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## AN ILLUSTRATION.

Mr. Editor:

In the last issue of The Weekly Messenger, appeared an article reproduced from the Washington, La., Enterprise, in which that paper comments on a loan of \$1,000.00 sold at a premium of 60 per cent. by our local Building and Loan Association. The editor frames his figures on a maturity of nine years. As stated (at that rate) the borrower will pay in the stipulated time \$725.00 for the use of \$400.00—a per cent of 20 11-80 per annum, as he pays yearly \$80.55-59.

Now, the length of time it will take a given series to mature under the Gross or Net Plan, can only be ascertained approximately. This mode of arriving at an approximate estimate of the rate of progress, must be applied to each series in a given Association separately, and the rate of profit regulated in accordance with the average rate of progress ascertained to each. For, an older series, by reason of a higher average of gain in former years, might show a higher average of progress towards maturity, than a younger one, which, for obvious reasons might not be so fortunate, owing to a slack demand for loans, and a lower rate of premium prevailing during a given period; or, exactly the reverse might be the case.

The St. Martinville Building & Loan association has been selling money regularly for the last two and three quarter years, at premiums ranging between 25 and 61 per cent. the average being 40.

The first series: A B C and D have realized each but a small profit, (the first year), on account of expenses incurred for the establishment of the Corporation. With series E began the era for regular accumulations, each share of said series realizing \$16.06 from October 1896 to December 31st 1898, and with an increase quarterly, the disbursement per share being \$29.25. Series F (two years old) realizing \$15.29, disbursement \$26.00, per cent: 58 21-26.

We admit that 60 per cent. is a very high premium, although the borrower has the privilege to repay his loan at any time, thus saving 7-8 of the premium if he repays one year after, 6-8 is he does repay two years after, and so on.

The increase, in the profits is so perceptible, quarterly, that the following illustration, will give a fair idea, in regard to the maturity of stock.

One shareholder borrowed \$800.00 at 40 per cent. premium, on February 1, 1897. He got \$480.00 net cash. He paid as follows:

Two years interest to February 1, 1899	\$96.00
Two years premiums to Feb. 1, 1899	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$176.00</b>
Less dividend credited to his stock on December 31, 1898.	64.24
<b>Bal.</b>	<b>\$111.76</b>

Hence, that borrower is paying up to date \$55.88 per year in premium and interest, for the privilege of using \$480.00 cash he got from the Association. He is then paying only 11 77-120 per cent. interest per year, and reduces his debt gradually. And, furthermore his dividend is increasing quarterly, which will, of course, diminish his percentage. In the above, we have not included his

dividend to come, on a loan of \$1,600.00 made on Jan. 10th 1899, at a premium of 50 1/2 and 52 1/2 with interest on principal, will lower his percentage to 10 per cent interest and a fraction, per year.

Certainly, to obtain money at that rate, on a credit of eight years, more or less, are advantages only offered by Building and Loan Association.

C. GREGG,  
Secretary.

### La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting down." For sale by T. J. Labbe.

—Messrs. James Fuselier and Felix Olivier were arrested and jailed by Constable Ben Bertrand Tuesday night, under a previous charge. Fuselier shot and seriously wounded a negro boy aged 12 or 13 years, a load of bird shot entering one side of his body, coming out at the other side, making a serious wound which may prove fatal. They are also accused of beating the mother when she tried to relieve her wounded boy. The boy is said to have been insolent towards Mr. Fuselier, which was the cause of the shooting. The details of this unfortunate affair are conflicting, and the exact truth will only come out when the preliminary examination will take place. The fact, however, of the shooting down of a boy twelve years old, for his insolence, and the beating of the mother for protecting her son after he was shot down, make the case a very serious one, if these are really facts as reported.

The Southern Pacific—Sunset Route announce special rates for the Merchants meetings in New Orleans and New York at rate of fare and a third, and for the Live Stock Convention (National) at Denver, January 24th to 27th, one fare, with limit of 20 days from dates of sale.

For further information address  
L. J. PARKS, G. P. & T. A.,  
Houston, Texas.

### Advertise in the Messenger.

### To The Public.

We are authorized to guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be as represented and if not satisfactory after two-thirds of the contract have been used, will refund the money to the purchaser. There is no better medicine made for la grippe, colds and whooping cough. Price, 25 and 50c per bottle. Try it. For sale by T. J. Labbe.

### NOTICE.

By order of the Police Jury of St. Martin Parish, I will offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th at 10 o'clock A. M., 1899.

All the iron fixtures of the old bridge, now in Mr. Emile Landry's yard. Sale to take place on the spot. Terms, Cash or Parish Checks. AUG. MARAIST,  
Clerk P. J.

## OFFICIAL DECREE

—OF—

## KING PROGRESS

—OF—

ALL THE CROWN DUKES AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE REALM.

Greeting:

Our great and mighty potentate, King Progress, has received with the greatest pleasure, your report of your reception, as his Vice-Roy, by the big hearted and wide awake citizens of St. Martinville, a town of which he has grown very fond. Upon the reception of your report, King Progress convened his court and Council, and laid the matter before that Great and August Tribunal. Its contents aroused wonderful enthusiasm, and it was the unanimous opinion that King Progress and Court, should, at once, issue his Royal Decree to all provinces of his Realm, commanding the Crown Dukes to bid their officials of Court to prepare to join their sovereign in a Royal Visit to St. Martinville, in a manner and splendor befitting his own magnificent Domain and Dynasty; and the generosity and culture of that town.

Herald and proclaim this decree and glad tidings in every part of our sovereign Realm.

Invite all loyal subjects to decorate their carriages, with flowers, and invite the ladies to, ride in the procession which will be formed at my arrival in the lovely city of the Teche at 1 o'clock p. m., Mardi Gras, which will be followed by a second grand, gorgeous display at 6 o'clock p. m., after which his Royal Highness will hold a grand, brilliant reception at Duchamp's hall.

You may therefore, announce to His Excellency, T. J. Labbe, Lord Mayor of St. Martinville, that his Majesty will arrive in St. Martinville, on Mardi Gras, 1 o'clock p. m., to entertain the good people the whole of that day.

By decree of

KING PROGRESS.

Attest:

COMMERCE,

Secretary.

## House FOR RENT

... ON MAIN STREET ...

\$8 per month.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ADDRESS  
Messenger Office.

### An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of most of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Brown's Iron Bitters. The remarkable cures effected by this famous remedy are sufficient to prove the theory correct. Brown's Iron Bitters are sold by "All Dealers."

Extract Minutes of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Martin, Meeting held Jan. 3rd 1899.

In order to meet outstanding obligations of the Parish now due towards the National Bank of Iberia and King Bridge Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, the Sheriff Tax Collector is hereby requested to collect, as speedily as possible, the Parish Taxes of 1898 past due and collectable since the 31st ult.

Heavy freezes and heavy white frosts were the order of things, in the weather this week.

The town authorities should get the streets where the Mardi Gras procession will pass put in good condition without delay.

Mr. O. J. Durand, Jr., was married Thursday, at Patoutville, to Miss Lydia Patout, and with his wife arrived home Thursday evening. He has taken his residence in St. Martinville.

# Auction Sale

On Saturday the 21st day of January 1899

At 11 o'clock a. m.,

we will begin to offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder the entire contents of our store known as the

## Fair and Racket Store

On Main Street.

St. Martinville, Louisiana,

—Consisting of—

Dry Goods, Notions, Clothings, Shoes, Etc.

Terms of Sale Cash.

Sales to be conducted by Messrs F. Z. Power and W. A. Bienvenu.

J. S. LANN & CO.

# Dont Blame Us TEMPTATION WAS TOO STRONG

Goods were so cheap that we had to buy them

## And Now

We have to sell them, before we build our NEW STORE.

But it will be an easy task—as soon as you see them you will want to buy—at the prices we are selling.

## Come and See

A BIG stock at small PRICES—ridiculously SMALL.

It is an actual fact that we are ready to prove at any time, that we are now selling goods cheaper now then we sold the last at . . .

## Cost Price WHY?

Because we bought them cheaper then the first lot.

### REMEMBER

A COMPLETE STOCK

FRESH GOODS.

AND ABSOLUTELY THE LOWEST PRICES.

Yours as ever for LOW PRICES,

**L. I. GARDEMAL,**

THE CHEAPEST STORE IN TOWN.

## J. B. FERRAN

calls attention and invites inspection of his large stock of

## Winter Goods.

All lines are complete, nice good goods at moderate prices.

LUCIEN VOORHIES.

MARTIN J. VOORHIES.

## Lucien Voorhies & Co.

## Hardware

And

## General Merchandise.

Corner Main and Hamilton street.

## CYPRESS LUMBER,

Shingles and 3 feet Boards,  
Pine Lumber and Bricks.

**J. J. BURDIN,**

Manager of the Hall & Burdin's saw mill, announces to their customers and the public, that they will keep a full stock of lumber and shingles, flooring, ceiling, siding, finishing, etc., in cypress and pine lumber.

The loss of their mill by fire will not stop their lumber business, nor change their price and terms.