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SOUTH'S COTTON DE-TERIORATES GREATLY

Correspondents of T-P Make Report as to Conditions

DAMAGE IN CERTAIN SECTIONS DISTRESSING

Weevil Ravages Have Curtailed Crop Greatly in Alabama and Mississippi Mostly

The report as to the situation of the cotton crop in the South as made by the correspondents of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, is very interesting.

It shows that a very sharp deterioration has occurred since the last report and that conditions in some sections of the cotton belt are distressing.

The rainy weather has to some extent accounted for this condition, but the boll weevil is the agent through which most of the damage was done.

The report says that the supply of labor is sufficient in most cases, but that there appears to be a shortage of labor where the weevil has done the most work. The reason given is that the laborers have left the farms—have moved to cities and towns in order to make a living.

The report further says that the farmers in most cases are disposed to sell at current prices, at least enough of the crop to pay them out of debt, and would doubtless resist any important decline.

In Alabama and Mississippi the weevil has done most harm. In some sections of those states it is said that conditions are distressing.

The report from Shreveport, covering the greater portion of the state surrounding that city, says:

"Weeks of almost ideal weather, in which heavy rains fell in only one or two localities of limited area of Caddo and Bossier parishes, have opened cotton bolls and picking is proceeding rapidly. In Bossier the crop is the best since the advent of the boll weevil. This is due to the fact that a number of large plantations that had been idle for a number of years have been rejuvenated, and most of them have been planted totally in cotton this year. All cotton has quit blooming, either because it has reached the age limit, or the ravishing of the weevil, principally the latter. North Caddo has a full average crop."

The Homer correspondent complains of the early winds and dry weather as being the cause of crop deterioration in that section of the state. Although weather conditions for the last two weeks have been ideal. The crop will be taken off soon.

The Bastrop report says that the advent of the boll weevil has greatly deteriorated the cotton crop in that immediate section; that the frequent rains in June and the early part of July has greatly assisted the weevil in damaging the cotton in that section. The depreciation is estimated between 30 and 40 per cent.

The cotton crop of Rapides on July 1, promised to be the largest yield in its history, but that the advent of the boll weevil has caused a small deterioration, possibly 10 or 15 per cent. But it is now the prevailing impression that the cotton crop of Rapides parish will greatly exceed that of last year.

From Baton Rouge comes the report that the rains have caused great deterioration in the cotton crop of that parish. Farmers will lose about twenty-five per cent. on account of those rains. Farmers were selling freely up to the time of the drop in the market, but now have a disposition to hold all the cotton that they possibly can.

The report from Lake Providence says that practically the entire crop has been destroyed by the weevil. The only crop is the bottom crop. It is thought that the shortage of the crop will be redeemed by the

present high price.

Marksville reports a deterioration due to rains and the weevil, but it is thought that the high price received by the farmers will over-balance any shortage of crop.

Monroe reports that the yield will exceed that of last year by a good margin. A number of gins in Ouachita are operating day and night.

In Lincoln parish the crop has deteriorated heavily. Boll weevils have been active in that section causing a deterioration of more than twenty per cent.

All in all the cotton crop in Louisiana has greatly deteriorated due to heavy rains and the advent of the boll weevil, but the price paid for cotton should offset any loss in deterioration, if it is maintained.

AL. J. BARNES' CIRCUS TO BE HERE NEXT SATURDAY

Popular Wild Animal Circus One of the Best on Road

A splink, splanking new show, a new program—not so new, however, but what the time-honored features which have made the circus America's most popular form of amusement, are retained, are the promises held forth for the circus that is to visit Opelousas on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The circus referred to, of course, is the world's greatest wild animal show—the Al. G. Barnes' big four-ring wild animal circus. In saying "new" show it isn't inferred that the Barnes' show is new to the people of Opelousas for it has visited here before and is strictly in keeping with the truth to say that its performances gave genuine and wholesome satisfaction.

Acts that thrill, acts that amaze, others that instruct and those that create laughter—all of them entirely new and of an original character are promised to those who witness this season's performance. The scope of the feats performed by the animals has been profusely broadened for this year's tour. Grown people will find in the thrilling spectacular acts a satiating array of entertainment, while the kiddies will have bushels of fun watching the antics of the half hundred animal clowns. The comicality of these laugh creators is also guaranteed to be juvenescent to all grandpas and grandmas present.

Special attention is directed this year to the big wild animal features in which the largest groups of lions, tigers and bears ever shown are performed. Educated Royal Bengal tigers, thirty acrobatic and comedy bears, the horse-riding lions, bears, leopards and hyenas will certainly gratify anyone's appetite for the sensational.

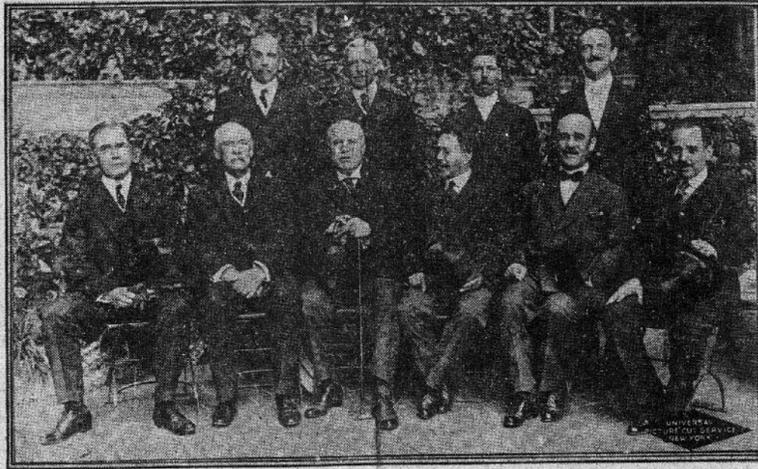
Acts of a quieter character, but none the less interesting, in which domestic animals are the star actors, are generously interspersed throughout the program. There's a massive ensemble in which a hundred beautiful and highly educated ponies take part. The world's champion dancing horses—sixteen in number, are shown in one of the very greatest circus features of all times. Trapeze performing monkeys, tight and slack rope-walking dogs, monkeys, goats and pigs and raging ostriches, combine in giving some of the most delightful circus entertainment ever witnessed.

MRS. LEWIS MOVES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

Popular Coffee and Cold Drink Establishment Moves Into City Market

The coffee stand and cold drink establishment of Mrs. Lewis, popular Opelousas lady, is now in the city market, having moved from the front of the parish jail the early part of the week.

Mrs. Lewis has established the reputation of serving the public with Creole coffee of the highest quality. She also serves cold drinks of every description.



DELEGATES TO THE MEXICAN AND AMERICAN COMMISSION

Standing left to right: S. Bonsall, Secretary of State Lansing, E. Arredo, and Dr. Rowe. Seated left to right: J. R. Mott, Judge George Gray, Franklin K. Lane, Louis Cabrera, Ignacio Bonilla and Alberto J. Pani.

REPUBLICAN ELECTORS TO BE ON TICKET

Judge Ellis Decides in Favor of G. O. P. and Against Bailey

CONGRESSMAN LAZARO GIVES AN INTERVIEW

Seventh District Congressman Says That People in East Will Support Wilson

The decision of Judge Robert Ellis in the mandamus suit of the Republican party of Louisiana against Secretary of State Bailey was received by the Clerk of Court of the parish of East Baton Rouge Monday. The decision is in favor of the Republicans and directs Secretary of State Bailey to place the names of presidential electors chosen by the Republicans on the election tickets. The Judge gave no reason for his decision. The Assistant Attorney General, Gamble, on behalf of Mr. Bailey, asked for a suspensive appeal, which was granted by Judge Ellis. This case will be heard by the Appeal Court shortly.

Congressman Lazaro was in Baton Rouge the early part of the week, and there gave out an interview which should be of interest to the Democrats of this section and the state in general. The congressman says that the East is falling into the Wilson column more and more as the campaign goes on, and that Wilson will be an easy winner in the presidential election.

Dr. Lazaro was in the office of the Secretary of State going over the official returns of the Seventh Congressional District election, at which he was elected over both opponents by nearly one thousand votes. He said:

"Wilson has gained immeasurably in the East during the past two months. The people are beginning to appreciate the work of Wilson and are beginning to distrust Hughes. Even the Republicans admit the Hughes' campaign has been a failure."

Dr. Lazaro is of the opinion that the rank and file of the Progressives will not follow the Republicans because they realize that they will be playing into the hands of the same old crowd from which they revolted four years ago.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to those who were so kind in our dear mother's illness. Especially do we wish to thank Dr. B. A. Littell whose untiring efforts in her behalf even unto the end, were noble and beautiful to see. JOHN N. OGDEN AND CHILDREN.

There will be services at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday, Sept. 24th, at 11 o'clock A. M. Sermon by Rev. C. W. Weed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Chachere, on Tuesday of this week, a girl.

NATION'S DEATH RATE IS LOWEST IN HISTORY

Vital Statistics Give 13.5 Per Thousand as Mortality in UNITED STATES

The lowest death rate in this country's history is shown by the preliminary vital statistics of the United States for the year 1915, as is made public by the census bureau.

The rate is based on reports from twenty-five states and 41 cities, with a population of about 67,000,000. The mortality rate is 13.5. In the year 1914 the death rate was 13.6, which was the lowest recorded up to that time. There has been a steady decrease for the last few years. The average rate during the period 1901-05 was 16.2.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE

The Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, is positively the only business college in the state which teaches a thorough course of practical, modern bookkeeping and business training. Other schools teach theoretical bookkeeping; some of them call it actual business, but it is not. The commercial room of the Tyler Commercial College is a community of business houses of various kinds, Banks, Wholesale, Commission, Real Estate, Rental, Insurance, etc. Each student is engaged in real, active business, learning to do by doing. Every entry made by the student during his entire course is originated by an actual sale or purchase; it may be grain, it may be groceries, dry goods, real estate or stock in a corporation, but the transaction is really performed and every paper required in the transaction, whether check, note, draft, receipt, mortgage, deed or what not, is filled out by the student. Partnership contracts are drawn up and agreed upon between the parties forming the company. Articles of incorporation are drawn up. Through these practical methods the student learns business as well as bookkeeping; they learn how to meet one another face to face and transact business in a business way, instead of copying theoretical transactions from a text book as is done in every other commercial school in the state. It takes more teaching force and better teachers to teach our systems and methods; our teachers are not only teachers of bookkeeping, but they must be well informed on business customs. When a student learns to do a thing by actually doing it, he practical, face to face business methods we are able to give the student a thorough course of both bookkeeping and business training in less time than he could possibly get the theory, or so-called practical bookkeeping alone in other schools.

We will give a free scholarship in the school of your choice to any one finding another school in this

PROPOSED FARM BANK DISCUSSED WEDNESDAY

Representative Leppert of New Orleans Speaks to Farmers Here

EXPLAINS THE WORKINGS OF THE NEW FARM LAW

Crowd Small, But Much Attention Is Given to the Man Who Speaks for The Crescent City

A meeting was held at the court house Wednesday morning in behalf of securing a Federal Farm Loan Bank for the city of New Orleans.

Representative W. J. Leppert, representing New Orleans interests explained to those present how a farmer could borrow money on long time loans at a rate not to exceed six percent which would enable him to pay mortgages on his property, buy improved farm machinery, bled live stock and all things necessary to farm life.

Mr. Leppert advanced the argument that the establishment of such a bank in the city of New Orleans would be of especial interest to the farmers of this section, and in fact, the whole state of Louisiana. He said that the Southern Farm would be mostly benefited by the Farm Loan Bank, for the reason that we did not have sufficient local capital available for long time loans; that money here is scarce and the demand for money to develop our agricultural resources is always very keen.

The Federal Loan Act became a law in July, and as a result several banks will be established throughout the United States, and Mr. Leppert and others, are doing all in their power to have one of those banks located at New Orleans.

While the meeting was not as well attended as expected, much enthusiasm was manifested.

Miss Della Boudier returned the past week from a pleasant visit to relatives in Abbeville.

state teaching both bookkeeping and business, thorough practical business transaction as we do. Similar practical methods are used in teaching Shorthand, Steno-typing, Cotton Classing, Telegpraphy and Business Administration and Finance. We believe in learning to do in the school room that which you must do when going into the business world, and it is this policy that has made the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, the largest school of the kind in America.

Write for large free catalogue explaining our original methods of teaching and securing positions. There is a reason for our school drawing patronage from thirty-nine different states and seven foreign countries. Investigate it, the best is none too good for you, for you must use this education for life and its quality measures your success.

STATE NEWS

Two inmates of the Jackson Asylum, criminally insane, escaped and not have as yet been apprehended.

Four men at Shreveport were injured in an automobile while speeding at a rate of fifty miles per hour. The machine went into the curb, and from the jolt received, tried to climb a twenty-five foot guy wire of a telephone post.

The St. Francisville District Sunday School Rally will take place at New Roads on the 24 and 25 of this month.

The Southwestern Industrial Institute, Lafayette, opened this week. The number of registration already exceeds the entire number enrolled last season.

The parishes of Rapides, Grant, Natchitoches and Winn were represented at a meeting held last Thursday to push the construction of the Jefferson Highway across those parishes.

Warehouses in the city of Baton Rouge, valued at something over \$20,000 were totally destroyed by fire.

The strawberry crop in South Louisiana this year will exceed that of any previous year. A good price is expected for the fruit.

A house at Natchitoches, said to be the oldest in Louisiana, built in 1780, is being repaired and modernized, and will be converted into a bungalow. In spite of its age of 136 years it is in a good state of preservation. All of the timbers are hand-hewn.

The berry growers of South Louisiana held their annual Welfare League gathering at Hammond on Friday.

Secretary of State Bailey will begin at once the collection of the 1 per cent tax from fire insurance companies for the fire departments of Louisiana.

Eighty public schools in New Orleans opened Monday, employing one thousand three hundred teachers.

The city authorities of the city of Shreveport passed ordinances authorizing that city to purchase the city waterworks.

The annual session of the Rapides teachers' institute was held in the city of Alexandria this week. Over two hundred teachers attended. The public schools in Alexandria opened Wednesday.

Two men, a citizen of the United States and a Mexican, were arrested and jailed in Leesville on last Monday, charged with the murder of a mulatto woman named Emma Jackson. Jealousy it is said is the cause.

A number of northern farmers are arriving in the DeRidder section each week and many of them are establishing homes on cutover pine lands.

An appropriation of one thousand dollars was made by the Police Jury of Ascension Parish to the South Louisiana Fair Association. Ten parishes of South Louisiana are enrolled in this association.

Three people were seriously injured Monday night in Shreveport, when an automobile bus ran into a street car. Many people received slight wounds.

Excitement created over a gas well at Bastrop seems unabated. The Progressive Oil and Gas Company has been giving exhibitions of burning gas at the well to the general public, on which occasions special trains were run in each direction to the well. As a result the company is getting scores of leases throughout the supposed vein and expect to put in a number of wells in the next few weeks.

Two Louisiana postmasters were appointed Monday. They are: John Major, Frisco; Miss Hester Martin, Fisher.

The public schools throughout the state have an attendance much in excess of that of last year. This is occasioned by the fact of the Compulsory Education Act, passed at the last session of the Legislature.

PARISH SCHOOLS OPENED ON MONDAY

Fifteen White and Two Colored Schools Begin Work

ATTENDANCE INCREASED IN ALL THE SCHOOLS

Pupils of Opelousas High School Furnished Music on Opening Day By Boy Scouts Band

Seventeen public schools—fifteen white and two colored—opened for the 1916-17 session on last Monday, with an enrollment greatly increased over previous years. The enrollment the first day of the Opelousas school was 582, Eunice over 400, Washington and Grand Prairie about 200 each.

Of the fifteen white schools which opened Monday five of them are high schools, Opelousas, Melville, Washington, Grand Prairie and Eunice. The other schools are West Bellevue, Coleau, Teche, Sunset, Leonville, Port Barre, Lower Waxia, Upper Waxia, Palmetto and Garland. The two colored schools which were opened on last Monday were the Opelousas and Thompson schools. All other schools will open on October 9th.

The teachers for this session in the Opelousas school are:

W. C. Perrault, Principal; W. L. Smith, Assistant Principal; Miss B. Dupre, Miss A. Schmittou, Miss L. M. Latil, Miss G. Sandoz, Mrs. M. Fielder, Miss Josie Price, Miss Jeanne Wehra, Miss Edith Meyer, Miss Aline Dezauche, Miss Mathilde Estorge, Miss Alma Platt, Miss Eleanor Littell, Mrs. Florence Wartelle, Miss Martha Andrus, Miss Lelia Sandoz.

On the opening day of school the pupils were furnished with music by the Boy Scouts Band. The first day of school was occupied by making preparations for the rest of the season. The pupils were dismissed at noon and requested to report next day for active work.

During the week preparations have been made for the organization of a basket ball team for both girls and boys; football team and track team. There has also been an organization of a literary society for all members of the high school.

On ly one change has been made in the faculty of the high school; the loss of the Assistant Principal Mr. Scott. His place will be filled by Mr. Smith.

In the lower grades several changes have been made. Miss Evans of the fifth grade has been replaced by Miss Dezauche; Miss Warmouth of the third grade by Miss Weber; and Miss Myles of the fourth grade, by Miss Platte.

VETERANS ON WAITING LIST TO BE PAID

Board of Pension Commissioners to Pay \$24.00 to Pensioners Now on Waiting List

The State Board of Pension Commissioners have given notice that all pensioners now on the waiting list will receive the sum of twenty-four dollars at the end of the current quarter.

The action of the Board of Pension Commissioners will be appreciated by those pensioners who have been on the waiting list, some of them for quite a while.

LAZARO IS ELECTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY

Seventh District Congressman Is Declared Party Nominee By 761 Votes

Figures, as promulgated by Secretary of State James J. Bailey show that Congressman Lazaro defeated both of his opponents, District Attorney Edwards and Judge Barbe by a majority of 761 votes. His total vote was 6,149. Judge Barbe received 2,491 and District Attorney Edwards received 2,897.