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MANY PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED.

Prof. S. A. Knapp Writes of Lessons Taught by the Drouth.

Prof. S. A. Knapp has the following timely contribution in the current issue of the Rice Journal: The prevailing drouth is accentuating some of the weak points in handling the rice industry and the first to be noted is lack of thorough cultivation on the part of too many farmers. We have never approved of the plan of a single plowing for a crop. The object of plowing is primarily to aerate the soil and prepare plant food, and secondly to kill weeds.

If one plowing is good two or three are better. As soon as the rice is harvested the field should be plowed and disked and some winter crop put in. If this is a fertilizing crop turn it under in March or April and disk and harrow till the soil is thoroughly pulverized. If no crop is planted then plow again late in December and again before planting. Every rice farmer should select a forty and make a test of more thorough cultivation and then follow what he finds to be the best for his lands.

Too many have been advocates of late planting. It is true, when the season is favorable, that is, when there are abundant rains in June and July that good crops can be made by planting as late as July 15, if there are no early frosts; but these are not ordinary conditions. April and May planting are safer.

Thousands of acres of late rice have not been planted yet and thousands more have been planted and the seed lies dormant without sufficient moisture to germinate. Under favorable conditions rice will be ready for water within twenty or thirty days after planting. It is a mistake to let it stand and take the dry heat too long after it is up. More rice is injured by late watering than by too early. But in this case, as in others, good judgement should be used. Many excellent farmers practice night irrigation for young rice, letting on about what water the earth will absorb every night for a week, then flood. Japan rice thrives with a small amount of water after the field is shaded. Just enough to keep the soil thoroughly saturated in every part is apparently better than more.

Honduras should have more, but three or four inches of water is better than a foot.

Some practice saturating a field as soon as it is planted. This will do no harm provided the field was all planted in one day and no more water is put on than is sufficient to saturate, avoiding all standing water in low places; but the main dependence for germination and early growth should be placed on thorough tillage before planting and rolling afterwards.

It looks as if there was no danger of over-production this year, and it is doubtful if the rice crop of 1902 exceeds that of 1901. It is too early to say positively, but present indications point to a much shorter crop than was expected thirty days since.

1st. Quite a per cent. of the rice has not been planted and cannot be on account of the dry weather.

2nd. Considerable of the late planting on the heavy clay lands is slow of germination and young rice without water is not starting.

3rd. There is any amount of difficulty with the new pumping plants. They are remote from supplies and it consumes valuable time to secure repairs; in the meantime the planters are calling for water and water seems to make no impression on the burning fields. The earth swallows it and calls for more.

Gigantic pumping machinery is taxed to its utmost. Rivers are lifted out of their bed and hurled at the thirsty earth with about the same result as a stream from a four-inch pipe in a block of burning pine buildings. In the meantime salt water is steadily

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An Attempted Robbery.

The Calcasieu Implement Company's store was entered Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, but the would-be robber's plans were frustrated by pistol shots fired by Chas. Fleming, who sleeps in the upstairs room and was aroused by a noise at the front door. He seized his pistol and stealthily crept to the stairs and saw the intruder. The store was dark, but he could see a faint object in the middle of the room at which he fired. The intruder rushed for the door when another shot was taken at him, the bullet penetrating the door casing. Upon reaching the street he was joined by another who was evidently watching on the outside, and together they escaped down the street and across the railroad tracks. Fleming took five shots at them, but the darkness prevented any of them from being effective.

This is the third time within the past two months that the Calcasieu Implement Company's store has been entered by burglars, but it is thought this will have a tendency to put a quietus to it.

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Happily Wedded.

The marriage of Mark L. Prentice and Miss Annie Cessford was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cessford, in Lake Charles, Wednesday night at 9 o'clock, in the presence of only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Weaver, pastor of the Lake Charles Congregational church, in a very impressive manner, spoke the words that linked the hearts and lives of these young people.

Mr. Prentice is a member of the general merchandise firm of Prentice & Powers, of this city, and is very popular, while the young lady he has chosen for his lifelong companion is accomplished and refined, a favorite in social circles and was a recent graduate of the Lake Charles high school.

The couple arrived in Welsh yesterday morning and have gone to house-keeping in the residence of the groom's father in the east end of town. The Journal joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice in wishing them a life of continued happiness.

Real Estate Wanted.

We have customers for good farms in Calcasieu parish.

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F. L. LEWIS.

One Million Dollars.

In the general appropriation bill of the State, amounting to about one million dollars, are the following items:

\$5,000 is allowed for repairs to the Governor's mansion and \$25,000 for repairs to the State House.

\$1,200 is allowed the Supreme Court for editing reports.

\$10,000 is allowed the Blind Institute for new buildings, \$500 for repairs and \$12,000 for maintenance.

The State University gets \$15,000 for maintenance, \$3,500 for repairs, \$3,000 for equipment of laboratories, \$8,500 for Hill Library, \$6,000 for electric light plant and \$47,000 for new building.

Maintenance of State Normal School is increased from \$18,000 to \$27,200; \$4,400 is allowed for sewerage and closets and \$10,000 for new dormitory.

\$6,100 is allowed the Louisiana Industrial College at Ruston for the purchase of land, \$20,000 for new buildings, \$1,800 for artesian well, \$5,000 for steam heating plant, \$6,000 for equipment of the mechanics department and \$18,000 for addition to girls' dormitory.

\$4,000 is allowed the Lafayette Industrial School for president's residence, \$5,000 for completion of dormitory and \$2,500 for equipment.

\$14,000 goes to the insane asylum for maintenance, \$7,500 for galleries, \$3,500 for beds and \$4,500 for repairs.

The Charity Hospital at New Orleans gets for maintenance \$100,000, for trained nurses, \$2,500.

The Charity Hospital at Shreveport gets \$22,000 for maintenance and \$35,000 for new buildings.

The Lepers' Home gets \$10,000 for maintenance and \$10,000 for buildings, if permanently established.

The Soldiers' Home gets \$17,800 for maintenance, \$1,200 for care of sick each year, and \$3,900 for repairs and insurance.

Pensions, \$75,000.

Memorial Hall, support, \$1,200.

Militia maintenance in field when called to suppress insurrection, etc., arming, equipment, etc., \$20,000; horse cavalry, \$2,000.

Naval battalion, uniforming, \$1,500; for cruiser Stranger, \$1,800.

For geologic survey, \$5,000, instead of \$2,000 annually.

Railroad commission for expert accountant, \$3,000; office expenses increased from \$5,500 to \$8,000.

Commissioner of Labor, salary, \$1,500; clerical force, \$1,000; office expenses, \$1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spalding left Tuesday morning for the latter's old home in Waverly, Iowa, and after visiting there a few weeks will go to California to reside. Mr. Spalding was a member of the banking firm of Calkins, Spalding & Co., recently merged into the Welsh National, and made many friends during his residence here.

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Oscar D. Billon Dead.

P. M. Billon was called to Convent, La., Monday by a telegram stating that his brother, Oscar D. Billon, was dying. Before the train had hardly gotten out of sight another message was received announcing Mr. Billon's death. Although the deceased had been suffering with Bright's disease for the past two years, his condition did not become serious until Monday. He had been an attorney in Convent for several years and was district attorney for two terms. He was about 42 years of age, and leaves a wife and five children.

Welsh Brick Works.

E. M. Powers this week bought N. A. Dawson's interest in the Welsh Brick Works and the proprietors of the plant are now Labit & Powers. A new engine and boiler and improved brick making machinery will be put in at once and the capacity greatly increased. The quality of the brick made by these works is said to be equal to that of the St. Louis fire brick and there will be no trouble in establishing a demand for this grade of goods.

I. J. Smith, of near Roanoke, was in town Tuesday and informed us that he had just finished a 250-foot well and was certain of a good flow of fresh water for rice flooding. Many other farmers in his vicinity are realizing the necessity of deeper pits and the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

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