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## THE RICE BELT RAILROADS.

At a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Chicago on Monday, C. W. Owen, Louisiana railroad man, described the Southwestern railroads as benefactors of the rice industry. He said that when the rice industry was in its infancy on the prairies of Southwest Louisiana and Southern Texas the railroads purposely fixed the rates on rice very low for the purpose of fostering the infant industry. He urged that the railroads carried rice at unprofitably low rates until the industry got on its feet and that now it was no more than fair that the rates be raised as to give the roads a fair profit. It was developed in the course of the inquiry that the increased rates asked for would amount in the aggregate to \$18,000 a year.

Mr. Owen stated no more than the bare truth when he said that the railroads of the rice belt have fostered the rice industry. No one agency has done as much for the rice industry on the Louisiana and Texas gulf coast as the southern Pacific has done to the rice industry, most of the rice fields between Lafayette, Louisiana and El Campo, Texas, would now be grazing pastures for low grade Creole and Texas cattle and ponies.

The Southern Pacific spent more money in advertising the rice belt than was spent by all other agencies together. Its immigration agents did for the gulf coast rice belt what the Canadian Pacific did for the Canadian Northwest. They spread to all parts of the country the story of the opportunities on the gulf coast. The Southern Pacific hauled into the rice belt immigrants and their goods almost for nothing. It lent its assistance to every agency engaged in the business of promoting immigration.

The Southern Pacific was one of the most helpful friends of the late Dr. S. A. Knapp, the father of the rice industry on the coast, and of men like him. About fifteen years ago, at Dr. Knapp's suggestion, the Southern Pacific compiled and printed at great expense an enormous number of rice cook books containing a vast amount of information about rice and the rice industry. These cook books were distributed by millions all over the United States, and they were followed by tons of literature designed to attract immigration to the rice belt.

Men like W. W. Duson, the developer of Southwest Louisiana, received their strongest support and inspiration from the Southern Pacific.

In its infancy the rice industry never asked in vain for help from the Southern Pacific. The railroad company supported with its influence and its cash every movement for the good of rice and the rice country. It backed with money and freight and passenger fare concessions every convention, every meeting of the Rice Association of America, rice kitchens at Buffalo, Washington, St. Louis and other points. When the planters of Southwest Louisiana

wanted to build a dam near the mouth of the Mermentau River to keep salt water away from 200,000 acres of rice, the Southern Pacific hauled the material for the dam free and contributed a liberal amount of money for the building and maintenance of the dam. Always the Southern Pacific was ready to help the rice industry, and it was never accused of failing to do its full share.

This is not an argument for higher rates on rice. The rates on rice may be too high, too low, or just right. The only point aimed at is the point that the railroads, and particularly the Southern Pacific, were the nurses of the rice industry. Without them the industry could not have been built up. Mr. Owen in his testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing at Chicago did not overdraw the picture, so far as the obligation of the rice industry to the Southern Pacific is concerned.—Beaumont Enterprise, Mar. 31, 1915.

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## AN IBERIA BOY HONORED.

Walter F. Voorhies, Cashier First National Bank, Wins Big Promotion.

Mr. Walter F. Voorhies, cashier of the First National bank, of Shreveport, has tendered his resignation to the officers of that institution to become manager of the branch bank shortly to be established by the National City bank, of New York City, at Montevideo, Uruguay. Mr. Voorhies will leave here with his family about May 1, going first to New York, and thence after familiarizing himself with the affairs of the National City bank, to his new post of duty in South America.

There will be general regret over Mr. Voorhies' departure from Shreveport. But that feeling will be tempered by the knowledge of Mr. Voorhies' friends that he has been assigned to one of the most important posts in the vast domain of American banking. Expressions of sincere good wishes for his welfare are mingled with congratulations on the recognition of his merit which the new assignment discloses.

It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the selection of Mr. Voorhies for the management of the new American bank at Uruguay. This branch bank, like a number of others now being arranged for, will constitute an important unit in one of the most extensive trade movements of modern times.

For many years the United States has been a rather weak competitor for South American trade. Germany, England, Austria and other European countries had left Uncle Sam far behind in the cementing of profitable trade relations with the people of South America. The pending international struggle, which almost obliterated German and Austrian trade lines, and greatly reduced the competing power of England in the South American trade game, opened the door of opportunity to the exporters of the United States, and a concerted effort is being made to turn the tide of foreign commerce of South America in this direction.

One of the chief impediments to proper trade relations with the United States was found to be lack of media for quick exchange of currency in the Latin-American republics. Europe had its branch banks on the ground, whereas American banking with South America was done by long distance. In order to remove this barrier to closer business relations, congress passed an act authorizing the establishment of branches of national banks in South America. It is to the management of one of these branch banks that Mr. Voorhies has been assigned.

The selection of Mr. Voorhies is a compliment to his ability, to the local financial interests he has served so faithfully and well, and to the city of Shreveport itself. Although still a very young man Mr. Voorhies, who came here about five years ago from New Iberia, where he had considerable banking experience, has risen rapidly and begins his new career in a foreign clime under auspices that practically insure success.

To an intimate knowledge of banking, Mr. Voorhies adds exceptional judgment in the matter of credits and an affability and evenness of temperament that will be of distinct service to himself and the interests he is to represent in his new field of activity. Those who have watched Mr. Voorhies' Shreveport career are convinced that the National City Bank, which has deposits of \$450,000,000, and is rated America's greatest banking institution, has chosen judiciously and well.—Shreveport Times.

## MT. CARMEL NOTES.

### EASTERTIDE.

"He Is Risen."

"The sealed stone shut a void and lo,  
The Mother and the Son had met!  
For her a day that ne'er should set  
Had burst upon the night of woe.  
In sudden glory stood He there  
And gently raised her to His heart,  
And on His Heart in perfect rest  
She leaned her own in voiceless prayer."

On "Easter Sunday," the grandest feast of the Church Masses were celebrated with all the glories and solemnities of the Church. It seemed as if the "Alleluias" were quivering in the fresh green leaves of the trees. The sunlight of the Easter morning was so glad, so entrancing, one could almost believe that, as in the old childish legend, it had danced at its rising.

Alleluia! "Rejoice, O Queen of Heaven!"

For He Whom thou didst desire to bear Has risen as He said: "This festival thrills the great heart of humanity, as perhaps no other, with hope and triumph. The Celebrant bade the people rejoice, whatever might be their trials; for pain and sorrow, the heritage of Good Friday, was this day turned to gladness and victory, and so it will be one day with earthly sorrow which had been borne in the Name of Christ."

Edifying indeed was the great outpouring of worshippers—wending their way to the feet of their Creator. A spirit of prayer, gratitude and blissful hope pervaded the atmosphere, as the great throng met day after day to enter into the Spirit of the Church during Holy Week. Every morning great numbers received Holy Communion. Holy Thursday the Repository was aglow with many lighted tapers which twinkled from among many lovely spring blossoms, shedding their sweet fragrance around the "Holy Presence." All day devout souls spent many hours with the "Author of All Gifts."

Good Friday a masterful French Sermon was delivered by the able assistant, Rev. L. Gheude. His theme, "The Death of Christ was very touching. Holy Saturday Blessing of fire, paschal candle and baptismal font and Mass, at seven o'clock. Thousands have already made their Easter Duties. Many more expected as the Paschal Times does not end till Trinity Sunday, May 30th.

The Lord is Risen! Rise ye also.

Easter Monday the pupils of the Convent enjoyed an Egg Hunt on the spacious grounds. Hundreds of eggs of all colors had been hidden in the sweet clover. Prize winners were: Emmet Muntz, Annette Mignes, Anna Broussard, Aline Villerman, Ruth Guillot, John Estrada, Carmen Harry, Cecile Conrad, Olive Gaude, George LeBlanc, Rita Armandez and Irma Segura.

Contests in Literature, Music and Spelling were held in all the classes. Those awarded prizes were: Literature, Miss Daisy Fagot, Regina Landry, Maude Guelfoe, Mabel Howorka, Spelling, Sophie Landry, Katherine Burke, Elodie Broussard, Mercedes Romero, Margaret Folse, Marie Courrege, Rose Hamilton, Olive Gaude, Marjorie Darby, Lucille Renoulet, Masters Jacob Landry, Howard Delahoussaye, George LeBlanc, John Estrada, Herman Segura, Edwin Broussard, Music, Misses Daisy Fagot, Maude Guelfoe, Carmen Harry, Alberta DeBlanc, Valerie Lienhard, Edna Howorka and Lucille Fagot.

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## Official Minutes Board of Trustees.

New Iberia, April 5th, 1915.  
The Board of Trustees of the City of New Iberia convened this day with Mayor Alphe Fontebien absent, Mr. J. Paul Suberbielle acting Mayor and Mr. Villerman present.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved on motion of Mr. Villerman, seconded by Mr. Suberbielle.

The cost of installing two lights on Dale and Banks, was estimated at \$48.00 by the Trustee of Public Property, on motion of Mr. Villerman, the two lights was ordered installed.

Doctor Walter Carstens' report follows:  
New Iberia, April 5th, 1915.  
City Commissioners, New Iberia, La.:

Gentlemen—Two more cases having been found since our last report. Both of these cases are white persons and the disease is in the mild form. We discharged four patients this week leaving therefore, but four cases under treatment. All cases are doing well. In each and every instance where small pox was discovered within the last few weeks the

patients had every opportunity to be vaccinated but either neglected to do so or refused, showing that the non-vaccinated are responsible for a continuance of the disease. Again we advise vaccination.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. F. CARSTENS, M. D.,  
City Physician.

The following bills were read and ordered paid on motion of Mr. Villerman, seconded by Mr. Suberbielle: H. F. Reynard, repairing road machine, \$7.20; Clovis L. Louviere, feeding prisoners \$3.15; Estorge Drug Co., drugs, \$21.75; W. F. Villerman, lamps, \$19.80; Pfister Bros., making badge \$1.00; A. M. Bernard, repairs to Fire Truck No. 1, \$12.25; Crescent Typewriter Co., examination paper, \$4.75; Mouton & Prescott, ink, 40c; Sidney Romero, groceries \$7.10.

On motion of Mr. Suberbielle, seconded by Mr. Villerman, the meeting adjourned.

J. PAUL SUBERBIELLE,  
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LAWRENCE F. VILLERMIN,  
Clerk.

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