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SPECIAL ATTENTION!

We desire to call to your attention the fact that we have just received a Very Large and Complete Stock of Fine Dress Goods for Spring and Summer, such as Silks, Plaids, Lawns and Waistings of the Very Latest Patterns; also a Very Fine Line of Embroideries and Laces. We invite you to call and see this elegant line of goods at your earliest possible convenience.

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Buggy and Carriage Work a Specialty.

Estimates Furnished Free.

A. B. HALL.

PEOPLE MUST PAY FOR JOHN D'S. GENEROSITY.

Simultaneous With \$32,000,000 Present Comes Announcement of Raise in Price of Oil.

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Simultaneously with the announcement by John D. Rockefeller, jr., of the proposed raise by his father of \$32,000,000 to the general education board, comes notice to the oil dealers and consumers all over the country of an advance in the price of oil which will net the great Standard Oil Company about 40,000,000 additional in a single year.

It is estimated from the figures at hand that fully \$12,400,000 of the additional annual tax must come from the humble homes of the working class using oil as an illuminant and for oil stoves.

Notice of the advance in the price of Standard Oil products was received by dealers Thursday, the same day announcement of the great gift was made. Although the advance quoted to wholesalers is one cent a gallon on oil for domestic use, the public will actually pay the Rockefeller monopoly one cent additional, as the retail dealers have raised the price to consumers.

The year's consumption of oil for domestic purposes in Philadelphia is about 15,500,000 gallons. So this city alone will turn over to the Rockefeller monopoly an additional sum of \$15,000,000 annually from the sale of the cheap grade of oil used for light and heat.

Should We Build a Walk to the Cemetery?

A commendable movement is on foot and beginning to be agitated by some of our citizens looking to the building of a sidewalk to the cemetery. In the past this was almost out of the question owing to the fact that it was so far from the terminal of any walk to the cemetery that the expense of building a connecting walk would be too great to be considered. But recently walks have been built to within about 450 feet of the cemetery gate. To build this strip of walk would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000, but it would add materially to the appearance of the town, and would be a lasting benefit to all who are or will be interested in the cemetery. This is a matter that we believe will meet the hearty co-operation of the citizens of Welsh, and should the city council take the matter up, we believe the citizens would support them at least in the way of a subscription.

What a Boy Can Do.

An interesting example of what a boy can do when he tries, and one worthy of commendation by his elders, and emulation by his associates, can be seen in the work of Charley Seneften. Charley, who is twelve or thirteen years old, concluded a few months ago that it was time for him to turn over a new leaf and give up the worthless life of the gammon, which he was leading, and get onto the road to make a man of himself. He went to work in the Gulf mill and began saving his money, and as regularly as pay day comes Charley puts a good part of his wages in the bank. He now has a neat little bank account that reaches up close to the hundred mark, and will go to a hundred and fifty or more before the season is over. While he has never taken much interest in schooling he says now that he sees the need of an education, and that he is going to school next year on the money he has saved. The Journal sincerely hopes that he will stick to his good resolutions. There is no position that the American boy may not hope to attain if he goes at it as this one has been doing lately. Stick to it Charley, that is the way real men are made.

To Whom It May Concern.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have witnessed the use of the Self Contained Centrifugal Pump Attachment, manufactured by R. R. Monger, and believe it to be the means of prolonging the life of a pump from three to five times longer than the pump which is set in the ordinary way, and will save an appreciable amount of fuel by greatly reducing the friction.

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Strawberries by the Box.

Hitherto we have been noting the appearance of early strawberries in small quantities, but now they begin to come in by the box. This office is under obligations to Mrs. J. S. DeWolf for two boxes of fine strawberries left with us Wednesday. Mrs. DeWolf says that she has picked as much as twenty quarts at a picking recently. As they readily sell at 25 cents per quart, it is easily seen that February strawberries are profitable as well as unusual.

Recent Improvements on the North Side.

That the people in the north part of Welsh are prosperous and progressing is evinced by the general improvement that is going on there, and which is making the north side one of the most prosperous appearing and desirable residence portions of the city. The following are a few of the recent improvements which we noticed while going through that portion of the town this week:

Joe Russell has just completed a neat two story residence two blocks east of the parsonage, and will soon have a comfortable home there. Rev. Carruth has erected a commodious barn and buggy house on the parsonage lots which add much to the convenience of the parsonage. J. M. Shoemaker, the energetic foreman of the Armstrong shops, has built several additional rooms onto his home and treated it to a new coat of paint which makes it one of the neatest cottage residences in town. While Chas. Ryder has almost entirely reconstructed the old C. E. Smith place which he recently purchased, having expended about \$1000, on the same. It is nicely repainted and repapered and is said to be one of the best finished houses in Welsh at the present time. Our jolly English friend, Fred Johnston, is just completing putting up a wove wire fence around the two lots which he recently purchased just south of his residence, and will convert the same into a pasture lot. H. E. Wesson is thoroughly overhauling his place, having repainted and finished the house throughout. He has torn down and removed the old paling fence which was around his fine old china grove and will replace it with a neat picket fence. He is putting out a fine lot of fruit trees, opening up two new streets through his property, one east and the other north of the house and will soon have an ideal home. He will begin putting down a new irrigation well within about 30 days to irrigate his farm which is adjoining his city property. Our modest young friend and former (printer's) devil, David Peterseim, has built a neat little barn for his horse and buggy, which will keep them in such good shape that we are sure some girl will be glad to ride with him. R. M. Gray, the business end of the Calcasieu Implement Co., is putting about two hundred loads of dirt upon the two lots just south of his present residence and expects to build a commodious residence upon them in the near future. R. P. Willard has been putting up considerable new fencing and making general repairs upon his residence property which enhances the value of it. Much new sidewalk has also been laid in that section of the city. Two fine walks, one from the Methodist parsonage to Mr. Wesson's place, and another from near the section house east and north to the Wesson property fill a long felt want for the residents of that section of the city. This is but a part of what may be seen of progress in that section of our city.

Public Sale.

I will offer for sale at Doherty and Davenport's stable, Jennings, La., on Thursday, February, 21st, 1907, the following property, viz: 30 head of good Rice mules. 3 cooking stoves. 1 dozen tents. 1 dozen drag scrapers. 10 wheel scrapers. 1 railroad plow. 10 sets of harness.

Terms of Sale—Cash or negotiable notes. J. E. Koen.

For Sale or Rent.

One hundred and sixty-eight acres of first-class rice land three miles from Iowa Station. Will sell for one fourth of crop until paid for. L. C. Bucklin, Roanoke, La. Jan 18 tf

OIL FIELD NOTES.

Several New Companies Soon to Begin Operations in Welsh.

The Welsh Oil Field continues to be the Mecca in which oil men and companies are seeking to find deliverance from the woes caused by the decrease in the output of other southern fields. Although no great finds have been made so far, the persistency with which oil men continue operations in this field is an evidence of their belief that there is something good here and that they will eventually find it. The facts seem to be that while they know they can get oil in quantities such as the wells here have been yielding they are now seeking for a greater flow. If this is not found then paying wells will be developed in the strata of oil sand which is known to underlie the field. Several new companies will be operating in the field within a few days. The Sun people are getting their derrick up and expect to begin drilling within a few days, their well is located eight hundred feet east of the Rio Bravo well in the proven field. The Texas-Colorado Syndicate have their outfit on the cars here at Welsh today (Thursday) and expect to begin work north of the proven field within a short time. It is stated on reliable authority that this company will put down five wells in the field shortly. It is pretty well understood that still another company will begin putting down a wildcat well on G. W. Cosner's place, 3 miles north of Welsh, within 60 days.

The Texas Company is persistently pounding away at their deep well on the Woods lease. While no outsider knows exactly how deep down they are it is rumored that they are beyond the three thousand feet mark. The Central City people will begin pumping their new well next week.

It is predicted by one who is a good judge of such matters, that the next three months will see the greatest developments in the Welsh field that has occurred since it was opened up.

THE HOMESTEAD IS ALWAYS EXEMPT.

So Decides Judge Miller in the Robicheaux Case.—Better to Leave a Man Able to Support Family Than to Pay Larger Dividends, Says He.

In district court Tuesday, Judge Miller handed down an interesting decision, sustaining the right of a bankrupt to homestead exemption, paramount to the claims of others.

Some time ago, J. R. Robicheaux, a well to do business man of Welsh, became financially involved and concluded that the best way out of his difficulties was to make an assignment. His property, however, schedules twice as much as his liabilities.

In his deed of assignment, he included his home property on the outskirts of Welsh, not realizing at the time that the law gave him the right to hold it exempt. Afterward he found out he was surrendering his rights, and brought proceedings against D. Mallet to have the conveyance set aside.

The case was tried before Judge Miller Tuesday, and the latter held that as a matter of public policy, it was better to leave a man able to take care of his family, than to pay a larger dividend to his creditors. He gave judgment for Robicheaux accordingly. Attorney L. A. Goudeau appeared for Robicheaux and McCoy & Moss for the defendant.—Daily American.

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WELSH, LA.

Bridge Between Welsh and Oil Field in Bad Condition.

Much complaint is being made regarding the dilapidated condition of the long bridge between Welsh and the oil field. The floor of this bridge is said to be in such a decayed condition that there are numerous holes in it of sufficient size for a horse to put its foot through. Many of the planks which are not already broken have become so badly decayed that they are in danger of being broken at any time, by a horse stepping upon them. Several complaints have reached this office recently from people whose horses have stepped in these holes and came near being seriously injured. We have also been informed that the police jury of this ward has been notified repeatedly, both verbally and in writing, of the dangerous condition of this bridge, and yet for some unknown reason there seems to have been no action taken for remedying the same.

There can be no doubt but that the condition of affairs should be changed. The people of this ward pay sufficient taxes to warrant them in asking for bridges which are at least safe to travel over. Again, if through neglect to repair this bridge some one is killed or seriously injured, the parish or ward would in all probability be involved in a damage suit which would cost much more than repairing the bridge would have cost in the first place.

For Sale.

320 acres of rice land. E 1 Sec. 13, Tp 9 S, R 6, by W. P. Weber or H. C. Gill, Lake Charles, La. 20

New Line Box Stationery at the Journal Book Store.

Capt. John P. Slatterly's View on the Rice Situation.

In an interview with Capt. Jno. P. Slatterly, who was in Welsh Wednesday. He said that indications are that there will be an increase of about seven per cent in the acreage of rice put in, in Texas this year over that sown last year. The farmers are in a position to give their ground better culture this year than last owing to the fine season. Indications are that the yield per acre will be much better this year than the last owing to the better condition of the soil. At this season last year farmers were plowing their fields up very wet, a dry spring followed and the furrow was baked into something closely akin to brick. Bacterial action was greatly retarded under such conditions and the result was a poor yield in many instances. It would be better for farmers to furnish their men with newspapers and let them read rather than work when the ground is so wet as it was last spring. Farmers cannot violate the well known laws of agriculture and expect to make a full crop. It is hoped that they will learn by experience and thoroughly ditch their ground in the future.

Fertilizer will always help the farmer whose land is drained, but may yield no returns to the farmer who plows his land wet, especially late in the spring. Fall plowing while wet is not so disastrous.

Notice to Hunters and Trespassers.

You are hereby notified that all hunting and trespassing upon the property of C. H. W. Payne, located six miles north of Welsh, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. C. H. W. Payne, per James Christian. febr 3-t

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