

LET OUR PEOPLE REFLECT.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS. December 14, 1885

The subject of a line of railway having its Southern terminus at Alexandria, La., extending thence in a northerly direction and connecting with the Kansas system of Roads, is one which has been agitating your section of country now for several years.

Among quite a number of different routes, proposed or suggested for this contemplated line, to offer especial advantages, which are strongly advocated for each according as the interests involved in the proposed line or the other route may be called the "hill route" and contemplates a line extending almost due north from Alexandria and operating in its course, Arcadia, Homer and other North Louisiana towns. The other or "Valley route" would have to deflect slightly to the eastward in order to take advantage of the Ouachita bottom after which a general northerly course would enable it to adhere to the valley of that stream and its tributaries to a favorably connection with the Arkansas Roads. The object in both instances being a direct connection with St. Louis and the large cities of the West. The difference in distance in the two routes, would be insignificant.

Naturally enough, Alexandria is regarded as the Southern terminus for either route, not only for geographical reasons but as offering connection with New Orleans by two rival lines already in operation.

The country immediately interested is too poor to accomplish the construction of either of these lines, and as a matter of course you must look to Northern capital for their fulfillment. A great deal however can be done, toward that end by judicious and concerted action in tender of rights of way, pledges of land and the appropriation of proceeds from a moderate tax levied in the parishes through which the road is to pass. These inducements, together with a proper representation of the advantages to accrue to capital, so invested, if ably shown, and earnestly pressed, must lead to success.

Experience in railway construction, has developed the fact that, every projected line once seriously contemplated, is eventually built. In other words; The necessity once recognized, continues to increase, and sooner or later enforces the accomplishment of its demands. There is no doubt in my mind that both of the contemplated lines mentioned, will one day become accomplished facts, but the one which acquires precedence, will smother the other for many years thereafter.

The Gould system, if I remember rightly, had two surveys made via the Valley route, but there the matter ended. I regard this as fortunate for your people. If the road is an advantage to the country, by whomsoever built and operated, the advantage would be ten-fold greater should the management be entirely independent of both lines South of Alexandria.

North Louisiana needs one of these roads and needs it badly. She has an east and west line completed and in full operation, but East and West lines do not supply the chief demands of freight traffic, and the bulk of such freight when so transported is simply for the convenience of reaching an exit North or South. Until recently, your cotton all went south and that portion

which is now shipped, goes to the South. The "Hill route" being really North of you, soon as your supplies come from that quarter, so that the advantages offered by North and South over East and West lines, ought to be apparent to all.

To capitalists, the "Hill route" mentioned offers the advantage of opening up a new country, hitherto deprived of ready access to market—abounding in timber and possibly in valuable minerals. Rapid transportation to St. Louis and Chicago would develop the fruit and vegetable production for which the soil is especially adapted and these interests would soon overshadow the production of cotton.

The Valley Route presents a much richer agricultural region to be traversed and a diminished cost for grading. One or the other must soon attract the attention of railway syndicates seeking investment for capital. Which shall it be? F. Y. DABNEY.

MONROE MARKETS.

[Corrected Daily by Winchester Hall.]

Table with 2 columns: Cotton grades and prices. Includes Good middling, Middling, Low middling, and Good ordinary.

THE MARKETS.

ORLEANS.

Table with 2 columns: Cotton grades and prices for Orleans. Includes Good Middling, Middling, Low middling, and Ordinary.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Sugar, lower: open kettle, choice, 5 1/2c strictly prime, 5c; prime, 4 3/4c; good fair to fair 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c; inferior to common, 3 3/4c to 4c, centrifugal plantation granulated, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c off granulated, 6c, choice white, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c, off white, 6 3/4c to 7c; grey white, 6 1/2c, choice yellow clarified 6 3/4c to 7c; prime yellow clarified, 6 1/2c, off clarified, 6c, seconds, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c. Molasses firm, open kettle, choice, 42 to 43c, strictly prime, 41 to 42c, good prime, 37 to 38c, prime, 35 to 36c, good fair, 30 to 32c, good common, 17c. Centrifugal, strictly prime, 29 to 30c, good prime, 27c, fair to prime, 20 to 23c, common to good common, 16 to 19c, inferior 14 to 15c. Rice steady, ordinary to prime, 3 1/2c to 5 1/2c. Flour, former, Choice, \$4.40, Fancy, \$4.75c, Extra Fancy \$5.00, Minnesota patents, \$5.50, Winter, \$5.50. Corn dull, mixed, 45c, yellow, 45 to 46c, white, 43 to 44c. Oats firm, choice western, 37 1/2c, Texas, 34c. Corn meal quiet, \$2.00. Hay quiet, prime, \$15 to 16 00, choice, \$17 00 to 18 00. Pork quiet, \$9.75. Lard quiet, 6 1/2c. Bulk meats steady, shoulders, 8 7/8c, long clear, 5c, clear rib sides, 5c. Bacon steady, shoulders, 3 1/2c, long clear, 5 1/2c, clear rib 5 1/2c. Hams choice sugar cured, 10 to 10 1/2c. Whisky quiet, Western rectified, \$1.00 to 1.25. Coffee, steady, cargoes common to prime, 7 to 9 1/2c. Bran quiet, 80c. Cotton seed oil, firm, crude, now, 24 1/2 to 25, refined, 30 1/2 to 31c. F. O. B, cake, 19 1/2 to 20c, meal, 18 1/2c.

ST. LOUIS.

December 17 Flour quiet, family, \$3.70 to \$3.80, choice, 4.00 to 4.01, XXX, \$3.45 to 3.55, fancy, 4.50 to 4.92, patents, \$5.25 to 5.50. Wheat, higher, No. 2 red Fall, 93 1/2c, cash. Corn lower, No. 2 mixed, 33 1/2c cash. Oats, higher, 28 1/2c cash. Hay, quiet, \$10.50 to 11.50. Bran steady, sacked, 59 to 60c. Corn meal dull, \$1.65 to 1.70. Pork, higher \$9.50 to 10.00. Lard, quiet, 58 1/2 to 59. Bulk meats: long clear sides 4 1/2c, short rib 4 1/2c, short clear 5 1/2c. Bacon: long clear, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c, short rib, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c, short clear 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c. Boxed lard: long clear, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c, short rib, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c. Whisky steady, \$1.09. Hams, \$8.50 to 11.00c.

LIVERPOOL.

NOON. Cotton quiet moderate inquiry. Sales 8,000 500, Uplands 5, Orleans 3-16. Receipts 16,000. American 12,400. Futures dull Delivery, Dec, Dec Jan'y 4-63 Jan'y Feb'y 5, Feb'y March 5-1 and 2, March April 5-5 and 4, April May 5-8 May June 5-11 June July 5-14. Tenders 2500 new 700 old Sales week 50,000 exporters 2600, Speculators 1100. Sales American 40,000 forwarded 19,000, actual export 4700. Receipts 125,000 American 89,000 stock 490,000. American 347,000, stock afloat 270,000 American 261,000. Noon 5. p. m. Sales American 6,500. Futures quiet and steady. Delivery Dec 4.63 V, Dec Jan'y 4.68 S, Jan'y Feb'y 4.63 S, Feb'y March 5.1 B, March April 5.4 S, April May 5.7 B, May June 5.10 B, June July 5.14 S, July August 5.17 B. Noon 2. p. m. Sales American 5100, Futures dull Delivery Dec 4.62 B, Dec Jan'y 4.62 S, Jan'y Feb'y 4.62 B, Feb'y March 5. B, March April 5-3 B, April May 5.6 S, May June 5.10 S, June July 5.13 V, July August 5.17

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Bottled and keg beer kept on ice. Beer 5 cents a glass. G. A. PRESTON, Successor to M. L. Dedman. May 22, 1885.

SHRIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish Ouachita, Fifth district Court.

Succession of L. M. OSBORNE, deceased. By virtue of an order of sale issued by the Hon. Fifth District Court, in and for the Parish of Ouachita, and to me directed in the above entitled and numbered suit I will sell at public auction between legal hours of sale, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of L. M. Osborne, deceased in the Parish of Ouachita, on

Thursday, 17th day of December, 1885,

the following described property, to-wit: One gin belt, 1 pistol, 2 cotton planters, 1 two horse wagon, 4 pairs plow gear, 3 harrows, 5 Avery sweep stocks, 1 lot old plows, 1 cross cut saw, 1 lot plows, 1 gin stand, 1 grid stone, 1 saddle bridle, 1 mule (Peter), 1 mule (Jennette), 1 mule (Fox), 1 pony (Billy) 1 black horse, 1 heifer, 1 bull, 1 cow 3 cows and calves, 3 cow and 2 calves, 1 yearling, 1 shot gun, 1 watch, 1 sett bed room furniture, 1 wash stand, 1 bedstead 1 cooking stove, 1 dining table, 1 sett chairs, 2 rocking chairs, 1 clock, 1 flat boat, 1 hack and harness, 25 hogs more or less (in the woods).

Terms of sale, cash, at not less than the appraised value as shown in the inventory of said Succession.

J. E. McGUIRE, Sheriff.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 1885.

SHRIFF'S SALE

The State of Louisiana, Parish of Ouachita, Fifth District Court.

Succession of L. M. OSBORNE, Deceased.

By virtue of an order of sale issued by the Hon. Fifth District Court, in and for the Parish of Ouachita, and to me directed in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized and taken into my possession, and will sell at public auction, between legal hours of sale, to the last and highest bidder, at the door of the Court House in the City of Monroe, La., on

Wednesday, 6th of January, 1886,

the following property to-wit:

A certain plantation or tract of land described as follows, to-wit: The south-east quarter of south-east quarter and north-east quarter of north-east quarter and west half of north-east quarter and north half of south-west quarter and south-west quarter of south-west quarter and west half of north-west quarter and north-east quarter of north-west quarter of section 2, T. 16, N. Range 3 east, and lots 2, 3 and 4, in section 1, T. 16, N. R. 3 east and lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9, and south-west quarter and east half of south-west quarter and north-west quarter of south-east quarter of section 36, and lots 3 and 4 of section 35, T. 17, N. R. 3 east; except that portion of these lands about 250 acres lying west of Musquito byson heretofore sold by R. W. Faulk to J. and J. N. Fuller by deed dated January 11th, 1870, Recorded in notarial bond T. pages 352 and 353, of the Records of Ouachita Parish, La., bearing 647 acres more or less.

Terms of sale cash, at not less than the appraised value as shown in the inventory of said succession.

J. E. McGUIRE, Sheriff.

Saturday, Dec., 6, 1885.

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