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Corn may be king, but he comes in the shape of pork.

That proposed copper merger seems well lined with gold.

It is a cold day when a packer can't draw a first page head.

Warships don't say in fashion any longer than women's hats.

All are turning to higher things—the higher cost of living in particular.

A spring without spring poets would be a delightful but impossible season.

Have you ascertained the truth of the statement that kissing is dangerous?

The price of beef appears to have fallen into its same old bad habit of going up.

All those explanations about the cause for high prices do not seem to lower them any.

It takes more than a fire to break up a bridge whist party when the ladies get fairly started.

Detroit man has e'oped with his wife's mother. He will find this is no mother-in-law joke.

One trust after another is making the discovery that the laws of the United States must be obeyed.

Let the aviators who talk of the heights to which they have soared look at the price of hogs and be silent.

We begin to suspect that the ground has stayed out to see the comet and not because he thought spring had come.

The rush of Americans to European resorts may be due partly to the number of grand juries which are probing.

How would you like to be a poor, down-trodden farmer with nothing but a few droves of hogs to sell at record-breaking prices?

Senor Pedro Calarens, the richest man in Mexico, is also trying to die poor. He gives away more than a million dollars a year.

Belgium's new king is an enthusiastic collector of stamps. This is less expensive than the fads of his predecessor on the throne.

Uncle Sam has a new gun with a bore 16 inches in diameter. As it jars the earth six miles away it cannot be called a concealed weapon.

Thirty-two pancakes at one sitting! That Des Moines story sounds like that of the man who ate flannel cakes and woke up to find half the blanket gone.

This year all spring poets will be forgiven; for the winter has been such as to almost justify an exuberant outbreak into song or the semblance thereof once it is over.

There is nothing the matter with New York's subway except that it is overcrowded. Its tubes will also become congested. It is a town that always outgrows public conveniences.

The decision of the appellate division that a divorced man need not pay alimony to a former wife when she marries again should strike the second husband favorably in his self-respect.

The plan of the California superintendent of education to require less work for school children at their homes does not, of course, apply to doing the chores and keeping the back clean.

New Jersey man threatened his wife with divorce because she joined the boycott and would not give him treat. The beef magnates should make some substantial recognition of so determined a stand in their interests.

People who have received with absolute indifference reports that ten, twenty or fifty-dollar counterfeit bills were in circulation are now seriously disturbed. A counterfeit \$1 silver certificate of good workmanship has been discovered.

One of the many causes contributing to the "panic" of 1907 was the slump in copper due to the decline in demand. Now the market reports show a large gain in copper sales, with the consumption for January 42,000,000 pounds in excess of production for that month. The growing use of copper means increased activity in various branches of industry and hence shows that business continues on the up grade.

When colored eggs are in vogue we can expect the turkey to lay black ones at Thanksgiving time, tokens of mourning for departed sisters.

Immigration made a big record last year and the indications are that this year's figures will be even larger. And with such an impinging greater becomes the necessity for a careful examination at all ports of entry. Government officials must be compelled to do their work thoroughly and see that no undesirable from any foreign land are allowed to land.

ALL OVER LOUISIANA

DR. McKOWEN TRANSFERRED TO BATON ROUGE FOR TRIAL.

Judge Brunot Seeks to Test Legality of One Parish Shifting Expenses Upon Another.

Baton Rouge.—Dr. E. C. McKowen, the Jackson physician charged with the murder of E. K. Judson, was brought to Baton Rouge by Sheriff Hubbs of East Feliciana and placed in the East Baton Rouge jail, under the care of Sheriff Randolph. McKowen's arrival was unexpected. It was not expected that he would be brought here until the last of the week, but Sheriff Hubbs decided to get the prisoner in the Baton Rouge jail as soon as possible.

McKowen retained his usual silence, and declined to be interviewed or to have anything to say for publication. He shows somewhat the effects of his long confinement in St. Francisville and Clinton jails, he having been taken to West Feliciana when the crime was first discovered and later transferred to Clinton.

The fact that Dr. McKowen was brought down today and placed in the East Baton Rouge jail does not in any way bind the parish to try the case. The question will come up when an effort is made to assign the case for hearing.

Dr. McKowen got himself comfortably fixed up at the jail and had a conference lasting for some time with his attorney here, L. D. Beale. Dr. McKowen told Sheriff Randolph that he was not going to give him any trouble. The complete transcript of the record in the case was also brought down by Sheriff Hubbs and filed with Tom E. McHugh, clerk of the East Baton Rouge district court.

Judge Brunot has positively decided that he will decline to try the McKowen case. By thus declining the case Judge Brunot hopes to bring before the supreme court the right of one parish to place upon another the expense of such a trial. The only reason that the case will be declined is to get the expense placed upon East Feliciana. If East Feliciana will agree to meet the expense of the case it will be tried during the April term. The first estimated cost of \$2,000 to try the case now develops to have been a low one. The court officials now figure that it will cost over \$3,000 for the first trial, and if a mistrial should result the cost would run up to about \$5,000 for the two trials. There would be about 150 witnesses, each receiving \$2 and 10 cents for each of the forty miles. The attachments on all these witnesses, living in East and West Feliciana, would have to be served and a special venire drawn, so that the total cost for the first day would be about \$1,500. The court officials do not feel as if this parish can afford the expense, so Judge Brunot has finally decided that he would decline jurisdiction, and in declining would try to make such answer as would secure an expression from the supreme court on whether or not East Baton Rouge had to bear the cost of the trial.

District Attorney Wax says that the parish of East Baton Rouge is not liable for the expense in the McKowen case. "It is my opinion that the parish of East Baton Rouge is not liable for the expense which will be necessarily attendant upon the trial of the McKowen case, transferred from the parish of East Feliciana by a decree of that court. The law governing changes of venue, unfortunately, is silent on the point of the expense of these trials, but section 148 of the Revised Statutes, under the caption of expenses of criminal prosecutions, states that all expenses incurred in the different parishes of the state by the arrest, confinement, maintenance and prosecution of persons accused or convicted of crimes, their removal to prison, the pay of jurors and witnesses and all expenses whatever attending criminal proceedings shall be paid by the respective parishes in which the offense charged may have been committed. While I have the right at this time to state in what parish the offense charged was committed, if at all, we all know that it was not committed in the parish of East Baton Rouge, and we certainly should not be expected to burden ourselves with this large expense. It is probable that steps will be taken to determine this matter with absolute certainty, as we have enough difficulty in meeting our own expenses without assuming the debts and obligations of other parties."

Interest in Corn Clubs.

Baton Rouge.—Much interest is being taken in the boys' corn club movement, and there will be a large gathering at the Calhoun meeting March 31, when organization will be effected. Professor T. O. Brown, parish superintendent of education, has taken hold of the matter. The Monroe Progressive League has offered \$100 in gold as premiums.

Work has begun on the rooming house being made out of the old Sugar Theater building.

Will Dedicate Tablet.

Baton Rouge.—On April 7 the Louisiana Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will formally dedicate the tablet which has been placed in the state capital to commemorate the battle of Baton Rouge, fought between the British and American and Spanish forces, and declared to be the only battle of the American revolution fought on Louisiana soil. The Daughters of the American Revolution are outlining an extended program for the dedication of the tablet.

Planning for Experimental Work.

Baton Rouge.—Dr. W. R. Dodson, director of the Louisiana state experiment station, is making the plans for the experiment work that is to be done during the coming year at the different stations. At the Crowley rice station the experiments in rotation and varieties will be continued. This is the second year that the Crowley station has been operated, and it has already proved a great help to the rice planters. In Baton Rouge new experiments will be made in the raising of hogs on forage crops, such as oats in the field and potatoes. The station has just purchased forty-eight head of hogs. At Calhoun different experiments in varieties will be conducted this year. At the sugar station in Audubon park Dr. Dodson will continue the sugar experiments. The boilers at the Audubon station were first used at the cotton exposition. They have been condemned, and it will be necessary before next year to place new ones, and possibly new engines. Dr. Dodson is making up his report to the general assembly. He will ask the lawmakers this year for \$5,000 for each of the experiment stations, or \$20,000 for the four stations. Two years ago the general assembly gave \$3,000, but it has not been sufficient to carry out the plans.

Corn Club Rally.

Baton Rouge.—The first boys' corn club rally will be held on March 31 at Calhoun experiment station, and will be addressed by V. L. Roy of Baton Rouge, who has worked up the boys' corn clubs in Louisiana. E. J. Watson, secretary of the North Louisiana Agricultural Society, has issued the call for the meeting, as follows:

"The next meeting of the North Louisiana Agricultural Society will be held at the experiment station Thursday, March 31, and at this meeting it is proposed to hold a boys' corn club rally. This meeting is to be a most important one, and will be devoted to the cause of the great movement that is sweeping over the south to interest boys and young people generally in progressive agriculture. Every boys' corn club in North Louisiana is specially invited to send a delegation to this meeting. Professor V. L. Roy, the boys' corn club specialist, will be the leading speaker on this occasion. Professor J. O. Taylor of Bastrop and other speakers will also address the meeting."

Looking After State Lands.

Baton Rouge.—Fred Graec, register of the state land office, has returned to the city from Washington, where he went in the interest of the state lands. Mr. Graec was very successful as a result of his trip, and thinks that the state has a splendid chance to win the Ferry Lake land case of Caddo parish, where some valuable lands in Caddo parish are being claimed by outside parties. Mr. Graec also looked into the Sabine Island case, and is hopeful of the state still being able to maintain its title to these lands. There is no question about Baton Rouge getting the two federal land offices when they are consolidated and the offices at New Orleans and Natchitoches closed. A great majority of the Louisiana congressmen favor Baton Rouge, and as there seems to be no question about the two offices being closed, it is evident that Baton Rouge will get the records.

D. A. R. Prizes Offered.

Baton Rouge.—Both of the chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Baton Rouge are offering prizes in the university for essays on certain historical subjects. The Pohanna-Waddill chapter has renewed its offer of last year of a prize for the best essay on some subject relating to the Confederacy. The Henry W. Allen chapter has offered a prize for the best essay on some selected subject relating to some phase of southern history. The subject of the Johanna-Waddill prize will be "A Biographical Sketch of Raphael Semmes." Those competing for the Henry W. Allen prize will write upon "The Religious Instruction of the Slaves." A student may compete for one prize only. Those who expect to submit essays in competition for the prizes will do their work under the supervision of one of the professors of history in the university.

Franklinton Gets Funds.

Franklinton.—The Bank of Franklinton, Washington parish, was awarded the contract for the deposit of the funds of the Louisiana state department of agriculture and immigration and the experiment station over the banks of Baton Rouge. The Bank of Franklinton bid 4 1/2 per cent interest on the state funds, while the five banks of Baton Rouge presented one communication to the board, offering 2 per cent interest. The Bank of Franklinton's bid was so much higher than the city banks, and the law on the subject was so plain, that the executive committee of the board unanimously awarded the contract to the Franklinton Bank.

State banks in Louisiana had \$110,268,439 resources March 8, an increase of \$1,500,000 for three months.

Funds Subscribed for Parish Fair.

Mansfield.—It is now practically a settled fact that the De Soto Parish Fair Association will be organized. The matter is in the hands of a committee of nine, three of whom were appointed by the Farmers' Union of the parish, three by the town of Mansfield and three by the town of Grand Cade. A mass meeting was held March 24. The association will be chartered and the capital of the company will be \$5,000, about \$1,500 of which has been subscribed by the citizens of Mansfield.

NEW IN FLAVORING

SOMETHING A LITTLE OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Idea Evolved Always Worth Remembering as a Change From Old-fashioned Servings—Chopped Walnuts Best for Salad.

Frequently in making some familiar dish a good cook will discover some clever little variation in the way of flavoring, new ingredients or serving which add to the appearance and taste of the dish and tune the palate for it anew.

Thus, one clever woman in preparing salads composed of celery and walnuts, or celery, nuts and apples, discovered that if the nuts were first passed through the meat chopper and reduced to the consistency of coarse meal the flavor was greatly improved and the mastication process made easy.

She shreds the celery rather fine and arranges the minced nuts into a little mound on each portion, finishing with a spoonful of thick mayonnaise.

Women who are on the alert for novelties now vary the croquettes served with soup by making them of rye bread instead of from the wheat loaf. The crusts are trimmed away from a thick slice of the bread, the surface of which is then rubbed ever so lightly with a clove of garlic cut in half. After being cut into the conventional squares or triangles they are transferred to a baking dish and browned delicately in a quick oven.

Others vary the grape fruit salad now and then by the addition of stuffed Malaga or hothouse grapes. To prepare it this way seed the grapes and in each, replacing the seeds, put a blanched hazel nut. Mix with the grape fruit and serve on white lettuce hearts with French dressing. The juice of the shaddock, by the way, should be used instead of vinegar in the French dressing. This makes a salad attractive to the eye as well as delicious.

When other ideas for sandwiches fail, try the unusual and tasty ones made of baked beans. The tinned beans can be used, although the home product is preferable. Mash the beans through a wire sieve and work into a soft paste, using a few drops of warm water if necessary. Spread on tiny oblongs of buttered white bread and press together.

Or press through the sieve in the same way and moisten a little with any favorite condiment, spread on small, thin slices of rye bread and form into sandwiches as before. The latter recipe makes a "hot" and substantial sandwich for buffets, stag functions, etc.

One woman who, her friends think, has inspirations for cookery, never makes stuffing for poultry without including in it a little chopped sausage. Usually the sausage is cooked, but of late she has discovered that the raw porcine product is even better. This makes a rich and very "filling" stuffing for either turkey or chicken, one which will meet with favor among folk of hearty appetite—and strong digestion.

For an old-fashioned treat which is so old that it will be new to many of the present generation, make five cornmeal griddle cakes the size of a breakfast plate and put one upon the other with buttered maple sugar and plenty of butter between. Cut in triangular shape like pie and serve thus.

When something out of the usual run is desired for a home luncheon try creamed hazelnuts. Shell the nuts, blanch and boil until soft, then cover with cream sauce flavored delicately with sherry. This dainty can be served in individual ramekins or in paper cases. The flavor is new and appetizing.

Serve pineapple ice cream or water or water ice in "surprise style" for the next guest luncheon, for which novel touches are in order. This is done by cutting the top carefully away, including the green spray itself, and scooping out the pulp with a spoon. Fill with water ice or frozen pineapple made from the pulp, replace the top and bring to table flaunting its green top as before.

Or, instead of the water ice for the filling, use a delicate cream made by this formula: Stew the pulp of the pineapple, sweeten well, strain through a press, add juice of one lemon and freeze. When partly frozen stir in a cup of whipped cream and freeze again until stiff.

Squash Biscuit.

One cup of sifted squash, one small half-cup of sugar, two tablespoons melted butter, one level teaspoon of salt, half cake compressed yeast, dissolved in one eighth cup warm water; knead in as much flour as the mixture will hold. No water required other than what the yeast cake is dissolved in; let rise till very light, then mould into small biscuits; let rise again, and bake in a rather slow oven.

Keeping Bread Board Clean.

The ideal meat and bread board is a marble slab, but when wood must be used care should be taken to keep it in a sanitary condition. It should be scrubbed with hot water each time after using, and once a day should be rubbed off with the surface of a cut lemon, then rinsed thoroughly in cold water. This keeps the surface white and removes greas.

Scorched Linen.

For a scorch, wet the spot, rub with soap, and bleach in the sun.

NEWS AS IT HAPPENS

NATIONAL, STATE, FOREIGN, OF INTEREST TO READERS.

THE WHOLE WEEK'S DOINGS

Short Mention of Interesting Happenings From Day to Day Throughout the World.

WASHINGTON.

The ambition of Representative Townsend of Michigan to assume charge of the administration railroad bill on the floor of the house will not be gratified, the honor going to Chairman Mann of the committee on interstate commerce. This fact developed Saturday and supporters of the bill, in the form in which it was originally introduced by Representative Townsend and as it now is pending in the senate, are greatly disappointed.

The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry was resumed Friday after an adjournment of practically two weeks, the sessions of last Friday and Saturday having been seriously interfered with by the fight against Speaker Cannon in the house of representatives.

With scarcely the semblance of a struggle, the democratic members of the house of representatives Friday elected the four minority members of the enlarged rules committee as follows: Champ Clark of Missouri, 125 votes; Oscar Underwood of Alabama, 102 votes; Lincoln Dixon of Indiana, 99 votes; John J. Fitzgerald of New York, 98 votes.

The interstate commerce bill of the house committee on interstate and foreign affairs was ordered favorably Friday. Every republican member of the committee voted for the bill, and four democrats, Peters of Massachusetts, Adamson and Bartlett of Georgia and Richardson of Alabama, voted against it.

The pension bill, carrying appropriations of about \$156,000,000, was passed by the house Thursday. Nearly the entire session was occupied by a contest, made chiefly by republicans, against the provisions of the measure as reported from the committee for the abolition of the eighteen pension agencies now in operation throughout the country. By a vote of 76 to 94 the house refused to overrule the recommendations of the committee. The committee was sustained chiefly by democratic votes.

The bill terminating the present lease for fur seal killing on the Pribyloff Islands, in the Pacific, and authorizing the secretary of commerce and labor to declare a closed season on the islands was passed by the senate Wednesday.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$129,037,602, was reported to the house Tuesday by the naval committee. This amount is about \$2,000,000 less than the department's estimate.

DOMESTIC.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Saturday issued an order, effective April 1, releasing from the federal quarantine for Texas fever or tick fever of cattle in certain areas amounting to over 48,000 square miles. This action is taken as a result of the good progress made in the extermination of ticks which spread the disease.

Indications are that the fruit crop of Southwest Texas will be the best in ten years. The season has been an unusually good one, and while the drouth has been rather severe, it will not affect the yield very much. The excessively cold winter held back the blooming of the trees until after all danger of the buds being nipped by frost had passed.

Suit for \$150,000 in fines has been brought by the New York game commissioner against the Harrison Street Cold Storage Company. At a raid on the company's plants some time ago there were found 148 pheasants, 277 wild ducks, 1,022 quail, 7,150 snipe and other miscellaneous game birds.

The passenger officials of the Galveston-Houston railroads claim to be unconcerned over the coming of the electric interurban between the two cities, the substance of their remarks on the subject being that by the time the interurban is ready for business there will have been such a large increase of population in the Galveston-Houston district that there will be enough business for all lines, electric and steam.

Subscriptions are being solicited in Houston for a hotel company which proposes to erect a hotel to cost the aggregate sum of \$1,200,000. The proposition under way has the endorsement of the Houston Business League and about \$300,000 worth of stock is said to have been already subscribed.

The general sympathetic strike in support of the trolley men, which in force three weeks in Philadelphia, came to an end Sunday, when the Central Labor Union directed all persons who quit work in sympathy with the striking carmen to return to work. At the same time the Central Labor Union asked all union men to give financial support to the street strikers until their demands are granted by the transit company. Each union man is asked to contribute of day's pay each week.

A new national bank, to be called the Union National Bank of Houston, will be organized through the consolidation of the Union Bank and Trust Company and the Merchants National Bank, both of Houston. The new bank will have a capital stock of \$1,000,000, a surplus of \$200,000, with undivided profits of about \$100,000. The total resources are said to be over \$1,000,000.

Less than half a dozen houses are standing in Mount Hope, West Virginia, and hundreds of the village population are sleeping in the open as a result of a fire which Thursday literally wiped the town off the map. Nearly 400 residences and other small buildings and thirty-five business buildings were consumed.

Barney Oldfield, "wizard of the track" Wednesday proved his right to the title of world's speed king by smashing three world's records, including two which experts long since figured would stand for many years yet. On the hard surface of the Daytona, Fla., beach, driving his 200-horsepower Benz, with which a week ago he broke the world's mile record at a rate of speed equaling 131.73 miles an hour, Oldfield today covered two miles in 55.85, about three seconds better than the previous record made by De Mogetot of Paris in 1906.

Port cotton receipts Wednesday: Galveston, 4279 bales; New Orleans, 2524 bales; all United States ports, 12,205 bales; same day last year, 12,493 bales.

The offer of W. M. Imboden to purchase the iron properties at Rusk belonging to the state has been declined.

The national political weathercock turned democraticward in Massachusetts Tuesday, when the old colony section, one of the republican strongholds of the state, placed Eugene N. Foss of Boston, one of the country's leading exponents of reciprocity with Canada, in the congressional seat of the late William C. Lovering. Mr. Foss accomplished what was regarded as almost a political miracle, turning a republican plurality of 14,250 into a democratic victory of 5840.

Miss Louise Elkins of Pittsburg led the field at Pinehurst, N. C., in the qualifying round of the annual United North and South Championship Golf Tournament for women Tuesday with a card of 92.

The main building of the Texas Christian University of Waco burned Tuesday with about half of its contents. Part of the building was used for the boys' dormitory. The building was valued at \$150,000.

A supplemental brief was submitted by the government in the corporation tax law before the Supreme Court of the United States Wednesday to meet the point that the law was unconstitutional because it was a revenue measure and originated in the senate.

FOREIGN.

A report reached Manila that a gun on the United States cruiser Charleston exploded during target practice and that eight men were killed or wounded. The Charleston is returning to Manila from Olongapo. The United States cruiser Charleston is the flagship of Rear Admiral John Hubbard, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet. Her commanding officer is Commander John H. Gibbons. The Charleston is a protected cruiser of 3700 tons and carries fourteen guns.

Reports from all points in the district directly affected by the eruption of Mount Aetna indicate that the violence of the movement within the volcano is subsiding. The various lava streams are now advancing very slowly, moving only a few yards in the last twelve hours. Unless a new eruption occurs there is little further danger to be feared.

Five large new fissures have opened near the central crater of Mount Vesuvius at Naples, but the volcano shows no greater activity.

Captain Godfrey Fowler, the American who was wounded while in command of the insurgent artillery at the battle of Tisma, has been found hidden in Granada, and Friday the government voluntarily delivered him to Rear Admiral Kimball. Request was made that Fowler be sent out of the country.

King Menelik of Abyssinia is said to be dying. Ras Tesama, the regent, with the approval of the principal chiefs, has taken over the reins of government. The regent is guardian of Prince Lidj Jeassau, grandson of the king, and heir to the throne of Abyssinia.

King Victor Emanuel Friday expressed his intention to go into the territory threatened by the volcanic eruptions. He will direct the work of succor and share the danger of his subjects if the eruptions continue grave.

President Madrid of Nicaragua declares he will not answer the last proposal made by Estrada looking to peace settlement on the ground that it is absurd.

Greytown reports the arrival Tuesday of the gasoline launches Esfuerzo and the Lark, commanded by Enrique Espinosa and Ulises Urgente, who arose against the insurgent authorities at Prinzapolka and captured Governor Carlos Ibarra and others. They with the government steamer San Jacinto will be able to begin operations against Bluefields.