

A FAIR ASSOCIATION.

There are many ways in which a town can be built up; but in all efforts towards promoting such an object an expenditure of money is an absolute necessity. When a town or city can furnish attractions which benefit and amuse the public, without corrupting its morals, you will always find the public prepared and eager to lend its patronage and influence in support thereof. Go anywhere you will throughout the Northern States and you will find that almost every County and every city of the size of Monroe has its fair associations, which hold their meetings at the proper seasons of the year. At these fairs the agricultural products of the surrounding country are to be seen. Prizes are offered for every variety of product, from a radish to a pumpkin. Here the handiwork of the mechanic and the seamstress are to be seen; here the people meet in happy union and show to the stranger as well as the citizen, specimens of the products of the soil, and demonstrate what their county or their state is capable of producing. It is at these exhibitions that the moneyed man, seeking an investment, is to be found. While the New Orleans Exposition was not a financial success, it cannot be denied that immense advantage has resulted to our State from it. Capital has been attracted to our State it is true, but this capital is so scattered that it fails to make an impression. The life of a town is in its factories, but these factories must have the product of the soil to work on.

Our people have been sticking to the "all cotton" policy two long and a change must be made, and that soon, else bankruptcy will stare them in the face. The doctrine, of a diversity of crops, is a very good one and a Fair Association of the kind we speak of, will go further toward making an indelible impression than all the glib tongued oratory that could be preached in a century would have. Our Southern farmers get their corn, oats, bran, hay, pork and even their beef, from the West, where a man freezes for half of the year and during the summer is more liable to be sunstruck in Kansas or Maine, than in a Louisiana field. Science has discovered that sugar can be made from beets, thus a direct blow is given to the Southern portion of our State. When the South raises a big crop of cotton, the staple takes a gradual drop down and remains there. When a light crop is the result of a year's hard toil there is an advance, it is true, but this advance is not enough to make up for that cotton which was not made. Thus, either way, fate is against the farmer and he "cusses" his luck and complains that he can't make a living. Let our business men consider this matter from a business standpoint and let them discuss the question among themselves—hold a meeting, devise some ways and means and then call upon the property holders and ascertain to what extent they will aid an enterprise of this nature, and we feel certain of a successful consumation of the project. It is true that it would be impossible to hold an affair of this nature this year, but it requires time to perfect arrangements and this could be done by preparing now, in order to be ready when the proper time comes around. Every citizen of this parish has either a direct or remote interest in the welfare of Monroe and the citizens of Monroe bear the same relationship to the parish. We hope to see this subject receive that attention of which it is worthy, our aim here being mainly confined to offering suggestions without any way being officious. We shall be pleased to hear from our friends, their opinion on this matter.

MONROE MARKETS.

[Corrected Daily by S. Meyer.]

Sugar, W. C.	9
Choice L.	9
Coffee, choice	12 1/2
Syrup new crop	7 1/2
Rice, choice	8
" good	6
Corn Meal	3.50
Flour, Fancy Patent	700
" Blanch Fancy	3.50
" Eagle Steam	3.50
" Choice XXX	3.50
Pork, Mess	12 1/2
D. S. Shoulders	7 1/2
D. S. C. Sides	7 1/2
Bacon, C. Sides	7 1/2
Lard, tierce	9
Soap, Keller's	3.00
Starch	5 1/2
Nails	3.75
Tobacco	40
Bagging, 2 lb	12 1/2
Arrow ties	1.50
Shot, sack	1.75
Grits	3 1/2
Coal Oil, per gal.	25
Salt, coarse	1.50
" fine	1.75
Dried Apples	10
Apples, Fancy	5.50
Mackerel, No. 1, kit.	1.25
" No. 2, kit.	1.00
Cheese, Full Cream	18
" Western	12 1/2
Potatoes, large bbl.	3.50
Onions	3.50
Salmon, 3 lb., per doz.	1.75
Tomatoes	1.75
Axle Grease, per doz.	1.00
Lemons	5.50
Powder	30 c

[Corrected Daily by Winchester Hall.]

COTTON.

Good middling	8 1/2
Middling	8
Low middling	8
Good ordinary	7 1/2

THE MARKETS.

NEW ORLEANS.

December 12

COTTON.

Dec. 12—

QUOTATIONS.

Good Middling	8 1/2
Middling	8
Low middling	8
Good ordinary	8
Ordinary	7 1/2

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Sugar, higher: open kettle, choice, 5 1/2 c strictly prime, 5c; prime, 4 1/2 d; good fair to fully fair, 4 1/4 @ 4 1/2 c; good common to fair 4 1/4 @ 4 1/2 c; inferior to common, 3 1/2 @ 4c, centrifugal plantation granulated, 8 1/2 @ 8 3/4 c off granulated, 6 1/4, choice white, 6 1/4 @ 6 1/2 c, off white, 5 @ 5 1/2 c, greywhite, 5 1/4, choice yellow clarified 6 3-16; prime yellow clarified, 6c, off clarified, 3 1/2 @ 6c, seconds, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2 c. Molasses dull, open kettle, choice, 41 @ 42c, strictly prime, 40 @ 41c, good prime, 38 @ 37c, prime, 38 @ 35c. good fair, 28 @ 27c, good common, 17c. centrifugal, strictly prime, 29 @ 30c, good prime, 27c, fair to prime, 18 @ 23c, common to good common, 15 @ 17c, inferior 13 @ 14c. Rice higher, ordinary to prime, 3 1/2 @ 5 1/2 c. Flour, quiet, Choice, \$4.40, Fancy, \$4.60, Extra Fancy \$4.90, Minnesota patents, \$5.50, Winter, \$5.50. Corn dull, mixed, 43c, yellow, 43 @ 44c, white, 42 @ 43c. Oats firm, choice western, 37c, Texas, 34c. Corn meal weak, \$2.00. Hay quiet, prime, \$15 @ 16.00, choice, \$17 @ 18 00. Pork quiet, \$9.34. Lard quiet, 6 1/4 c. Bulk meats lower, shoulders, 3 7/8 c, long clear, 5c, clear rib sides, 5c. Bacon steady, shoulders, 8 1/2 c, long clear, 6 1/2 c, clear rib 5 1/2 c. Has no choice sugar cured, 10 @ 10 1/2 c. Whisky dull, Western rectified, \$1.00 @ 1.25. Coffee, steady, cargoes common to prime, 7 @ 9 1/2 c. Bran steady, 80c. Cotton seed oil, quiet, crude, 25 @ 25 1/4, refined, 32 @ 32 1/2 c, F. O. B, cake, 20 @ 20 1/2 c, meal, 20 1/2 c.

ST. LOUIS.

December 12

Flour quiet, family, \$3.70 @ \$3.80, choice, 4.00 @ 4.01, XXX, \$3.45 @ 3.55, fancy, 4.50 @ 4.92, patents, \$5.25 @ 5.50. Wheat, lower, No. 2 red Fall, 94c, cash. Corn firm, No. 2 mixed, 33 1/2 c cash. Oats, higher, 28 @ 28 1/2 c cash. Hay, quiet, \$8.50 @ 13.50. Bran quiet, sacked, 59 1/2 @ 16c. Corn meal higher, \$1.65 @ 1.70. Pork, lower \$9.00 @ 9.25. Lard, higher, 5.95. Bulk meats: long clear sides, 3 @ 3 1/2 c, short rib 5 @ 0, short clear 5 @ 10c. Bacon: long clear, 5 @ 5 1/2 c @ 60c, short rib, 5 @ 70 @ 75 short clear 5 @ 85 @ 90c. Boxed lots: long clear, 4 @ 75 @ 5 @ 00c, short rib, 5 @ 10 @ 12 1/2. Whisky steady, \$1.00. Hams, \$8.50 @ 11.00c.

LIVERPOOL.

NOON.

Cotton dull and tending down. Sales 6,000 500. Uplands 5.1-16, Orleans 5.5-16, Receipts 26,000. Futures steady at the decline Delivery Dec, Dec Jan'y Jan'y Feb'y 5, Feb'y March 5-8 and 2, March April 5-8 and 5, April May 5-9 and 8, May June 5-12.

Noon 2. p. m.

Sales American 6100, Uplands 5.1-16 Orleans 5 1/4, Futures firm Delivery Dec, Dec Jan'y, Jan'y Feb'y 6.1 B, Feb'y March 5.4 S, March April 5-8 B, April May 5.9 B, May June 5.13 S, June July 5.16 B, July August 6.2 B.

Noon 5. p. m.

Sales American 6700, Futures steady Delivery, Dec 5.1 B, Dec Jan'y 5.1 V, Jan'y Feb'y 5.1 B, Feb'y March 5.3 B, March April 5.6 S, April May 5.9 B, May June 5.13 S, June July 5.16 B, July August 5.20 V.



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