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## We Have Just Received

a fine assortment of Men and Youths' up-to-date SUITS in all sizes (guaranteed to fit and not fade), which will be sold at a great reduction. Also a fine line of Stylish Tailor-Made Pants and a complete assortment of \$3.50 to \$2.50 Douglas shoes.

## SIGNAL CLOTHING STORE

J. S. GERSON, WELSH, LOUISIANA.

### ENLARGED SERVICE.

#### Southern Pacific is to Run a Steamer to Cuba.

Travel between New Orleans and Havana has grown to such proportions within the last few years it has been impossible to provide accommodations for all those who desired to take that trip, but at last this question has been solved. The Louthern Pacific has chartered from the Dominion Railway company that company's magnificent twin-screw steamer Prince Arthur, recently plying between New York and Yarmouth.

This vessel will be placed in the New Orleans-Havana service, and will make her initial trip Wednesday, October 18, from New Orleans at 1 p. m., and will arrive at Havana the following Friday morning by breakfast time. She will leave Havana on Saturday at 4 p. m., arriving at New Orleans the following Monday noon.

There does not ply in the Gulf of Mexico or on the Atlantic coast a more seaworthy, comfortable and speedy steamer than the Prince Arthur.

This elegant passenger carrier was built in Hull, England, in 1899, especially for the transportation of tourists, and is laid down on the lines of the modern Trans-Atlantic liners. Her steel hull is of the yacht model and is fitted with bilge keels, imparting great steadiness of motion. The Prince Arthur is 304 feet long, 39-foot beam and of 2,240 gross tons, and has accommodations for 178 first class passengers, thirty-six second class and twenty-four steerage.

The Prince Arthur's engines are of the most powerful and modern type, and her twin-screws can drive her at the rate of sixteen knots an hour; double funnels emphasize her close relationship to the "liner," and a deck comparison is further accentuated by her broad covered promenade deck and her splendid interior appointments. The Prince Arthur is licensed

to carry 600 passengers.

In the afterpart of the promenade deck there is a commodious smoking and card room, and an artistically furnished music room, containing a fine piano, is situated forward near the main companionway. Electricity brilliantly illuminates the ship throughout, including the promenade deck.

Life is nearly always as enjoyable there as upon the piazza of a palatial seashore hotel.

One of the finest, as well as one of the most important departments of the steamer is the dining room, situated on the main deck forward and extending the entire width of the vessel. It is light and well ventilated and attractively decorated.

Special attention is paid to the cuisine, the chefs being chosen from the best in New Orleans, and New Orleans has been noted for years for its fine cooking in the old Creole style. The table will be supplied with all the delicacies of the season, fresh vegetables, meats, etc., being carried in the ship's cold storage plant. Obliging and intelligent stewards will look after the comforts of the passengers.

All the most modern aids to navigation have been installed, including improved compasses, steering gear and log, and perfection has been aimed at in every detail of the vessel's construction and management.

The captain has selected his staff and crew with especial reference to the needs of this new service. Women passengers traveling with or without escorts are assured of the best of care at the hands of trained and accommodating stewardesses. Everything possible will be done on shipboard to render the ship a genuine pleasure to the tourist.

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### What Opponents of Mosquito Doctrine Say.

It is contended by the opponents of the mosquito doctrine that the disappearance of yellow fever from Havana may not have been due to Major Gorgas' active anti-mosquito measures, because yellow fever had frequently disappeared for considerable periods from Santiago and Havana and the smaller cities. In the latter the number of non-immunes was always very small, and the yellow fever epidemic in one of these soon ceased, on account of the susceptible material; whereas in Havana, the commercial, military and yellow fever center of the island, the number of yellow fever immunes was always large, thousands of immigrants coming into it every year, constituting an uninterrupted and inexhaustible stream of fresh material for keeping up yellow fever in an epidemic form.

All of the many able, cultivated, trained American medical officers—among them such men as Gen. Wood, Surgeon Gen. O'Reilly, Major Kean, Major Gorgas, Surgeon Carter, Surgeon Glennan, Capt. Stark and others who were in Havana and who had personal knowledge of the mosquito yellow fever experiments and demonstrations made there—were, without exception, completely convinced that yellow fever is transmitted to man exclusively by the mosquito.

This is exceedingly strong evidence to my mind, of the correctness of the proposition stated in the title of this paper. Had our distinguished colleagues, who do not agree with us, been on the ground, as we were, and seen with their own eyes, as we saw, the exactness and completeness of the proofs, I believe they would have been convinced as we were.

The idea, held by more able and prominent medical men, that yellow fever may be transmitted by bed-bugs, fleas and other suctorial insects is, in the light of our present knowledge of insects and disease, highly improbable. Bed-bugs and fleas are found all over the world, in all climates, and in all seasons of the year; whereas, yellow fever is restricted to certain tropical and sub-tropical regions and prevails only in the summer and autumn.

Another highly significant fact in this connection is, that while yellow fever was melting away like ice under a summer sun before Major Gorgas' anti-mosquito operations, the city of Havana was infested with bed-bugs, fleas, etc., galore, no attention being paid to them by the sanitary department, and that the prevalence of these blood-suckers has continued throughout the subsequent fourteen months, during which the city has remained free from yellow fever.

Although the germ of yellow fever has not been found (no more has that of smallpox), yet the scientific and circumstantial evidence is practically positive that it is an animal parasite whose cycle requires a certain length of time, and is very similar to that of the malarial parasite. We know that the yellow fever germ goes from man to the stegomyia mosquito and from the stegomyia back to man. No instance has ever been advanced in which there seemed to me even a possibility that yellow fever had been transmitted by bed-bugs, fleas or flies. Certain it is that no such case has occurred in Havana during the past fourteen months, in which yellow fever has been absent from that city, although as shown above, unequalled opportunities for such an occurrence have there been constantly in existence.—John W. Ross, M. D. Surgeon U. S. A.

### FIGHT AGAINST GOULD

#### Former Wabash President Seeks to Regain His Title.

New York, Sept. 15.—Joseph Ramsey, formerly president of the Wabash railroad, has issued a public statement in which he asks stockholders of the road for proxies in his name for use at the annual election of directors to be held at Toledo, on October 10.

From the wording of his statement, says the Herald, it is believed an attempt is being made to dispute the control of the property with George J. Gould. The serious contemplation of any such attempt, however, is decried in railroad circles, as it is stated to be the policy of the Goulds to retain 40 per cent of the stock of their properties, so that in the event of a contest, it would be no great effort for them to maintain a controlling interest.

George J. Gould is at his summer home in the Catskills and the chief executives of his various railroad properties had all left the city when Mr. Ramsey appeared.

It was semi-officially stated only recently, that Mr. Gould expected to become the active head of the Wabash system to succeed Mr. Ramsey.

### SECRETARY MARSHALL'S REPORT.

#### Analysis of the Crop, Showing Yields Per Acre and Total Yield of the Belt.

Secretary W. D. Marshall, of the Louisiana and Texas Rice Millers' and Distributors' association has issued the following official statement of the rice crop of the season of 1904:

AT CROWLEY, LA., SEPT. 13, 1905.

Rough rice received by Louisiana mills (outside of New Orleans).....1,964,904  
Rough rice received at New Orleans from Louisiana stations, per statement from M. L. & T. railroad..... 667,900  
Rough rice received at New Orleans via steamboat and railroad, except M. L. & T. railroad and Donaldsonville..... 418,404

Total amount rough rice, Louisiana.....3,051,211  
Rough rice received by Texas mills.....1,798,179  
Rough rice received at New Orleans from Texas stations, per statement from M. L. & T. railroad..... 278,061  
Total amount rough rice, Texas.....2,076,240

#### RECAPITULATION.

Louisiana crop, 1904.....3,051,211  
Texas crop, 1904.....2,076,240

Total crop.....5,127,251

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Total receipts rough, New Orleans.....1,364,368

#### YIELD OF RICE PER ACRE.

[Based on U. S. government report of acreage for 1904].  
Louisiana—376,500 acres, 8.10 sacks per acre.  
Texas—234,100 acres, 8.87 sacks per acre.—Crowley Signal.

Fancy skirt and waist goods for fall and winter wear just in at Martin Bros.

#### Rice.

Rice is the most digestible of all food stuffs.  
Rice will digest in one hour.  
Potatoes will digest in three hours and a half.  
Oatmeal will digest in three hours.  
Steak will digest in three hours.  
Eggs will digest in three hours.  
Tomatoes will digest in two hours.  
Rice contains 87 per cent nutriment.  
Beef contains 45 per cent nutriment.  
Potatoes contain 21 per cent nutriment.  
There is no food cheaper and healthier than rice. Why not try it?

#### Get milk of the Welsh Dairy. They sell the best.

The Lafayette Cases.  
Saturday, Sept. 16.—So far five cases of fever have been reported and officially recognized up to date by the state and city boards of health, to-wit: F. K. Fabey, Chas. Martin, August Vigneaux, Abraham Hirsch and Isaac Bendel. No suspicious cases have been announced and in all likelihood there will be no further development of the disease. The extremely mild type has led many to doubt the diagnosis of several cases, but the opinion of Drs. J. D. and A. R. Trahan has been confirmed by highest authority and must stand until disproved.

All the patients have practically recovered except young Vigneaux, whose attack has been followed by complications which hinders his rapid convalescence. Dr. Trahan, however, hopes to correct these slight derangements and in a few days discharge his patient. Bendel and Hirsch will be out in a day or two. So the situation presents a most hopeful aspect just now and if the people will only supplement the precautions taken by the attending physicians in these cases, no fear need be felt of any further infection. A month has elapsed since the first case and if indications count, frost will soon put an end to all apprehension. Let every one observe ordinary rules of health, fight the mosquito and leave the result with God.—Lafayette Gazette.

### Cedarpoint and Lakeside.

There is nothing more refreshing to mind and body as a voyage on beautiful Lake Erie. The air is invigorating, while the spray of the mighty waves, washing over the deck, lend enchantment to the scene. Steamers and naphtha boats ply between Sandusky and the different islands, enabling the tourist to enjoy the magnificent scenery at a nominal sum. Cedarpoint, a narrow neck of land studded with grand old forest trees, is the Conney Island of Ohio. Large hotels are at this summer resort, and preparations are being made to enlarge their capacity to enable the management to cater to the tourists. An average of 25,000 strangers arrive daily at Sandusky over the different railroads; most of them visiting the different islands.

Magnificent steamers ply between the city and the different points of interest in the lake. Cedarpoint claims most of the visitors on account of its popularity and free and easy mode of entertaining strangers. Ample preparations have been made to cater to the wants of the physical man, while sylvan retreat is offered by the shady nooks, shutting out the humdrum of life.

To see Cedarpoint at its best necessitates an evening visit, when electric displays turn night almost into day and when gaiety reaches its height; but strolling down the beach the gentle moaning of the waves lulled us into quiet contemplation of the mighty works of the Great Architect, who has made it possible for man to find enjoyment and peace and quiet amidst the turmoil of a busy world. But, hark! the boat's whistle calls us out of our reverie, and we hurry to board the last steamer to get home and dream of loved ones far away.

Lakeside, another summer resort, and the Chataqua of the M. E. church was visited. A comprehensive Bible study and camp meeting were in progress. This is a quiet retreat under the direct management of the M. E. church, and camp meetings are held at regular intervals. One of the peculiar features of this place is its strict Curfew regulation. At 9 p. m. the large bell tolled and reminded us that we must bid farewell, as visitors must leave at this time, while all lights are extinguished; the supposition being that all good people retire for the night. This, I fear, is not always carried out to the letter.

Cottages and hotels are erected for the entertainment of guests, while at one end of the grounds a miniature city of tents harbor those not able to find lodging at the campus. The immense hippodrome is capable of seating 8,000 worshippers, and the last evening of the Chataqua the place was filled to the overflowing.

On our way back to the city we passed the famous revolving light at Marble Head, warning the mariner of lurking dangers along the rock-bound coast. Marblehead is noted for its fine stone quarries, and the place today is one of the commercial centers of the lake. Immense lime kilns produce the finest lime of the northwest, while cement and concrete factories supply the world with their products. This beautiful peninsula is connected by a branch of the L. S. & M. S. railway with Cleveland, the largest commercial city of the great chain of inland lakes.

But here we are once more at the Sandusky pier, and tired with the day's sight-seeing. We retire at once so we shall be at our best to take the contemplated trip the next morning to Detroit on the magnificent steel steamer Lakeside, one of the finest of the lake steamers. We like to travel on her, because she is one of the few lake steamers carrying no saloon, the sale of intoxicants on her decks being forbidden. DR. MENTE.

### The Cane Crop.

With a continuance of favorable climatic conditions, the cane crop has maintained its rapid growth noted during the past several months, thus giving added guarantee of very satisfactory tonnages being harvested this fall. In the different parish papers, reports are now appearing from week to week of large canes sent in by planters that are taken as indicative of the crop prospects in the various communities showing up quite favorably.

Further evidence of the nearness of the coming sugar campaign is furnished by the scenes of activity on our plantations, for aside from large forces of mechanics employed in effecting factory improvements and putting the transportation facilities in shape, the field forces are busily engaged in clearing the corn and pea vines from the land preparatory to fall plowing and fall cane planting. Already considerable plowing is accomplished, and in view of the shortage in the corn crop and its quick disposal, there should be ample time between now and grinding to get in the full quota of prior-grinding planting.

Three McCormick second-hand binders at a bargain at Welsh Carriage and Implement Co's.

### HEYWOOD NO. 1 AGAIN

#### Was a Non-producer for Several Months.

The Heywood Oil Co. well No. 1 is gushing at the rate of 1500 barrels a day having come in again this morning after being idle for several months.

When first brought in, at the time when drilling was first completed, the well made a splendid showing and flowed good oil for several weeks. It was considered a good well and made hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil before it quit and became a non-producer.

Work was resumed on the well a few days ago with the intention of bringing it in again and this was successful as is shown by the result.

The Heywood Oil Co. twisted off the drill stem in their well No. 3 at a depth of 1700 feet and are now fishing for it.—Jennings Times-Record.

### Reading Notice.

Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisement of the six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn how easily a young man or lady may learn telegraphy and be assured a position.

## Cheap Homes

We have arranged with the North American Land and Timber company whereby we have secured the agency of about 18,000 acres of their lands surrounding Welsh. We can sell you a farm from \$10 to \$15 per acre, one-fourth cash and give you five years equal payments on the deferred payments. Now is the time to get a cheap home. Or if you want improved farms we have them ranging in price from \$25 to \$40 per acre. Write or call on

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## Welsh Machine Shops,

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Any Size or Gauge, and

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### PIPE AND FITTINGS

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## Rice Farmers, Attention!

We are now prepared to furnish you with the best bundle forks on the market, and also anything in the line of sack needles, lampblack, marking pots, marking brushes, etc.

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THE RIGHT PLACE.

Dealers in Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Glassware, Queensware, Paints, Oils.

## Open to the Public for Rice Storage

Having decided to open all of our warehouses for rice storage, we solicit your business.

### Liberal Cash Advances

on warehouse receipts, and you sell your own goods. Ask our managers to explain our method for securing you best cash market price for your rice. Apply to

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ROANOKE MILL, Roanoke, La.

—OR TO—

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