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J. S. GERSON, WELSH, LOUISIANA.

### A Successful Planter.

W. B. Gabbert, a progressive planter of the Roanoke vicinity, was in Welsh Tuesday and paid the Journal office a call. Mr. Gabbert is one of the most successful rice farmers in this section and has never failed in a crop. This season he raised 2,011 sacks from 130 1-2 acres, averaging almost sixteen bags to the acre. In accomplishing this he used sixty-five pounds of commercial fertilizer to the acre on second year land and attended to it properly. He was the first to ship a car load of Honduras rice into Jennings and received \$2.15 per bag for it. He was also the first on the market with his Japan and received \$2.00 a sack for a car load of it. He also raises hogs and feed for them and is preparing to put in about forty acres of oats.

The Welsh Journal gives an interesting account of a visit to the village of sixty Christian Indians in the Bayou Bleue neighborhood. The party of Christian Endeavor workers accompanied Rev. Paul Leeds, going in vehicles and having delightful camping-out trip of three days. The church erected by the Indians is six miles from Elton, in the heart of a great pinery, and while weekly Sunday school lessons are recited, Rev. Mr. Leeds is with them but one Sunday each month. Two Indian converts were baptised. This outing of Welsh is interesting because this is a small remnant of a tribe once quite numerous, the Atchafalayas, who were in this parish in considerable numbers as late as thirty years ago. Always peacable, honest, they have lately rapidly diminished to a handful, and few people who visit Calcasieu ever hear of them.—Lake Charles News.

### Blaze Threatened Business Section.

Friday night between 8 and 9 o'clock, the cry of fire was heralded through the town of Welsh, and from the reflection on Cooper's drug store and the Welsh Meat Market, it appeared that the entire business section of Welsh was threatened. The blaze originated in the tailoring shop of E. S. Goodreau on South street. Mr. Goodreau entered the store about 8:30 o'clock and at once detected a strong odor of gasoline. He struck a match, lighted a lamp and was putting the chimney, when suddenly the interior of the building became a mass of flames. An investigation showed that a jet to the gasoline stove was left partially open, and the escaping gas had accumulated sufficiently to cause an explosion when ignited. The flames were soon extinguished by the willing volunteers, but not until the wall paper had been burned, and the goods badly scorched. Goodreau estimates his loss from fire and water at between \$25 and \$50, while the building, owned by Jones Bros., was damaged to the extent of about \$100. It was insured.

### W. R. Smith's College, Lexington, Kentucky

is where nearly 300 farmer boys clerks and teachers of this state pursued a business course or Stenography or Telegraphy, and are now Bankers, Merchants, Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Telegraphers, etc. Read ad and keep this notice for reference. This is a responsible college. Assets of Kentucky University, nearly \$1,000,000. If you have any idea of attending a business College we advise you to write at once for particulars to Wilbur R. Smith, Lexington, Ky

### ADVISES CROP DIVERSIFICATION

Rice Association of America Passes Resolutions to that Effect.

The Rice Association of America met at Beaumont Friday, and among the important matters transacted a set of resolutions recommending crop diversification was drafted and the same unanimously endorsed. A motion was also made and unanimously carried that a committee be appointed to ask that the department at Washington be requested to make an authoritative investigation as to the value of field rice as food for stock.

Following are the resolutions relative to crop diversity: "Whereas, the profitable investment in the rice belt have led to the belief that the industry was able to carry the burden of furnishing all other needs of our people by shipping from distant points stock feed, meats, work stock, fruits, vegetables, etc., resulting in making of the belt a one-crop country, causing a hardship on our people when conditions affect our one crop unfavorably.

Resolved, that this association recommend gradual diversification of crops, including cotton, cane, corn, millet, oats, sorghum, peas, etc., and that the rice farmers should be encouraged to raise horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry, and that they be fed such food-stuffs as the rice belt will produce, including the cheaper grades of rice, thus making each farmer self-sustaining as far as possible outside the rice crop.

"Resolved, that we recommend the farmers of the rice belt to carefully drain a portion of their lands, that a fair test of the possibilities of diversification may be made and we especially recommend that those having lands naturally drained experiment along many lines for the benefit of those not so favorably located, the past year having demonstrated that those lands sloping toward natural water courses are valuable for the production of oats. Believing that the rice belt is capable of furnishing all the needs of our people, we recommend that a patient effort be made along this line.

### Will Try Diversified Farming.

Capt. B. T. Walshe informs the Journal that the Ridge Rice Farms, owned jointly by himself and Hon. Chas. F. Buck, of New Orleans, and located northwest of the oil field, would be of diversified crops the coming year. He says the tenants have been instructed to sow forty acres of oats, ten acres of alfalfa, plant two acres of onions, five acres of sweet potatoes and it is probable ten acres will be planted in cotton.

These crops will be on land located in such a way that in the event of a drouth it may be easily irrigated.

In addition to this the captain expects to raise a large crop of seed rice, eighty acres of new land to be thus utilized, besides a greater portion of that in rice this season will again be planted next year.

Messrs. Walshe and Buck are carrying into execution plans that have been under contemplation by many planters the past year, and have been advocated by the press throughout the rice belt, and in the opinion of many it will be necessary in the future to emulate this example in order to make a success at farming. Let others do likewise and the cry of hard times in southwest Louisiana will soon be a matter of history.

### Killed Bear in Calcasieu.

Tom Cox, a prominent citizen of Orange, returned Friday night from a hunt over in Calcasieu parish, says the Orange (Tex.) Tribune. He has an interesting story to tell his friends about killing a 400-pound black bear, which, he says, was bayed by his dogs, and that a terrible fight took place, and to save the dogs he was compelled to place himself in a very critical position in regard to the bear. In order to get a shot at the monstrous animal he got in two feet of him and sent a ball through him which killed him instantly. Mr. Cox brought back enough of the bear to sustain his story, and any one who doubts the same can be convinced if they will call at Mr. Cox's residence and see the hide.

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### Demand for Stenographers.

There is a great demand for expert stenographers everywhere; in the courts, in law and medical offices, on newspapers, by literary workers, in state and municipal offices, in the White House, in Congress and the Legislature, in hotels and on railroad trains; in fact wherever there is writing to be done, there too, is the strong call for the stenographer to do it.

### SALARIES PAID ETC.

Are much better than in ordinary clerical positions, and the duties lighter and more congenial. In the U. S. Government Departments, there is a constant call for young men and women to fill these positions paying \$1,200 to \$1,800 a year.

The largest shorthand school in the South, and only one teaching students to write 150 words to the minute, a speed high enough to hold expert government positions, is Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. The famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand is taught there by its author and other experts, and more students are said to finish shorthand there than in all other schools in the state. Any of our readers interested in shorthand, business, or telegraphy courses should write for their large free catalog.

The killing at Welsh Wednesday of a little girl by a boy whose parents allowed him to wander around town shooting at birds, with reckless disregard of other people's rights and well-being is only another warning to the people of Lake Charles that this kind of conduct must be stamped out. If the parents do not feel inclined to teach their children to obey the law both of God and man, the authorities must do it. A citizen who causes the arrest of a boy who is shooting at song birds or shooting within the city limits is doing the public a service.—Lake Charles American.

### Iowa News Notes.

Little Francis Funk is quite sick. The doctor pronounces the disease hay fever.

Mrs. Fisher and Miss Gussie Robinson visited in Lake Charles Friday and Saturday.

Miss Tessie Davis, of Welsh, was a guest of Misses Goldie and Winnie Lyon last week.

The social Thanksgiving evening was a success socially and financially. The net proceeds were \$18.

Mrs. Fisher, assisted by Rev. Paul Leeds, will begin Friday night, Dec. 2, a revival meeting at the Congregational church.

The World's Temperance Sunday was observed with appropriate programs and black board diagrams at the two churches. The Iowa local union of the W. C. T. U. has provided each church with a roll of honor, and it was encouraging to Christian temperance workers to see the number who were willing to sign the pledge.

The New Star Townsite Company, of Oklahoma City, O. T., members of the M., K. & T. Land Bureau and incorporated for \$50,000, has a representative here this week selling lots in the new town of Fallis, in Lincoln county, for \$30 per lot in three installments. Fallis is located at the junction of the M., K. & T., M., K. & O. and Fort Smith & Western railroads, is surrounded by a good agricultural country, and having ample capital back of it, is predestined to be one of the fastest growing towns in Oklahoma. For particulars see J. W. Helt, at Signal hotel.

### For Rent.

On South Adams street, a nice and convenient six-room cottage. Cistern, well, out buildings, walks, &c.

F. L. LEWIS.

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## MARTIN BROTHERS,

Dry Goods, Notions, Etc. Welsh, La.

### Mrs. C. A. Saxby Dead.

Yesterday morning J. S. DeWolf received a telegram conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Saxby, at Hutchinson, Kansas, and to make preparations for the burial to take place in the Welsh city cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. Saxby's death was the result of diabetes. She had been a sufferer of that disease for a year, but about two months ago it assumed a serious form and continued to grow worse. A fortnight ago Mr. Saxby took her to Hutchinson, Kansas, thinking that relief might be obtained by changing to a higher altitude, but to no avail.

Deceased was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church, from which place the funeral will take place to-morrow. Eld. S. B. Horton, of New Orleans, has been telegraphed to and if possible he will conduct the funeral services. The interment will take place in the city cemetery.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. DeWolf, a husband, two sons and two daughters survive her.

As the Journal stated last week the sudden desire of the Rio Bravo Oil Company to quit the Welsh field after spending thousands of dollars in improvements seemed peculiar. That is the view that every one took of the matter following the announcement of that company's sudden determination. Instead of moving the machinery as was previously announced, everything is in position as before, but in charge of a watchman. It is freely predicted that the company will resume operations within a short time, that the temporary cessation is only for reasons best known to the railroad company or Rio Bravo Company, and is a matter that frequently presents itself in the development of new oil fields. At any rate those interested in the local field are none the less discouraged at the action of the Rio Bravo people, and it looks now that development will be pushed with greater zeal this winter than at any previous period.

Pay your poll tax now.

### Bell City News Items.

Rev. Ernest Colwell, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who has spent several years in missionary work in China, lectured here on missions to the delight of all present. A fine collection for this small congregation was taken, amounting to \$33.50.

Rev. Deaton and Colwell left for Cameron Monday morning to attend the quarterly conference.

Bell City college is progressing finely under the management of its president, H. A. Wood, and his corps of teachers, all of whom are graduates from Meridian, Miss. We have an enrollment of sixty students and the promise of several more to enter the second term. We are glad to say that this institution of learning is truly religious and nonsectarian.

Professor Wood, the president, is an untiring worker, visiting many towns and villages in the interest of the college.

Bell City, only about eight months old, bids fair to be one of the thriving towns of Southwest Louisiana. It is twenty miles east of Lake Charles and eighteen west of Lake Arthur on a branch of the Southern Pacific, and nestles itself on a high dry prairie just west of Lacasine bayou.

This is really not a rice country, although some rice is raised here. It is more adapted to truck farming and fruit growing. Cotton would do well here.

There is some talk of a cotton gin and also a canning factory in the near future.

This is a fine section for diversified farming. Home prospectors will do well to come this way.

### School Has Opened

and owing to the delay you should be equipped the first day and ready for school work. The Journal Stationary Store makes a specialty of school supplies, such as tablets, composition books, pencils, pens, inks, crayons of all colors and kinds, slates, erasers, sponges, rulers and school books.

No Trouble to Answer Questions at the Gulf Rice Mill.

## FARMERS!

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

You can't afford to send your rice away where you can not look after it, and where from past experience you can figure from 6 months to one year in getting returns. You can't sell it for the prevailing prices in the rough, as it is too cheap.

Now if you will take our advice; this is what you will do: Haul your rice to the mill of the GULF RICE MILLING COMPANY, LTD., AT WELSH, LA. Theirs is a home enterprise by home people—worthy of your patronage and support. The following is their proposition: Advance you three-fourths of the actual value of your rice and mill it for you. You will then be advised what your rice is worth, or in other words what they can sell it for, and MAKE YOU RETURNS IN TWENTY DAYS from the time you decide to sell, or if you want it held, they will hold it for you; and any time you call at the mill they will tell you just what it is worth on that day. However, after hauling if you do not wish to take the chances of the market fluctuation of the 10 days it would take to mill your rice and put it on the markets of the United States, we will pay you the top of the market or MORE THAN THE PREVAILING PRICES in the rough. Better consider this before selling or shipping. Bring in your samples and talk it over with Manager Miller. NO TROUBLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE

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