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LABOR DAY PICNIC IS ENJOYABLE TIME

One of the most enjoyable picnics ever held by the Llano colonists was that held Monday, September 5th, when they celebrated Labor Day at their swimming pool.

The pool, which is on colony property, situated about half a mile from the colony hotel, is fed from springs, and is located in a glen where plenty of shade is found. Here the colonists gathered about ten o'clock, and from then on a merry round of pleasure was the program.

A "fake" boxing match between two "dark horses" created lots of fun as they swung around in the endeavor to knock each other out. The match was called a draw after three rounds when neither of the fighters had yet succeeded in hitting his opponent.

Dr. W. L. Thurman next expressed the sentiments of the workers towards Labor Day in a few words, well-chosen, and full of meaning.

"Freck" Boyce and "Cig" Caron next entertained with a wrestling bout in the water, Freck carrying the honors in the contest. It looked like a deliberate attempt of one to drown the other, as they rolled out of sight to the bottom of the pool.

The races and water sports were well-contested, and the fancy diving and swimming exhibitions were entertaining. Walking the greasy pole caused much merriment, as one after the other went tumbling off the pole in an endeavor to reach for the flag on the end. At last, someone got the

SUMMER WEATHER CONTINUES INDICATIONS FOR RAIN

Although the weatherman has prophesied rain for several days, the storm clouds have all passed over and yet again to-day W. A. Dougherty comes in with his persistence that rain is in the vicinity: "The barometer has shown rain for the past two or three days and does so this morning; these rains referred to have all passed over. The indications this morning are very strong for rain."

However during the week only .30 inch of rain has been recorded. Following is the records of the temperatures made by the Weatherman W. A. Dougherty at the Newllano station of the U. S. weather bureau for the past week:

Aug 30—max. 86, min. 82
Aug 31—max. 82, min. 71
Sept 1—max. 88, min. 71
Sept 2—max. 92, min. 71
Sept 3—max. 94, min. 69
Sept 4—max. 93, min. 69
Sept 5—max. 91, min. 69

flag, and the tribe of Llano "ducks" soon found out how it was done.

The lunch and supper were attended to by the colonists, and most all of the men dipped in the pool from three-year-olds up to seventy. Indeed, shiny bald heads bobbed up and down in the shiny pool all day. The lady bathers were few.

In the evening, a social and dance, with numbers musical and elocutional, were enjoyed by a full house, and ice cream and cake were served to round off a day of much pleasure.

Secretary Davis Buys Luncheon



Secretary of Labor Davis does not believe in spending two hours eating fllet mignon for lunch. Every noon he may be seen standing before this little Italian fruit stand just around the corner from his office, where he invests in a light lunch of reasonable fruits.

making the best of life. And no "sissyfied" parasite can make a hit with her; she will want a real man for a mate and will take no other. She will be the equal of man and not his inferior; she will know her rights and use them; she will be just as useful to society as he and by her service will obtain as much out of life. The Llano Girl is the coming New Woman, and she will be a real, genuine woman, with a strong, healthy body, pure mind, and able to choose for herself an occupation and a mate. The Esperanto classes met to-night as usual. Many of our Esperantists are becoming greatly interested in foreign correspondence with samideanoj in foreign lands, and some in the collection and exchange of postage stamps. This offers an opportunity not only to become intimately acquainted with the minds of our foreign comrades, but also opens up a tremendous field in which to advertise the Colony and its ideals.

Thursday, Sept. 1. — Tackett it cutting and shocking corn to be stored in the big barn for winter use. Dad Lloyd is gathering cow peas for mule feed and the winter supply will soon be laid by. We will refill our silos and be prepared to carry our stock thru in good condition. It might be interesting for you to know that people here in the south, as a rule, do not feed their stock at any time of the year; they let them winter on what they can pick. But we are caring for ours the best way we can, and feel that we gain by the process. It is still too wet to work the ground to-day, so the teams are hauling brick, wood, and supplies for the crate makers. Ole and Price were repairing the saw mill engine and the planers were shut down for a short time, but the material is being worked out as fast as possible. This afternoon the saw mill was again sawing gum for crate material. Our neighbors are now bringing their pro-

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Bold Train Robbery North of Leesville

FOUR MASKED BANDITS STEAL LOCOMOTIVE, EXPRESS AND MAIL CARS ON K. C. S. NORTBOUND TUESDAY

Passengers Unmolested; Left Stranded

Passenger train No. 2, leaving the Leesville depot last Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m., was held up, about 13 miles north from this town, by four masked robbers, who detached the engine and the first two cars, switching them off on a side track and running several miles into the woods, where the passengers were left to either leave the train to walk to the nearest station, or wait until the train could be moved back to the main road.

The first car of the train contain-

ed the United States mail, and it is supposed that a large amount of the money was carried in the postal safe. The second car was the baggage car which also carried some valuable express packages. The Sheriff of Sabine Parish started out with a number of deputies and detectives, as soon as he had been informed of the robbery. Inspectors of the United States Post Office Department and Secret Service men of the Treasury Department are assisting the Sheriff in his pursuit of the robbers.

LOUISIANA OYSTERS

READY FOR SEASON

Louisiana began her oyster season September 1st, when the bivalves were put upon the market at New Orleans. The population of Louisiana generally will be pleased to learn there is assurance of a splendid season at hand. Not only will the crop be large, but the quality of this sea food will be excellent.

As a result of the wise administration of the department of conservation of Louisiana, under the direction of M. L. Alexander, the output of oysters has been increased nearly 600 per cent in a few years. When the department was instituted there was being marketed from Louisiana waters 265,000 barrels of oysters annually. Now, there is an average yield of 1,500,000 barrels a year. And this tells only a part and the least important part of the story.

The marketing of the huge crop of 1,500,000 barrels a year does not mean that the source of supply is being depleted. On the contrary, under intelligent supervision and jealous guarding, the supply will increase as the years go by until the entire available acreage susceptible of profitable production is under cultivation. The department is now in process of issuing 500 new leases, and hitherto the average area of a lease has been 16½ acres.

Oysters grow in abundance only after careful cultivation, which requires both time and labor. There are two methods of cultivation — transplanting and the planting of shells or other anchorage for clutch. The first means cultivation, while the second means both cultivation and conservation in the fullest sense.

GET UNDERSTANDING OF I. W. W. SAYS FRISCO WHOLESALE

Berkeley, Calif. — George H. Eberhard, president of a large wholesale firm of San Francisco, electrified members of the Rotary Club of Berkeley by urging them to try to understand the I. W. W.

"Few of us know what they have to contend with, nor upon what theories they proceed in their conduct," said Eberhard. "Yet many who know as little as we do about the facts write and talk about the problems of the common laborer as if they understood them. Only this morning I heard a man criticizing the I. W. W. Now the I. W. W. members are open to criticism, but they are entitled to be criticized justly; and this man of whom I have just spoken based his condemnation chiefly on the accusation that the I. W. W. people do not respect the law of the land.

"Well, are there not others among us who manifest little respect for certain constitutional amendments that have been enacted as part of the law of the land? If so, is it fair to sweepingly condemn others — because they have not declared their belief that all other laws are equitable?"

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NEW ORLEANS HAS NEW

CO-OPERATIVE LAUNDRY

About eight hundred workers New Orleans have taken stock in a People's Co-operative Laundry which has been organized in that city to reduce the cost of laundry work to stockholders.

The laundry was opened for business this week, and a full set of up-to-date machinery has been installed. "More than 800 Orleansians now have stock in the company," said Gus Seemann, president, "and we expect to add to the roll. They will receive a count on all laundry work and they pay for their stock out of their earnings. Of course we will solicit laundry work of any person in New Orleans, and from present prospect our promise of 100 per cent service and work is going to tax our capacity." The officers and directors of the company are: Gus Seemann, president; W. W. Salomon, vice-president; I. Garret, secretary, and G. P. Reynolds, treasurer.

FARMERS AND CITY WORKERS SHOULD CO-OPERATE

The farmer is a natural and comrade friend to the wage worker in the city and when he and the wage worker together and compare notes, they both find that this is, and must be, mutual co-operative movement between the two, and until this is brot about, neither will be permanently benefited.

There never existed a condition would prevent this condition, save except the influences exercised in business world, and which influence have been the great bar to such a union of forces. The game has been kept there two forces fighting each other, and while the struggle was course of settlement, the enemy those who started the fight, got in and the farmer, especially, has suffered more than has labor up to time, because labor has been in a position to head off real harm, alone by its own efforts, and the farmer do this if properly organized and if action is practiced by him.

Labor has never had anything to do to it, nor has the farmer, but have both had to struggle for what they have received; from capital. The Journal would like to see a co-operation between the city worker and the farmer, for the most the city workers buy the produce of the farmer, and the most of what city labor produces is purchased by the farmer; but the profit to the farmer is lost because of the fact that has not reached the buying power of the city laborer, and the same has been said of the products of the workers. We have many times derided when these two forces of our friends will awake to the fact that are in a position to help each other the simple method of co-operation.

— Railway Journal
The kind of thoughts you indulge in will determine your conduct and consequent destiny.

The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday, August 31. — I was awakened this morning by the patter of the rain upon my roof. As it continued for several hours, farming operations were knocked off for the day. Most of the fellows found work in the planing mill and crate factory. Vernon and Comrade Gaddis took out the tractors and hauled in several loads of logs. Pete Kemp is repairing farm machinery at the shop, helping Larsen, Dickenson and Von Scio. Thurman and the gardeners are at the crate factory and the rest of the farmers are scattered around the mills. Comrade Hoover is assisting Geo. Thomas to rearrange the flour and feed room at the store, to make things more efficient in handling and keeping the stock. A comrade from Washington state wants some colony statistics and I will give my opinions. We own, clear of all incumbrance, about 3500 acres of land, and about 1000 acres with a small incumbrance upon it. All our cattle, mules, machinery, and buildings are clear of debts. We have under contract about 20,000 acres of land which we desire to buy and hold for the co-operative movement. We have about 250 people here now and believe that to carry out our colony ideas we can support about twenty or twenty-five thousand people at this place. Our aim is to produce all the necessities of life — food, clothing, and shelter right here and manufacture all raw material into a finished product before it leaves the place. This puts us into many different industries as well as agriculture. We are not try-

ing, primarily to pile up wealth, but we do expect to create a better life and a rich community wealth. In Belgium, about 680 people live to each square mile, or 640 acres. In Jersey Isle, about 1300 people live on the same amount of land. I base my figures from these two countries; for I know Jersey is not a fertile country, and I know we are living under a better system. We are now making a campaign to finance this whole proposition this year and then we will be able to offer opportunities to those who are completely dispossessed. But you who have money should send it in now and help us finish the job. Lately I have had several offers of free land, for the purposes of starting other colonies, and these offers will be taken up as soon as we complete this job. Comrades, will you help now and let us all do our best to point the way to freedom for all workers. All the workers, I say, of both sexes — and it is to be hoped that girls and women will realize just what economic freedom means. To-day, I received a letter from a young man, asking about our young women. I think I can safely say that the girls of this community will grow up into women that will not sell themselves for a home or nice clothes. Why? Well, because she can make a home for herself and she can earn as much as any man on the place (for our wages are all equal) and she does not need to be dependent on any man for anything. Being economically free, she spends her time bettering her education and generally

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PORT OF BEAUMONT BREAKS EXPORT RECORD IN AUGUST

Beaumont, Tex. — Beaumont set a new record during August, when 183,423 tons of shipping left here for foreign and coastwise ports. Oil was first with rice second in volume. The Edgefield, 11,000-ton steamer will sail in a few days for Antwerp, Belgium, with the largest single shipment of rice ever exported from the Sabine district.