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### SUCCESS LIES IN MUTUAL SERVICE

And we earnestly desire to see every acre in West Feliciana made beautifully productive and every citizen happy and prosperous. It has been proven that all this is possible if we would only try.

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**GEO. RETTIG'S**  
OF COURSE.

## ANOTHER WEST FELICIANA PLANTATION CHANGES OWNERSHIP

PROMINENT NEW ORLEANS PEOPLE ACQUIRE "MAGNOLIA"

## WILL BE DEVOTED TO DIVERSIFIED FARMING AND STOCK-RAISING

West Feliciana Parish Welcomed Many Valuable Citizens During Past Year.

The Magnolia plantation of 1,425 acres, belonging to the estate of Mrs. S. J. Fort, was sold this week to Mr. Chas. W. Mackie, one of the sons of the president of the Albert Mackie Grocer Co. of New Orleans. This land will be carried as the Mackie Live Stock Farm and will be devoted to the raising of diversified crops and all kinds of high-bred live stock. One of the young members of the Mackie family will live here on his lands, and manage the same for the company which is to own the place. A large amount of money will eventually be spent in all kinds of improvements, and it is the intention of the purchasers to make it one of the most up-to-date live stock farms in the state. In all probability a dairy will also be put in, and if so, it will be a model in every way.

Magnolia is admirably situated for the purposes in view by the new owners. It is situated in the southern part of the parish, contiguous to Forest and Ball plantations. Part of it lies between the lines of the Louisiana Railway & Navigation and the Woodville Branch of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroads, and the remainder has a fine frontage on the latter road. In fact, extending from the Mississippi River to the vicinity of Star Hill. It is fine for home and business purposes alike.

Again has West Feliciana scored heavily in getting such a high class purchaser for one of its big plantations. The family buying this place is one of the wealthiest in the state, and as one of the younger men will build a fine residence and live here, we may well be proud of our new-comers. There is not a parish in the state that can show such a fine lot of new people as this one can. Such men as John M. Parker, Albert L. Soule, A. Smith Bowman, Mr. Shay, Mr. Fred Terry, Jas. and Edw. Murphy, Lee O. Lester, Dr. E. S. Milford, Jas. Montgomery and family, and now Chas. W. Mackie, have all bought lands here within the past twelve months or so.

The future of West Feliciana parish was never brighter, for with the coming of these new people with the great amount of capital they control, this section will rapidly come to the front.

The prospect for bringing in more men of wealth and standing was never brighter, and it is hoped the parish will soon be full of these excellent settlers who will help us develop our parish into a great and wealthy one. The sale of the Magnolia plantation to Mr. Mackie was made through Mr. J. R. Matthews and an associated real estate firm in New Orleans.

Coincidental with the coming of these big land-owners, if West Feliciana can also introduce a number of small farmers, the agricultural and economic balance will be perfect. The cutting up into small farms and the diversification of our industries is the salvation of this section. Large land-owners should facilitate this movement in every way they can by selling off their surplus lands at attractive prices, for it is a positive and well-known fact that if this parish gets many new people in with money and they make their lands worth from \$50 to \$100 an acre in the next five or ten years, they certainly will enhance the value of all the lands of the parish. To shut out these new people who want to invest here by asking exorbitant prices for our lands at this time, or refusing to sell off surplus lands is worse than folly. It harms not only one's self but others. Land-poor people suffer for ready money, while holding their land for the big prices they expect to get in the future. They follow a mistaken policy. Of what avail will

## BATON ROUGE FIRM MAKES LARGE ADVERTISING DEAL WITH THE TRUE DEMOCRAT

Rosenfeld Dry Goods Company Will Use 1500 Inches of Space in This Paper.

The Rosenfeld Dry Goods Company of Baton Rouge this week signed a contract with this paper for 1500 inches of display advertising to be used during the year 1915.

This is probably the largest advertising contract ever made with any newspaper in the Feliciana parishes, and amounts to a total of twelve and one-half pages or approximately an average of one-fourth of a page for each issue during the present year.

Among several things which this contract proves are: First, that the Rosenfeld Dry Goods Company is conducted along progressive lines, and, as such, realizes the importance of newspaper publicity in connection with modern mercantile methods; second, that the trade in the territory served by this publication is worth going after; and, third, that this paper is the proper vehicle to reach the buying public in this vicinity.

enhanced values be when you are dead and gone? Is it not better to sell off odd lots, corners, cuts, etc., from the large plantations to the small buyer, whose presence will raise the price of the remainder?

## PURPOSES OF FARMERS' DEMONSTRATION MEET

The purpose of the Farmers' Demonstration Conference is to extend and intensify the information of the participants along the lines of breeding and feeding beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs and poultry; the use of improved farm implements; rotation of crops; preservation of soil fertility; and hastening the solution of problems in home economics. These things mean the making of Louisiana farming profitable and attractive. Discussions are led by members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture of the State University and other eminent specialists. Every one may participate in the discussions and ask questions. Selected specimens of leading breeds of poultry, hogs and cattle will be on the grounds for demonstration purposes. There will be no tuition charges and no fees of any sort. Simply pay your railroad fare and meet the expenses of your own board. Be sure to call for a round trip ticket, and if these are not on sale by your local agent, buy to a main line point, taking a receipt for your fare. All main line points will sell tickets for round trips at one and one-third fare plus twenty-five cents.

Board and room in Baton Rouge will cost from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per week. It is sincerely hoped that every one will make an effort to arrange to spend the entire period from the 19th to the 29th and take the full course. However, since some cannot arrange to do that, the railroads have agreed to sell the tickets so as to allow the farmers to come either the first week or the second week, and it will be noted from the programme that the lectures will be arranged so that one may take the second week lectures without having attended the first week's course.

Arrangements may be made by which special work may be taken for more extended practice and instruction. For instance parties especially interested may have the use of apparatus to practice in making determinations of milk fat, etc. Parties especially interested in hog cholera may arrange for special work at the hog cholera serum plant. On account of the danger of spreading cholera, visits to the serum plant should be made only by special arrangement with the Live Stock Sanitary Board.

For further information address PROFESSOR W. R. DODSON, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

Twenty-four 1914 graduates from the approved agricultural departments of the high schools of the state are attending college this session, eighteen of whom are at state institutions in Louisiana.

It is easy to forgive your enemies after you have got square with them.

## TRUE DEMOCRAT IS ONE OF 52 BEST COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS

SAYS DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

## ST. FRANCISVILLE THE SMALLEST TOWN GAINING DISTINCTION

Interesting Information Concerning Equipment Used in Producing This Paper.

It is with no small degree of pride that the publishers of The True Democrat report to their readers the fact that this paper has been classified as one of the fifty-two best country newspapers in the United States by no less an authority than the Department of Journalism of the University of Oregon.

A letter recently received from Eric W. Allen of the University of Oregon contains this: "A questionnaire recently sent out by the department of Journalism of the University of Oregon among the newspaper men of the United States resulted in the selection by these newspaper men of 52 country newspapers as 'among the best.' Your newspaper is among the best."

This questionnaire was sent to the editors of leading metropolitan newspapers and schools of journalism, and follows:

"May we ask you to tell us what, in your opinion, or in that of your exchange editor, is the best country paper in the United States? This is not a voting contest; it is simply a request for advice. We wish to provide the 'exchange table' of our department with the best publications of this kind that the country affords, and we are asking the opinion of one or more representative newspaper men in each of the 48 states.

"By 'country paper' I do not mean the small city daily, though some dailies might come within the definition. We mean the intimate, neighborhood paper, giving all the news of the home folks, and keeping at all times close to the grassroots. It should be a successful paper, and should hold the affections or at least the lasting interest of its local community."

We are in receipt of a list of the 52 papers thus selected, and reference to the census reports discloses the fact that St. Francisville is the smallest town on the list to receive the distinction of being the home of one of the "52 best" country newspapers in the United States," with towns as large as Emporia, Kansas, on the list. Necessarily, The True Democrat's circulation, advertising patronage and news area are limited by this fact, but incidentally it shows that this paper has, within its circumscribed limits, filled the requirements of a well-conducted country weekly. The True Democrat is known as both fearless and sincere. Its editorials are quoted frequently among the state press, not excepting the metropolitan dailies. It is known in Louisiana as a newspaper whose opinions cannot be coerced, and whose editorial space cannot be bought.

The True Democrat's neat typographical appearance, tastefully set advertisements and good news service within its own limited field have also been factors in determining the distinction it has received. Indeed, The True Democrat's name was among the first twenty-nine sent in by the critics, responding to the University of Oregon's questionnaire.

Some of the papers thus honored are collecting a copy of each of the 52 papers and expect to bind them and preserve them as a souvenir. A copy of The True Democrat is being sent to each of the 51 other papers, and for their information we give the following information concerning the equipment of this paper: Model 8 Mergenthaler Linotype, the best composing machine made; Babcock cylinder press; Eclipse folder; Chandler & Price paper cutter; Chandler & Price 8x12 Gordon jobber; Southworth punch; Latham stitcher; Franklin perforator; an abundance of late type faces, bought in weight fonts and in series; the ability of adding new machinery and material as needed.

The publishers of The True Democrat (Continued on page two.)

## LOUISIANA CORN GROWERS WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEET AT WINTER SHORT COURSE

Instructive Program to be Rendered for Edification of Farmer-School-boys.

The fifth annual meeting of the Louisiana Corn Growers' Association, of which Prof. A. F. Kidder of the L. S. U. Department of Agronomy is Secretary and Treasurer, will be held in Garig Hall January 26, during the progress of the Winter Short Course.

The following is the program:

8:45 O'clock A. M.  
1. Increasing Corn Yields—Professor F. B. Mumford, Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri, Columbia.

2. Address—J. L. McBrien.

3. Recess from 10:15 to 10:40.

4. Commercial Grades of Corn—Mr. Philip Rothrock, in Charge, U. S. Grain Standardization Laboratory, New Orleans, La.

5. Agricultural Possibilities of Cut Over Pine Lands of the South—Professor P. H. Rolfs, Director, Florida Experiment Station, Gainesville, Fla. 2:00 O'clock P. M.

1. The New Orleans Corn Market—Mr. W. L. Richeson, Official Grain Inspector, New Orleans Board of Trade, New Orleans, La.

2. Business Session of the Association.

(a) Annual Address of the President. Methods of Selecting Seed Corn in Field—Mr. R. T. Douglas, Gilliam, La.

Discussion led by Mr. J. M. Sentell, Dixie, La.; Mr. R. K. Boney, Duckport, La.; Mr. C. E. Kemmerly, Crowley, La.

(b) Report of Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. A. F. Kidder, Baton Rouge, La.

(c) Organization of Work for 1915.

(d) Election of Officers for 1915.

7:30 O'clock P. M.  
1. Illustrated Lecture. Fertilizers for Corn—Dr. F. W. Zerban, New Orleans, La.

2. Illustrated Lecture. Some Phases of the Rural Problem—Professor F. B. Mumford.

## INDIANA MAN BUYS PART OF OAK GROVE

A. Smith Bowman has sold to John F. Furnish of Jonesboro, Indiana, 475 acres of the Oak Grove plantation, being that part of the place that contains the residence. Mr. Furnish, his son and the latter's family are already in possession of their new property.

The elder Mr. Furnish is a veteran of the Union army, and suffered the misfortune of losing an arm in the war between the States. Fifty years ago he visited this section of Louisiana and Mississippi. Though on hostile purposes bent, Louisiana presented such a charm for him that he resolved some time to return here and reside, so now, after an absence of half a century, he returns like an errant lover to revive the charms of an early attachment.

We wish to assure Mr. Furnish that the fifty years that have elapsed since his former visit to Louisiana have wiped away as with a wet sponge the feeling of enmity that he first encountered and that a welcoming hand is extended to him and his in their new home.

Mr. Furnish resided in Kansas for several years and served as a member of the legislature of that State for ten or twelve years.

Capt. J. B. Brooks has sold his moving picture show to Messrs. Tom and Jim Vinci, Tony Sansoni and Peter Trocchiano. For the present they are showing four reels on Friday and Sunday nights, but when spring opens they will give more frequent performances. They also expect to introduce several innovations in the near future, among which will be the distribution of prizes among their lady patrons.

Peter Trocchiano, who has recently returned after an absence of several months spent in his old home in Italy, has decided to cast his lot in St. Francisville for keeps. He has bought the property now occupied by Thos. Raynham's store, and expects shortly to engage in the mercantile business. Due announcement of his plans will be made in these columns.