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Shreveport Market.
The market closed quiet.
Receipts—10 bales.
Low middling 10 3-4
Middling 11 1-2
Good middling 11 7-8

Shreveport Receipts
Stock on hand Sept. 1 1,297
Received this day 16
Rec'd previously 140,982 140,978
Total stock to date 142,285
Shipments to date 138,956
Net stock on hand 3,291
Same day last year 1,409

Comparative Statement
This yr. Last yr.
Since yesterday 16 0
Same day last year 0 0
Thus far this week 0 0
Thus far last year 13 13
Since September 1 140,978 142,848
Net stock on hand 3,291 1,409

Local Receipts
This week
1913 1912 1911
Saturday 0 13 0
Monday 0 0 0
Tuesday 0 0 0
Wednesday 15 13 0
Thursday 16 0 0
Friday 0 0 0
Total 31 26

THE RIVER FRONT.

The Mayor Authorized to Contract With Hedrick & Cochran of Kansas City—Why This Selection?—It Is a Discrimination Which Should Be Condemned.

The Council of the City of Shreveport in session Tuesday finally adopted the Rives resolution, authorizing the Mayor to contract with Hedrick & Cochran of Kansas City for plans for reclaiming the river front, embracing about thirty-five acres.

It has been estimated that when this river frontage has been reclaimed its value will approximate \$215,000, of which Hedrick & Cochran are to receive 5 per cent.

In a preliminary discussion of this project, one of the allurement suggested in its favor was a public park where the people could recreate in diversified enjoyments, sniffing the gentle breezes wafted from Bossier and a part of Caddo, and indulging in all the et ceteras connected with a public park, but from plans outlined, this river front, if reclaimed, is to be applied to commercial purposes. Well, so be it, and never mind the people and the park, but we would be pleased to know under what authority the Council has proceeded to invest the power to contract with Hedrick & Cochran, an improvement estimated at thousands of dollars, when it is specifically stated in the charter of the City of Shreveport that "all contracts for public works, etc., exceeding \$500 shall be ordered at auction and given to the lowest bidder," etc., or the Council may advertise for sealed proposals in writing to be opened by the Mayor in the presence of the Council, etc.

Why should the Council have discriminated against the home or other talent? Possibly there may be the understanding that Hedrick & Cochran will do the work on the conditions specified, 5 per cent of the value of the land reclaimed, but who is to pay the cash for the reclaiming of that river front? Is the city to get the cash?

If the city, from what source or fund is the money to be drawn?

Oh, we may issue more bonds and why not?

The Caucasian as a progressive could not give this project its endorsement even if it were sanctioned in accordance with the legal requirements of the city charter.

From a visionary aspect, the reclaiming of the river front into thirty-five acres of estimated value of \$215,000 is enticing, almost as attractive as a bargain counter on a special sales day, but when it is fully understood by the people there will be only a few who will venture their endorsement of this project.

Passing of the Phosphorus Match.

New Orleans States: The last American phosphorus match was manufactured June 30. The tax, which was frankly intended to put the phosphorus match industry permanently out of business, went into effect the first of this month, and in a short time a "parlor match" will not be obtainable in this country, even as a curiosity.

There is, however, a general erroneous impression that the passing of the phosphorus match will mean the elimination of all matches except those of the "safety" variety, which ignite only when struck upon a prepared surface. "Strike anywhere" matches will be still manufactured, but their inflammable ingredient will be phosphorus sesquisulfide, which does not possess the dangerous qualities of white phosphorus.

It is generally understood that the phosphorus match has been legislated out of existence because its manufacture subjects the workmen to the fearful and loathsome disease known as "phossy jaw," hence it is an instance of humanitarian paternalism on the part of the government which has met with universal approval.

A New Industry.

It has been announced that the Oil City Machine Works will be removed to Shreveport, in order to better handle the business of their customers. The capital stock of the company will be increased to one hundred thousand dollars, and the present works at Oil City will be moved to Shreveport, and will be enlarged to meet the demands of the company's business.

Horse for Sale.

A good horse for buggy or surrery is offered for sale. Write to or apply at the Caucasian office, 203 Milam Street, Shreveport, La.

The Lobby at Washington.

New Orleans States: Following close on the revelations at Washington before the lobby investigating committee, the confession of Col. Martin M. Mulhall, published in the New York World, completes the startling picture of government by bribery and intimidation which the powerful interests substituted in recent years for popular government to the best of their ability. The rule of the people has been greatly modified by the rule of the filthy dollar, applied with zeal and without scruple.

"The exposures which are now coming," says the Chicago News, "have been much too long delayed. The men who have engaged in these conspiracies have injured the Nation in many ways. Though their evil practices are being exposed, they are not yet deprived of power to work harm, since such exposures give comfort to furious radicals. It is strange that intelligent men, no matter how unscrupulous, are so foolish as to dam up by flimsy artificial barriers the natural streams of democracy."

The people of the United States, however, are learning much by these exposures. The chief lesson is that unfaithful public servants, who are really political crooks, can be kept in office term after term by the might of lavish campaign funds provided by the corrupt interests served by the crooks, and that money is dangerously powerful in American politics. The exposures should go on until the last piece of rascality is laid bare, because the popular issues in this country must be fought out in the open with clean hands.

The men accused by Mulhall will, of course, have ample opportunity to make denials or explanations, and it is safe to say that there will be no lack of effort to discredit him. Doubtless many of the men mentioned in the disclosures may prove themselves innocent of any conscious wrongdoing. But in the cases of others, however able the answers may be, however skillfully the alibis may be arranged, there will remain one fact that can not be denied; it is the fact of the existence of a lobby, which was so strenuously denied—a lobby that corresponds with the popular idea of what a lobby is and does. Those who have been demanding that proof of its existence be adduced should now rest satisfied that their demand has been complied with.

Will Be "The Underwood Bill"

National Tribune (Rep.): Apparently the new tariff law will not be of hyphenated name. Notwithstanding the work done upon it in the Senate, no senator's name is likely to be linked with it. Some partisans attempted to style it the Wilson-Underwood bill, but seemingly that name is not to stick. It will be the Underwood bill and the Underwood law. The current tariff, it seems, will pass into history as the Payne-Aldrich law, Mr. Payne having been chairman of the Ways and Means Committee that framed it and Mr. Aldrich chairman of the Senate committee that rewrote it. But Senator Aldrich did much more than any senator of the present Finance Committee has done.

President Wilson's influence with his Democratic Congress is not wanting. That is amply demonstrated by all that has happened since he appeared before the joint session and read his special message on currency. Talk now pervades the capitol that Mr. Wilson "is a wonder," and all that sort. "All the Democrats are afraid of him," declare the Republicans. "They trail along like sheep." "They haven't the courage to come out for their convictions." Such exclamations abound in unfriendly circles, but are in reality tributes to the President's personality and leadership.

It is all becoming so well established that opposition leaders are taking it into account. They are fond of commenting about the President's splendid English and his decisive way of stating things. "Oh, well," they declare, "probably he will get his currency bill, just as he is getting his tariff bill. He's making the arguments that catch the country, and what can we do here when the country is with the President?"

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CONSERVATION MEETING.

A Gathering of Citizens in the Court House Entertained by Hon. N. C. Blanchard, Hon. Leon R. Smith, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Curtis and Others.

There was held in the court house last night a meeting attended by a number of citizens regardless of the excessive heat. The purpose of the gathering was to consider the closing of the wild gas well of Caddo Parish and to conserve the gas and oil field from unnecessary waste.

In attendance were the members of the Conservation Commission of Louisiana, M. L. Alexander, president; E. T. Leche and J. A. Daynes, commissioners.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Leon R. Smith, State senator, who has been active in his efforts to have these wild gas wells closed, and who named President M. L. Alexander of the Conservation Commission for presiding officer.

In attendance were a number of men interested in the oil and gas products of the Caddo fields. The audience were entertained with speeches by Hon. N. C. Blanchard, Mr. Fisher of the Producers Oil Company, Mr. Curtis of the Southwestern Gas & Electric Light Company, Mr. J. B. Ardis of the Caddo Gas & Oil Company, Mr. Alexander of the Conservation Commission and others.

The gist of the resolution is that the wild gas wells must be closed and the gas and oil field must be conserved, but, it was announced that the commission is not provided with the necessary financial means, and the Chamber of Commerce is to be requested to assist in financing the funds necessary to close the wild wells.

A Most Estimable Lady Is Dead.

The many friends of Mrs. George M. Hearne are grieved over her demise, which occurred at her home in this city at 12:40 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Hearne had been an invalid for more than a year, and while she received every attention that could be given by medical skill, coupled with the loving devotion of her husband, she gradually failed in her health.

Mrs. Hearne was a lovable woman, kind, generous and sympathetic, a home-maker in every respect, and was beloved by her friends and all those who came within the sphere of her genial influence.

In the death of his good wife Mr. Hearne has sustained a loss which may be compared to a man bereft of his right arm, a loss which can be assuaged only by time. In his overwhelming bereavement Mr. Hearne has the sympathy of his friends everywhere and in every walk of life.

Shreveport Heads May Be Prosecuted for Breaking the Law.

New Orleans States: The insuring of the bridge over the Red River at Shreveport, La., in the London Lloyds Agency for \$255,000, in violation of an act of 1902 forbidding the placing of insurance with a company not authorized to do business in Louisiana, will be made the basis of a prosecution by the State Fire Marshal's office, according to a statement by Chief Fire Marshal A. F. Marks.

The banks which financed the building of the bridge for the City of Shreveport and the Parish of Bossier insisted that the bridge be insured. Mr. Marks said the premium was more than \$6,000, of which the State's share would have been more than \$200.

Assistant Attorney General Gamble is preparing to prosecute the case. The offense is punishable by a fine of not less than \$100, or imprisonment.

Twenty-five Thousand Dead Horses in Kansas.

It has been stated in a telegram from Topeka, Kas., that the plague which killed more than 25,000 horses and mules in Kansas last year was not an infectious disease, but due to poison, was the report today of the special commission of the University of Kansas, appointed by the Governor to investigate. The report stated that there was no known cure for the ailment from which the animals suffered and that the climatic conditions which produced it probably will not prevail again in many years.

A parasitic fungi growing on grain and other vegetation caused the death of animals, according to the report, and the poisonous conditions in the pastures was due to the excessive moisture and humidity accompanied by high temperatures.

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BAGLEY ACQUITTED.

Was Charged With the Murder of W. H. Trout—Had Two Mistrials.

After having experienced two mistrials, B. B. Bagley, indicted for the murder of W. H. Trout on the night of October 8, 1912, has been acquitted by a jury comprising Everett Kirkin, G. A. Wyse Jr., J. D. Parker, W. C. Best, T. M. Tucker, R. E. Hanna, J. K. McFarland, A. M. Leary, D. P. Batchelor, B. C. Wolfe, G. N. Keith and H. H. Sample.

Bagley was ably defended by Attorney Mills. The State was represented creditably by District Attorney Mabry.

In the first and second trials the jurors failed to agree.

The case as presented was self-defense. It was in evidence that before Bagley had recourse to his pistol he had been stabbed thirteen times by Trout. When conveyed to the sanitarium it was believed that Bagley would not survive several of the stab wounds, which were pronounced to be serious, if not fatal.

The origin of the homicide was politics. Trout had charged that Bagley had been paid to exercise his influence in persuading voters, which Bagley denied. Trout had been indulging freely in intoxicants on the evening of the affray.

The case was tried before Judge T. F. Bell instead of Judge John R. Land, who was recused as he had been Bagley's attorney before he had been elected judge of the District Court.

Texas Avenue Subway.

Prospects for an early construction of a subway under the Kansas City Southern tracks at the Texas avenue intersection are not promising, according to Commissioner Fulgove, who is representing the city in the matter. After a conference with General Manager Edson of the Kansas City Southern, Mr. Fulgove announces that the matter will be indefinitely delayed owing to the present stringency in the money market preventing the Kansas City Southern from undertaking the work at present.

Weather Forecast.

Local forecast for Shreveport and vicinity: Local showers tonight or Friday; probably somewhat cooler Friday.

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