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## COTTON MARKET

Office of The Caucasian, Shreveport, La., July 29, 1913.

### Shreveport Market.

The market closed quiet.

Receipts none.

Low middling 10 3-16

Middling 10 15-16

Good middling 11 5-16

### Shreveport Receipts

Stock on hand Sept. 1 1,287

Received this day 0

Rec'd previously 140,975 140,975

Total stock to date 142,262

Shipments to date 138,963

Net stock on hand 1,415

Same day last year 3,289

### Comparative Statement.

This yr. Last yr.

Since yesterday 0 0

Same day last year 0 0

Thus far this week 0 0

Thus far last year 0 0

Since September 1 140,975 142,938

Net stock on hand 3,289 1,415

### Local Receipts.

This week

1913 1912 1911

Saturday 0 0 0

Monday 0 0 0

Tuesday 0 0 0

Wednesday 15 0 0

Thursday 0 0 0

Friday 0 0 0

Total 15 0 0

## A HOMICIDE.

N. B. Leopard Shot and Killed by His Wife—Self-Defense the Plea.

Monday afternoon about 15 minutes to 6 o'clock N. B. Leopard was shot and killed by his wife. The tragedy occurred at her home, 1858 Laurel street. An inquiry into the homicide revealed that Mr. and Mrs. Leopard had not been living harmoniously and had separated recently. Mrs. Leopard's version is in substance that she had suffered months of mistreatment from her husband and had left him after he had attempted to cut her throat; she admitted that she was afraid of him and was always apprehensive of trouble. She stated that on Monday afternoon he came up the steps of her residence. She told him not to come inside, but he persisted and they got to quarrel. She says she thought he was coming in to get the shotgun which her mother had hidden and that he would kill her. She got the gun and held it for her defense. She declares that her husband had held a knife in his hand and that she backed all the way around the house from him to the steps where she shot him.

It would seem that the mistreatment had rendered her callous and she had lost all respect for him. As an evidence of her indifference, when she passed the body she remarked: "Well, you won't trouble me any more."

Leopard was aged about 30 years, while Mrs. Leopard is 27 and the mother of four children, the youngest being about 3 years. Leopard was employed at the Kansas City Southern shops. His body was conveyed to Wellman's and from there to the residence of his brother.

There is another version to this homicide. Eye witnesses declare that when Leopard was tending on the steps of the residence of his wife he held in one hand a steak, partly wrapped in paper, and in the other hand a cigarette. Possibly his wife, who, as related, had been cruelly treated and was fearful of her life, imagined that he held a knife instead of the cigarette. At any rate this is only a surmise.

When viewed, the body lay outstretched across the steps with a gaping wound in the face where the nose had been shot off. There was no knife near the body; only the steak and the cigarette.

When the report of the shot was heard, Deputy Sheriff Tanner was near the Leopard home. He immediately ran to the house and found Mrs. Leopard at the telephone, holding the gun in one hand and the receiver in the other. He placed her under arrest and had her conveyed to jail.

There are several conflicting reports of this homicide, the truth of which may be made plain when the trial is held.

Connected with this homicide are details which are irrelevant and to repeat which would take more space than is practically necessary. It may be stated that Mrs. Leopard has demonstrated no emotion, but views her deed as a matter of fact which she considers to have been justifiable, as an act of self-defense.

It may also be said that it seems Leopard was, without cause or reason, jealous of an acquaintance of Mrs. Leopard, which probably provoked and intensified the quarrels between her and her husband.

It may also be said that ladies engaged in charitable work who know Mrs. Leopard declare that she was a good and industrious woman. She had secured employment at a store on Texas street and was rejoicing in this fact when the tragedy blasted her anticipations.

**Tensas Delta Land Company**  
There was served on Monday on Col. R. G. Pleasant, Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, a rule or order issued from the Federal Court, Judge A. J. H. ... to show cause why the suit against the Tensas Delta Land Company should not be dismissed. Colonel Pleasant, who was in Shreveport, will make answer in conformity with this order at the next session of the Federal Court which convenes in Monroe.

This is one proceeding that is a very disturbing element, a plaguing to quite a number of citizens, who would be inexpressibly delighted if it were possible to suppress what appears to be a scandal.

## Weather Forecast.

Local forecast for Shreveport and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

## AN ICE COMBINE.

An Inquiry Suggested by John R. Land to the Grand Jury.

Is there an ice combine, and if there is, can it be unraveled by the Grand Jury?  
It has been intimated that the new company known as the Independent has been absorbed by the old company. If this be true, then there can be no inquiry as to a combine, and whatever was the opposition in effect until yesterday it is no more today.

It is not possible to obtain the information desired, nor would it avail, since the price of ice fixed at 40c per 100 pounds instead of 20c per 100.

Competition is the life of trade, and when it existed was beneficial to the people, especially the classes of limited means, but it has been suggested that the Independent failed to receive the support expected from the people clamoring for ice at low price, and therefore through the very force of necessity, conditions have developed the situation of today.

The advance in the price of ice from 20c to 40c per 100 pounds was shocking to consumers, who, not knowing what had happened, declined emphatically to take ice from the first wagon reaching their homes. "Why forty cents? No sir, I'll wait for the next wagon," was the remonstrance of heads of families. Undismayed, the drivers retorted: "All right, wait for the next wagon, it's all the same price today, forty cents a hundred."

This ice situation is somewhat on the order of the banana peddler at a time when there was a scarcity of bananas and he had practically a monopoly of the fruit in the town in which he peddled: "Madam, you not like the banana, you no take."

There is being agitated a municipal ice plant, but if it were possible such a plant would not be operative until next summer.

What is going to be done about it? Who is going to bell the cat? It's forty cents a hundred for ice, and there you are.

## Municipal Ice Plant.

The Carpenters Union at their meeting held last night discussed freely the advance in the price of ice and adopted resolutions reading as follows:

Whereas, The price of ice was raised in Shreveport on Monday, July 28, 20c per 100 pounds, making it cost us 40c per 100, this raise coming on us without any notice from the ice companies and without their raising the wages of their employees one cent.  
Be It Resolved, That Carpenters Union No. 764 go on record as favoring an ice plant to be owned and operated by the City of Shreveport, ice to be furnished to the people of Shreveport at cost and carriage; and  
Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Shreveport, and that their text be published in the press of the city. (Signed)

JOHN E. MORRIS,

Rec. Sec. Carpenters Union No. 764.

## Williamson Convicted.

In the District Court Monday, Judge John R. Land, Boh Williamson was tried and convicted in two cases of having violated the prohibition law. Bond was fixed at \$1,000 in each case. Williamson is to be sentenced Friday. There will be an appeal to the Supreme Court.

## Child Killed in New Orleans.

Times-Democrat: "Alice Courtney, a beautiful child of 41 years, daughter of Benjamin Courtney, a member of the police force living at 2822 Gravier street, was run over and killed by a Dryades street car in Canal street near Tchoupitoulas, on Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Her little sister Edna was with her and saw the accident. The children, with little playmates about their age, alighted from a Tulane belt car and started across the tracks to catch a St. Charles belt car when the Dryades car bore down upon them. Little Edna was leading, and saw the car just in time to escape the fate of her sister, who was caught and dragged under the wheels. The elder girl was killed instantly, and about the only merciful feature of the accident, according to witnesses, was that the child was not mutilated."

The death of this child could have been avoided if the Dryades street car had checked its speed and been on the lookout when it reached the street crossing where the accident occurred.

## PRISONERS SENTENCED.

Andrew Bunch Given Fifteen Years, W. C. Lanning Seven Years—A Crowd in Court—Judge Land's Remarks.

Monday was sentence day, as had been announced, and there was a crowd in the court room anticipating the sentencing of Andrew Bunch, who murdered his wife, and W. C. Lanning for embezzlement.

The first prisoner called to the bar of justice was Henry Clay, a negro, shooting with intent to kill, was assigned to three years servitude in the pen. Clay's intended victim is Nick Vaccaro, an Italian, who barely escaped with his life.

Clen Lovely, a white man, for stealing a motor boat valued at \$500, one year in the pen for larceny and 30 days on the Parish Farm after having served his term in the pen. Lovely is from Michigan.

Henry Thomas, negro, two counts for burglary and larceny, two for larceny; aggregated penalties eight years in the pen, and at the end of the penitentiary term, if alive, he will have to go to the Parish Farm for thirty days.

Shim Bullon, negro, ten years in the pen for lying in wait and shooting at a white man; intent was robbery. Was recommended to the mercy of the court by the trial jury. The court announced that it could not understand why the jury had suggested mercy. It was a mystery which the judge could not solve.

Andrew Bunch, convicted of manslaughter, had been indicted for murder. In addressing the prisoner Judge Land remarked: "You have been convicted by a jury of the crime of manslaughter; in the opinion of the court you are guilty of murder. It is also the opinion of the court that when you married the woman for whose death you were tried, you knew all about her character. The newspapers have been commenting upon the failure of juries to do their duty in such cases—human life is entirely too cheap in Caddo Parish. Only the eloquence of your attorney saved you from a verdict of guilty of murder as charged—he swept them off their feet." Sentence was then passed. Bunch being fined \$1 and ordered to be imprisoned at hard labor in the State penitentiary for the full term of fifteen years, to date from incarceration therein.

The last prisoner upon whom sentence was passed was W. C. Lanning. As he stood facing the judge the spectators were all attention. When asked if he had anything to say his reply was a moving of his head meaning no. Then Judge Land addressing the prisoner said: "Mr. Lanning, you have been convicted of the crime of embezzlement; there was absolutely no question as to your guilt. You were the head of the Pelican Fire Insurance Company, and had associated with you some of the best people in this section. In the case in which the jury found you guilty you got \$500 from a woman, a widow with two little children to support—practically all the money she had. You deposited that money in bank to your own personal credit and drew it out for your own use. The testimony shows that not a dollar of that money was ever received by the fire insurance company, to which it belonged. The testimony also shows, in this case, that you not only defrauded the insurance company, but that you also defrauded the widow from whom the money was received and that you cheated your partner, Shugart, in the fiscal agency of the concern you were promoting. It is considered by the court that you serve the full term of seven years in the State penitentiary at Baton Rouge, to date from the day of your incarceration therein."

Apparently Lanning was unmoved. He resumed his seat beside his wife, who had been at his side throughout his trial. Mrs. Lanning was visibly affected to tears which she repressed, as she spoke encouragingly to her husband.

It has been intimated that a number of citizens, among whom were several ladies sympathizing with Mrs. Lanning, had requested Judge Land to leniency and a number of parties had also approached Judge Land for clemency in behalf of Bunch, but Judge Land was not deterred in his duty. It is unnecessary to review how Bunch murdered his wife. He is fortunate in having escaped the death penalty and imprisonment for life. There is one plea which may be urged in extenuation of his crime. He was boozed. Had he been sober, he would not have committed this murder.

In Lanning's case the penalty is re-

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## Hearne Dry Goods Company

**PAY LARGE SUM FOR BIG FARM.**  
Louisiana Land and Immigration Company Buys McDade Plantation in Bossier for \$12,000.

There was put on record Friday in Bossier Parish deeds transferring the Skannels Bluff plantation, containing some 1,800 acres, from W. E. and J. G. McDade to the Louisiana Land and Immigration Company, of Shreveport, the consideration being \$12,000.

This is one of the most fertile and noted plantations in this section and lies about six miles southeast of Shreveport. The price paid is approximately \$28 per acre for the river land and \$5 per acre for the improved upland.

This is the third plantation this company has recently purchased contiguous to Shreveport, and it is understood to be their intention to cut them up into 80 and 160-acre farms for their Northern and Western customers.

This company is owned and controlled by local men in Louisiana, East Texas and South Arkansas, and with their working arrangements with the Texas & Pacific, St. Louis, Southwestern and Kansas City Southern they believe they will be able to bring a great many families into this section this fall.

When interviewed, Mr. W. A. Jones, general manager of the company, stated that they had no trouble in finding good substantial farmers who would move into this section, but that the great difficulty was in finding suitable small tracts, improved and ready for them, and that his company had found it necessary to make preparations in advance and that the only way this could be done was to buy the larger tracts outright.

That this undertaking will be tremendously profitable to the stockholders goes without saying; but to see a local concern actually doing that which every one recognized as a necessity and which development means so much to this section is indeed gratifying.

## River Stage.

Denison 1.9, a fall of 0.5; Arthur City 7.4, rise of 0.6; White Cliffs 2.1, rise of 0.8; Fulton 4.5, fall of 0.6; Ringo Crossing 3.8, fall of 2.8; Finley 5.0, fall of 1.0; Spring Bank 3.2, rise of 0.4; Jefferson 1.4, fall of 0.1; Shreveport —1.2.

## Sunday Law Violator.

Henry Spencer, a negro, was convicted today of violating the Sunday law. He was fined by Judge Land to pay \$25 and spend 30 days at the Parish Farm.

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