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### SLOW-COMING HELP.

Without dilating upon the mismanagement in some particular, which has caused two wrecks on the Great Northern railway within ninety days, if indeed that road is wholly to blame, it is entirely pertinent to observe that the slowness of the relief train in getting to the scene was commented on at the former accident, as well as in the one of Wednesday morning.

The idea of its taking two hours for a relief train to run twelve miles!

When human beings are mangled, suffering and dying, imagine their only relief giving the right of way to other trains, whose only obvious mission was business!

If this be boasted twentieth century progress and humanity, let us boast less, and learn to do more and—do it more quickly!

### CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

It is a blessed day when the daily press contains no revolting accounts of assaults upon women by black brutes and the equally revolting recital of the summary and cruel vengeance meted out to the guilty wretches, without trial by judge or jury. Many good Christian men often form a part of the mobs wreaking vengeance and feel no compunction of conscience in so doing.

Without stopping to discuss the main question of the justifiability of lynch law, which is often discussed and upon which even good people are not agreed, there can be no doubt that in many cases of violation of white females, the white people have been guilty of what the law designates, in other cases, contributory negligence.

In quite ninety per cent of the cases reported it will be noticed that it took place on a lonely road, a deserted corner of a town or an isolated country house, where women have been unprotected. Girls and women ride freely over lonely plantation roads or long stretches of public roads which are quite as lonely. They often linger out till late in the evening before returning home several miles away.

The wonder is not so much that such things occur but that they do not occur more frequently. Southern people do not seem to realize—although they have had enough to force the realization upon them—that the kindly race of slaves are no more; that though there are many good, law-abiding negroes, that there are many more who not only "know not Joseph" but despise his traditions. It is this class, which even fear does not restrain, and it can never be known in what creature this diabolical impulse will appear.

If a man lived in Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, India, or any other foreign place he would observe every precaution to protect his womankind, but because he lives in the United States he wraps his dear ones in a false security, overlooks many obvious precautions to protect them from danger and thus by contributory negligence brings about the evil of which has the greatest horror, and which he would willingly give his life to avert.

Merely a little more circumspection in the care of white women, wholesome restraint of their movements in unfrequented localities would be all that is necessary to prevent a large percentage of cases of ravishment.

### BAD BOOK-KEEPING AT STATE NORMAL.

W. L. Young, State Examiner of State Banks makes report to the Governor that an examination of the books of the State Normal at Natchitoches reveals great looseness of method and gross carelessness under Prof. B. C. Caldwell. A shortage of \$25,000 to meet outstanding debts is found. Prof. Caldwell had reported about \$17,000, but Mr. Young says it reaches the higher figure. These debts seem mainly to be for permanent improvements, though some have been made for maintenance, as well as the use of \$15,000 accumulated by the boarding club at that school. Mr. Young recommends to President Aswell more rigid book-keeping and the preservation of vouchers.

Mr. Caldwell is further charged with keeping herds of cattle and swine on state property and selling their product to the school. Says the Governor concerning this: "I was in possession of sufficient facts to warrant me in my conclusions that conditions at the State Normal were in bad shape when I removed Mr. Caldwell. Subsequent investigations have more than borne out that belief."

In view of these disclosures which are now made, it is to be wondered that so much mystery was thrown about Mr. Caldwell's removal. If it was known that he was guilty of these delinquencies, why should it not have been plainly stated rather than to leave him to be suspected of even viler misdemeanors, or Mr. Sanders, of the arbitrary use of political power to punish his enemy and reward his friend?

Why was not Mr. Caldwell taken to task severely, immediately after his report to the Legislature of over-running his appropriation? It would have been fairer to give him an opportunity to answer these charges in person than to send him out of the State under a cloud, as it were.

### Night Riding Condemned And Condoned.

Fiery denunciation of night riding and equally fiery defense of the night riders threw the cotton convention at Memphis into disorder and nearly terminated the proceedings before the programme had fairly begun for the last day's session. Walter Clark of Clarksdale, Miss., precipitated the trouble, when he wandered from the subject of "Baling and Handling of Cotton," to discuss the night riding situation. He bitterly denounced night riding, called the night riders "curs" and men who shot people in the back.

A C. Roane, a resident of north Mississippi, jumped on his chair and called Mr. Clark to order. He said the night riders were an oppressed people, fighting for what they believed right, working against overwhelming odds, but always from the best motives. His words created a sensation in the convention. Men stood on their chairs and the greatest confusion prevailed.

President Jordan refused to entertain motion to adjourn sine die, and requested Mr. Clark to go on with his paper. This he did, and the programme was proceeded with.

The General Committee on Resolutions, composed of Messrs. P. M. Potts, D. L. Maxwell, A. E. Going and R. K. Boney, presented their report, which was unanimously adopted by the Convention. The report earnestly recommended that so far as possible in each individual case none of the crop of 1908, still in the ownership of the producer, be sold below 10 cents per pound for short-staple cotton, and urged growers to sell the crop so as to prevent selling in excess of one-tenth per month of the remaining crop of 1908. The cotton growers are urged to apply to the local banks for loans secured by warehouse receipts representing cotton to be held for the purpose of being marketed only when demanded for actual consumption.

### Boll Weevil Convention.

The Boll Weevil Convention at Baton Rouge was attended by a large number of planters. The first practical address on the subject was made by Dr. J. A. Evans of Shreveport, in charge of the United States Farmers' Demonstration work. His remarks amplified the following points:

First was the preparation of the soil; second, the selection of early varieties of cotton; third, the thorough cultivation of the crop; fourth, the picking up and the burning of the squares that fall early in the spring and that are infested with the weevil, and fifth, the burning of the stalks of cotton after the cotton has been gathered by the middle of October.

Dr. W. D. Hunter, representing the national government's work against the boll weevil, delivered a strong address. He said that Texas had been a great sufferer from the pest, and that Louisiana had even more to fear than Texas, as the dangers increase in proportion to rainfall, amount of timber and poor drainage, all of which were characteristics of this state. The main points of control he epitomized thus:

"Destroy weevils in the fall.

"Destroy weevils that may have escaped burning and be found along hedge rows, fences, etc.

"Prepare land early and thoroughly.

"Provide wide rows and plenty of space between the rows for the assistance of the natural enemies of the weevil.

"Insure an early crop by planting early maturing varieties.

"Chop early and give frequent cultivation in pursuance of the policy of making the crop.

"Where labor is sufficient pick the first appearing weevils and infested squares, but do not burn these squares.

"Use a cross-bar of iron or wood cultivators.

"Do not poison for the leaf worm unless its work begins at an abnormally early date."

Before adjourning the convention passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the cultivation of cotton in this section should not be abandoned, but that it should be continued in spite of the boll weevil, and that the advice given by the eminent men who have addressed the Convention relative to the fall destruction of cotton stalks, early planting of quick-maturing varieties of cotton, scientific fertilization and frequent workings should be adopted and followed by all who continue to raise cotton.

"Resolved, That a committee composed of two members from each parish represented at this convention be appointed by the Chair to organize an association to be called the antiboll weevil association of Louisiana, and that said committee be and is hereby granted full powers to act, to elect officers, to increase its own membership by an appointment of members from parishes not represented in this Convention and generally to do all things necessary or advisable to perfect an organization which will insure co-operative action in combating the threatened ravages of the boll weevil."

The present membership of the Anti-Boll Weevil Association of Louisiana, as appointed by Judge T. J. Kernan, chairman of the convention, as follows: N. S. Dougherty, East Baton Rouge, chairman; Senator Barousse, Acadia; Mr. Roman, Acadia; Sidney Gondran, Ascension; L. Geismar, Ascension; Edward Coco and E. Plauche, Avoyelles; J. J. Meredith and M. M. Davidson, James McNeil, East Baton Rouge; Howell Morgan and John N. Dudley, East Feliciana; W. W. Ventress and Henry Cohn, Iberville; W. I. Cockerhan and W. L.

Jones and Burlin Starns, Livingston; G. Mercer and J. B. Churchill, Pointe Coupee; Edward Anderson and Eugene Watson, St. Helena; Ozeme Fontenot and J. P. Savan, St. Landry; A. A. Murrell and R. Bienvienn, St. Martin; O. Mary, West Baton Rouge; Dr. Feltus Barrow, Cheston Folkes and W. H. Richardson, West Feliciana.

The association of Louisiana has the right to elect its own officers, to increase its membership and to fill all vacancies.

Mr. Adler has returned from Honduras to meet the charges against him.

### Yupon, the Southern Holly.

The purple and gold of early autumn have faded from view with the passing of wild indigo and goldenrod. But the glow of Indian summer still lingers on the wooded hills and its rich hyacinthine mists are lazily lying in the fertile valleys. Scarlet and crimson mingle with the evergreen of forest trees making altogether a pageant of our Southern woods.

And as if it could not bide till its own late season, when it usually comes to brighten the dullness of December, the yupon, with its millions of scarlet berries, may be seen at every hand upon the country roads.

It is strange that so few know the name of this widely disseminated and abundant wild Southern shrub. The children call it "Christmas berry," which is prettier than its own name, variously spelled Yupon, Yaupon, Yupon.

It is a species of holly, but without the wide prickly leaves, and its bright berries are more abundant. The writer likes to call it Southern holly and would wish to see it more widely grown and appreciated. It would make fine hedges and ornamental shrubs, for at this season and on through the darkest days of winter, each separate growth is a "burning bush" out of which God speaks in beauty.

### EDITORIALETTES.

"Hold cotton" says Gov. Sanders. The trouble is that most farmers have none to hold.

Something to quicken cotton prices, right now, to pay debts would be the salvation of the farmer.

What is scaring a good many to death is the prospect of having to put out about five times as much work as formerly to raise a crop of cotton. The good, lazy times are gone into the limbo of things that were.

A rattling detective story is enjoyed by almost every one, but when it comes to unraveling a mystery in real life, the task is not an easy one. It takes a professional.

They call it "political persecution" in Baton Rouge when a Grand Jury "wants to be shown" where the people's money went.

Carmack's murderers must be supersensitive only in spots. They can stand actually doing things better than being accused of doing them.

### Big Train Wreck.

Eight were killed and twenty or more badly injured by a collision between trains of the Great Northern and the Northeastern railroads at Little Woods station, 12 miles out of New Orleans, Wednesday morning.

The Great Northern has an arrangement with the Northeastern by which it uses the tracks of the Northeastern from Slidell to New Orleans. It is expected that there will be a searching investigation on the part of officials of both lines in order to fix the financial responsibility for claims arising from the wreck. That there will be two sides to the story was indicated as early as a few minutes after the wreck, when the Northeastern claimed that the wreck occurred at 8 a. m. and the Great Northern crew contended that it occurred at 8:04 a. m.

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