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COTTON MARKET

Office of The Caucasian,
Shreveport, La., Oct. 18, 1913.

Shreveport Market.
The market closed steady.
Receipts 1,607 bales.

Low middling	12
Middling	12 7-8
Good middling	13 1-4

Shreveport Receipts

Stock on hand Sept. 1	2,062
Received this day	1,607
Rec'd previously	40,639
41,246	

Total stock to date 43,306

Shipments to date 23,376

Net stock on hand 19,580

Same day last year 22,186

Comparative Statement.

This yr		Last yr.
Since yesterday	1,607	1,685
Same day last year	1,685	1,607
Thus far this week	1,607	1,685
Thus far last year	1,685	41,246
Since September 1	41,246	48,985
Net stock on hand	19,580	22,186

Local Receipts.

This week		
1913	1912	1911
Saturday	1607	1685
Sunday	2033	1066
Monday	2033	1209
Tuesday	1827	786
Wednesday	1093	1992
Thursday	1722	1106
Friday	1252	983
Total	1607	9812
	9812	7222

TAX EQUALIZATION

THE HOUSTON PLAN EXPLAINED
INTERESTINGLY BY

HON. J. J. PASTORIZA

Equity and Uniformity the Funda-
mental Basis Upon Which Justice
Must Prevail—Speaker Declared
Himself a Single Taxer.

There gathered in the court house Friday night a number of representa-
tive citizens and taxpayers of
Shreveport who listened attentively
to the discourse of Hon. J. J. Pasto-
riza, a commissioner of the city of
Houston, Texas, who explained lucidly
and interestingly the Houston
plan of taxation.

The assemblage was called to or-
der by J. W. Chamberlain, who in-
troduced Commissioner Pastoriza in
well chosen words.

As a preliminary to his discourse
Mr. Pastoriza remarked that he had
visited a large number of offices in
which women were employed and
he had told them that if they had a
vote and had the same political ad-
vantages enjoyed by their male rela-
tives there would come a change in
the whole economic system of gov-
ernment and instead of boys and
girls being compelled to work too
frequently for limited wages they
would be given scholastic advan-
tages which they needed and to
which they were entitled.

The speaker announced that he is
a single-taxer, but he had not come
to discuss the Henry George theory,
but to explain the Houston plan of
taxation and to point out what had
been accomplished through that
system. "Under it," he said, "prop-
erty owners in a city, assisted by the
assessor or tax commissioner, indi-
cated what they believed was the
true value of one foot of land front-
ing on a street running back 100 feet
in the middle of the four sides of
each block.

"In Houston, where all lots are
50x100 feet, and nearly every one
knows what a lot 50x100 feet in his
neighborhood is worth, it was a very
easy matter for the assessor to get
the price of one foot by simply di-
viding the price of a 50-foot lot by
50. This unit price was written upon
the map of the city.

"When this is done by the city
assessor and the property owners
themselves, the map is turned over
to the representative of the Somers
system and by that system he calcu-
lates the value of all the other lots
in the block.

"This calculation insures to the
owners of every other lot in a block
a valuation which will result in a
fair equalization of the commercial
value of every lot in that block. The
value of the corner lot is the prod-
uct of the blended values of the two
intersecting streets."

In explaining that he had no con-
nection with the Somers system and
that he had no personal acquaint-
ance with any of the gentlemen of
that system Mr. Pastoriza explained:
"When I was elected tax commis-
sioner the Mayor told me he wanted
\$500,000 more money with which to
finance the city government. Under
the old system the only way to raise
it was to assess everybody a certain
percentage over former assessments.
I knew this plan was unjust and
unfair.

"Learning that the Somers system
was being installed in Denver, Colo.,
I took my vacation there and worked
two weeks with the representatives
of the company who were installing
the system. I became convinced that
the Somers system would give any
city a fair and equitable valuation
of all its real estate, provided, of
course, that the representative of
the Somers system had the co-op-
eration of the assessor and the city
administration."

On his return to Houston he began
the work of the system of taxation
which is in effect today and is being
operated satisfactorily to the great
majority of the taxpayers.

"The power to tax," he explained,
"can be used either to destroy or to
build up, and Houston decided to
use it to build up. We eliminated the
tax on money, and bank deposits in-
creased \$3,000,000 in two years.
Money deposited outside of the city
was brought home and put to work
developing Houston. There was a
great building era, and today the
hotel facilities in Houston equal
those of any city in the South.
"Our system has put a stop to
perjury, which was responsible for
most of the inequalities. I recall one
man who was living in a \$30,000

home whose furniture was assessed
at \$3,000. There was one rug in his
home worth that amount and one
painting worth equally as much.
Across the street was a man with
\$1,000 worth of furniture assessed at
\$500. We just simply took furniture
off the taxable list and put a stop to
this unjust system.

"Another man put his cash assess-
ment at \$6,000 and several days af-
terwards bought for cash, mind
you—\$100,000 worth of property.
Perjured himself to save a few dol-
lars taxes justly due. To put an end
to this we just simply eliminated
cash from the taxable list.

"No one has even proven that the
value placed upon his or her prop-
erty in Houston was wrong. Natur-
ally, some mistakes are made, but un-
der our system they are easily cor-
rected. The system enables the cor-
rection of mistakes and the old sys-
tem does not.

"The city of Houston only wants
what is justly due by the taxpayer
and only wants enough to economi-
cally administer the affairs of the
city government. We have increased
the total assessment \$33,000,000, and
increased revenues \$1,000,000, and
decreased the taxes of over 5,000
people, and not a man or woman has
grumbled.

"We have no such thing as an oc-
cupation tax. We charge no one for
the privilege of coming into our
community and conducting any kind
of business. When you tax enter-
prises you throttle business, and
when you tax wealth you run it
away, and you have no right to tax
the products of labor."

Mr. Pastoriza submitted figures
showing the per capita assessment of
five cities, Shreveport \$4.70; Me-
ridian \$4.00; Mobile \$6.00; New Or-
leans \$5.70; Houston \$9.50.

"Twice as large in Houston as you
have in three cities," he said, "and
we only assess five things and four
of them at on 25c on the dollar, and
nobody in Houston is kicking."

This explanation of "The Houston
Plan of Taxation" has unquestion-
ably left a deep and favorable im-
pression on the mind of every citizen at
the meeting, and has awakened an
interest that will operate in the
modernized system of equalization
and of taxation for Shreveport.

As the Caucasian would repeat,
the equalization of the value of
realities for taxation will operate in
reaching property under-assessed
and the property over-assessed from
which there will come an equitable
adjustment from which greater re-
venues will be obtained than will be
required for the legitimate conserva-
tive needs of government, and
finally will secure a lower rate of
taxation than now prevails.

The presence of Hon. J. J. Pasto-
riza was secured through the efforts
of several citizens who inaugurated
over a year since the agitation of
the equalization of taxable values in
Shreveport.

Weather Forecast.

Local forecast for Shreveport and
vicinity: Generally fair tonight and
Sunday; not much change in tem-
perature.

Board of Health.

Vital statistics of Shreveport for
week ending Oct. 18, 1913.

Marriages: Herman Thomas and
Carrie Jones, Robert Goss and Pec-
nilla Robinson, Hiram E. Russell and
Fannie Lee, Charles E. Newman and
Miss Mary Lambright, J. T. Springer
and Mrs. Gustine Blatman, John
Wesley and Rosa L. Byrd, Lyman
Kendrick and Miss Lillian McCarroll,
Carl M. Chadick and Miss Julia E.
Busbey.

Births: A. A. Dale and wife, boy;
Thomas Cowie and wife, girl. Col-
ored: Wm. Raben and wife, girl.
Deaths: L. F. Chanute, 34 years;
W. M. Beattie, 43 years; Mrs. Minnie
Wills, 21 years; Nora E. Moon, 33
years. Colored: John W. Chester, 36
years; Johnson Robinson, 45 years;
John Houston, 51 years; Wesley Ver-
gin, 35 years; J. H. Broadus, 29
years; M. Bremmer, 1 month; Noah
Brewer, 7 months; Alice Payne, 43
years.

Causes of Death: Heart disease,
angina pectoris, bichloride poison-
ing, gunshot wound, mitral regurgi-
tation, asthma, tuberculosis, gastro-
enteritis, diarrhoea.

Democrats Taller Than Last Year.

The Commoner: If measurements
were taken, it would probably be
found that the Democrats average
about six inches taller than they did
last year. It is not a matter of
growth, however. They have sim-
ply straightened up because of the
success of the Wilson administra-
tion. By the end of the year they
will be walking on the tips of their
toes.

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QUARANTINE LIFTED

From Ripley County, Mo., and Por-
tions of Louisiana and Arkansas.

As announced from Washington,
D. C., the acting Secretary of Agri-
culture has issued an order which
lifts the quarantine for splenic
or Texas fever on Nov. 1, 1913, from
the remainder of the State of Mis-
souri and from portions of Louisiana
and Arkansas where the cattle tick
has been eradicated. The effect of
this order is to release from quar-
antine on Nov. 1 that portion of Rip-
ley County, Mo., which was under
quarantine, and this lifts the quar-
antine from the entire State of Mis-
souri. In Louisiana the quarantine
will be lifted Nov. 1 from Madison
Parish, and in Arkansas from Boone
County and portions of the counties
of Marion, Baxter, Jackson and
Sharp. The new order places under
absolute quarantine the Parish of
Lincoln, in the State of Louisiana.

The Mayor's Proclamation.

The Mayor of Shreveport, Hon. J.
H. Eastham, has issued his procla-
mation of welcome to the merchants
and business men of the State and
to all citizens urging their attend-
ance at the State Fair of Louisiana,
and especially on Merchants Day,
Nov. 6. The visitors one and all are
assured a hearty welcome.

The Weather.

As reported by J. W. Cronk, local
forecaster: Scattered light to heavy
rainfalls in the cotton belt have
been mainly confined to the middle
sections from the Mississippi to east
Tennessee and west Georgia. Tem-
peratures ranged from below nor-
mal in the western part of the belt
to above normal in eastern districts.

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