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#### BETTER MILK.

It is related that at the recent meeting of the Louisiana Dairymen's Association the question of securing a raise in the price of milk was made, but was promptly sidetracked in favor of what was rightly recognized as of greater importance, namely, improved facilities for the shipment of milk so that it will reach New Orleans in proper condition. Investigation has shown that a large percentage of the milk reaching that city is sour, either due to defects in cooling prior to shipment, or in the accommodations for the milk in transit. The dairymen are inclined to believe that the latter circumstance is at fault, and decided to ask that the Railroad Commission require at least once daily refrigerator car service on each road.

It is obvious that before the dairymen can get better prices for their milk, they must be able to market it in perfect condition, and anything looking to this end should be carefully observed. Refrigerator cars are of prime importance, of course, and there should be no let-up in the demand for them. Also the smaller matters that affect the quality of milk in course of shipment should also receive attention. The way in which milk is carried to the trains, the waiting in the sun for trains—as is seen any day—these changes in temperature, or regular high temperature, will inevitably affect the milk. The wise dairyman will look into all of these circumstances working against his entire success.

#### HENRY FUQUA, MANAGER.

Despite the shrieks from a lone man in Tangipahoa, Mr. Henry Fuqua has been formally appointed general manager of the state penitentiary. It is believed that Mr. Fuqua will carry his business talents and training into the problems of managing this part of the state's property and achieve success, although the undertaking is very difficult. What Mr. Fuqua's attitude to the management of the state prison is from a penological viewpoint is not known. Whether or not he has any broad humanitarian ideas on the subject, and will seek to raise the standard of the prison system is not divulged, but as no appointment has ever yet been made in Louisiana avowedly on these lines, it is hardly fair to expect much of Mr. Fuqua in this regard. He is a clean, just man and even if he be not able to accomplish any remarkable reforms in the prison management, in a humanitarian way, he will certainly not lower the standard of his predecessors.

The public will await with interest the appointment by Mr. Fuqua of the men who will assist him in the management. Much will depend on the wisdom displayed in this particular, for without fit conductors the job will prove too much for his best endeavors.

#### A TEST THAT FAILED.

The Donaldsonville Chief asks "some astute financier to explain why it is that the banks of New Orleans are reducing their interest rates on savings from 4 and 3 1/2 to 3 per cent, while the Shreveport, Opelousas and other Louisiana banks are increasing the rate from 3 to 3 1/2 and 4 per cent." That was explained, while the question was still being asked. Certain big city banks put up the bluff that owing to financial conditions the rate must be reduced, but certain other city banks promptly advertised interest on savings at 4 per cent, showing plainly that the financial conditions were not absolutely prohibitive of a better rate for the individual saver, but were most likely due to the world-old condition that "they will take who have the chance, and they will keep, who can."

#### NEW ORLEANS SHOULD HAVE BANK

All Louisiana should not merely say that New Orleans should have a land loan bank, but should work, every man and woman in the state, so far as he or she can to help get it. The question will be naturally asked, "How can little I do anything when national influences are at work?" Observe the expression "little I." No one depreciates himself except when something is suggested that he doesn't want to do, then he becomes astonishingly weak. The fact is that by the creation of a general demand, and every "little I" counts then, the hands of the boosters will be held up and strengthened. To urge a matter helps the fighter for it. So let every one urge a land loan bank for New Orleans, every newspaper print something in favor of the project.

#### GOOD, MR. BARBER, SAY NEXT!

The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company has arranged to begin at an early date to raise its tracks between Port Gibson and Rolling Fork, outlay for which will approximate a million and a half dollars. This work is in provision for future high stages of the river, as the track is at present too low.

This recalls the fact that the Y. & M. V. was to raise the few miles of track at Bayou Sara and below. It was promised that it should be done in July, but the month is well on to its close, and the work is not yet begun. Say when!

Since writing the above, we have been informed that the Y. & M. V. has determined not to raise the above-mentioned bit of track, notwithstanding the urgent request of the Police Jury of West Feliciana parish and the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson county to do so and the promise given. It is too much the custom of our people to cross no bridges, or think of the bridges' condition either for that matter, before coming to them, but in this regard, the people should look ahead and do everything possible to secure themselves against stoppage of trains on this road during the next high water. It is another case of forethought being invaluable. They should not wait till the river is at flood before becoming concerned but move in the matter at once, and provide against adverse event in the future.

We respectfully suggest that the Police Jury take further action upon the resolution passed by that body some time ago, re-enacting it and making it stronger, then taking steps to secure the fullest cooperation from the Wilkinson county board in order that the railroad company may have the most convincing representations made as to how the people feel upon this important matter.

#### Now is the time to act.

#### BOOST RIVER TRAFFIC.

One feels like quoting the old saw, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" in the very real danger that confronts Baton Rouge and other towns on or near the Mississippi river of losing the advantage of their situation in the raising of freight rates, if river traffic be withdrawn. It has been put squarely up to Baton Rouge by the only packet company operating on the lower Mississippi, the Carter Packing Co., that it should have a fairer proportion of the freight business of the capital city, the present ratio being \$75 to \$3,000 weekly in favor of the railroads. Since the existence of river transportation alone gives river towns advantage in railroad freight rates, it is of the first importance that the river service may be maintained as a measure of safety, for if it were discontinued it would be a matter of only a very short time before the railroads would, in the absence of competition, raise their rates, and very probably raise them even higher than inland towns must meet now.

Railroads, like fire and water, make good servants but bad masters, and those towns, possessing the natural advantage of situation on the river, should not through carelessness throw away this advantage and encounter the inevitable higher rates that will follow the withdrawal of river traffic, through non-support.

It will be urged that should the railroads act thus, they will thereby provoke the re-establishment of river freight-carriers. Even so, but as was quoted at the beginning of this article, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." And still another saw may be made to apply to this case, "The burnt child dreads the fire," and so does the wise child.

James Whitcomb Riley, the real American poet, is dead. Nearly thousands honored him at his burial, but unnumbered thousands will continue to honor him through the future years, for his simple, pure, pellucid verses, that depict so well the events of everyday life and reveal the finer feelings of the human heart. Let us hope that in some happy land he who lived a lonely bachelor has found his "little sweetheart" at last.

Between the rising and the setting of the sun, Friday, July 28, every schoolhouse in Wake County, N. C., is to be patrolled white. This indicates a wide-awake, progressive spirit that might well be emulated by every community in the Southland. It would cost little and pay for itself ten times over in the greater self-respect every child-inhabitant of those schoolhouses would feel.

It may be news to most of our readers that there is at least one community in Louisiana in which equal suffrage has been granted. This is in the suburban district, South Highlands, Shreveport, which under an act of the last legislature was incorporated and at the first election held in the village the women were entitled to vote in the election for mayor, councilmen and town marshal. The women of South Highlands will not be allowed to vote in parish or state elections, as their suffrage extends to matters affecting the community of South Highlands only.

#### USEFUL TRIP FOR FARMERS.

The movement now under way to get up a party of Louisiana farmers and stock raisers for an observation tour of the Northwest offers a rare educational opportunity for farmers who are desirous of learning approved methods of handling live stock. The suggestion for this tour was made by Dr. Dodson, Director Louisiana Experiment Stations, at a recent live stock meeting, and met with instant response from among a number of those present. Since then the movement has been taken up by Commissioner Wilson of the State Department of Agriculture, and it will be participated in by representative farmers from all parts of Louisiana.

This opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the methods that have made Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri farmers famous as breeders of live stock, along dairy and swine lines, will have a most helpful influence toward more successful Louisiana farming.

The sheriff of Cameron parish says that the thrilling stories of Carriere, the murderer of Marion Swords, being seen and talked with, pursued by large posies of indignant citizens of St. Landry, mysteriously hiding in cane brakes are mere figments of over-active imaginations. The sheriff is unkind. These stories fill space in the newspapers during the dull season, they give proper horrors to the credulous and do not deceive the discerning, so what harm is done?

Boy scouts at Baton Rouge sell papers for a blind man who broke his leg recently. We hear of quite as meritorious an act on the part of a foot-of-the-hill citizen. One of the little boy paper-sellers in town was sick and could not peddle his papers, so the man took the whole bunch at what it would have brought the little fellow. Such deeds give the hearer's heart a glow.

Slowly but surely Baton Rouge is putting on cosmopolitan and metropolitan airs. A Third street merchant now displays a sign conveying the information that French, Spanish, German and Italian are spoken within the establishment.

Uncle Sam proposes to muster out of the service all college boys before the fall opening of colleges and schools. He takes the correct view that the country has sufficient men to fight for it, without calling on the boys.

It speaks well for the national guard of Louisiana that it was the only Southern state militia that has been sent to the border, due to the fact that the guard was equipped and ready when the call came.

The ease with which a British cruiser slipped undetected into Chesapeake Bay gives one a little creepy feeling down the spine.

#### A FAMILIAR ENEMY.

(The Country Gentleman.) Perhaps the phrase that has done more than any other to check progress is, "He ain't consistent." That is its usual form, however bad its grammar. You hear it every time a man says something new in a meeting.

A farmer who boasts of consistency does not learn the lessons that Nature is trying to teach him, nor does he make use of his common sense. If he should chain himself to a post and stay there he might be consistent. If he accepted only the products that were exact reproductions he might be consistent—but of course he would never get new stock or new crops, for Nature never does a thing precisely as before.

It is strange that the person who is forever shouting consistency can bulldoze progressive and right-thinking men. Sometimes the consistency crank can keep good men silent, intimidate intelligence and discourage progress. He is much worse than a halting horse and the only thing like his peculiar exercise of power is found in the hind legs of a mule. He always kicks backward and never forward.

A very wise American called foolish consistency the hobgoblin of little minds and declared that with consistency a great soul had nothing to do, and he advised: "Speak what you think now in hard words, and tomorrow speak what tomorrow thinks in hard words again, though it contradict everything you said today." That is sound advice. Don't mind your consistency. Use your brains and do your own thinking and talking.

#### NOT THE SAME OX GORED.

In Berlin Herr Von Jagow discussing the possibility of an attack upon the Deutschland said: "To allow an attack without warning upon an unarmed boat with the lives of the crew at the mercy of a single shot, that is something which we refuse to believe the United States is capable." Yes, the United States is not capable of such an act, and we refused to believe that Germany was capable until the awful crime of the Lusitania occurred.—J. C. Ahy in New Orleans States.

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#### BOARD OF ALDERMEN PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., July 24, 1916. At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held this day, the following members were present: A. B. Briant, Mayor; Jas. H. Kilbourne, R. Yankes, Max Mann, George Rettig, Board of Aldermen; L. W. Rogers, absent.

The committee on levees reported that they were unable to secure right of way from Mr. E. Newman.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That Mr. Chas. Munson be appointed Town Attorney, and if he refuses the appointment that the Mayor be authorized to employ counsel.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That in order to secure right of way for protection levee the committee on levees is hereby empowered to enter expropriation proceedings against Mr. E. Newman.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That the Mayor be empowered to purchase the land of Mrs. H. Goldman at Sheriff's sale.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That the Clerk notify all property owners on the levee from the Y. & M. V. R. R. to Bayou Sara to remove their houses to property line.

On motion meeting adjourned. A. B. BRIANT, Mayor. G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original minutes as they appear on page 350 of minute book "4."

G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

#### JUGGLING THE FACTS.

(New Orleans States.) There is little doubt that the high point in conscious political misrepresentation in this campaign was reached by Mr. Roosevelt in his article in the Metropolitan Magazine this month, when he said: "As the Administration has debated the sinking of the Lusitania for over a year without achieving any result or coming to any conclusion."

It is a saddening exhibition of the ease with which an ex-president disregards the responsibilities of his utterances in order to promote personal animosities and political ambitions, saddening because the facts are so plainly written where every man may read. The facts are that on May last the German government announced its acceptance of the demand of the United States government that its unlawful submarine operations be discontinued and that in the intervening months there has been no instance of the torpedoing of merchant ships bearing American passengers.

Both "result" and "conclusion" are represented in that statement. Germany at the express demand of the United States has agreed upon a permanent abatement of her submarine outrages, and the Imperial Government has lived up to its promise.

Mr. Roosevelt has harped so long upon his disapproval of the President's failure to go to war when the Lusitania was sunk that he is now incapable of measuring his utterances on the President's policy evolved to meet the Lusitania crisis. Can he not realize that in the end this policy succeeded, that finally in the May note from Germany the President's wish to preserve the peace and honor of the nation without impairing either was given assurance of success? Americans are free to come and go on the high seas, safeguarded by the protection which their government has thrown around them. Each day of peace in which they retain this freedom is a crushing answer to the assertion that the policy by which it was established has had no result or conclusion.

Save the moisture and kill the weeds should be the watchword from now until August.

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In looking over the last report of the State Board of Health an item in the recapitulation of vital statistics was of special interest. It appears that in the river parishes the negro population outnumbered the white more than 10 to 1, but the report shows that there is comparatively no difference in the number of births. The figures also show that the total death rate and birth rate are very close together. Of course, the meager birth rate of the negro race has been noted for many years, but it is not generally appreciated that the conditions are as marked as indicated in the last report.—Madison Journal.

"That land of yours was mighty poor when you bought it," a friend of ours remarked to the wide-awake owner of a beautiful farm we passed the other day. Whereupon the owner delivered himself of a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance—or mighty nearly so. "You're mistaken," he said, "there's not any poor land when you manage it right." It is a true rule that "there is more in the man than there is in the land."—The Progressive Farmer.

Uncle Sam will buy the Danish West Indies. First thing you know he'll have them all.

#### THE GOOD SOLDIER.

The good soldier is the soldier who is ready to perform any duty assigned to him. To be a good soldier one need not be bloodthirsty, he need not be anxious to kill some one or be killed. It is not more necessary that the soldier should be anxious to fight than that the fireman should be eager for a fire. It is sufficient that soldier and fireman be ready to make any sacrifice required.

It is no reflection on the courage and loyalty of the fireman that the people who employ him try to prevent fires by encouraging the erection of fireproof buildings—no fireman feels offended if people prefer a hotel of steel and concrete to a firetrap structure. Neither is it a reflection on the patriotism of the soldier to try to avoid war. Peace treaties are intended to prevent war as fireproof buildings are intended to prevent fire. One can appreciate the service rendered by both fireman and soldier without desiring either a fire or a fight.—W. J. Bryan.

When I am hurt it soothes my soul Despite the tears that overflow it, To walk head up amid the dole And tho' I suffer never show it.