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### MR. ELLIS AFTER THE FARMER.

Some Straight Talk Full of Good Advice.

What are we going to do about it? Simply change our system. The fact that rice, a good article, is down, down when other food stuffs are going skyward is evidence that we are not in the regular "trade winds" of supply and demand activity. We are in a sort of a whirl, or local cyclone that has us in its calm center and will drop us flat. We shall have to pick up and start again; but we must start under a different system.

Remember, a one crop country is a failure; also remember that a one-crop system tends to the poverty of the land, especially so, when the farming is done under the extensive plan that we have adopted.

Look at our rice fields today and see the red rice and foul stuff in them! That alone is enough to say, "do better or quit the business."

When you see a farmer going out of town with a cabbage under one arm, a roll of butter in one hand, a couple of cucumbers in his vest pocket, and a can of milk in his hip pocket, you may be sure something will drop. If enough is produced on a farm to keep the table well spread, the rest will take care of itself.

To supply your table with pork you do not need to have a herd of hogs, nor do you have to go into the commercial hog business. You don't need to read even the dry learned discussions on the relative value of different feed stuffs. Raise a patch of corn and a few sweet potatoes and feed your own pork. That is science plenty for that line. Keep a cow or two, and do not fret about alfalfa; if you can raise some, do so, but your old rice fields, your native pastures, will make milk and butter for your table. Corn and oats for work stock feed can be raised, but the land must be prepared and the corn crop attended to.

Plant rice. Yes, but work your land more; keep it clean; raise sixteen sacks per acre instead of seven. Do it, of course, you can. Don't let a man make an excuse for going into the harvest field without cutting a swath around each field and binding up the rice and taking care of it. If it is too much work for him, make him take only as much land as he can properly work. If he don't want to do that make him get off the place.

No man can afford to irrigate a half crop, or allow a man to let his ground get foul.

Just look at your field and your neighbors' fields; they are all alike and a burning shame, every one of them. It is time to go and "sin no more, lest a worse thing befall thee." There has been too much expected of the rice industry; too many have tried to make it a "get rich quick" affair. This cannot be done anywhere without hurting someone. Yours truly,  
JAMES ELLIS.

### Why Study Telegraphy?

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### CALCASIEU COTTON.

Rapidly Coming to the Front Rank—Picking Now in Progress.

The secretary of the Commercial League brought into town and displayed at the office of the Times-Record several stalks of cotton that were worth looking at. One stalk from the farm of Ignace Valderto was of the Chatham variety, with scarcely any leaves, and bolls in pairs close to the main stalk. This sort is of value in rainy seasons because the freedom from leaves gives better circulation of air and allows the ground to dry readily, thus preventing scalding or shedding. Mr. Valderto has the above variety on sod ground and it looks good. One stalk of Peterkin cotton from Valderto's had 60 healthy bolls and stalks itself being about three feet high. We are told that such cotton should yield a bale to the acre.

A stalk from the farm of W. C. Lehman's was over six feet tall and contained over two hundred bolls and squares. Mr. Lehman's cotton is perfectly healthy and has not even shed a square and looks good for a bale and a half to the acre.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, formerly of Lake Charles, now a cotton expert of Texas for the United States government, informs us that if we continue the growing of cotton on a considerable scale that he will see that we get the assistance of a cotton expert for the next year who will see to it that we are thoroughly informed.—Times-Record.

Several farmers near Welsh are now busily engaged in picking cotton.

### Sunday School Convention.

The semi-annual Sunday school convention of wards two and nine held at Meadow Prairie August 24, opened with devotional services by Rev. F. C. Laslette, of Welsh.

The paper read by Mrs. George Welch on "What are some of the common errors made by Sunday school teachers?" was complete in its helpfulness to all Sunday school workers.

Rev. Henderson, State organizer, of Lake Charles, ably handled the question, "How can we make quarterly review Sunday interesting and profitable."

Adjourned for dinner which was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Zeigler, who, with the help of the ladies of Meadow Prairie, seemed to know the demands of convention workers, appetites, and how to supply them and all did justice to the excellent things served.

The afternoon session opened with the president in the chair. The devotional service led by L. A. Giggar.

Jos. E. Each being absent, the paper on "Mission Sunday school work and how to sustain it," sent by him was read and highly appreciated by all.

"The teacher's business" by Rev. F. C. Laslette was enjoyed.

The convention voted that \$25 be allowed the executive committee for expenses the fiscal year ending August 31, 1905, to be prorated among the schools.

It was also decided to change the time of meeting from February and August to January and July.

Officers were elected as follows: President, James Welch; vice president, Clarence Munger; secretary, Miss Leona Miller; member of executive committee, Mrs. C. M. Field; superintendent Home Department work, Mrs. A. Reeve.

The committee on enrollment reported delegates as follows: Roanoke U. B., 2; Fenton Union, 2; Meadow Prairie, 24; Welsh Congregational, 11; Welsh Methodist, 5; total, 44.  
L. A. GIGGAR, Sec. pro tem.

### THE COTTON GIN.

Machinery En Route for New Industry at Jennings.

The Jennings Times-Record of last Tuesday says: Messrs. C. C. and E. L. Cary, the gentlemen who are making preparations for placing at the disposal of the cotton planters of this section a gin that will fully meet the requirements for the planters adjacent to Jennings are now getting ready for the installation of the machinery that was shipped on the 25th inst. and is expected to arrive here about Sept. 5. When the gin is placed in running order it will prove a great convenience and a saving of time and money. Without a gin in Jennings it would compel the planter to ship his cotton quite a distance and this item in itself would be a big expense. It remains now for the people who are interested in the cotton question to rally to the support of the home people.

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### HOW THE FIRE WAS CONQUERED.

Work of Extinguishing the Last Gusher Completed Saturday.

The Jennings Progress of Saturday says: The fire on No. 8 was put out at 5 o'clock last night; the fire at the end of the flow line at 9:15 this morning and on No. 7 at 11:30 this morning.

Yesterday we stated that fighting the burning gushers had been abandoned for the day, awaiting the completion of a hood to put over the well No. 8. The hood was completed earlier than was expected and the fight resumed last night. It was found that the well was gushing to the east and northeast a good stream, but that the most of the flame was a stream that was being shot to the east. It was reasoned that if this could be capped the fight would be half won, and so a string of six inch was rigged up and when completed resembled a tobacco pipe. This was shoved along on the ground up to the stream of oil and then the attack was made with steam and water. A gang of men slipped the hood over the stream and thus diverted a large portion of the oil to a pit some distance away. After this was done the rest of the flames were fairly easily extinguished. This was about 5 o'clock. Thus at night time only the oil from the flow line of No. 8 and No. 7 was burning and the danger much lessened. During the night No. 8 gushed several thousand barrels of oil through the line that was capped. It was pumped from the pit into the tanks.

This morning at 9:15 a nipple on the flow line leading from No. 8 to the second fire was broken and the pipe plugged. This left only the No. 7 well to fight. At 10 o'clock all was in readiness to make the last fight, but as a strong wind was blowing from the north it was thought best to wait for a more favorable time. No trouble was anticipated on this well. Just at 11 o'clock the last attack was begun. The conflict was a fierce one and it was not until 11:30 that victory came. The men who had stood shoulder to the wheel for forty-eight hours were happy when the last flame yielded and the great fire was over.

### World's Fair Excursions.

On every Tuesday in July, the Mobile and Ohio R. R. will sell tickets New Orleans to St. Louis and return for \$15 with ten days limit at fair of ten days. Also sell every day 15 day tickets for \$20.00, 60 day tickets for \$28.00, return until Oct. 31st, \$28.00. For information write F. E. GUEDRY, D. P. A., 229 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, La. Long Distance Phone Main 3639-L.

### Calcasieu School Board.

The parish school board met in Lake Charles last Saturday and completed their organization. Superintendent McNeese was again selected for that position by the unanimous vote of the board. Dr. D. S. Perkins of the fourth ward, was elected president of the board and Miss Gayle was elected secretary. The salary of Supt. McNeese was fixed at \$1,800 per year, and that of Miss Gayle at \$75 per month.

The members of the board present were: Sam'l Kaufman, J. P. Chesson, Francois Hebert, Dr. D. S. Perkins, W. Krielow, J. M. Booze, J. P. Robert, W. I. Cole, John McNeese and W. R. Hargrove.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance committee—John McNeese, chairman; Samuel Kaufman, W. Krielow, Dr. D. S. Perkins, J. M. Nichols, J. M. Booze.

Teachers' committee—John McNeese, chairman; W. Krielow, Dr. D. S. Perkins, J. M. Nichols, J. M. Booze.

Examinations—John McNeese, chairman; E. F. Gayle, D. P. Showalter.

Supplies—John McNeese, chairman; J. P. Roberts, W. I. Cole, J. P. Chesson, Francois Hebert.

### Special Low Rate Excursion

via Kansas City Southern Railway, Lake Charles to Siloam Springs, Ark., on July 14 with return limit on Aug. 14. Rate \$12.50 for round trip; usual half rate for children. Trains leave Lake Charles 8:25 a. m. and 8:35 p. m.

### Administrator's Sale.

SUCCESSION OF CHARLES C. COTTON, DECEASED, NO. 1393 OF THE PROBATE DOCKET OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LOUISIANA.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a commission issued to me in the above numbered and entitled succession, and under the authority of the same, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the front door of the court house in the city of Lake Charles, Louisiana, between the legal hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on the 1st day of October, 1904, for cash, to the last and highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit:

Block ten (10) of Cotton's Sub-division to the town of Jennings, La., as per plat of record, containing eight (8) lots sixty-eight (68) feet by one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet each. Terms: Cash on day of sale. Lake Charles, La., August 24, 1904.

FRANK COTTON,  
Administrator.  
McCoy & Moss, Attorneys.

### Letter to W. W. Welsh,

WELSH, LA.  
Dear Sir: You ask how many square feet a gallon will cover. Depends on condition of building.

There is a great deal of lying on this point. The stock claim of lying paints is 300 square feet, two coats. It's a lie, as a rule.

Devoe covers 400 to 500, our agents think. We think 300 too low and 500 too high; though doubtless, they both occur.

How much the other paints cover is equally doubtful; we guess 100 to 400.

The truth is found in another comparison. Devoe is all paint, true paint, strong paint, and full-measure; the others in general are, at the best, diluted, adulterated and short-measure. They cover according to body and measure. You can't paint with clay lime chalk sand-barytes water or air—no body in them. Go by Devoe. Yours truly  
F. W. DEVOE & CO  
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### Estrayed.

There estrayed from my place Saturday, June 25, a brown mule with "cocked ears," left ear leaning slightly to right. Information leading to the recovery of the animal will be given a reward of \$5 by calling on or addressing  
R. R. MUNGER,  
Fenton, La.

Oliver typewriter ribbon at the Journal Stationery Store.

### Welsh is Winner.

The Jennings ball team met the Welsh boys yesterday afternoon on the home grounds for a second contest for the supremacy on the diamond. The first six innings was as good ball as one ordinarily sees, each team scoring but one run. The errors were few and good plays frequent. In the seventh inning the home boys got rattled and played like school boys, while the Welsh boys played good, steady ball. At the end of the inning Welsh had scored five runs and Jennings a goose egg. In the next two innings good ball was played and no scores made. At the end of the game the score was 6 to 1 in favor of Welsh. We doff our hat to Welsh in ball, but take no "sass" on tennis.—Jennings Progress of August 25.

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