in a forceful manner, and it is said that should Pine Prairie decide to withdraw from the race, the people there will be careful in choosing between the other candidates remaining in the field—Mamou, Ville Platte and Eunice.

The speakers Saturday were Eloi Fontenot, Dr. J. A. Haas and Alibe Bertrand. The hospitality of Pine Prairie is commended by those who attended.

New Pool Room.

The new Healey Building, on Landry street, is now occupied by a pool room, owned by Messrs. George Bourdier and E. K. Wallior, they having purchased the paraphernalia formerly owned by Sam Garbo, consisting of pool and billiard tables and a ten-pin alley.

The room is elegantly fitted up, and is perhaps the most convenient of its kind in this section.

Mr. George Bourdier is in charge. A free barbecue, given on its opening Thursday night, was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Theatre Season Opens Next Month.

Manager Price, of the Sandoz Opera House, informs us that the theatre season here will open on October 25. Mr. Price says he is securing first-class bookings.

Besides the list published a few weeks ago, he has booked the following plays: "Texas," "Macbeth," "The Bella," "Faust," "The Cat and the Fiddle."

FIGHT FOR THE EVANGELINE COURTHOUSE

Things Are Warm in St. Landry's Latest Offspring, and All Candidates Are "Scrapping."

ALL KINDS OF RUMORS OUT

One is that Pine Prairie is Not a Candidate and Another is that Eunice and Mamou May Combine.

"The fight for the division of the parish was no circumstance to what the fight for the county seat of the new parish is," said a prominent gentleman of that section, to the Clarion, last Monday.

"Why, this campaign is the fiercest I have ever known," he continued, "and it is lucky that it is about to finish—that the election is so near. If this campaign were to continue for many more months, I fear that there would be wounds left that would take years and years to heal."

And the statement of this well-posted gentleman is corroborated on every hand.

They are having a high old time in Evangeline, in the contest for the courthouse.

There are now four candidates for the honor—Ville Platte, Mamou, Eunice and Pine Prairie.

It is likely, however, that Pine Prairie will soon withdraw from the race. Although admirably located geographically, Pine Prairie is not getting much backing, the fight between Ville Platte, Mamou and Eunice having "lost it in the shuffle."

Pine Prairie and the territory contiguous to it is sparsely populated, and it had to depend upon much outside help to win. This did not come, and Pine Prairie will strike her colors soon, no doubt.

There is gentle whispering that there might be a combination between Eunice and Mamou, in order to defeat Ville Platte.

There seems to be great rivalry between Ville Platte and Eunice, and it is said that Eunice is determined that Ville Platte should not get the courthouse, and that if it is apparent at any stage of the game that Ville Platte will win out, Eunice is willing to go with Mamou and elect the latter—that is, try to elect it.

What effect such a combination would have is of course strictly problematical, but that Ville Platte in that case would have "a hard road to travel" is very plain.

The election comes off in November, so there is not much time left intervening.

HISTORIC CHURCH IN NEW ORLEANS PRACTICALLY DESTROYED

New Orleans, La., Sept. 13.—Fire today almost totally destroyed St. John's Catholic Church, at Clie and Dryades streets, is a result of a bolt of lightning which struck a motor wire outside of the structure and was thus transmitted to the church organ.

The fire occurring during a severe electrical storm, and had gained considerable headway, the fire department was unable to furnish much resistance to the flames. The loss will amount to about \$150,000, partially covered by insurance.

The tower and walls of the building were left standing intact, the damage being confined principally to the altar, and costly statuary, paintings and stained glass windows.

It was reported at one time that the tower would fall, and this created much excitement in the crowd that gathered during the fire, but the rumor proved to be without grounds.

An examination showed that the tower and walls gave every indication of holding perfectly. A score of people who were in the church at the time, including a priest and several nuns, escaped injury.

A Correction.

Last week, in reporting the decisions of the Circuit Court of Appeals, the Clarion stated that a suit entitled "Browne Grain Co. vs. St. Landry State Bank" has been decided in favor of plaintiffs.

The article should have read "Browne Grain Co. vs. Peoples State Bank," not St. Landry State Bank.

—Hon. Wm. Clark, of Turkey Creek was a visitor to Opelousas last Monday. Mr. Clark has not yet given up hope of the success of Pine Prairie for the county seat of Evangeline—he says he will stick to 'er as long as her flag is fluttering. "The farmers in my section regret that they did not plant more cotton," said Mr. Clark. "The cotton crop is particularly good this year, and it may be said that many will make a full crop. But, as I said, the acreage is small."

HORRIBLE DEATH OF MULE FROM RABIES

Twenty-seven Days After Being Bitten by Dog, Animal Develops Hydrophobia.

OWNER HAD TO SHOOT IT

Animal Kept Tied to A Tree, Awaiting Development of Disease...Died in Excruciating Agony.

Twenty-seven days after having been bitten by a dog, a mule belonging to Mr. Nick Lahaye, near Port Barre, developed hydrophobia, and had to be shot by her owner.

The paroxysm, just before the death-dealing bullet put an end to suffering, is described as most pathetic and terrible. The animal reared against the tree to which it was tied, and emitted groans that could be heard for acres. She pawed the bark of the tree, foamed at the mouth, and her eyes looked like two balls of fire.

Twenty-seven days before the animal's death, a stray dog passed the residence of Mr. Lahaye, a well-to-do farmer living near Port Barre. The dog attacked the mule, biting it on the nose. A hired man, noticing the dog's peculiar action, followed it as soon as he could saddle a horse. Mr. Lahaye was away from home, but the hired man met him a short distance from Port Barre town, and told him of the incident. When the dog was described to him, Mr. Lahaye remembered passing it on the road, and he immediately took the shotgun from the man and returned in quest of the dog. He met it just before it entered Port Barre town, and killed it.

Since the occurrence Mr. Lahaye had been watching his mule carefully. A few days before its death she evinced a droopy disposition. He tied her to a tree, watching her closely all the time. The day of its death Mr. Lahaye sent for Dr. Richardson, of Opelousas, and the veterinarian upon seeing the animal at once diagnosed the case as hydrophobia, in such a stage that there was no saving it. Mr. Lahaye waited to see developments, sitting a short distance from the animal with his rifle in hand. As soon as the spasms struck the mule, he sent a bullet through its brain.

W. O. W. AT MELVILLE.

Camp Organized in St. Landry Town by Organizer Patureau.

Melville, Sept. 13.—A new camp of the Woodmen of the World was organized here last night by District Manager A. O. Patureau of Alexandria, to be known as the Red Cedar Camp. The following officers were elected to serve the year 1909: P. C. C. A. D. Hollier; C. C. R. E. Walling; A. L. Richard Jones, Jr.; banker, Fulton Roberts; clerk, A. Chasse; escort, W. E. LeBlanc; watchman, C. L. Phillips; sentry, Calice Barrios; physician, L. J. Williams, M. D.; manager for three years, E. J. Daunhaver; manager for two years, Peter Glaeser; manager for one year, J. P. Glaeser; captain of degree team, E. P. Rabalais. The camp will meet every Wednesday evening.

After the meeting addresses were made by Dr. L. J. Williams, Mayor of Melville; John Mangiaracina, Jr., of Grange Camp No. 8 of Algiers, and A. O. Patureau of Rapides Camp No 17 of Alexandria.

PERCY OGDEN FOR CONGRESS.

Ex-St. Landrian Said to Have His Lightning Rod Up for Pujos' Job.

Congressman Pujos may have several opponents for his job of Congressman from this District, at the next election.

Bill Polk of Rapides is an avowed candidate.

There are whispers of candidates from St. Landry.

And now comes the news that Hon. Percy T. Ogden, formerly of Opelousas but now of Crowley, may be in the race. The dispatch conveying this information is as follows:

It is rumored here that Percy T. Ogden may be a candidate for Congress next year against Congressman Pujos. Mr. Ogden's friends do not deny the rumor. Mr. Ogden, who is a native of St. Landry parish, has practiced law here since he came to the bar about ten years ago. He was a candidate for district attorney of Crowley and a successful criminal lawyer.

—Mr. H. A. White is now agent at the Southern Pacific depot, Mr. Tubbs, former agent, having been transferred to Lake Charles. Mr. Tubbs made many friends while here, who regret to see him leave.