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FELICIANA SAUSAGE: AN OPPORTUNITY.

A St. Martinsville man is selling all of his country sausage, by parcel post, at five pounds for a dollar. As the sausage-makers of West Feliciana, that sell in Bayou Sara and St. Francisville get that price for all that they offer, the parcel post scheme will not especially appeal to them, unless they take into consideration—as they should the cost and bother of peddling this palatable meat. However there must be many more in the parish, to whom local patronage has been inaccessible, who could take advantage of the parcel post to sell sausage at a good price. There is no better sausage made in the world than right here in the Felicianas. Some of the recipes handed down from mother to daughter would make Lucullus envious, and produce sausage that far surpasses the famed Jones Dairy sausage sold only by the groceries catering to the richest patrons throughout the United States. This is a fact. With no desire to "splurge" but with intent to compare the relative merits of the two kinds of sausage, we bought some recently at Baton Rouge and brought it home for the family table. As soon as it was tasted, the Irrepressible exclaimed: "Why this is not near as good as the W—sausage"—a home-made brand. And the Jones sausage was not so good. The meat had a weak, sickish taste as compared with the home product. And yet the latter sells for 20 cents, the former for 35 cents!

Opportunity has been knocking at home-raiser's doors these many years, but with the parcel post service added, it is fairly trying to break the doors down. One little lady of West Feliciana however—a new-comer it must be said to our shame—has opened her door to this opportunity. She sells all of her sausage by parcel post to wealthy customers in New Orleans at FORTY CENTS A POUND. "I told them" said she, naively, "that the Jones sausage sells for 35 cents a pound, and as mine was so much better, I must have forty cents." And she gets it.

EASY MARKS.

A number of newspapers fell for the press notice sent out by the Louisiana Conservation Commission, advertising a St. Louis fur firm. The Commission, we feel sure, inadvertently fell into the free-advertising trap, and certain of the Louisiana press followed like so many sheep. The question is often put before the press whether publicity shall be given different matters, which incidentally mean pecuniary advantage to individuals. In each instance, the question should be decided whether the public good sufficiently transcends the private gain to warrant the free advertisement. Frequently this is the case, and no true newspaper hesitates to give the publicity. The Commission evidently fell into the error of supposing that the greater good would accrue to the fur trappers, as their market had been cut off for some time. But almost at the same moment, the New Orleans market opened, but the advertising for St. Louis went merrily on, thanks to the sheep-like proclivities of thoughtless newspapers. Such incidents warrant the prevailing impression that any copy, already prepared for the country editor, will be duly gobbled up by him.

DECEIVING NEW-COMERS.

Deal honestly with the land purchasers, and especially new-comers who are seeking homes. Don't sell them land upon which it is impossible to raise any kind of crop. We have thousands upon thousands of acres of good land, capable of profitable cultivation. When a prospective settler comes along tell him of this kind, or don't sell him any. It is best to lose a dozen prospective purchasers than to have a disappointed and dissatisfied citizen, for the latter can do more harm to the community than a dozen years' time can counteract. And it isn't any use to say some of our settlers have not been misled by sharp scheming agents, who located them in meadows upon which a fieldwork could not sustain itself for a week in a year. A satisfied and desirable settler is the best investment that a community can have, and with our abundance of good land we ought not ever to have any other kind.—Coast Beacon.

"MOVE ON" POLICY WRONG.

"Hoboes should be urged to move on," says a Louisiana newspaper, that should know better. We frequently take occasion to point out the evils of the "move on" theory. Easy-going communities, wanting to be rid of a nuisance, either home-bred or of the hobo variety, give the offender notice to leave; apparently caring little for the trouble thus foisted upon some other community, innocent and unsuspecting. This criminal folly began when Hagar became persona non grata in the tents of Abraham, and she and her innocent child were cast out into the desert. Since then, all peoples have acted upon the theory that banishment answers such problems and all similar ones. Is it not time that communities should become more humane, more intelligent? Should they not learn that "the move-on" custom is not fulfilling the law of civilization either to the one moved, or the people moved upon?

For instance, the hobo should be looked after, where he first appears,—by means of the operation of laws founded on the old, old law of life, that if a man will not work, neither shall he eat. To look after the hobo thus will save many another town trouble, and possibly save the wanderer himself.

There appears in Kimball's Dairy Farmer, an article by H. E. Colby, on "Louisiana—a Great Dairy Possibility." The only harm such articles can do will be to awaken enterprising people of the North and West to the vast opportunities that lie dormant in Louisiana, before the home Rip Van Winkles are aroused.

THE SNAPPY WAY TO CREDIT.

(The Country Gentleman.) "Here's my statement. I should like to borrow one thousand dollars!" This is one way to approach a banker for a loan, and a way that generally wins. Nine times out of ten hesitation is fatal. Thousands of solvent farmers are turned down because they are diffident and bashful when they make advances for a loan. This is as true in the small towns as in the cities.

Looking at it from one viewpoint it would seem arbitrarily unjust for a banker to deny a solvent man's appeal for credit simply on the ground of hesitancy and awkward fumbling at preliminaries. But listen to the philosophy of a veteran country financier, who has long made it more or less of a rule to deny the bashful and diffident and to accede to the snappy requests of the more self-confident:

"In lending money it is just as important to gauge a man's disposition to pay as his ability to pay. The man who will beat round the bush in negotiating a loan will take the longest way round in paying up. The man who comes into my bank and discusses the weather, his neighbor's twins and the blighted romance of his hired girl by way of working up his courage to request a loan is the man who is likely to bother my life out with extensions and renewals. It hurts that kind of man to borrow and it is going to hurt him twice as much to pay. He is going to dawdle with you at both ends of the transaction.

"I would rather lend money to an insolvent man who was getting on his feet and had a direct, crisp way of approaching a matter of business than to a solvent man who suffered from an impediment in his disposition that caused him to go the longest way round to a given point. Of course there are exceptions to this as to all other rules, but the guiding principle is there, and all would-be borrowers should bear it in mind when they go to the bank."

ELECTION EXPENSES TOO HEAVY

(Lake Charles American-Press.) The present election laws put the state and parishes of Louisiana to an enormous election expense. For each election, practically two must be held—one to decide who the democratic candidate shall be, and another to show how many votes they can get when they have no opposition. The rise of the progressives in the Third District will add another election to the total. This will mean in those devoted parishes two general elections and four general primaries, not to speak of municipal elections, bond elections, school elections and second primaries, during the year 1916.

Conceivably the time may come when the parishes can save money by hiring their election commissioners and clerks by the year instead of by the job. We might appeal to the legislature to find some way of alleviating the expense if it were not for the tendency of that honored but erratic body to make things they propose to remedy even worse than they were in their original state.

Inquisitiveness, officiousness, superciliousness are always resented, but real neighborliness never.

Voltaire wrote: Shun idleness; it is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals.

True progress is to do well to-day, but better to-morrow.

STAMP TAXES.

There are two classes of stamps for the payment of the stamp taxes which went into effect Tuesday. One class will be for use on proprietary articles and wines, the other for documents. The proprietary stamps range from one-eighth to 20 cents, and the documentary stamps from one-half cent to \$1,000.

The adhesive stamp taxes are the ones which in most cases will fall directly on the average citizen. Following is the official schedule of the stamp tax which went into effect Tuesday.

Bonds, debentures, certificates of indebtedness by any association, company or corporation, new issues, \$100 par value, five cents each.

Sales or agreements to sell stock, \$100 par value, two cents each.

Agreement of sale of products or merchandise on exchanges, each \$100, one cent.

Promissory notes, except bank notes for circulation and renewals, each \$100, two cents.

Bundles shipped by freight or express, one cent.

Telegraph and telephone companies, on each message over 15 cents, one cent.

Senders of telephone and telegraph messages, on each over 15 cents, one cent.

Certificates of profits of corporations, etc., and transfers thereof, face value each \$100, two cents.

Damage certificates, etc., 25 cents. Other certificates required by law, 10 cents.

Broker's note or memorandum of sale, 10 cents.

Deeds or realty transfers valued between \$100 and \$500, 50 cents. Same, each additional \$500, 50 cents.

Entry of goods at custom house, \$100 value, 25 cents. Same, not exceeding \$500 value, 50 cents. Same, exceeding \$500 value, \$1.00.

Entry for withdrawal of goods from customs bonded warehouse, 50 cents. Insurance of property, new or renewed policies, each dollar, one-half cent.

Policies of insurance or bond of nature of indemnity for loss, each dollar, one cent.

Passenger tickets by sea to foreign port, costing less than ten dollars, \$1. Same, not exceeding \$60, \$3. Same, exceeding \$60, \$5.

Perfumery, cosmetics, etc., vaseline, hair dyes, tooth washes, graded in values of five cents up to 15 cents, each 5 cents, one-eighth cent. Same, valued from 15 to 25 cents, five-eighths cents. Same, each additional 25 cents retail, five-eighths cents.

Chewing gum, etc., valued less than \$1 a unit, four-tenths cents. Same, each additional \$1, four-tenths cents. Voting powers or proxies, 10 cents. Power to convey real estate, protests, 25 cents. Palace or parlor car seat or berth, one cent.

BEWARE OF ANY SINGLE CROP.

(Ruston Leader.) Speak to some men about diversification of crops, and they will say: "We tried cantaloupes and sometimes the price we got hardly paid for the crating and freight; then we tried onions and that didn't pay and then we tried peanuts; they paid awhile, but there is little profit in present prices and hard to sell at that." So is cotton still harder to sell.

But that is not diversifying at all; it is a one crop business, as much as one crop cotton. Diversification of crops is the planting of numbers of kinds of farm products—oats, corn, cotton, grasses, peas, potatoes—both kinds—peanuts, cane, pumpkins, cabbage, collards, turnips and all kinds of fruits and berries. Then diversify these with stock and poultry raising, which is very profitable. Breed horses, mules, cows, hogs, sheep, goats, geese, turkeys, ducks or chickens.

We do not know a man who thus diversifies agricultural industry that is not a prosperous farmer, neither do you. There is always enough waste on an ordinary farm to half feed a pretty good bunch of hogs, which are the most prolific of all farm animals, and the meat is always saleable—a good market for it all the time—and so there is for beef, mutton and fowls. Of course, all these require careful attention and protection from disease to make the business profitable; so does any other business require close attention to succeed.

SAVING IN COOKING.

Generally the water is wasted in which vegetables are cooked. Put less water with the vegetables and save that to serve as a basis for soups, to use with stews, to make into causes which will help you to compound made dishes. The water in which rice is boiled is so rich in starch that it will jelly when allowed to cool—and yet this is usually turned down the sink. So is the water in which macaroni or spaghetti has been cooked. Try putting it where it will get cold and see how it thickens from the cooked starch it contains.

Green vegetables which have been boiled have parted with many of their most valuable properties when the water is poured off of them before dressing and serving them. What is left is fiber and starch chiefly; the

Thrifty, shrewd, careful people make it a HABIT to read our "Little Ads."

Do you? These ads are money savers and money makers. Keep your eyes on them.

"LITTLE ADS."

FOR SALE—Creole Onion Plants, 10c per 100, 90c per 1000. AMADEE S. LEONARD. (28N4)

WANTED—A three hundred acre tract of land. Seller to give particulars as to location, price per acre, water supply, and improvements, etc. W. K. DOUGLAS, Agent, Wilcox, La.

LAND WANTED We have buyers for farms, plantations, timber, cutover and large tracts of all kinds. Must be bargains. Describe fully, name bottom price and terms. DE SOTO LAND CO., Masonic Bldg., Baton Rouge, La. (14N4)

FOR SALE—Frost-proof cabbage plants, \$1 per 1000; Bermuda Yellow Onion Sets, \$1.50 per 1000. Buy at home. G. L. PLETTERING.

Antique mahogany furniture wanted. Address A. A. S., 1448 La. Avenue, New Orleans, La. 3

FOR SALE—Red Rust Proof Seed Oats, Pea Vine and Lespedeza Hay and Seed. JAS. P. BOWMAN.

FOR SALE—25 high grade South-down Ewes, bred to registered ram. \$3 each. PARKER STOCK FARM.

FOR SALE—A few fine Duroc-Jersey pigs. PARKER STOCK FARM. 14

FOR SALE—Grade Hereford Cattle. Lespedeza Hay and Seed. EDWARD BUTLER, St. Francisville, La.

NOTICE. Automobiles will not be permitted in the Rosedown field. JAS. P. BOWMAN

I will appreciate any information leading to the recovery of cattle branded N. 5. that may have strayed from the pastures near Plettenberg. F. S. PERCY, Agent, Plettenberg, La.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., Dec. 1, 1914. At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held this day, the following members were present: A. B. Briant, Mayor; G. W. Newman, George Rettig, R. Yunkes, F. O. Hamilton, and L. W. Rogers, Board of Aldermen. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Mayor and Marshal reported one case. Motion made by Yunkes and seconded by Rogers, That Secretary be authorized to order piping for reservoir as per blue print of V. E. Smith. Carried. Motion made by Hamilton, seconded by Rogers, That Secretary be authorized to notify V. E. Smith to make final test of reservoir. Carried. Motion made by Yunkes, seconded by Rogers, That the following bills, salaries, fees, etc., be paid: J. J. Muller, salary, \$100.00; H. R. Anderson, salary, 50.00; G. L. Plettinger, salary, 60.00; Jas. Butler, salary, 10.00; G. S. Davidson, salary, 55.00; R. W. Tempel, salary, 8.00; G. W. Newman, attending meet., 1.00; George Rettig, same, 1.00; F. O. Hamilton, same, 1.00; Rudolph Yunkes, same, 1.00; L. W. Rogers, same, 1.00; A. B. Briant, same, 1.00; G. S. Davidson, fee, one arrest, 1.00; J. A. Lawson, shoeing mules, 4.00; Chas. Weydert, supplies, 18.33; R. C. Brasseaux, maintaining prisoners, 1.80; G. L. Plettinger, cash expended Ft. Wayne Electrical Co., repair meter, 2.82; General Electric Co., supplies, 12.79; Dr. W. H. Taylor, President Board of Health and viewing body of Chas. Williams, 55.00; M. & E. Wolf, supplies, 18.00; Crandell Packing Co., packing, 18.44; R. Yunkes, making breaching, etc., for boiler, 12.35; General Electric Co., lamps, 3.36; American Express Co., C. O. D. from Chase Engine Company, 14.17; On motion, \$75.00 was appropriated to road fund and \$275.00 to plant fund.

RECESS WARRANTS.

B. Jackson, road, \$ 6.00; R. Ball, road, 6.00; B. Jackson, road, 6.00; R. Ball, road, 6.00; G. S. Davidson, part salary, 15.00; Buster Range, levee, 2.00; Eddie Reynolds, levee, 1.50; Booze Jackson, road and levee, 6.00; Robert Ball, road and levee, 6.00; On motion of Yunkes, seconded by Rettig, meeting adjourned. A. B. BRIANT, Mayor. G. L. PLETTERING, Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original minutes as they appear on pages 318 and 319 of minute book "4."

G. L. PLETTERING, Clerk.

best flavoring, the salts, etc., have been thrown out. Try cooking your vegetables in less water and saving this for soup, or cook the more succulent varieties in a double boiler without water, or steam them and you will notice the improvement in taste. You will have more nourishment and more savor than you did in cooking them by the old method.

EDENBORN LINE (Louisiana Railway & Navigation Co.) THE SHORT LINE THE POPULAR ROUTE BETWEEN Shreveport, Alexandria, Baton Rouge and New Orleans and to all points in the East and Southeast E. C. D. MARSHALL, General Freight and Passenger Agent Shreveport, La.

SEEDS CLOVERS, OATS, RYE, ETC., CABBAGE, ONION, TURNIP, ETC. PLANTS CABBAGE, CELERY, CAULIFLOWER LEHMANN'S SEED STORE 245 Main St., BATON ROUGE, LA.

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POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS. St. Francisville, La., Dec. 2, 1914. The Police Jury met in regular session with a full attendance as follows: C. F. Howell, president; C. Weydert, A. S. Brasseaux, R. Daniel, W. H. Richardson, Lovett Wright, J. S. Clack, T. H. Row, N. H. Barrow, Ike Cutrer, and S. L. Lavergne. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Following bills ordered paid: True Democrat, election proclamation, \$ 12.50; Jim Roth, sundries, 3.35; J. H. Clack, maintaining prisoners, October, 16.40; E. S. Muse, insanity papers, 3.00; Mrs. A. H. Mumford, sundries, 8.10; J. H. Clack, turkey fee, Oct., 2.00; N. E. Harvey, road account, 2.00; Joe Daniel, road account, 1.75; T. J. Ard, expressage, 2.77; Dick Veal, care of court house, 10.00; J. H. Clack, bringing prisoner Jim Roth, road account, 9.18; Abe Mann, clothing, prisoners, 6.50; M. M. Cotton, hauling culvert, 1.00; J. H. Clack, turkey fees, 4.00; R. Yunkes, jail account, 2.95; R. Yunkes, court house, 1.00; T. J. Ard, road account, 90.00; A. W. Noland, road account, 75.00; Dave Ealy, road account, 31.25; Monroe Rowan, road account, 17.50; Mrs. H. Connell, team hire, 31.25; T. J. Ard, board account, 35.00; J. Bob Daniel, 2 barrels corn, 1.00; Van Noland, road, 1.00; J. C. Storm, jail, 4.40; James Aubic, refund taxes, 12.00; R. Yunkes, road machine, 6.85; Walter Wright, road, 5.50; Alex Middleton, pauper, 2.50; H. W. Thom, road contract, 45.00; Ben Stirling, road account, 1.00; Dave Ealy, road account, 1.00; M. I. Barrow, hauling lumber, 10.00; M. & E. Wolf, road supplies, 74.16; Gallion Iron Works, note and interest, 1,019.46; T. J. Ard, 1 day road, 3.45; R. M. Leake, 2 mos. salary, 25.00; R. M. Leake, telephone bill, 1.35; J. H. Clack, maintaining prisoners, 14.00.

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Let your first efforts be, not for wealth, but for independence. None of us can afford to say all the fool things we would like to say. In taking the bull by the horns a good deal depends upon the size of the temper of the bull.