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Better keep the straw hat in hiding for a few days yet

A baseball bat in the hands of the small boy strikes a blow for health.

Sauerkraut is said to contain the longevity germ. But who wants to——?

It has been decided that the ugliest phrase in the English language is "Please remit."

After all, what woman would want to wear a harem skirt if it did not attract a crowd?

A fashionable young Boston woman has learned to saw wood, but she has not learned to say nothing.

At all events, anyone who lives a year in Reno in order to get a divorce is entitled to some recompense.

A sculptor named Butensky is coming to the front. You can't keep a man with that name in the rear.

New York has a four-year-old boy with a suicidal mania. Possibly he has read the theory that the good die young.

What an awful thing it would be if the son in whom your hopes are centered were to grow up to be a college professor.

The Oklahoma woman who has thirteen sons, all under 5 years of age, probably also has her hands full most of the time.

A Los Angeles man drank carbolic acid, cut his throat and jumped from a skyscraper. If a thing is worth doing it's worth doing well.

An Illinois youth has been barred from enlistment in the navy because he has large ears. Is beauty one of the requirements in our navy?

It cost 1,125 lives to dig Pennsylvania coal last year. The inventors who are going to get us our heat direct from the sun should hurry up.

A dealer has been fined $500 for selling loaded dice. Loaded dice are useless, anyway, as the industrious man can lose enough with the straight kind.

It develops that the Gotham police call the record of complaints from citizens, the squeal book. Which is facetious but hardly reassuring to the citizens.

A protest is being made in England against the tone of British novels. This ought to be just the boost to business that the publishers have been looking for.

Statistics show that 1,578 persons a minute are carried on the Chicago traction lines. They are not all on one car, though sometimes it seems as if they were.

A university professor of Chicago says that detective stories are good cures for seasickness. This leaves something of a hiatus in uses for the higher literature.

"Ten cents a day is enough for food," opines Prof. Henderson of Harvard, but we doubt whether the professor is one of those who practice what they preach.

One of New England's many preachers makes the announcement that American women have ceased to blush. Pouf! Why should any woman ever blush at what a good preacher says to her?

Emperor William is to have forty automobiles during the ensuing season, but even as King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany he will be unable to ride in more than one of his automobiles at a time.

Gotham telephone authorities assert that there is little profanity now or rude language used over the telephone. Possibly and paradoxically, the profanity and rude language are when the wire is busy.

A practical joker applied a lighted match to a load of hay in East Lynn, Mass., and achieved the gigantic stroke of humor of burning up four buildings. He made a bigger hit than most of his jocose tribe.

A New York judge has severely criticised Cornelius Vanderbilt because he crossed his legs in the court room. Mr. Vanderbilt should respectfully content himself with the twiddling of his thumbs or the twisting of his mustache.

A New York woman has undertaken a crusade against the long hatpin. The pin is a real danger, and while women may resent the regulation of any part of their attire by law, their own good sense should convince them of the propriety of making this article less of a menace to the public.

Bugs are reported to have damaged this year's peach crop to the extent of $8,000,000. We sometimes wonder whether the country would be able to stagger along under the burden of its peach crop if the peaches were to escape being damaged by frosts and bugs.

LOUISIANA NEWS

Happenings of Interest..

Last Carload of Japan Rice.

Estherwood.—The last car of Japan rice in this section has been sold by the Rice Association to the Planters' Rice Mill at Abbeville, and shipped out. The buyer and grader report that this mill and one owned by the same company at Gueydan will buy rice, and see enough in sight to run for nearly seventy days, and are the only mills running in Vermilion parish. Parties in from the Calcasieu oil fields at the Vinton section report a wildcat well started on the Frank Banker lands, some distance from the oil field gushers, with splendid indications for getting a good well, and say that a good well has been brought in near the town of Edgerly, La. A new well has just been brought in in the Mamou oil field, and now numbers of people are coming in to the old territory and business is improving.

Opelousas Rice Farmers.

Opelousas.—A meeting of the rice growers was held at the court house Saturday and was attended by a number of the farmers from near by. John J. Reazer of Houston, Tex., addressed the meeting and explained the advantages of organizing a farmers' association. Those present manifested much interest in the subject. It is proposed that those who have rice to sell will notify their local organization and these in turn will keep the head office posted so that purchasers may be secured at a stipulated price. The farmers, however, reserve their right to fix the price of their rice.

Citizens Complimented.

Houma.—The grand jury, which had been holding sessions all the week, closed its labors and presented several findings. The final report states that the public schools are in flourishing condition and the roads were all right, with the exception of a piece of road between Doner and Bayou Black. A revision and remodeling of the road laws is recommended. The city council and citizens of Houma are congratulated on the many improvements made in the last few months, and especially on the fine cement sidewalks already built and being built.

Shreveport Rate Case.

New Orleans.—The Shreveport rate case, in which the State railroad commission, through the attorney general's office, is seeking relief at the hands of the interstate commerce commission from interstate rates that are alleged to discriminate against Shreveport in favor of Texas points, is to be so amended that the Texas railroad commission will be made a party to the suit. Assistant Attorney General R. G. Pleasant made announcement to this effect Monday.

New Orleans Sugar Market.

New Orleans.—The local sugar market was quiet Monday and trading was confined to light receipts that arrived from plantations. Nothing came out of store. Prices were steady and unchanged, compared with the close of Saturday. Refined sugars were steady and unchanged. New York refined sugars were quiet and unchanged. Molasses and syrups were nominal. Raw sugar quotations: Centrifugals, yellow, 3⅞@4½c; seconds, 2⅞@3 13-16. Molasses—Centrifugal, nominal; syrup, nominal.

Program Announced.

Plaquemine.—The annual convention of the Knights of Columbus of Louisiana will be held May 7, 8 and 9. The initiation of a class of fifty will take place on Sunday, Plaquemine Council and the Baton Rouge Council having agreed on a joint initiation. The New Orleans and Nashville teams will confer the degrees. The local council has made extensive preparations for the entertainment of its guests.

Electrician Attempts Suicide.

Lake Charles.—J. L. Boutelle, an electrician, originally from Bangor, Maine, whose home recently has been in New Orleans, poured a vial of laudanum into a glass of coca-cola at a local confectionery store Sunday, drank it and staggered to a nearby business place, where he lay down to die.

Secretary Makes Visit.

Alexandria.—Robert P. Cross, secretary of the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition at Chicago, is in Alexandria this week conferring with Secretary Alexander of the Progressive League relative to the Louisiana exhibit at the exposition next fall.

Fire Destroys High School.

Jena.—Fire destroyed the Jena high school building Saturday, causing a property loss of approximately $3,500. The fire is thought to be of an incendiary origin, as an unsuccessful attempt was made to burn the building about a week ago.

Gets Year for Embezzlement.

Benton.—G. W. Nairn pleaded guilty to embezzlement and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary

New Orleans Cotton Market.

New Orleans.—Cotton futures opened steady Monday at an advance of 2 points on the old-crop months and 2 down to 1 up on the new. Cables were unfavorable, holding the market down on the first call, despite extremely unfavorable weather reports showing heavy rains in nearly all important sections of the belt over Sunday and aggravating conditions that were mainly responsible for the advance last week. After the call the market strengthened and at the end of the first half hour the list was 4@7 points over Saturday's close. October showed the most strength, standing 7 points up. The weather forecast was for much colder weather in the western half of the belt and in Mississippi, while more rain was promised in Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. This stimulated buying again, and July was sent to a new high level for the season at 15.33c. At the highest the old crops were .@8 points over Saturday's close and the new crops were 10@11 over.

New Orleans Rice Market.

New Orleans.—The market opened Monday with a good demand for rough rice and grades that showed style met ready ocnsideration. Receipts from the country were light. Clean rice was quiet but steady and only light volume of trading was doing during the early session. It was impossible to judge samples, owing to the unfavorable weather. Quotations: Rough rice—Honduras, quiet at $1.50@2.70 per barrel of 162 pounds; Japan, quiet at $1.50@2.77 per barrel of 162 pounds. Sales reported, none. Receipts rough rice, 1,572 sacks; millers' receipts, 489 sacks.

Negro Tries to Kill Spouse.

Shreveport.—An attempt to kill his wife with poison administered through a small purchase of cheese was made by Wiltz Jones, a negro laborer, according to an affidavit filed against him by city detectives. The negress' life was saved by neighbors, who forced her to swallow a quantity of lard. Upon presenting his wife with the cheese Jones, who immediately left home, urged her to eat it all, but one of the children got hold of a mouthful and barely escaped death.

Rice Experiments.

Crowley.—The rice experiment station has thus far planted about 200 varieties of rice in its experimental plats, and will plant about fifty more. It is hoped that at the end of this year the Federal and State officials at the station will be able to issue, in the form of a bulletin, a statement of some of the results they have achieved in type breeding, the elimination of red rice, fertilizing rice and the growing of diversified crops.

Texas Divine Opens Revival.

Alexandria.—Rev. Luther Little, D. D., pastor of the Fort Worth Baptist Temple at Fort Worth, Tex., began a two weeks' revival meeting in Emmanuel Baptist church Sunday. He is an evangelist of note, having worked under the home board of the Southern Baptist convention in Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, Baltimore, Kansas City and other cities.

New Postal Bank.

Alexandria.—The postal savings depository was opened at the Alexandria postoffice Monday with Monroe Brashed, clerk, in charge. There were several depositors, the first of whom was Postmaster J. F. Charnley, who took account No. 1. Alexandria is the second city in Louisiana to have a postal savings depository, New Iberia being the first.

Louisiana Rains.

Crowley.—General rains throughout Southwest Louisiana have broken the drouth, which had begun to be felt in planting operations, and farmers are now nearly through with rice planting. Practically the entire crop will be planted in Southwest Louisiana by the middle of May, if average weather conditions prevail.

An Acid Suicide.

St. Francisville.—The community was thrown into great excitement just at the dinner hour Monday when it became known that M. C. Levy, a prominent merchant, had taken his life with carbolic acid in the second story of his store building.

Water System to Be Installed.

Homer.—The water works superintendent is now engaged at surveying the town preparatory to laying the pipes and mains. Homer will in a short time have a splendid system of water works.

Gold Medal Contest.

Kentwood.—C. C. Morris of Kentwood, a student in the State Baptist college of Jackson, Tenn., has been honored by being selected to represent his class in a gold medal contest early in May.

Ships 300,000 Pounds Mohair.

Kerrville, Tex.—Captain Charles Schreiner shipped 300,000 pounds of mohair to Boston Saturday. This represents the spring clip and there are 75,000 pounds more to come in. The outlook for the goat industry in this section was never better.

Strike at Toledo.

Toledo, Ohio.—One hundred plumbers went on strike Monday when their employers refused to grant an increase of 25 per cent in wages.

Louisiana State News

Happenings of Interest for Our Many Readers

Will Charge for Serum.

Baton Rouge.—So great is the demand for hog cholera serum that the State sanitary live stock board has determined that in the future it will make a moderate charge for the serum that is supplied the farmers—enough to allow the purchase of new hogs. The serum will be sold by the State to the farmers at less than cost, but the demand has been so heavy under the present plan, and the appropriation is so limited, that the board has found it necessary to make a charge in order to keep going, as a new lot of hogs has to be bought every few months under the present plan, and this has proved expensive. Secretary Flower has returned from North Louisiana, where he found hog cholera has broken out in several places. It seems to be almost epidemic, and for this reason the demand can not be supplied. Just as soon as Secretary Flower figures out the exact cost of the production of the serum he will fix a price. In practically all of the States this method is followed.

Stopover Privileges.

New Orleans.—Following unqualified charges of unjust discrimination by the railroads against the South in the matter of stopover privileges, the board of directors of the New Orleans Progressive Union issued a call Saturday to Southern commercial and civic bodies and railroad companies to participate in a conference to be held in New Orleans in August this year to be known as the Southern States Transportation Conference. New Orleans is the only Southern city which today enjoys the benefits of stopover privileges and for this reason the resolutions declare she should take the initiative and call together the representatives of Southern States, cities, commercial and civic bodies and transportation companies, "to the end that travel may be diverted to the Southern States and the entire South enjoy similar privileges."

Shreveport Makes Complaint.

Baton Rouge.—A petition has been received by the Louisiana railroad commission from the Chamber of Commerce of Shreveport asking that the commission restore the minimum rate of $17 to $25, carload lot rate, on refrigerator cars from New Orleans to Shreveport. The petition says that the rate has been raised from $17 and $25 to $42.50. The case has been set for hearing at the coming sessions. The roads summoned are the Southern Pacific, Texas and Pacific, Louisiana railway and Louisiana and Arkansas.

New Orleans Rice Market.

New Orleans.—Rice quotations Saturday: Rough rice—Honduras quiet; per barrel of 162 pounds, $1.50@2.75; sales reported, 487 sacks, $2.75@3.00. Japan quiet; per barrel of 162 pounds, $1.50@2.75; sales reported, none. Receipts rough rice, 3,080 sacks; millers' receipts, 3,080 sacks. Rice products: Polish, per ton, $21.00@23.00; bran, per ton, $15.00@16.50. Sales reported: Honduras, 2,376 pockets at 1¾@3⅞c; Japan, 754 pockets at 1⅞@3⅛c. Receipts clean rice, 5,809 pockets.

$20,000 Fire.

Lake Charles.—Fire originating in the B. J. Banker building at Vinton Friday destroyed three buildings, inflicting losses estimated at $20,000. The town is without fire protection and only a change in the direction of the wind prevented the destruction of the entire business section. The principal losses were: Ala B. Hall, general merchandise, building and stock, $1,000; B. J. Banker, building, $8,000; J. L. Perry, building, $2,000.

Firemen Elected Delegates.

Hammond.—At the quarterly meeting of the Hammond fire department Chief D. W. Wolf and Assistant Chief F. B. Thomas were elected as delegates to the convention of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association, which will meet in Covington the latter part of this month. A. O. Jones and E. E. June were chosen as alternatives. Several new men were elected to membership in the department.

New Orleans Sugar Market.

New Orleans.—The local sugar market was steady Saturday. Sales were confined to the light receipts from plantations. Nothing came out of store. Prices were unchanged. Refined sugars were steady and unchanged.

Rice Advertising Fund.

Crowley.—Forty per cent of the country mills of Louisiana and Texas have already agreed to contribute 5 cents a bag for each bag of rice handled next year for an advertising fund, provided that 90 per cent of the 1911 crop is so taxed. It is believed that 90 per cent of the country mills will sign the agreement and that the city mills will also agree. The plan contemplates the organization of a company to exploit rice by demonstration supplemented by advertising.

New Orleans Cotton Market.

New Orleans.—Cotton futures Saturday opened steady, unchanged to 1 point up on the old crop months and 2 off on the new. Cables were about as expected. The weather map was very good. Practically no rain was reported in the belt, and temperatures were but slightly below the normal, except in a few localities. Reports of foul fields and of ground too wet to work or plant checked short selling. After the call prices fell to a level 3@6 points down, but at the end of the first half hour the list stood 2 up to 2 down compared with Friday's close. The weather forecast, predicting fair weather for the belt generally, held the market down around the middle of the morning, but later it strengthened on general buying. Orders came from outsiders, who appeared to be impressed with reports from the belt that much more cotton would have to be replanted than had been expected, and that less cotton was planted up to the time rains interferred with farm work than had been estimated by the majority of crop experts. The market had a rising tendency, when the old crops were 7@14 points over Friday's close and the new 6@7 over.

Louisiana Daughters of Confederacy.

Shreveport.—The convention of the Louisiana Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy closed, following the election of officers, including the re-election of Mrs. Edward Gottschalk of New Orleans as president and Miss Mattye McGrath of Baton Rouge as recording secretary. The daughters decided hereafter to hold their meetings at the same time and place as the veterans. The United Daughters of the Confederacy scholarship loan fund was established, with Mrs. Peter Youree of Shreveport as chairman. From this fund loans will be made to Sons and Daughters of Veterans for educational purposes.

Bad Lighted School.

Castor.—Dr. Dowling, president of the Louisiana board of health, with his co-workers, visited the flag station one mile south of Castor. This town, Alberta, has a number of saw mill laborers, all of whom seemed to enjoy the exhibit very much. Miss Morris made a plea for a more progressive school system, showing that new conditions demand new methods. Dr. Dowling followed with his doctrine of better health. He criticised the school building on the ground that the light was improperly directed, doubtless causing students to suffer from headache.

Potato-Growing Contest.

Crowley.—Fourteen farmers of this vicinity have engaged in a contest for a cash prize for the best peck of Irish potatoes of the Irish Cobbler variety grown here this spring. A committee consisting of L. A. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trade; S. D. Wilder and R. W. Hayden awarded the prize to O. T. McBride. The potatoes were said by experts to be of unusually good quality and size. It is expected that a carload of Irish potatoes will be shipped next week by the Acadia Parish Truck Growers' Association.

Ten Per Cent Dividend.

Crowley.—The Crowley Oil and Mineral Company is mailing out to stockholders checks aggregating $20,000, being the fortieth 10 per cent dividend on the capital stock of $200,000. This makes $800,000 paid out in cash dividends to the stockholders, or 400 per cent of the sum represented by the capital stock, in a period of less than seven years since the first dividend was declared in 1904.

Tax Question of Oil Wells.

New Orleans.—The question as to whether the State has any right to assess the output of oil wells except the supply that is visible on January 1 is being investigated by Attorney General Walter Guion. Under the present system, that of assessing only such part of the output as may be found January 1, the State loses taxes on all the oil that is shipped out during the year.

Rice Streams Are Full.

Crowley.—Heavy rains during the past week have retarded rice planting in this section, but the streams have been filled and there is no danger this season of salt water in the streams used for irrigation purposes. The corn and potato acreage has been heavily increased in this parish.

Another Factory Soon.

Shreveport.—Shreveport was given promise of its second window glass factory with the arrival this week of R. R. Faulkner of Indiana, who has organized a company that will invest $100,000 in a plant in the Cedar Grove factory addition, where August Boenger of Brooklyn, Pa., is actively arranging to establish the Shreveport Co-operative Window Glass Company's plant.

A Classic Note.

"Archimedes," read the pupil, "leaped from his bath, shouting, 'Eureka! Eureka!'"

"One moment, James," the teacher says. "What is the meaning of 'Eureka!'"

"'Eureka' means 'I have found it.'"

"Very well. What had Archimedes found?"

James hesitates a moment, then ventures hopefully:

"The soap, mum."—Christian Intelligencer.

A Monopoly.

Urbanite—What did you come to the city for?

Country Boy—To earn an honest living.

Urbanite—That's all right. You'll find no competition.