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Shreveport Market.
The market closed firm.
Receipts 58 bales.
Low middling 11 1-4
Middling 12
Good middling 12 3-8

Shreveport Receipts
Stock on hand Sept. 1 1,387
Received this day 58
Rec'd previously 135,989 135,947
Total stock to date 137,287
Shipments to date 124,064
Net stock on hand 13,173
Same day last year 22,566

Comparative Statement.
This yr. Last yr.
Since yesterday 58 41
Same day last year 411 579
Thus far this week 452 579
Thus far last year 1,372
Since September 1 135,947 132,566
Net stock on hand 13,173 22,566

Local Receipts.
This week
1913 1912 1911
Saturday 113 205 57
Monday 41 399 284
Tuesday 139 541 83
Wednesday 101 106 0
Thursday 58 141 0
Friday 150 0 0
Total 452 1522 519

A CATASTROPHE.

Collapse of Part of a Roof at the Power House of Shreveport Light Plant—Two Fatalities and Nine Injured—Remarkable Escapes—Damage About \$25,000.

When at about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon there was a sudden stop of all kinds of machinery propelled by the electric power and of all the lights furnished by the Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company, no one realized that a disaster had occurred at the power plant of the company.

At first, to inquiries, came the reports of fire, of an explosion, and finally that the roof at the power plant had collapsed on the giving away of the wall on which part of the roof rested.

The fire department responded to an alarm, and at the scene of the disaster rendered the most efficient service in rescuing the unfortunate workmen, all negroes, buried under the debris, who were hurried to the North Louisiana Sanitarium.

In this relief of the unfortunates were Dr. M. F. Smith, Dr. V. Summus and Dr. Bodenheimer, who regardless of the imminent danger of a threatening wall, held their posts at the very seat of the disaster, ministering to the sufferings of the victims as they were carried from the ruins.

The disaster can scarcely be described, nor can the cause be definitely determined until the cause shall be made evident at an official inquiry.

One of the workmen, Henry Jackson, a negro who barely escaped, assigns as a cause in brief is to faulty construction and the inefficiency of the support of the roof, partly of steel, and covers an area of probably a hundred or more feet of space.

Another opinion is that the support to the tile roof and its steel truss supporters was insufficient, and the collapse occurred when an adjustment was being made. The collapse came with a crash. On the roof were a number of workmen who escaped. In the interior there were others who are uninjured, and among these is Craig Bellows, who had charge of the brick work on the walls and who was reported to have been in the debris.

The unfortunates are Dan Pettway, who died from a fracture of the skull after he had reached the North Louisiana Sanitarium.

The seriously injured are Andrew Bolton, Joe Garratt and Harper Jenkins, who are at the North Louisiana Sanitarium doing well.

The slightly injured are Hilliard Thornton, Alex High, John Tampa, Robert Jones, M. D. Miles and Lee Nelson, who have been discharged from the sanitarium.

Soon after this disaster the work of rehabilitation was begun by clearing the wreckage and by propping the wall and the roof which was partially in collapse. In directing this work was Manager Curtis, who had been on business in Vivian and was informed of the accident as he reached the depot.

In this extremely assistance was given by the Traction Company, which enabled the Journal to go to press after 7 o'clock, and was rejoicing to the Times, to the moving picture shows and to a large number of the populace who were as Jones when the light was out.

The regular service by the Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company was resumed during the night to the gratification of all the people.

Three Suits Against the Electric Power Company.

There were filed yesterday in the noon in the clerk's office by Attorneys Thigpen & Herold three suits against the Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company. The suits are for personal injuries sustained at the explosion from gas at the Columbia Compress October 14, 1912, from an alleged negligence of John Peary, who was in the employ of the company.

The suits are by John H. Ahlers for \$10,000; by Lizzie Mays for \$10,000 for the death of her husband, who died from the injuries received; and by Bennie Drakes for \$2,500.

An Official Inquiry.

An official inquiry was instituted today in the City Hall by the State Railroad Commission into the cause of the collision between two passenger trains of the V. S. & P. railroad Friday afternoon, February 21, near Ford's Smith between Gibsland and Arcadia. When completed the finding will be given to the public.

SWINDLERS IN JAIL.

Several Citizens Have the Experience Resulting from Persuasion.

Detective Mack Rascoe is entitled to the fullest measure of praise in his arrest at Dallas, Texas, of R. H. Kelly and L. G. Thigpen and their safe conveyance to the parish jail. When queried as to how he induced the two men to submit to arrest and come to Shreveport, he replied: "Well, it's a story, but the men are in jail and that should be sufficient."

The two men, Kelly and Thigpen, who are fluent talkers, claimed to be the representative of "Mike Walsh," the fashionable tailor, the "sartorial of Broadway," New York, for more than twenty years. The scheme was to take orders for suits of the best at greatly reduced price, payable half on taking the order and the other half to be paid C. O. D. When the first orders were delivered, the suits were of an inferior quality of "hand me down" which some of the victims refused.

The inducement was on the order of a fifty dollar suit being made to order and delivered in Shreveport for \$18, half of which was payable in advance.

It is unnecessary to name the victims, but it may be remarked that men of average intelligence are frequently swindled, perhaps through the trait of individuals to get something of value "for little or nothing."

When a swindler has a "gold brick" for sale he will not offer his brick to the ordinary man but he will seek the individual who is always more or less receptive for speculative "snaps."

As a rule, the swindler is always vivacious and plausible in speech and manner, and realizing the weakness of men, or rather the predisposed inclination for bargains and for big returns in speculation on nominal investment, thrive for a while on the credulity of their victims. This is one of the many schemes of swindlers which have been perpetuated in Shreveport. On conviction the "Mike Walsh" representatives should be given the full limit of the law.

Why Not the Waterworks Company?

The chartered term of the Shreveport Waterworks Company is limited to a few years, but it should be alive and doing. Why should it not follow the Shreveport Traction Company and demand that its charter be extended twenty-five or fifty years from the end of the limit of its present charter?

It would only be necessary for the Waterworks Company to have a petition signed by citizens who as a rule sign anything regardless, and in that petition state that for and in consideration of their being granted such extension of their franchise for the years named they will renovate the plant and install an up-to-date system of waterworks. And having submitted this concession for favorable consideration the company could secure an unlimited endorsement by a minority of the Merchants Association, the Fair Association directory, the Real Estate Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Seriously, if such a venture was advanced, what would be the attitude of the endorsers?

Would it be as favorable to the waterworks as it has been to the Traction Company, and if not why not?

With equal consistency and in all fairness such an endorsement could not be denied.

How much in practical value to the City of Shreveport has the Traction Company offered for the endorsement it has been given by a minority membership of the corporations named?

The Shreveport waterworks is advised to test the endorsement suggested.

Is not the water supply as paramount as the proposed extension of the Traction Company service?

After all, who are the greatest beneficiaries of any improved system of travel by the Traction Company?

Not the people, but the Traction Company.

Why then not stop giving to the Traction Company valuable concessions for the asking?

A Serious Charge.

Alexandria, La., Feb. 25.—Charles Dupes has been arrested and committed to the parish jail on charges preferred against him by L. F. Ingouf, who alleges that the man attempted to assault Ingouf's 16-year-old daughter. The alleged offense is said to have occurred yesterday.

JOE O'DWYER

On Trial for the Murder of T. P. Whitehead—The Crime as Related by Witnesses Was Deliberate. Self-defense Is the Plea in Extension for the Murder.

Joe O'Dwyer is about 20 years of age. He is well connected. By his act he has entailed indescribable misery on his parents, and he has shrouded a good wife and her children in the gloom of death.

His fate is in the decision of these twelve men as jurors: W. P. Nicholson, J. W. Dunn, W. C. Nelson, D. C. McClanahan, W. J. Lawton, Tom K. Jordan, N. N. Houston, John Rogers, I. H. Teat, W. B. Bell, Graves Johnson and H. Hogg.

The evidence as disclosed and as summarized is that on the afternoon of August 20 of last year, Joe O'Dwyer was talking to some men at the corner of Walnut street. As Mrs. White, a daughter of T. P. Whitehead, and her sister, not yet in her teens, was pushing a buggy in which was her baby, the girl inadvertently brushed Joe O'Dwyer, who resentfully struck at her and knocked off her hat. The girl resorted by making faces at him and called him "a poor white trash."

O'Dwyer ran to the girl and slapped her face, knocked her down, which caused her nose to bleed. Mrs. White then denounced O'Dwyer as "a coward and a rascal."

O'Dwyer infuriated, declared: "I'll fix you," and with these words drew a pistol from his bosom. From the residence occupied by T. P. Whitehead, who was on the gallery with his physician, Dr. M. F. Smith, the assault on the girl by O'Dwyer was visible.

As Whitehead, one side of his body being paralyzed, reached the gate at his residence to meet his daughters, Mrs. White and her sister, O'Dwyer was at the gate. As he faced Whitehead he expressed himself in vile and blasphemous words, and suited his defamatory to his vulgar language shot Whitehead.

On the part of the defense there was attempted the plea that O'Dwyer had killed Whitehead to protect himself from an assault by Whitehead, who had raised upon him an iron bar, but on cross-examination, the physician who was attending Whitehead when they stood on the gallery of his home, admitted that the iron bar, about six inches in length, was being held by Whitehead at his side and not threateningly.

The iron bar was picked up by Whitehead as he walked from the gallery of his home to the gate to meet his daughter.

During the hearing of the evidence there were several pathetic scenes, especially when Mrs. White and her sister and Mrs. Whitehead, the widow, related how O'Dwyer had killed Whitehead.

The State argument by Attorney Foster of Leesville was followed by Hon. W. H. Scheen and Hon. John D. Wilkinson for the prisoner. The plea was self-defense. The district attorney, W. A. Mabry, closed for the State in a strong presentation of the case.

Judge Bell gave the jury a lucid charge in which he explained the law and the verdicts they could reach, after which the jury retired. A verdict may be announced this afternoon.

Why Many Men Begin to Drink.

In the "Home Problems" department of the March Woman's Home Companion appears the following:

"My husband works very hard, leaves home early, and comes back late. I have little of his company, as he is too tired at night to do much more than take supper, throw himself upon a lounge, and sleep till bedtime. Recently he has fallen into the habit of drink, and I am utterly disheartened."

The editor of the department makes the following reply:

"If ever you needed courage and resolution you need them now. You must try to bear patiently with your husband when he is weary, and help him to make a brave fight against the temptation that has attacked him. Send him away in the morning after a cheerful meal, and prepare a good dinner for him, with the best coffee you can make, so that he may be reinforced in vitality in the evening. Do not scold or complain, but set your face firmly against the formation of the liquor habit. Once established, it may chain him and make him a slave. In the beginning, your love may be his sheet-anchor. If he could get other work, or your place of abode could be changed so that he would pass through other streets on his way home, the situa-

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tion might improve. Whatever you do, hold on to love and faith."

Killed in a "Free for All."

Caroline Dwyth and Belsie Batts are in jail charged with stabbing and killing Hannah Blank, all colored, in a "free for all" for niggers near Gilliam. It is believed that "hoose" was one of the stimulants that provoked the fight.

A Texas Hail Storm.

A hail storm which struck Marlin at 5:30 yesterday afternoon destroyed every skylight in town and windows on the west side of buildings, resulting in a damage of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to stocks of goods upon which a subsequent rain beat for about an hour. As reported, hail fell for forty minutes at Athens, Texas, completely covering the ground. Damage to the fruit crop will result.

Weather Forecast.

Local forecast for Shreveport and vicinity: Fair and colder with frost tonight; Friday fair.

River Stage.

Union 0.8, a rise of 0.5; Arthur City 8.2, rise of 1.6; White Cliffs 8.4, fall of 1.8; Fulton 11.4; Ringo Crossing 1.0, fall of 0.4; Finley 17.0, rise of 2.0; Spring Bank 9.9, rise of 0.5; Jefferson 8.2, rise of 1.0; Shreveport 4.8, rise of 1.7.

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

Relatively Speaking, Where Are You?

Are you advancing with the times or do you still look on our city from the standpoint of years ago? Do you move on just a little better than the ox wagon of yore, or are you keeping pace with the lightning express of today? This is an age of advancement. The wisdom of yesterday may be the folly of today and nothing but eternal vigilance will keep abreast of the times. New machines, new formulas and new ideas are being introduced that are as far ahead of old methods as the lightning express is ahead of the ox team. We are using all of our ability, our energy, our experience and our means to keep pace with the times. Our plant of yesterday is not our plant of today, and our plant of today will not be our plant of tomorrow. There is not—there can not be, any end to advancement.

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