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## COTTON MARKET

Office of The Caucasian,  
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### Shreveport Market.

Market closed steady 1-4 up.  
Receipts 702 bales.  
Low middling 12 3-4  
Middle 13 3-8  
Good middling 13 5-8

### Shreveport Receipts

Stock on hand Sept. 1 2,062  
Received this day 702  
Rec'd previously 12,451 13,153  
Total stock to date 15,215  
Shipments to date 7,911

### Local Receipts.

Net stock on hand 6,952  
Same day last year 5,434

Comparative Statement.		
This yr	Last yr	
Since yesterday	702	
Same day last year	562	
Thus far this week	2,242	
Thus far last year		
Since September 1	13,153	3,252
Net stock on hand	6,952	9,327
Local Receipts.		
This week		
Saturday	824	1184
Monday	716	985
Tuesday	702	1547
Wednesday		1757
Thursday	1193	1195
Friday		1338
Total	2242	7901

## UNAVOIDABLE, THE VERDICT.

The Facts Disclosed at the Coroner's Inquest Held Over the Killing of W. W. Darrh Indicate Recklessness on the Part of J. J. Michel, the Driver of the Automobile, How Darrh Was Killed.

Human life is about the cheapest thing on earth, at least it would so appear when little is done as a deterrent to check recklessness which too frequently result disastrously if not fatally. Recklessness is not limited to any means of vehicular traffic nor to the manner of being reckless, but when through recklessness an individual has been killed or injured the person responsible should be held amenable to law.

It may be recalled that several years since a child was run over and killed on Sprague street by a wagon driven by a negro. The circumstances warranted a plea of "unavoidable accident," but the negro was convicted of manslaughter and assigned to a term of three years in the pen. Other instances of negroes being convicted and punished for recklessness could be cited but it is unnecessary.

On Saturday at about 12:20 o'clock W. W. Darrh was run over at the crossing of Market street from the corner of the Phoenix Hotel. He died when being conveyed to the North Louisiana Sanitarium.

Darrh was a plasterer by trade. His widow and child are bereft of their main support and their best friend. Over this killing the sympathetic have been regretful, but in this, as in all such cases the widow and the orphan are overwhelmed in their affliction.

Was the killing of Darrh unavoidable?

The sworn evidence adduced at the coroner's inquest is in substance that Michel was driving his auto at the rate of ten or twelve miles an hour. One of the witnesses testified that Michel was speeding at the rate of 35 or 40 miles an hour and that after striking Darrh and running over him, did not stop until he had reached the alley. As the witness explained, Michel at the rate of speed specified turned on the left side of Market street, "not slowing down and blowing no signal."

As testified by other witnesses, the auto after having struck Darrh and running over his body was stopped within twenty feet. According to his voluntary admission, Michel was driving ten miles an hour. He did not slow down, nor did he blow his signal. He simply rushed from Texas street to the left of Market street at a ten-mile speed, when, if he had given heed to the requirements of the law, he should have "slowed down" and given the signal and decreased his ten-mile speed to four miles. Had he done this he would not have run over and killed Darrh, who was clearly within his rights when he was in the act of crossing.

What Michel should have done was not only to slow down and toot, but he should have stopped and not attempted to go through as he did in disregard of law. He was reckless. This is not said in enmity, but as a statement of a fact incontrovertible.

He could not have been reckless if he had speeded four miles an hour in crossing instead of turning at his left at ten miles speed.

This is the plain issue, which is so strikingly manifest that amazement is provoked over the conclusion of an inquiry which should have been limited to the finding of the cause of death and not to whether or not the killing of Darrh was unavoidable.

An unavoidable accident or occurrence is one that could not be avoided with ordinary care, an occurrence beyond conservative control, but this plea in this case is not admissible even from a constrained effort at its justification.

Unfortunately there have been other killings, through recklessness, which have been permitted to remain dormant, at least as may be applied to law, and unless this recklessness is checked, as it should be legally, there will be other victims whose lives and limbs may be forfeited through recklessness.

Will this case be permitted to rest with the findings of the coroner's verdict?

It will not be questioned that these "unavoidable" killings and fatal unavoidable accidents are becoming so frequent that there must be a checking of the recklessness, whether auto or vehicular of any description. Suppose guides in stone or marble or iron are placed at streets, will such devices be observed of the reckless? Even the patrolmen at

"congested" crossings have been almost powerless in enforcing the ordinance.

We wish it to be distinctly understood, and this statement is emphasized emphatically, that we are in no way antagonistic to the auto, although we have experienced several scares and very narrow escapes from the reckless drivers of automobiles. The auto is recognized as a need of progressiveness. In the hands of the careful and the considerate it serves the purpose of quick transit and affords pleasure to its owner and his friends, but it is not designed to be propelled at break-neck speed regardless of the rights of pedestrians who still claim some degree of privilege to some parts of the street crossings.

As an industry the auto should be encouraged, but the auto interests should combine against the reckless. It is this class, everywhere, who are responsible for the stigma that covers the automobile with prejudice, and such recklessness should be stamped with such disapproval as would drive the reckless from the streets and the public highways, which can be done if the legal authorities will enforce the law and have the co-operation of the automobilists who are moderate in their actions and have some regard for human beings.

Tragedies, such as instanced not long since on Texas street near the court house square and the killing of Darrh, which could have been avoided, should hereafter be made impossible, but this result will not become effective until recklessness is disapproved and the reckless shall be held accountable to the law regardless of its social standing and connection and the size of his bank account.

### Funeral Today.

The body of W. W. Darrh, which had been held since Saturday awaiting advice from his father, William Darrh of Niveveh, Ind., was buried at 2 o'clock this evening in Greenwood cemetery.

### The Recent Weather.

Several weeks ago we were praying for rain, as the drought over a good portion of the Southwest was burning up the crops and causing other losses and inconvenience. Now the general cry is that the rains have been excessive. During the past ten days or two weeks it has rained in all parts of the South, some days the downpour being heavy and on other days but moderate. While the rains at first were welcomed, the general opinion now is that we have had entirely too much rain. Cotton is being damaged in grade and corn is not maturing as it should. The rice harvest has been stopped and sugar cane, which should now be maturing, is taking on a new growth which may mean green canes and low sugar contents when the grinding season arrives.

Fortunately crop damage from weather is never as extensive as at first reported. The season is now at hand when cooler and drier weather may reasonably be expected, and there is already a report of freezing in the Northwest, which is pretty certain to bring bright and clear weather to the Southwest and probably inaugurate the season of fine harvest conditions which we commonly enjoy during the last half of September and the greater part of October.

Whatever may be the result of the rains in Texas, where crops had already been injured by the drought of August, there has been no damage done in the district tributary to the New Orleans market which a spell of bright and dry weather will not make good. The yields of our principal crops still promise to be liberal, and even in the case of rice, which has suffered the most from the delay to the harvest and damage to the quality of the grain, the prospect will brighten at once with a return of dry weather.

**Democratic Executive Committee.**  
The Democratic Executive Committee of Caddo Parish, F. A. Leonard, chairman, will convene on Oct. 3 at 12 o'clock in the court house to determine if a primary election to be called at which to vote for a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

If there is only one candidate offering, he will be declared the nominee without a primary. The candidate announced is ex-Governor Blanchard, who seemingly will have no opposition.

The primary election if held will take place on Oct. 11.

### District Court.

The sessions of the District Court, civil and criminal, Judges Bell and Land, will begin on Monday, Oct. 6.

## AN ASSASSINATION.

C. A. Carlisle Shot as He Stopped Picking Cotton in His Field.

Another assassination has occurred. The victim was C. A. Carlisle, who was shot by "Bob" Chappell as he stopped picking cotton in his field. He was shot in the back with buckshot from a shotgun at close range. As Carlisle lay prostrate, Chappell fired a second load into his head. The assassination occurred Monday.

The two men lived on adjoining farms. Their enmity resulted over dispute about a calf.

It appears that Carlisle's murder had been deliberately planned and was executed with the connivance of his wife, who was an eye-witness of this crime.

The assassin and Mrs. Carlisle are in the parish jail at Benton and have voluntarily confessed to Sheriff Edwards. Although not yet developed, this may be another case of a woman's perfidy; at least it would seem unreasonable and unnatural that a woman should connive at the murder of her husband if she was not interested in getting rid of him.

### The State Exhibit Train.

Two parishes of the sixty-two in Louisiana, St. Tammany and East Baton Rouge, have responded to a call for a subscription of \$100 each toward the expenses of the State exhibit train, which it is proposed to send on a tour of the North and West in the fall.

We hope their action presages similar action by each of the other sixty. Public money could scarcely be better spent than in such an advertisement as this train will provide of the agricultural, industrial, health, climatic, educational and other advantages which Louisiana offers to the homeseeker; and no police jury ought to hesitate to make the nominal appropriation asked.

The train is to start from Shreveport at the close of the State Fair and it is to be so equipped as to impress on the farmers of the West the opportunity which await them in this State of wonderful fertility and riches. The itinerary is not yet completed; but it will embrace a large section of the country from which we most desire to attract new settlers, and it is estimated that the entire expense of the enterprise will not exceed \$15,000, a mere bagatelle in comparison with the benefits expected to accrue from it.

Dr. Dowling with his health campaign and his health exhibit train has perhaps done more to advertise Louisiana in a favorable light than any other individual or organization in the State. Precisely the same character of advertising is possible through the agency of the train which the immigration authorities, the railroads and the State administration are now arranging for.

Governor Hall has appointed a large and representative committee in charge of the undertaking, and it has already done excellent work in the preliminary arrangements. It ought to have the cordial support of the press and the local authorities in every parish in Louisiana.

### Forest Notes.

From United States Department of Agriculture, forest service: Washington stands first in lumber production, with Louisiana second.

It is said that 30,000,000 broom handles are used annually in the United States, one for each man, woman and child.

The lands burned over during the terrible fires on the Idaho National Forest in 1910 are now largely covered with a thick growth of young tree seedlings by natural re-seeding. Manufacturers of artificial limbs are seeking substitutes for English willow, used because of its combined lightness and strength. It is claimed that the Port Orford cedar of the Pacific coast will prove equally serviceable.

In the open yellow pine forests of Washington and Oregon a collapsible plow is being used in digging fire lines to stop surface fires. The plow can be dismantled and folded into a compact form, so that it can be packed on horseback, and weighs only 30 pounds. When in use, one man with a horse can do the work of 20 or more working with shovels.

### River Stage.

Denison 1.8, fall of 0.2; Arthur City 9.2, fall of 1.0; White Cliffs 3.5, fall of 0.2; Fulton 9.7, fall of 1.1; Ringo Crossing 1.4, fall of 3.0; Finley 21.4, rise of 1.4; Spring Bank 8.6, fall of 0.8; Jefferson 8.7, rise of 1.0; Shreveport 4.2, fall of 0.6.

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### SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN.

An Increase in Attendance on the Opening Day Over Last Year.

At the public school term beginning yesterday there was an increase in the enrollment over last year. There was no class, the morning hours being devoted to the enrollment and the classification of the pupils.

One of the features is the plan to have observed and enforced the most stringent sanitary and health rules.

There was opened the Alexander school, a new school which is designed to accommodate pupils which have been crowding the Line Avenue school.

The enrollment as recorded yesterday aggregates 2,638, against 2,325 last year.

### Real Estate Market.

Report of transfers furnished by the Caddo Abstract Company, office Commercial National Bank building. Carl Svarva to Mrs. L. L. Hagar, lots 110 and 111 Virginia Place subdivision; \$2,700.

J. J. Van Cleave to John M. Waters, lot 41 Horan Spring tract; \$2,000.

R. C. McCutchen to J. W. Chalmers, lots 3 and 4 of Oak Grove subdivision; \$2,500.

F. D. Foggin to Albin Tompkins, lots 15 and 16 block 6 Queensboro; \$3,000.

A. J. Allum to R. S. Whitten, lot 357 and east half lot 356 Pinehurst; \$900.

J. Rush Wimberly et al to W. A. Brown, lots 7 and 8, block A, Shreveport City Heights; \$700.

W. J. Lawton to L. R. Bloom of et al, 100 acres in sec. 29-17-15; \$3,000.

J. Rush Wimberly et al to W. A. Cole, lots 3 and 4 block D, Shreveport City Heights; \$700.

### Cotton Region Bulletin.

Fair weather has been generally prevalent over the cotton belt. A change to warmer has occurred in western part of the belt and rising temperatures have occurred in other section, although low temperatures have largely continued to prevail.

### River Forecast.

Red River: A fall will occur at Fulton and Shreveport during the next 48 hours. Sulphur River: An unimportant change or rise is indicated at Finley in next 48 hours.

### COTTON CROP

Deteriorates in All Parts of the Belt Marked Change in Some Sections.

In the Times-Democrat of Sept. 22 is presented a full report of the cotton crop up to date as received from its correspondents. The consensus of opinion is to the following effect:

1. Sharp deterioration has been the rule, and in some sections a radical change has occurred.

2. The boll weevil has done great damage in Louisiana and Mississippi but elsewhere the loss seems to have been less than was feared.

3. Many correspondents refer to scarcity of pickers, the migration of labor having been considerable.

4. Farmers seem generally disposed to sell at current prices, at least enough to meet all obligations, but there will probably be a strong holding movement a little later on.

5. Recent rains have distinctly lowered the grade; the effect on the yield in Texas and Oklahoma is problematical as yet, for much will depend on the date of killing frost.

### Retail Merchants Association Meeting.

A number of the members of the Shreveport Retail Merchants Association held a convivial meeting last night in the headquarters of the Ad Club, Simon building. Secretary Babb of the Chamber of Commerce was present by invitation. In addressing the attendants he urged co-operation as an essential to successful development. Secretary Babb was followed by L. N. Bruggenhoff of the State Fair Association, R. M. Denholme, Dr. I. Schwartz, Morris Benson, E. P. Garstens, Leon Loeb and Sam Dreyfus, each speaker being in favor of consolidating the Retail Merchants Association with the Chamber of Commerce. This issue was not expected at this meeting and was deferred to another meeting. Julius Kahn presided.

After the talking there followed what is called a "Dutch supper," which comprises some selected eatables and some beer as refreshment, with cigars.

### Weather Forecast.

Local forecast for Shreveport and vicinity: Unsettled, probably local showers tonight or Wednesday; warmer tonight.

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