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ELECTRIC IRRIGATION.

Illinois Plantation Will Pump From Wells By Electric Power.

Jennings, La., Oct. 8.—A. Brechaer, the veteran well driller, started yesterday with his house on wheels and several tons of well boring machinery for the Illinois rice plantation, where he has a contract for putting down a number of wells for irrigation purposes. The entire outfit will be shipped by boat and is expected to land at its destination by Friday or Saturday. The Illinois plantation consists of 9000 acres, lying west of Lacasine Bayou, a portion of the land being in Calcasieu parish and the remainder in Cameron. This plantation is one of the best in the state, but like many others its crop was a partial failure the past season on account of salt water. To overcome this difficulty and obviate the possible destruction of the crop from the same cause again, the company decided to equip the plantation with deep well pumping stations, the plan having proved successful on smaller farms. But the Illinois company will inaugurate an entirely new departure in supplying power for operating the various pumps to be located at different and convenient points.

A mammoth electric power plant will be installed, which will supply a current of electricity to motors attached to the various pumps. In this manner the source of power will be concentrated, and thereby materially lessen the cost. The experiment,

if it may be called an experiment, will be watched with interest by persons seeking economical methods for rice growing.

Two Acres Burned.

Beaumont, Texas, Oct. 9.—The fire in the oil field is now out, but has swept two acres of the Hogg-Swayne tract, though the tangible property on these acres is a complete loss. The report at 12:50 a. m. of loss of lives that came early seems to have been exaggerated, but there may have been some lost. One man is perhaps, fatally injured by burning, but was taken out of reach, while three others are badly singed.

The fire originated at what is known as the J. S. Corbett well and property of the Kansas City Oil and Gas Company. It was caused by a watchman, who has been in a habit of putting out his lantern and taking a nap. As the light went out the gas ignited and the trouble was started. It has covered about half of the east end of block 38 on Spindletop avenue, being the extreme east end of the hill and on the south side of the avenue. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. It is impossible to enumerate the names of the companies involved.

Notice.

Taxes for 1902 are now past due and the tax roll is in the hands of the collector for collection.

SAMUEL BLACKFORD,
Collector.

Cauliflower and Spinach at
BELL & CO'S.

IOWA.

There was a pleasant surprise party here last week which gathered at the home of Mrs. I. N. Jones and then repaired to the home of Mrs. A. M. Findlay where refreshments of ice cream and cake were served the guests. The occasion was the departure of Miss Mary Findlay for the State Normal School at Natchitoches, La. Quite a number of her friends were present and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. Rev. Wm. R. Chase gave a short talk exhorting the young people to exemplify the christian life in their conduct, and after some recitations and songs all repaired home. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Jones, Messrs. Pierce and sisters, Miss Lucy Pettengrew, Wm. Reed, Harly Longenbaugh and sister, Joseph Each, Jerry Trayer, Verne Stuttsman, Mary Spalding, Goldie Lyons and others.

An old maid lived in our town, so we have heard it said, who, if you called a dress a gown, would blush like poppies red. Her mind was neither frail nor weak—her modesty was rare, of autumn trees she'd never speak because their limbs were bare. When night its sable shadows threw, she'd tumble in a swoon if curtain did not hide from view the man up in the moon. She never sang a sacred song—a very modest whim: To think of one she thought was wrong because it was a hymn. A plumber caused her death one day—so the story goes—by asking her in a careless way to let him see her hose.

MOSS OF COMMERCE.

Where It Grows and How Gathered and Cured.

The long moss of our commerce is almost wholly a product of Louisiana, although found in the lowlands of South Carolina and along the swampy borders of all the Gulf States. It is nowhere else found to make it an object of commerce.

The technical name is Tillandsia Usneoides. It is commonly called Spanish moss, long moss and gray moss. Its native habitat is on the tops and branches of trees which grow in the gloomy swamps or along their borders. It revels in the darkest recesses of the deep and dismal cypress groves, above the exhalations of everlasting swamps, and covers as with a mantle the broadarmed live and native oaks which fringe the ridgy margins of the lakes and bayous.

It even drifts away from the tops of the cypress and tupelo and festoons with its gray drapery the sweet gum, elm and ash.

This moss needs the tree simply to keep it in the air. It is, therefore, an epiphyte. It is not a parasite because it does not derive any sustenance from the tree, but it feeds on the malarious elements in the atmosphere and, consuming them, purifies the surrounding air, which would be otherwise be loaded with poison from the rapid decay of exuberant vegetation.

The living moss is of a greenish gray color. It has long branching fibers or filaments which grow rapidly, and is easily propagated, a single thread blown from one tree to another soon grows into a mass of moss.

In some localities the bunches will grow from fifteen to twenty feet long. Often a single oak tree will, in addition to the enormous weight of its own ponderous branches carry twenty tons of green moss.

It is gathered by wood choppers and laborers, but there are many who make it a business.

They go into the swamps through canals and bayous and push their way through in flats and canoes. They carefully pick up all that the wind has blown down in great flakes with long poles, armed with hooks. They pull down the hanging bunches and if necessary they climb the trees and throw the moss down. It is brought out and piled in convenient heaps of several hundred pounds.

After a few months' exposure to the rain and sun the heat and fermentation cause the gray skin to peel off and drop away. At this stage it is usually turned over once or twice and shaken up to remove thoroughly the grey cuticle. In a little while it begins to blacken and the longer it remains in the heap the more clear of bork and the blacker it becomes. Twelve months is the longest time usually allowed for curing, and two the shortest.

When cured it is scattered, dried and baled by horse or hand power by means of screw presses.

These bales are usually very rough and fastened by cypress split boards on four sides, and bound with hoops or bands, and often with vines.

Moss is sent to all parts of the United States and Canada, and large quantities are sent to France and Germany. It is used for making mattresses, stuffing chairs, cushions and all uses to which hair is applied.

Party Candidates for Congress.

The democratic and republican parties have completed their list of candidates for congress as follows:

- First district—Adolph Meyer, democrat; O. A. Livaudais, republican.
- Second district—R. C. Davey, democrat; R. E. Lee, republican.
- Third district—R. F. Broussard, democrat; W. E. Howell, republican.
- Fourth district—P. Breazeale, democrat; S. M. Thomas, republican.
- Fifth district—J. E. Ransdell, democrat; H. B. Taliafero, republican.
- Sixth district—S. M. Robertson, democrat; Clarence Hebert, republican.
- Seventh district—A. P. Pujo, democrat; Gilbert L. Dupre, republican.

On account of a wreck at Morgan City Monday morning trains on the S. P. road have been several hours late since. The wreck was caused by a freight train going onto the bridge across Berwick Bay before the rails of the draw span had sprung into place. One hundred feet of the draw span went into the bay with five loaded freight cars. Until the wrecking crew righted matter passengers were transferred by boat.

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On account of the wrecking of a freight train near Morgan City the Monday morning passenger going west was several hours late.

J. W. Champion, one of the drillers for Jones & Keoughan, was in Welsh Saturday. He has recently returned from Alabama, where he had been drilling a well.