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LOUISIANA GROWS FINE CAULIFLOWER

Experimental Farm At Baton Rouge Produces Luscious Specimens.

Great and luscious are terms which modestly apply to samples of the Louisiana cauliflower, which have come to New Orleans friends of the Louisiana State University with the compliments of W. R. Dodson, dean and director of the College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Stations.

About fifteen thousand head of this delightful table luxury are growing for shipment at the Louisiana experimental stations, which gives some idea of the adaptability of Louisiana soil for the production of this highly profitable vegetable fruit. It is said also that Louisiana farmers have had splendid results from the season's crop all over the state.

The particular cauliflower that has been found so toothsome by Opelousians, who were fortunate enough to receive remembrances from Prof. Dodson, were grown on the state farm, near Baton Rouge: In quality and in size these specimens bespeak great possibilities for Louisiana farmers.—N. O. States.

PAYS \$1,000,000 DIVIDEND.

Crowley Oil and Mineral Company Has Done Thriving Business.

On Christmas eve the Crowley Oil and Mineral Company sent out its fiftieth dividend, making \$1,000,000 in dividends from a \$200,000 capital stock. The company was organized in 1901 and began paying in 1904. The daily production of oil is about 1,200 barrels. The company is extending its developments at Evangeline, Pine Prairie, Bayou Bonillion and now has pipe-line connection from the Evangeline fields through Egan, Crowley, Rayne and Lafayette.

The officers are: W. W. Du-son, president; P. S. Lovell, vice president; P. L. Lawrence, treasurer; A. M. Finley, secretary.

Elks Provide for Tots.

As is customary every year Santa Claus was right on the dot on Christmas day at the Elks' home when four o'clock struck. The Elks had arranged a Christmas tree for the little tots and from the time old Santa landed he did not stop handing toys to the hundred of little folks, who had gathered at the Elks' home, until all the toys were distributed. The affair was indeed a success and it is hard to say which enjoyed the occasion the most, the young folks or the generous Elks.

The new brick store building being erected for Albert Clary, the Landry street grocer, is now well under way. From all appearances contractor Ventre is pushing it to completion.

The Sixteen Thousand Dollar bond issue of the First Sewerage District was sold to the Interstate Trust & Banking Co., of New Orleans this week at par and accrued interest. This is the second bond issue made to give sufficient funds to complete the work now under way, making a total for the two issues \$56,000.

Misses Vivian and Alma Thompson returned from Evergreen this week after a short stay at the bedside of their aunt, Mrs. Cappel.

THE PRINCESS' BABY SHOW

Exciting Contest Closed Saturday, Dec. 21st.

The baby contest which was inaugurated by the Princess Theatre thirty days ago came to a close on last Saturday night. Seventy babies were entered, and we might add that, although only three were winners, a handsomer collection of little tots would have been hard to find. In the beginning of the contest the voting was rather slow, but after the third week considerable interest was manifested and the voting became spirited. The test for supremacy soon narrowed down to about a half dozen, and at the close on Saturday night it was found that the following three babies had won—the prizes in each instance being a gold locket and chain with engraved initials:

Georgie Evelyn Shute, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Shute, 1st prize for largest number of votes received, 448,700 votes.

Golden L. Lassalle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lassalle, winner in the three-year-old class—441,600 votes.

Julius A. Junge, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Junge, winner in 18 months class—356,330 votes.

The "baby show" was a decided attraction at this popular amusement place, and Manager Nolan is well pleased with the result.

The Spirit of Christopher Columbus.

It is a pleasing circumstance that of recent years the American people are ascribing more and more importance to October the twelfth, as the day on which their birth-land was discovered, and are rendering a more generous tribute to the memory of Christopher Columbus. Scores of cities observed that day with unusual heartiness, and in thirteen states it was set aside as a legal holiday.

There was never a time more truly keyed to the spirit that led the great admiral to brave uncharted waters than the present decade, and never a country where that spirit was more alert than our own. This is an age of bold adventuring and discovery. On the earth itself there are few corners left to explore; even the farthest north has been compassed by an American. But nature still holds vast dominions that are uncharted and unknown. Science is sending forth her caravels and in hundreds of laboratories some quiet Columbus is faring on his voyage.

In aviation alone things are being attempted and done that are epoch-making. The slow and toilsome conquest of the sea is being repeated in the air. New realms for human activity are unfolding. Men are dreaming, and not altogether vainly by any means, of a flight from the New World to the Old.

Of this far-seeking and hardy spirit the great Italian who crossed the unknown Atlantic over four centuries ago was a perfect type. It is well that his name should bear a human as well as historic charm to the people of the continent he brought to light.

Attorney William J. Sandoz, of Opelousas, will also have an office here after Jan. 2d., when he will place Mr. Albert J. Moreau, Jr., of Opelousas, in charge of the office here. Mr. Sandoz has decided that his business in Evangeline parish can best be attended to by having a representative on the ground, and he believes that he has found a competent and reliable manager for his Ville Platte office in Mr. Moreau.—Evangeline Banner.

SEED HOUSE OF EUNICE COTTON OIL MILL BURNS.

The seed house of the Eunice Cotton Oil Mill and two cars of seed were destroyed by fire early Christmas morning. The mill is situated forty feet away from the seed house and it was only through the hard work of a bucket brigade and the use of the fire mill pump that it was saved. Tramps are believed to have set the place afire. The loss is estimated at \$30,000 and is partly covered by insurance.

The building was a two-story structure and was built in 1907.

The election for the tax for the extension of the Sewerage district on east Grolee street, was carried unanimously on last Tuesday, there being five votes for and none against. As one of the residents of the extended district aptly says: "It is the first time in the history of Opelousas that a tax proposition was carried without opposition."

Mr. Lawrence A. Bodemuller, wife and little son, Jerome, after an absence of nearly three years in the North and West, have returned to Opelousas. Lawrence has accepted a position with his father, Mr. E. A. Bodemuller, in the Gem barber shop.

Major Stewart lost a valuable horse on Christmas eve night and deeply mourns his loss. Get him to tell you about it. It's a pathetic tale.

Louis Minor and the Elk Restaurant are minus seven fine chickens. Some nimble-fingered gent with a stronger appetite for "yaller-legged" chicken than turkey, visited the chicken-coop on Christmas night and got away with them.

Ex-Congressman Samuel W. Robertson died at his home in Baton Rouge on Tuesday night. At the time of his death he was Superintendent of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb. Mr. William S. Holmes, a prominent retired merchant of Baton Rouge, has been appointed by the Governor to succeed him.

"Uncle Jim" Chachere is out on the streets again after a sharp tussle with the Grippe.

Mr. Hobbs Quits the Southern Pacific Road.

Much surprise has been caused in the transportation and business circles by the announcement Sunday that W. M. Hobbs, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in Louisiana for the last five years, with headquarters in New Orleans, has tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1, which marks the close of a career of twenty-five years in the railroad service. In all this time Mr. Hobbs has moved steadily upward from a telegraph operator in the West to some of the most responsible positions within the gifts of railroads.

Announcements from Houston Wednesday brings the information that H. W. Sheridan, division superintendent of the Harriman lines in Sacramento, Cal., will fill the place.

Mr. Hobbs will retire entirely from active railroading. He will, it is said, enter business, probably in New Orleans.

Fire at Lafayette.

A leak from a gasoline tank was the cause of fire, which, for a time, threatened a whole block at Lafayette Thursday. Louis Chopin & Co., and William Guidry & Bro., suffered a loss of about \$12000. Insurance carried by both firms is reported to be \$3000.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Miss Louise Delarue, who is attending Soule's College at New Orleans, came to Opelousas to spend the holidays home.

Miss Elizabeth Bain and Miss Lina Marine are spending the Xmas holidays with friends in Texas.

Miss Josephine Ward, the popular High School teacher, left last Saturday to spend Christmas with her home folks in Tennessee.

Miss Kate Sullivan and little Miss Blanche LeBourgeois, of Arnaudville are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw.

Harry W. Garland of Obelin is spending the holidays with relatives in our city.

Mr. O. A. Gauthier, the efficient druggist at the Bienvenu drug store spent Christmas with his parents at St. Martinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Staggs and children will spend the New Year with relatives in Eunice.

Misses Lidie Staggs and Laura Lafleur, of Eunice, spent a few days with Mrs. Pat Staggs this week.

Mr. Stephen E. Davies, Principal of the public school at Berwick, La., spent several days here this week visiting relatives. He was on his way to Shreveport to spend the Christmas holidays with his father and mother and sister.

Mr. J. A. Livezey of Pliny, N. Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. L. White.

Mr. J. B. Francione of Baton Rouge is here spending the holidays with friends.

Miss Bertha Littell, a Newcomb student at New Orleans, is visiting her parents this week, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Littell.

Dr. Ike Littell of Alexandria is spending the holidays with relatives.

Dr. Russell Chachere and family of Bazile came in to spend the week with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rabb of Winsboro are visiting at the home of Mrs. Rabb's father, Mr. Robert Dunbar.

Mr. Mrs. George B. Cooke of Beaumont are here on a visit to relatives.

Messrs Sidney Roos and Louis Crouchet are home from L. S. U., to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. Edwin Bercier is home for a few days, having come in from New Orleans, where he is studying dentistry.

After a few weeks stay in New Orleans visiting friends, Miss Althee Demarais returned Sunday.

Mr. Allen Dezauche left Sunday for Melville where he will spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Krotz are spending a few days with Mrs. Krotz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chachere.

Dr. Harold Edwards and wife, of Abbeville, are spending the holiday season with relatives and friends here.

Gurning F. Latiolais, who is employed in the Shreveport oil fields, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Rosa Latiolais.

Chas. Bourque, Jr., of Lewisburg, was a business visitor here on Friday.

Mr. E. J. Sullivan, Jr., of Lake Charles, is visiting his parents this week.

Mr. Edward Boagni, a student of Stanton Military College, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. S. A. Stanley left Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives in Lake Charles.

Mr. E. H. Reeder left Friday to spend the holidays with his family in Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. N. Vincent Mosely of Baton Rouge, is visiting relatives in this city this week.

Mr. Wm. Fitzmaurice and Dr. J. H. Moroney of Winchester, Ind., who invested largely in St. Landry lands in the Palmetto neighborhood, were business visitors in Opelousas yesterday.

One of the most delightful events of the holiday season was a "Leap Year" dance given on Thursday evening by the young ladies of Opelousas at the H. H. & L. Hall. Over thirty couples were present.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Walker of Lake Charles is visiting the home of Mr. Walker's mother, Mrs. M. E. Walker.

100 Louisianians Will Benefit by Claims Bill.

Washington, Dec. 12.—More than 100 Louisianians will be benefited by the Watkins cotton claim bill which passed the house after a bitter fight.

More than \$2,000,000 will be distributed in Louisiana. The funds are to pay for cotton seized after June 1, 1865. The measure was fought in congress for years.

There is on file in the Senate a list of Southerners who lost cotton from seizure by the government after the close of the war. This list was prepared by the secretary of the treasury in 1875, and while not now complete it is the only record of claimants available.

SOME BENEFICIARIES.

The list includes the following Louisianians: W. G. Springfield, David Platt, Abel Skannel, R. Hodges' estate, J. B. Huggs' estate, T. W. Bledsoe, J. L. Hodges, J. J. Bryan of Bossier parish, Jasper Gibbs, J. R. McClintock, J. Gibbs, J. J. Boylston, L. Gahagan, I. A. Givens' estate, Walker E. Wilson, W. L. Candler, W. W. Colbut, J. N. Walker of Bienville parish, J. F. Harrison, Isaac McKee of Bienville parish, J. L. Vickers, J. H. Walker, Bienville parish.

M. M. Mobley, Natchitoches, La.; Samuel Armstrong, McDaniel, Union parish, La.

PARISH CLAIMANTS.

James Hart, Moorehouse parish; H. M. Hyams, Rapides parish; W. H. Gooch, Bayou Pierre; T. M. Gilmer, DeSoto parish; R. R. King, DeSoto parish; L. F. Davis, DeSoto parish; Hypolite Hertzog, DeSoto parish; T. M. Gilmer, Caddo parish; President Moulding, Mooringsport; Walter Cates, Caddo parish; J. P. Smith Bossier parish; W. L. Fullilove, Caddo parish; J. P. Smith, Caddo parish.

W. R. Gill, Caddo parish; W. L. Fullilove, Caddo parish; M. Rochelle, De Soto parish; T. M. Gilmer, Caddo parish; Henry Fullilove, De Soto parish; T. M. Gilmer, Caddo parish; F. Dickson, Bossier parish.

Carter and Abney, Shreveport; J. G. Fullilove, Caddo parish; A. Bass, De Soto parish; J. W. Burbridge and Company, New Orleans; J. T. Truly and Brother, Grand Ecore.

The list contains probably 50 other claimants for Louisiana but their addresses are not given and no other means for showing them.

Parcel Post Established

Since Uncle Sam is going to reduce the cost of carrying merchandise, the enterprising mail order firm of Jacobs News Depot Co., of this city informs us that hereafter they will send all goods, charges prepaid, at same price as you would pay at their store. This will be a benefit to their large number of customers throughout the state. The only exception made will be on school books.

Cashier's Home Burns

Gueydan, La., Dec. 24.—The home of J. G. Neelis, cashier of the Bank of Gueydan, was almost destroyed by fire at noon today. The house caught fire through a defective flue, and it was only by prompt aid from neighbors that the house was saved. One room was partly destroyed.

Santa Clause Generous.

We saw our friend Mr. Ventre wreathed in smiles on Christmas day, and on inquiry found that Santa Claus had brought him a big, bouncing boy. We congratulate him and his attractive wife, formerly Miss Eva Dossmann, on their happy Christmas day.

NEGRO SLAYER LYNCHED

Slayer James Norman Expiates Bloody Crime With Life.

Nom Cadore, convicted slayer of James Norman, at a late hour Sunday night was taken out of the West Baton Rouge parish jail, presumably by citizens of that parish, and lynched.

Cadore's body was discovered at dawn next day by a passing crew of the Texas & Pacific dangling from a telephone pole on the railroad right of way not far from the jail door. The dripping body was the only sign, save the broken lock on the jail door, that a mob had come and gone.

Sheriff Parker was notified of the lynching at an early hour and immediately communicated with coroner M. W. Levert. Dr. Levert reached the scene about 10 o'clock and after he had impounded a jury the body was cut down.

The verdict of the coroner's jury, in brief, was as follows:

"That Nom Cadore met his death at the hands of unknown parties. The deceased was shot after being strung to a telephone pole, said shots entering left ear and fracturing neck at base of the skull."

George Guilabuit, a young mechanical engineer of New Orleans invented a noiseless railroad crossing. The purpose of the invention is to provide a railroad crossing in which the vibration shall be eliminated and the destruction of the parts due to the pounding of the wheels materially lessened, resulting in a crossing causing little annoyance to the neighborhood, and in which the parts need not be frequently replaced. The device was tested last Saturday at one of the street railway car barns and the demonstration was a complete success.

Thirty-four women left New York City afoot last week en route to Albany to deliver a message to Governor Sulzer. No doubt the moving picture man is on the job too.

If any man understands the tariff questions in all its bearings, he knows too much for this world.

In some countries it is customary to fire a cannon after the marriage ceremony has been performed. This, to remind those present that the battle of life has just begun.

The world is growing better. A California man jumped overboard to save his mother-in-law.

Wonder if the weather man has contracted for a certain amount of rain fall for the year.

Even the weather man is over-doing things these days. Why in the name of common sense doesn't he let go the (rein) rain?

The girl who cannot get up courage to propose during weather like this doesn't deserve to have a good and loving husband to get up and build the fire every morning. And pretty soon it will be four years before she has another chance.—Port Arthur News.

The agricultural department has decided that a peanut is not a nut. Let's just suppose that it's just a "goober" and one of the best products of the South.

At the succession sale of the late Charles Pitre, some four miles west of Opelousas in the Plaquemine section, last Saturday the Schell Canal people (Union Rice & Irrigation Co.) paid fabulous prices for the rice land placed on the market, indicating a continuance of the present boom in land values in the neighborhood of the big canal.

GOVERNOR BLEASE PARDONS EIGHTY

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.—All records in this State for the number of pardons granted in one day were broken Tuesday, when by order of Gov. Cole L. Blease, eighty convicts confined in the State Penitentiary and serving on chain gangs throughout the State, were liberated, their pardons being granted as Christmas presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dossmann, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budd formerly of Opelousas but now of DeQuincy, La., were Christmas visitors to our City.

Mr. George W. Dubisson is back from Spring Hill College to spend the holidays with home folks.

Hon. H. Garland Dupre, of New Orleans, returned from Washington last week in time to spend Christmas with his mother here. Miss Betsy Dupre also came up from New Orleans, where she is a student at Newcomb, and Miss Lily Dupre from Litcher and Miss Edith G. Dupre from Lafayette, to join the Christmas reunion at their home.

A Tennessee lady has a parrot that speaks 200 words. It is difficult to believe that the English language contained so many swear words.

Mr. Percy Walker, a law student at Tulane University is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lingsfield of New Orleans are visiting Mrs. Lingsfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Roos.

In Memory of Robert Hart Fernberg

Nov. 13, 1912.

As twilight began to gather
On that dreary Friday eve,
And shadows began to lengthen,
Out among the stately trees,
In the sick room, loved ones lingered,
Watching there, with anxious hearts,
As Death—cold and clammy fingered,
Clasped the form of Robert Hart.

He seemed to be strong and healthy,
But now his manly form lies low;
Pneumonia comes with steps so stealthy,
And sows her seed before you know.

Like a strong young oak, he seemed to stand,
Too strong to be reached by death's cold hand,
But when clasped in pneumonia's treacherous clutch,
He yielded up Life's golden cup.

A loving brother now is gone,
An indulgent uncle, passed beyond,
A congenial friend is now no more,
A vacant place is in the store.

Kind and generous, good and true,
A congenial friend, a noble Jew,
But "Jew or Gentile, bond or free,"
It matters not to you or me.

Upright and honest, he has honor won,
And will be missed by every one.

"In the midst of life, ye are in death,"
God kissed away his parting breath,
His spirit soared to our God in heaven,
To find the peace for which he had striven.

His body was laid in the silent grave,
O'er which sweet flowers and grasses will wave,
God grant that his soul may rest in peace
From pain sorrow e'er released.

May his body rest sweetly in the silent tomb,
Til the trumpet's call shall bid him come.

A FRIEND.