

THE PROGRESS

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STREET RAILWAY MUDDLE.

The town council, at its last meeting, withdrew the franchise for an extension of their road, from the City Railway Company, and annulled that of the Shreveport Railway and Power Company entirely. This action of the city fathers elicited many comments from both the press and people of the town, in the course of which Justice was apostrophised and the law in such cases, expounded so freely that every child now thoroughly understands it and can talk it and look Solomonically to the queen's delight.

As to the law on the question, THE PROGRESS will have nothing to say. This, because Judge Taylor will in all probability render his decision on it, and we are free to confess that it will have far more weight than our vaporings. But as to the question of right, we have no hesitancy in allying ourselves with the council. The railroad companies may win in the courts, but for all that, the council is right.

Almost from the completion of the Belt Line, the City Railway Company has been making great promises about what it was going to do. Why, the mighty works which the old line was going to accomplish were painted in such glowing colors, that our citizens could almost see their beautiful and majestic electric cars gliding over Texas street, out Texas avenue, and around the suburbs over their road, which was under their franchise, to be extended through Allendale, and goodness knows where else, so extensive was the course mapped out. But what has been the outcome of all this talk? Simply a continuation of the old mule system, with a number of old vehicles called street cars, which are a disgrace to civilization almost. The line itself, as it now appears, and the convenience it affords, is but a parody on street railways.

And this new company, whose charter was published, telling of great deeds that it was going to perform, of the manifold blessings that it was going to heap upon Shreveport in return for the privilege of using certain streets for its tracks. It would wind around the suburbs in an opposite direction from the city road, and would thus bring people who dwell somewhat afar off in easy access to the town center by the means of its cars. Oh, we tell you, the populace was thrown into a fever of enthusiasm over the burning words of the promoters of these two enterprises, and already visions of Broadway in miniature were seen through Futurity's vista, because these two lines would make our city great, filled with a multitudinous population. But what did this organization do? Simply nothing. It did lay about 200 or 300 yards of track on Southern avenue, simply a sufficient amount to hold its franchise and there it left us. The suburban part of its road, that part of it, the building of which induced the citizens (if not the old council) to agree to its being allowed to parallel (down Texas avenue) the old track, will be allowed to go by default, and it will do no more than run its road down Texas avenue and Milam street to Market or Spring, for what purpose, the bng under the chip could tell if it could be located and induced to speak.

To date, both of these companies have made a plaything of the city. They have as effectually acted the dog in the manger as Aesop was able to describe it. They have retained in secret places the franchises granted them, neither putting them in operation nor allowing any one else who might be mind to, do it. It smacks very considerably at an attempt at a deal by means of rights granted by the city, for her people's benefit, not private corporations alone.

For these reasons we say the city council is right. We don't believe that either company ever intended to take advantage of the rights granted them. We believe they had some secret object to gain, some scheme to put through which was beneficial to the pro-

moters especially, and the city not at all. We believe that the council had become convinced of that, or it would not have rescinded their franchises. The council is composed of enterprising citizens, and like THE PROGRESS, would aid any legitimate movement to build up the town, but also like THE PROGRESS, will not, we hope, be made a catpaw for purely selfish ends.

If either company is sincere, let it give bond for its good faith, and begin work at once, but make both build their roads through and around the suburbs as agreed upon.

GENERAL ITEMS.

SHIPPING VEGETABLES.—The Times has frequently tried to impress upon the farmers of this locality the advantages derived from raising more vegetables. Take, for instance, cabbage; more clear money can be made from one acre of cabbage than five acres of cotton. William Hill, Esq. who has as fine a garden in the suburbs of Alexandria as one could wish to see, brought to this office this morning, a head of cabbage weighing 14 1/2 pounds. It was a perfect head, solid, white and tender. Mr. Hill, besides having sold 2500 heads in this market, has shipped one car-load to the Kansas City market, and will load another car for the same market next week. We are not informed what price he obtained, but he expresses himself as being very well satisfied. What is true of this variety of vegetables is also true of scores of other varieties—in fact almost anything one would wish to raise. The best markets of the North and West are now open to us and the sooner our people appreciate this fact and raise more vegetables the better off they will be.—Alexandria Times.

A LEAF FOR LIBERTY.—Last Wednesday morning as we were going up Ryan street and as we neared the Broad street crossing a fine deer came running by, leap high in the air over the foundation of the new Kaufman brick building, and made its way at a fearful speed out Broad street. When near the Watkins bank, it was so hotly pursued by dogs that it turned into the vacant lot on the corner of Hodges and ran right into the composing room of the American office. The devil closed the door against the dogs and closed the deer on the inside. Then came the tug of war. With the assistance of others in the office, his majesty got in his work and captured the fleet runner.—Lake Charles American.

DESTINED TO BECOME.—The American, a neat sixteen page journal published at Lake Charles, La., and devoted to the interests of Southwestern Louisiana, the home circle and general news, comes out in a bran new dress. It is replete with interesting reading matter descriptive of that section of the State which is destined to become the garden spot, not of Louisiana alone, but of the whole Union. To those desiring information of this land of fruits and flowers, we cheerfully recommend the American as the medium through which this information may be obtained.—Jackson Sentinel.

THE PROGRESS fully agrees with the Sentinel. No paper in this State is doing more to build up her interests than is the American. She is constantly and ably presenting to the world our stately resources and advantages, bringing to the knowledge of men what she is already doing for the industrial world. If all our papers would do more of such work and less of grumbling and scolding about the political advantages which one faction, of the parties acquire over another, Louisiana would be much better off and her people vastly more contented. The American has done a good work for Southwestern Louisiana.

Life's cup of sorrow is full enough at best, but woman married to a drunken husband is chained to a living death, besides which the horrors of hell fade into utter insignificance.

You, young men and boys, guard well the doors to your own castle. Take counsel from older and wiser heads, and profit by the experience of others who have been within the coils of the deadly octopus, Lake Charles American.

Journalism has been disgraced more than once by men who held money above honor. Such characters are ever ready as champions for any cause that has the money backing, and they are generally known by the rest of the profession.—Tyler Democrat-Reporter.

Matters Religious.

HYMN.

1 The conscience of childhood is speaking in whispers, Oh, come to the Savior and give him your life. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," says Jesus, So then seek him early and enter the strife.

CHORUS.

The bells of your conscience are ringing, The bells, the bells! The bells of your conscience are ringing, Saying, "Sinner, oh, come home."

2 The conscience of young men, and maidens is calling, In earnest appeals for the strength of your will, The work of your Master, it needs all your efforts, To bear all life's burdens and Christ's law fulfill.

3 The conscience of manhood is loudly appealing, And saying, oh come, in the noontide of day, The sands of your hour-glass are slowly receding, So start for the kingdom and make no delay.

4 The conscience of old age is heavily laden, With sins that through life have been heavy to bear, But Jesus is able to roll off thy burden, To cleanse you from evil and lift every care.

The Golden Rule runs the scale of responsibility till it rests on us. We the people are the responsible parties in this matter: "What makes drunkards? Strong drink. Who sells the drink? The saloon keeper. Who created the saloon? The law. Who makes the laws? The legislator. Who makes the legislators? The people. Who are the people? We are the people.—Way of Faith.

Morning is the golden hour for devotion. The mind is fresh. The mercies of the night provoke to the gratitude. A buoyant heart that is in love with God makes its earliest flight, like the lark, towards the gates of heaven. Thankfulness, dependence, faith and humility all prompt to early and tender interviews with Him who waits on his throne for our morning orisons. We all recall Bunyan's beautiful description of his pilgrim, who "awoke and sang" in that "Chamber of Peace" which looked toward the sunrising.—Ex.

Why should Christ be chastised for my peace? How is it that the ground has to be wounded by the spade and plow, and put under harrows, before it will produce bread for us? How is it that the grain must be bruised under the millstones before it will make bread for us? How is it that plants, flowers and fruits yield their latent virtues only when bruised? Why is vegetable life sacred to us? Why is animal life slain for us? Finding the answer to these questions will open the higher question.—Pulsford.

The true hero is the great wise man of duty—he whose soul is armed by truth and supported by the smile of God; he who meets life's perils with a cautious but tranquil spirit, gathers strength by facing its storms, and dies, if he is called to die, as a Christian victor at the post of duty. And if we must have heroes and wars wherein to make them, there is no so brilliant war as a war with wrong, and no hero so fit to be sung as he who has gained the bloodless victory of truth and mercy.—H. Bushnell.

"Thy Will be Done."

It is not alone when our hearts are aching and our souls are sick that we need to pray that God's will be done. The prayer belongs to our every day and hour; for, besides its meaning of simple, filial submission, it is essentially a prayer for righteous energy. We know that our Father is goodness itself; we are sure that he has in store for his children a better order of things than the world yet sees; we know it is his will that truth and righteousness shall crown a blessed earth, and so we naturally pray that this may become a visible reality. But, as we learn little by little, and one word at a time, to "think God's thoughts after him," there dawns upon us the wonderful and awful consciousness that he often means us to be the agents of his purpose; that it is through the instrumentality of our human wills that his will is destined fully to reign in the life of humanity. Our minds cannot really grasp the conception of this any more than they can compass the thoughts of eternity and boundless space; it is our hearts alone which dare believe it.—Our Legacy.

LOCAL MARKET.

[This report is carefully corrected up to Friday of each week, from the most reliable sources.]

Cotton Market. SHREVEPORT, La., June 18.—Cotton closed steady. Ordinary..... 10 1/2 Good ordinary..... 10 1/4 Low middling..... 10 1/4 Middling..... 10 1/4 Good middling..... 10 1/4 World's Visible Supply..... 3,722,239 This year..... 2,891,384 Last year..... 1,965,235 Increase..... 896,149 Comparative Receipts..... 6,243,118 Since Sept. 1..... 6,679,721 Same time last year..... 6,679,721

Provisions.

Bacon—Firm, 7 1/2c. Dry Salt Meats—Firm at 7 1/2c boxed, B. Breakfast Bacon—9 1/2c by the box, Hams—11c. Lard—5 1/2c 7 1/4c.

Breadstuffs.

Flour—Steady, family, 44.50; extra fancy, 44.75; patents, 45.25; sacks 10c per bbl. less. Corn—Firm at 33.25; sacks 10c per bbl. less.

Coffee and Tea.

Coffee—Steady, fair, 17c; medium grade, 17 1/2c; better, 18c; 20c. Tea—Fair, 40c; good, 50c; 60c; fine, 75c; 85c; finest, 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c by chest.

Sugar and Molasses.

Sugar—Firm; yellow clarified, 45c; white clarified, 45c; granulated, 50c. Molasses—Common, 20c; prime open kettle, none choice reboiled, 35c.

Essentials.

Onions—33.25; 3.30 per bbl. Beans—Navy, 4 1/2c; 5 1/4c per lb. Cabbage—None. Potatoes—Eating, 75c per bu.

Bagging and Ties.

Bagging—2 lb, 7 1/2c; 1 1/2 lb, 7c. Twine—For baling purposes, 2 1/2c per lb. by the bale. Iron Ties—None.

Grain and Feedstuffs.

Corn—Higher; white, seed, 70c; mixed, sacked, 65c; 67 1/2c per bu. Hay—Timothy, 115.00; prairie, 115.00 @ 120.00. Oats—Firm; Texas, none; Western, 45c.

Fruits and Nuts.

Almonds—17 1/2c per lb. Brazil Nuts—9c per lb. Dried Fruit—Apples, 8c; evaporated, 9c to 10c. Filberts—12c per lb. Oranges—Florida, box, 22.75; 3.00. Lemons—22.75; 3.00 per box. Peanuts—Hand-picked, red, raw, 6 1/2c; white, 6c; 6 1/2c; roasted, 1c higher on all grades. Pecans—12 1/2c per lb. Walnuts—12 1/2c per lb. Raisins—New stock, 1.50 per box.

Chickens, Eggs, Butter.

Grown chickens, per doz. 25 @ 27 1/2 Grown young chickens..... 6 @ 50 Eggs, per doz..... 9 @ 9 Butter, country, per lb..... 6 @ 12 1/2

Hides and Wool.

Dry flint hides, per lb..... 6 Damaged..... 4 Dry salted..... 4 Bull..... 2 Green..... 2 1/2 Wet salted..... 3 1/2 @ 4 Deer skins..... 20 Goat skins..... 20 @ 25 Sheep skins..... 15 @ 75 Wax, good bright..... 20 Wool, washed..... 25 @ 30 Spring, clean and unwashed..... 18 @ 20 Burry and black..... 10 @ 15 Tallow, in barrels..... 3

Constable Sale.

No. 325—Cole & Dawes vs. Bettie Human. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me issued, in the above numbered and entitled suit, by Hon. C. D. Hicks, Justice of the Peace for Fourth Ward of Caddo parish, La., I have seized and will sell at public auction at the front door of the courtroom, No. 205 Milam street, Shreveport, La., between the legal hours of sale, on SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1892, the following described property, to-wit: 1 lot household and kitchen furniture. Terms of sale cash on the spot, subject to appraisal. C. W. KELLY, Constable. The Progress, June 4, 1892.

Constable Sale.

No. 321—Annie Johnson vs. Frankie Douglas. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me issued, in the above numbered and entitled suit, by Hon. C. D. Hicks, Justice of the Peace of the Fourth Ward of Caddo parish, La., I have seized and will sell at public auction at the front door of the courtroom, No. 205 Milam street, Shreveport, La., between the legal hours of sale, on SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1892, the following described property, to-wit: 1 trunk and contents. Terms of sale cash on the spot, subject to appraisal. C. W. KELLY, Constable. The Progress, June 4, 1892.

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2 Lots near Butler's Hill.

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