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DOCTORS IN SESSION

PELLAGRA AND HOOKWORM ARE DISCUSSED.

Carnegie and Rockefeller Commend for Making Donations to Fight Disease.

New Orleans.—In an address before the Southern Medical Association, Dr. John A. Witherspoon, of Nashville, chairman of the surgery section, made a strong plea for the elimination of politics from the state medical boards.

"I earnestly urge," he said, "and ask that the assertion go on record as demanding that the laws of the states represented in the association so that the physicians of the state would feel free to suggest men for appointment on the state boards. Politics must not be allowed to imperil human lives."

Dr. Witherspoon also urged that the young men of the South who desire to study medicine should have a better preparatory education.

One of the important subjects to come before the meeting was the discussion of pellagra and its causes. The hookworm disease was also discussed. It was the general opinion that pellagra was not caused by eating musty corn, but was the result of diseased nerve centers.

IMPORTANT TO TEACHERS.

State Conductor Issues Letter of Importance Regarding Institutes.

Baton Rouge.—The department of education is preparing to make its institute records more complete, and the following letter has been sent to the parish superintendents:

"I am sending herewith a new form of report for the monthly institute meetings. You will note that only one report is to be sent to the Department of Education annually, instead of monthly reports as heretofore. This change will make it more certain that the department receives all the statistics relating to the institutes, and will, in a large measure, overcome the incomplete records of the past, due to oversight on the part of the institute managers. You are requested to keep your monthly reports carefully, and at the end of the year send in your institute report in accordance with the blank form sent herewith. You will be expected to keep in touch with the different institute managers and see that they report to you after each meeting. The new system, I feel sure, will commend itself to you as being simple and effective. Since the monthly institute work of the current year promises to be the best in the history of the state, the biennial report of the state superintendent should record it.

DIVERSIFICATION PAYS.

Banker Shows That Change in Crops Insures Better Times.

Baton Rouge.—Setting forth in the clearest possible way what has been done this year by people of Natchitoches, in spite of the weevil, a letter from S. W. Hill, a large planter of Natchitoches and a banker to C. K. Smith, cashier of the People's Bank of St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish, has attracted attention.

Two years ago it was thought that cotton farming in Natchitoches was out of the question. In his letter on conditions to-day, Mr. Hill says:

"Our plantations have been converted into hay fields, cattle and hog pastures. Where before not enough corn was raised to make meal for the place, to say nothing about the feeding of stock, every barn and crib is full and some being sold. Where before the farmer turned his stock in his field and let them destroy and trample down worlds of peas and pumpkins, he is now gathering them and pulling the vines for hay. Where before he bought all his meat from the packing house, you will find he has a pasture full of fine stock, and on Saturday, instead of issuing rations of Chicago bacon, he is selling his negroes fresh meat at almost half the cost of bacon.

"The banks went right along helping our people, but we made them diversify, thus enabling them to go ahead, even if their cotton did fail. Our lands went down where there was absolutely no market for them, and now they are back to their old value very nearly—that is, river land. Of course, the idea of making cotton on low, stiff lands, surrounded by woods will have to be abandoned. You must have light, loamy or sandy soil—something that will make your cotton mature quickly.

"Our people have got their nerve back and have gone to work, and, with any sort of favorable season, we will never have any more crop failures in this section. You have to go through it all to appreciate the change, and when other sections follow suit by adopting the diversity of crops plan they will be better off."

Careful in Selecting Road Material.

Baton Rouge.—A carload of corrugated steel culverts contracted for by the police jury some time ago, which is to be used in road and bridge work throughout the parish, but, as it does not come up to specifications, it is not certain whether the shipment will be accepted by the jury. The material is short in its measurements, both in diameter and gauge. The general agitation in favor of good roads has caused supervisors to be careful in buying

TALK ON AGRICULTURE.

Parish Agents of Department Hold Interesting Meeting.

Baton Rouge.—A meeting of the parish agents of the United States Agricultural Department was held in this city, presided over by State Agent James A. Evans.

Reports from all the agents showed that the work was progressing in all the parishes, and that the methods advocated by the government are being adopted in general.

The fight on the boll weevil has met with great success in some of the parishes, while better methods of culture by intensive practice are being used by a great many planters.

In an address Mr. Evans outlined the work for the coming year. Hon. H. E. Savelly, of Washington, D. C., made an instructive address on numerous topics of importance. Prof. V. L. Roy, supervisor of the State High Schools, gave a very interesting talk on the subject of forming corn clubs by the boys of the various schools throughout the state.

An address by Mr. McLendon, of the Baton Rouge Experiment Station, on the subject of root crops and forage plants, was full of interest.

A visit to the experiment station was a very instructive feature of the meeting.

From the various reports received it is evident that the farmers of the state in general have burned the cotton stalks more thoroughly this season than ever before. It is expected that the vigorous fight being made against the weevil will show practical results in the yield next season.

SHORTAGE IN SUGAR CROP.

Cane Yield is Heavy but Saccharine is Running Light.

Baton Rouge.—Cane grinding that has been done on a number of sugar places in this section has demonstrated that the September storm damage was not in broken cane, but in the loss of saccharine caused by the uprooting and stripping of the storm.

Cane that should yield 150 pounds of saccharine to the ton, and which did yield that amount last year, is producing an average of only about 95 pounds, and the manager of one of the large sugar plantations, who last year made a total of 250,000 pounds of sugar, this year will not make over 150,000 pounds, judging from the present yield of a ton per acre.

The tonnage is as large, or even larger than last year, but many of the planters report a similar falling off in saccharine, and think it is due to the fact that much of the cane was disturbed at a critical period of its growth.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mothers' Meeting at Shreveport Was Very Successful.

Shreveport.—The first biennial convention of the Louisiana Congress of Mothers at this place showed a remarkable growth in membership and interest. The following officers for the next year were chosen: Mrs. J. C. Clayton, of Rustin, president; Mrs. Sophie B. Wright, of New Orleans, 1st vice president; Mrs. George D. Moore, of New Orleans, 2nd vice president; Mrs. John D. Wilkinson, of Shreveport, 3rd vice president; Mrs. Frank Degarmo, of Shreveport, honorary vice president; Mrs. Samuel S. Hunter, of Shreveport, treasurer; Mrs. Alice St. Martin, of New Orleans, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. C. Andrews, of Alexandria, recording secretary; Mrs. Graham Surgiman, of Monroe, auditor.

Mrs. George D. Moore, representing the President's Club of New Orleans, read a paper in which she explained that several new schools had been established through the co-operation of the forty odd clubs of the crescent city, and predicted that the salaries of teachers will be increased through similar co-operation.

Dr. Randall Hunt, of the Caddo School board, delivered the feature address, in which he urged the women to correct the mistake of having children enter school before they are 10 years old, saying that they are physically unfitted for study before that age.

LOUISIANA AT A GLANCE.

Fire at Plaquemine destroyed the water and light plants, church and parsonage, residences and newspaper office, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

Louisiana spent \$3,572,589.42 for educational purposes in the fiscal year just closed.

Rice and peanut exhibits were featured at the State Fair in Louisiana to show the diversification of crops in the northern part of the state.

The Southern Conservation Convention, in session at New Orleans, decided upon a strong central body, and the same will be formed in that city early in January.

A dispatch from Natchitoches of importance to hunters states that licenses have been granted to 1,116 nimrods this season.

The 1909 cotton crop in Louisiana is only 273,777 bales, according to the State Board of Agriculture.

For the fifth time, crackmen using the same tools stolen from a blacksmith shop, attacked the postoffice at Breauville.

The open season for quail shooting began November 1, and sportsmen report plenty of the feathered tribe in the fields.

SOUTH GETS \$2,000,000

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Pascagoula River Given \$100,000, Arkansas \$81,000, Mobile \$210,000, Tennessee \$100,000.

Washington.—General Marshall, chief of engineers, submitted his annual report this afternoon. The report contains references and estimates for the following river and harbor and other improvements:

Mississippi—Pascagoula river, \$100,000; Chickasaw river, \$27,000; Horn Island pass, \$9,000; Biloxi harbor, \$10,000; Gulfport harbor and Ship Island island, \$129,000; Wolf and Jordan rivers, \$10,000; Pearl river, below Rockport, \$30,000; Pearl river, between Edinburg and Jackson, \$5,000; Yazoo, Tallahatchie, Coldwater and Big Sunflower rivers, Teahuka lake, \$57,000.

Arkansas—Arkansas river, \$81,000; White river, \$17,500; Cache river, \$3,000; Black and Current rivers, \$19,500; St. Francis and L'Angeville rivers, \$9,000; Red river, below Fulton, Ark., \$75,000; Ouachita and Black rivers, Arkansas and Louisiana, \$517,000; Bayou Bartholomew, Boeuf river, Texas river, Bayou Macon, and Bayous D'Arbonne and Corney, Louisiana and Arkansas, \$16,000.

Alabama—Mobile harbor, \$210,000; Mobile bar, \$18,000; Tombigbee river, from mouth to Demopolis, for locks and dams, including amount for containing contract, \$1,100,000; maintenance, \$26,000.

Tennessee—Tennessee river, Chattanooga district, \$160,000; Tennessee river below Riverton, Alabama, \$150,000.

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Mississippi River Commission.—For continuing the improvement of Mississippi river from head of passes to the mouth of the Ohio river, including salaries and clerical office, traveling and miscellaneous expenses of the Mississippi river commission, \$4,000,000.

Gen. Marshall says: "The estimate has been reduced in this office to \$2,000,000, this being the limit of expenditure at present authorized by congress."

WHITE AND BLACK LYNCHED

Corpses of Negro Dragged to Scene of His Crime and Burned.

Cairo, Ill.—Will James, the negro suspected of being the murderer of Miss Annie Pelley, was lynched here Thursday night by a mob. James was strung up to the public arch, the rope broke, and at least 500 shots were poured into his body. He made a partial confession.

James was lynched in the most prominent square of the city and hung to the arch at Eighth and Commercial streets. Women present were told to pull the rope. When it broke, the frenzy of the mob was uncontrollable, and they fired volley after volley into his body, shooting him to pieces. The mob then dragged the body over the streets for more than a mile to Twenty-sixth and Elm streets in an alley, and burned it.

The body was burned at the spot where the crime was committed while a crowd of 10,000 people looked on and danced in glee.

Wife Murderer Lynched.

Henry Salmer, a white man, a photographer by trade, who killed his wife last July with an ax, was taken out of the county jail at 11:40 by the mob and hanged to a telegraph pole and his body riddled with bullets. This lynching followed closely that of Will James, a negro, earlier in the evening.

HOG PRICES INCREASE.

Cattle Increase 18 Per Cent, According to Agricultural Report.

Washington.—Thirty per cent increase in the price of hogs at Western markets over a year ago is the average reported by the department of agriculture as prevailing on or about November 1. Cattle was approximately eighteen per cent higher. Receipts of hogs in Western markets during September and October were nearly twenty per cent less than during the same months last year.

John G. Carlisle Ill.

New York.—John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, is a private patient in St. Vincent's Hospital. Dr. Joseph G. Bryant, Mr. Carlisle's private physician, said that Mr. Carlisle was doing nicely, and thought he had every reason to look for his complete recovery, but he positively declined to say what his patient's ailment was.

Heavy Snow in Northwest.

Denver, Colo.—A heavy wet snow fell Friday over Colorado, Southeastern Wyoming, Southern Utah and Northern New Mexico and Arizona. Pueblo and Colorado Springs reported six inches of snow, and in the mountains the fall was somewhat heavier.

Teddy Is O. K.

Nakuru, Naivasha Province, British East Africa.—A courier who arrived here today from Guas Inghine plateau reported that all members of the American hunting expedition now on the plateau were well.

Continuing in Prayer.

"It is not enough to begin to pray, nor to pray aright; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray—but we must pray, until we obtain an answer; and, further, we have not only to continue in prayer unto the end, but we have also to believe that God does hear us and will answer our prayers. Most frequently we fail in not continuing in prayer until the blessing is obtained and in not expecting the blessing."

Will Colonize Japs.

Galveston, Tex.—S. Kira and M. Sairo, representing a syndicate of Japanese merchants and the government bank at Tokio, closed a deal for 154,000 acres of land in Nueces, Hidalgo and Cameron counties, upon which Japs will be colonized. The lands will be devoted to the cultivation of rice and cotton. S. Kira said that his countrymen had given a great deal of study to cotton growing and will enter cotton raising on a large scale, and the product will be exported direct to Japan.

Leave Out Central Bank.

Washington.—The Central Bank question will not figure in the annual report of the secretary of the treasury, the New York customs house situation will be dealt with exhaustively in that document, and there is no intention of reducing the size of currency paper.

Street Speaking Convicts Agree to Take Food.

Spokane, Wash.—Seventeen street speakers of the Industrial Workers of the World, weakened by a week's strike, abandoned the "starvation strike" and were taken to the hospital ward of the jail and fed. More than 100 of the prisoners persist in the "starvation strike." Some of these are too weak to stand, and still refuse to eat until the "bread and water" rule is rescinded, and all who refuse to break rock are given regular meals.

Inheritance Tax \$1,000,000.

New York.—The inheritance taxes on the estate of John Stewart Kennedy, the millionaire banker who died recently, leaving nearly half of his \$60,000,000 estate to public institutions and societies, will net the state of New York over \$1,000,000. About \$24,500,000 of the bequests will be exempt from the tax, as they are made to public institutions incorporated under the laws of the state. The widow and other relatives will pay about \$650,000 on the bequests which they receive.

INFLUENCE OF ASSOCIATION

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Was it the Recent Visit of Mars That So Stirred Interest in America Waterways?

GIGANTIC COAL MERGER

\$131,000,00 INVOLVED IN THE CONSOLIDATION.

New Combine Will Control Eighty Per Cent of the Output of Soft Coal.

Baltimore, Md.—The gigantic combination of coal interests, involving a capitalization of \$131,000,000, and to include the Consolidation Coal Company of Baltimore and the Pittsburg Coal Company, the two largest producers of bituminous coal in the world, is pending, is the general belief in financial circles in Baltimore.

A merger of the Consolidation and the Pittsburg companies would give them control of approximately 80 per cent. of the soft coal mines of the United States. The Pittsburg Coal Company is now the largest producer of soft coal in the world, with the local concern a close second. The former owns and leases 217,656 acres of coal land in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The Consolidation owns and leases 200,000 acres in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky, and the two companies between them control approximately 90 per cent. of what is known as the Pittsburg seam.

President Clarence W. Watson, vice-president; Jere Wheelwright, chairman of the finance committee, and Van Lear Black, of the Consolidation Coal Company, are in New York, presumably in connection with the big merger.

COTTON AGAIN AT 15 CENTS

Receipts at All Towns Show a Falling Off.

Memphis, Tenn.—The cotton market has practically completed the process of re-establishing itself upon the basis that prevailed before the late break. Middling in Memphis is quoted again at 15 cents, while March cotton in New York sold at 15.10, and January 14.98. From these top levels there was a recession of 15 points, but net gains for Wednesday were 20 points on active options.

Throughout the tone was steady and the suddenness of the recovery seemed in no way to militate against its maintenance or stability. This was highly reassuring to the entire trade, and barring reactions of more or less consequence, which may be expected from the 15-cent level, it is felt that the way is again clear and that the market will sell much higher than before.

From the figures in hand it would seem that the falling off in receipts this week will be impressive when the totals are in Friday night, and such decrease as may be shown is believed to be but the beginning of the process which will ere long establish beyond peradventure of doubt that the crop is a very small one.

STARVATION WINS.

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FARMERS, ATTENTION!

Corn is selling in Memphis at 75c and when you get it you pay more.

If you intend to grow your corn in 1910, you must start now by saving first-class seed. The South can grow all her corn if we will plant good seed in well-prepared land, and cultivate. Mr. Drake in South Carolina grew 254 bushels of shelled corn per acre. Mr. Stoney of same state, this year, 246 bushels. It is familiar to all that corn club boys in Memphis district have grown this year 100 to 150 bushels. Did you ever figure what you would make per acre if you had a good stand of corn, and each stalk gave one ear? If not, do this: If you are too tired or too busy, get one of your children to do it for you.

What does it profit a man to grow good crops of cotton if he buys his corn, hog meat and mules?

Have you reminded the superintendent of education in your county that you must have a corn club for your boy in 1910?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

MADE KILLING ON CORN

PATTEN TAKES BEAR SIDE AND WINS MILLION.

Government Report Caused Stampede on Longs—Cash Price for Corn Went Lower.

Denver.—Mrs. Ella Palmer, who organized the hospital corps of the Confederate Army of Tennessee and remained at its head until the close of the Civil War, died in a sanitarium at Boulder Monday, aged 80 years. Death was due to paralysis.

During the war Mrs. Palmer traveled with the Confederate divisions of Gen. Johnson Hood, Beauregard and Wilson, and she was present at many of the most battles in which those leaders participated.

Mrs. Palmer was born in North Carolina, but spent her girlhood in Hiawatha, Ga. Her husband fought in the Mexican War. He died before the Civil War broke out, and Mrs. Palmer was left with one child. She was living at Chattanooga, Tenn., when the sick and wounded Confederate soldiers were being brought in from the front, and their weak lack of proper attention appealed to her and led her to begin organizing a systematic hospital corps.

At the final session of the executive council of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans held Tuesday afternoon at Montgomery, Ala., it was decided to establish the permanent headquarters of the sons in Memphis, and to bestow upon N. B. Forrest, Jr., the office of permanent adjutant.

Invitations will be extended to the United Confederate Veterans, the Mothers of the Confederacy, the Drum and Fife Corps, as well as a half-dozen similar organizations, asking them to cooperate with the N. B. Forrest Camp in their mammoth undertaking.

TAFT ENDS 13,000 MILE TRIP

Made Last Speech in Capital of the Confederacy.

Washington.—With his arrival in Washington the President completed a journey of 12,759 miles, extending over a period of 57 days. During that time, the trip extending from Boston to the Pacific coast and back again by way of the South to Washington, the President crossed 31 states and territories, visiting 76 cities, not to mention as many more towns, in which short stops were made and brief speeches delivered from the car platform.

He made, in round numbers, 250 speeches, attended at least 50 banquets, and during the journey he left United States territory for a brief period and met and dined with President Diaz of Mexico. He went down into a copper mine, climbed down a mountain trail, participated on horseback in a cattle round-up, sailed down the Mississippi, rambled through the Yosemite valley and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, saw the Seattle exposition, visited an ancient Indian village in the New Mexican desert, and saw the rebuilt city of San Francisco.

HOLDS BETTING NOT CRIME

New York Court of Appeals Affirms Judge Gaynor's Decision.

Albany, N. Y.—Betting is a crime only when accompanied by a record, registry or the use of some part of the paraphernalia of professional gamblers, according to a decision handed down by the court of appeals. In effect the decision holds that oral betting does not constitute bookmaking in violation of the so-called anti-race track gambling laws recommended by Gov. Hughes.

In holding that the laying of odds alone does not constitute a crime, Judge Haight says:

"If a man should offer to bet the ladies of his party a pair of gloves to a box of candy, it would be the laying of odds and publishing the same. To hold him to be a bookmaker would, in my judgment, be a departure from the rule which gives to the terms of the statute their ordinary and accepted meaning, and would be a construction which was not within the contemplation of the legislature."

COTTON UP \$3 PER BALE

Bulls Large Buyers—South Would Not Sell at Decline.

Memphis, Tenn.—In an active and steady market, unattended by excitement, cotton prices advanced 60 points Tuesday, or \$3 per bale. On the preceding day values dropped below 14 cents for some options and were 125 points on the high prices of last week. On the rise January sold at 14.65 and March at 14.79.

The bull party in New York, of which Patten is commonly reputed the leader, were buyers. The so-called Wall street crowd bought some, and those who had sold it thinking the market was going still lower bought to stay further losses.

It has been the opinion of many in the trade that the declines of last week and Monday of this week were forced. The advance of the day brought out again the bullish influences eclipsed by the decline, and the indicated shortage of the present crops was a leading influence. On the break the farmers of the South and other holders of the actual cotton refused to sell and this turned attention anew to the strength of the staple on its merits.

Divorce and \$10,000,000.

New York.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor, formerly Miss Alva Willing, of Philadelphia, was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Col. John Jacob Astor Monday at New City, Rockland county.

It is understood Mrs. Astor gets \$10,000,000.

Peary Won't Go South.

Washington.—While reiterating his oft-expressed belief that the United States should attempt a national expedition into the antarctic regions, Commander Robert E. Peary declared that because of the fact that Commander Robert F. Scott of the British navy is working on a south pole expedition, it would be improper to attempt to utilize his route. He has given the matter no further thought since his return from the north, when he stated that his field work was at an end.

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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Vienna, W. Va.—"I feel that I owe the last ten years of my life to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Eleven years ago I was a walking shadow. I had been under the doctor's care but to no relief. My husband persuaded me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it worked like a charm. I lived all my pains and misery. I advised all suffering women to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. EMMA WHEATON, Vienna, W. Va.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and to-day holds the record for the largest number of actual cures of female diseases of any similar medicine in the country, and thousands of voluntary testimonials are on file in the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., from women who have been cured from almost every form of female complaint, inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, indigestion and nervous prostration. Every such suffering woman owes it to herself to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial.

If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.

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Hilda—Would you lay down your life for me?

Harold—Gladly, dearest.

Hilda—Then go and tell father of our engagement.

Father Was an Invalid.

It had been a hard day in the field, and father and son were very hungry. The only things eatable on the table were 12 very large apple dumplings. The father had consumed ten while the boy was eating one, and then both reached for the one remaining.

"Son," pleaded the farmer, "you wouldn't