

COTTON MILLS FOR OPELOUSAS.

Campaign to be opened as soon as Mr. Asher submits report of his investigation.

WILL BE BUILT ON CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

Entirely Feasible and Hugely Profitable and the Very Thing for This Country—League Will be Called Together.

The Progressive League of the city of Opelousas some weeks ago appointed a committee to investigate the practicability of establishing a cotton mill at this place on the co-operative plan, and Mr. Phil L. Asher was made chairman of the committee. Mr. Asher had been in correspondence with parties familiar with the matter, and had gained sufficient information to make it plain to the League that such an enterprise was entirely feasible and hugely profitable and the very thing for this country, and his fellow committeemen have given him carte blanche to continue his correspondence and gather all necessary data to be submitted to a meeting to take place as soon as he is ready.

Mr. Asher informs us that he is advancing well in the work, and in the near future he will notify the President of the League that he is ready to report. When that is done the work of organizing by the League will begin, and it is beyond question that there will be little difficulty in getting one mill here, owned by the people, in the next two years at the latest, and most probably for the next season.

In this connection the following interview of Mr. Summerfield, of Baltimore, who recently made a tour of inspection of a number of cotton mills in the Piedmont section of the Carolinas, with the Manufacturer's Record, will prove of interest. Among other things he says:

"All of the mills more recently erected are equipped with modern buildings, with houses and grounds surrounding them, the latter being attractively laid off. The mill villages everywhere are being greatly improved, having streets well paved and lighted, and with sidewalks in most cases equal to those found anywhere. New residences and stores and other buildings are to be noted in all of them. All of the mills, as far as my observation led, are being run successfully, intelligently and in a most up-to-date manner. The average equipment of the Southern cotton mills today in the way of buildings and machinery is higher than that of Northern mills, this being due to the fact that the buildings constructed at a later date have embodied in them the very latest improvements, and are designed especially for the most modern machinery.

"While what I have said refers especially to the cotton mills, so far as my observation extended it applies to every class of industry. Most of the labor for the cotton mills heretofore was drawn from native help, but owing to the high price obtained for cotton they are staying on the plantations and have no incentive to work in the cotton mills. A number of the mills now send wagons to the mountains beyond and bring back laborers for their mills. These are provided with houses and are educated to work in the mills. The mills are also doing much to better the surroundings of their employees, and many of them appropriate money to supplement the regular school funds so that the schools may be kept open for the full term. They also provide playgrounds, baseball grounds and assist their employees in building union churches or denominational churches, while public halls are built for entertainments and such purposes. Some of the mills are operating savings banks as a community interest to enable their employees to save their wages and purchase their own homes. Taken altogether, the section through which I have traveled is broadening and improving in a wonderful way, and there is every evidence there that not only will this prosperity continue unabated, but that even greater results will be accomplished along all lines."

Uncle Mell's Dexterity.

"You have a fast article as your street commissioner here," remarked Police Juror Muller, who lives in Washington. "Last Monday when I came into your city I encountered a broken bridge near the Catholic church, and informed your street commissioner, Mr. Durio, of the fact. Imagine my surprise when I went home that evening to find a new 12-foot bridge in the place of the broken one in question."

"Yes, he's a fast colt indeed," was gasped.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

Artesian Well at Pineville--Alexandria Policemen Fined for Playing Slot Machines--\$4,000,-000 Hotel in New Orleans.

The barbers of Tangipahoa parish have organized into a union.

Oil has been discovered in Webster parish, on the farm of J. B. Clements.

A \$25,000 shrimp and oyster canning factory will be established at Morgan City.

Three dairymen were fined for placing formaldehyde in milk, in Shreveport; last week.

The new Masonic temple at Hammond was dedicated last Saturday. It cost \$12,000.

A DeSoto parish farmer sold \$670 worth of strawberries off of a three-acre patch, planted as a "side crop."

The salaries of the principals of the Carencro, Scott and Youngville schools (Lafayette parish) have been raised from \$85 to \$95.

Nine thousand two hundred and forty children attended public school in Calcasieu parish last session, according to the report of Superintendent McNeese.

The Rock Island will build a large brick depot at Alexandria. It is said that through service between Alexandria and Little Rock will soon be inaugurated.

The Baton Rouge State says that some of the planters of that section have announced that they will make no further effort to raise a cotton crop, but will plant corn.

Pearl Wight, of New Orleans, who several months ago was tendered the position of internal revenue collector by President Roosevelt, announced last Monday that he would accept.

The Hammond Sun complains that blind tigers are getting to be numerous in that town. "Every night or

DEATH OF MRS. DONEHOO.

Home Paper Eulogizes Mother of Our Episcopal Minister.

The Independent, of New Cumberland, West Virginia, in speaking of the death of Mrs. Eleanor McCown Donehoo, wife of ex-Senator John R. Donehoo and mother of Rev. John DeQ. Donehoo, Episcopal Rector at this place, which occurred at that place last week, says:

"Mrs. Eleanor McCown Donehoo, wife of ex-Senator John R. Donehoo died very suddenly Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock. While Mrs. Donehoo had been ill for some time her death came as a shock to her family and to the residents of this community. She had been in ill health for some time suffering from a complication of diseases.

"Mrs. Donehoo was a daughter of the late John C. and Eliza Sprule McCown, of Fairview, this county. She was born July 10, 1835, at Fairview. Attended the common school and later the Steubenville seminary. From girlhood she was a member of the Presbyterian church and a woman of many distinguished graces of character.

"On April 25, 1860 she was married to John R. Donehoo. She and her husband resided at Washington, Pa., and afterwards in several other towns, when in 1874 they returned to Fairview and removed from the latter place to New Cumberland in 1890, where they have since resided.

"Mrs. Donehoo was an active worker in her church as long as her health would permit. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a kind and good neighbor. She is a woman who will be missed from the community and the many friends of the family extend sincere sympathy to the surviving members of the family, who are besides her husband, Rev. John DeQ. Donehoo, Rector of the Episcopal church at Opelousas, La., and three daughters, Misses Nellie and Christine, of the home circle and Jessie, wife of C. S. Bradley, of this place.

"The funeral was held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Hill, of East Liverpool, in the absence of Rev. Richelson, pastor of the church of this place. Interment took place in the New Cumberland cemetery."

"Dr. Merrick" Fixing Up.

Dr. Merrick W. Swords is occupying offices in the Landau Building, rooms 7 and 8, and is fitting them up magnificently.

He has provided himself with the latest medical appliances and books. Dr. Swords graduated with honors at Tulane this session. He is the son of Sheriff M. L. Swords, and the Clarion wishes him much success in his chosen profession.

two one or two barrels of booze were shipped from Pontchartroula by team."

Rev. M. J. Hoover, for six years pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church at Alexandria, has resigned to accept the pastorate of a Baptist Church at Newport, Ky., a city of 40,000 population.

Burnham and Bauch, two Alexandria policemen, were fined \$5 each for playing slot machines. The Mayor in finding them said that officers had no right to violate the law to catch violators.

The Alexandria Town Talk tells us that a splendid artesian well with a natural flow of 50,000 gallons in 24 hours was brought in at the plant of the Alexandria Lumber Co. near Pineville one day last week, at a depth of 1070 feet.

Financial arrangements have been completed for the building of a fifteen story hotel on Canal street, on the same block where the Maison Blanche stands, in New Orleans. It will be named the Audubon Hotel, and will cost \$4,000,000.

Willis Tracy, a white man and a member of a prominent Baton Rouge family, was murdered while on his way home in Baton Rouge Sunday night by a negro barber named Phil Thomas. The negro confessed, and was taken within the walls of the penitentiary for safe keeping.

Both oil and gas have been struck at Belle Isle in sufficient quantities to make it pay, says the Franklin Watchman. The supply is large enough to furnish the fuel without expense for the operation of salt works, which will turn out 500 tons per day. The development of that island will now be fast and effective.

WARD POLITICS.

Mr. J. E. Dailey, from the Second Ward, Breaks the Ice.

Mr. John E. Dailey, one of the members of the police jury from the second ward, broke the ice in ward politics this week by announcing himself as a candidate for re-election. He is, we believe, the first to announce himself for any of the ward offices.

There will be but one member of the Police Jury from that ward. Under a law enacted by the Legislature at its last session, introduced by Representative Peyton R. Sandoz, of St. Landry, every ward but one in the parish will hereafter be represented by one member each, the exception being the Opelousas ward, where on account of its population two members will be elected, making that body nine instead of seventeen members.

Mr. Dailey has made an efficient, painstaking, conscientious member of the Police Jury, and puts forth his claims to re-election in the following circular letter to the voters of his ward:

"I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for re-election as Police Juror for this ward. Having served you faithfully and conscientiously I do not hesitate to ask for your support. As there will be only one member to be elected from this ward, I will, if elected, be able to serve the people of the whole ward with more satisfaction to them and myself in ward matters, and give better satisfaction to the taxpayers of the parish in parish affairs.

"The office of Police Juror, as you well know, is one that does not pay, and is consequently an honorary position only; but I shall always feel honored if called upon to serve my people in any capacity.

"Earnestly soliciting your vote and support, I am, very sincerely,
J. E. DAILEY."

MILL OFFICERS.

St. Landry Cotton Oil Co. Hold Annual Meeting.

The stockholders of the St. Landry Cotton Oil Co. met in regular annual session last Monday, and elected a Board of Directors as follows:

Board of Directors—J. R. Norman, E. B. Dubuison, Dr. J. A. Haas, A. L. Stagg, Jonas Hiller, J. R. Norman, Jr., and Kenneth Baillio.

The Board of Directors elected the following officers:

President, J. R. Norman; Vice-President, E. B. Dubuison; Secretary and Treasurer, A. L. Stagg; Attorney, Kenneth Baillio.

Messrs. Norman and Hiller are from New Orleans, and came up for the meeting.

WANT DAMAGES FROM RAILROAD.

Residents of Cheney Street Sue Colorado Southern for Obstructing that Street.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN SUITS FILED

They Claim that the City Had No Right to Grant Right of Way, as Street Was Property of School Board.

The Colorado Southern, New Orleans & Pacific Railroad Company will probably be engaged in fighting seven suits for damages instituted by citizens living along its line in the westward continuation of Cheney street. Two have already been filed, and others are to follow, we are informed.

Those already filed are by Messrs. Geo. W. Kelley and W. B. Lewis, aggregating in amount of damages about \$7000. Those to follow are Messrs. A. C. Jones, Albert Mouret, Cyrus Tatman, I. R. Guidry, E. M. Boagni and Mrs. David. Messrs. Lewis & Lewis represent the plaintiffs, while Mr. Dudley L. Guilbeau, the regular attorney of the road at this point, will represent the railroad; and if in the mixup the city of Opelousas is involved, which it will probably be, City Attorney P. R. Sandoz will take care of the interests of the corporation.

Mr. Kelley, in his petition, the gravamen of which is that of the other parties, avers that in the year 1898 he bought a strip of land from the school board of St. Landry parish, facing now Cheney street, but at that time the property of the said school board, and which said school board then set aside for the use of purchasers of property along that strip. At the time Cheney street did not extend to beyond the then western limits of the corporation, and did not include the strip of land in question. Subsequently the limits of the corporation of the city were extended, and this strip was taken in by the city as a street, but without the consent and without consulting the school board. The Colorado Southern at a later period was granted a right-of-way over this strip, or continuation of Cheney street, without the authority of the school board or vote of the people, and the said road has assumed complete possession of this strip, destroying, obstructing and preventing the use of same as a roadway or thoroughfare and preventing the ingress or egress of the people along the strip from their homes. For this, and for the additional inconvenience and danger resulting from sparks from the passing locomotives, the continuous noise of signal whistles and trains and the trembling and shaking of the earth, and the consequent depreciation of the property in value, he asks for damages in the sum of \$3000.

No motions have been made in the case yet, and it is rumored that Colorado Southern officials are due here to pursue an effort to amicably adjust the matter.

When it is tried, if it should come to trial, Judge Lewis will recuse himself in the suit involving the property of his brother, Mr. W. B. Lewis, but will be competent to try the other cases, although involving the same points of law and equity.

NO SPECIAL DELIVERY.

After July 1 New System to Go In Effect.

No special delivery stamp will be needed after July 1 to insure the immediate delivery of a letter.

Pursuant to an act of the last session of Congress, Postmaster General Mayer has issued an order that on and after July 1, if there be attached to any letter or package of mail matter, ten cents worth of stamps of any denomination, with the words "special delivery" printed or written on the envelope or covering, in addition to the postage required for ordinary delivery, the article will be handled as if it bore special delivery stamp.

The postmaster general has decided also in the interest of expediting special delivery to recommend to congress an enactment to the present law whereby such letters may be left at their destination without procuring receipts in all cases. Until congress can act, a broader construction of the present law will be given, so that receipt will be accepted of anyone occupying the premises to whom ordinary mail might be given.

Elks Order Furniture.

The local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks has just ordered a lot of beautiful and artistic club and lodge room furniture.

The Elks will soon seek to improve on their building.

CROPS THROUGHOUT ST. LANDRY PARISH.

With Continued Good Weather the Empire Parish Will Make About a Half Crop--Estimates by Police Jurors from Every Ward.

FOURTH WARD.

This ward is represented by Mr. N. M. Richard, of the Atchafalaya section, and Dr. W. F. Clifton, President of the Police Jury, from Morrow. Mr. Richard was called away on pressing business, and could not be seen by the Clarion man when out "interviewing." However, he stated Monday that the prospects in his country were not rosy by any means, and that the people there had to contend not only with the rain water, but also with the seepage water from the Atchafalaya, which is at a high stage now.

Dr. Clifton—"It is hardly possible to estimate the crop of my section, at this moment. The tenants have no corn to feed their teams, and you have to have teams to replant. There will be a large loss of acreage usually planted on this account. If you insist on an estimate as to the probable crop, I will say one-third cotton and one-half corn. Some cotton has not been worked at all, but the corn planted before the weather set in has made well, and of a good quality of corn. Practically no bridge damage, except in the Waxia section."

FIRST WARD.

Judge Adolph Guillory, the esteemed member from the Plaisance section of this ward, was not at the meeting Wednesday, and therefore could not be seen. He had attended the sessions regularly (for he is a regular attendant) but that day. We regret this, as he is a close observer and a just critic.

From Messrs. Durio and Halphen, however, we learn that the crops in this ward are in fairly good condition, and that with a continuance of sunshine there is hope of over a half crop of cotton and a two-third of corn. Some sections, of course, suffered more than others, but as a whole, the outlook is not gloomy.

SECOND WARD.

Mr. J. E. Dailey and Mr. Pierre Arceneau represent this ward, the former living in Sunset and the latter in Coulee Croche, near Church Point.

Mr. Dailey—"With continued good weather—such as we have had the past week—we should make over a half crop of cotton and a two-third crop of corn. The farmers are indefatigably at work trying to recoup the lost time occasioned by the adverse weather. On the rich black bottom land of my section late corn succeeds well, and that is the reason that I say we will make a two-third crop. The bridges did you ask about? Why, they were wrecked. I and my colleague, Mr. Arceneau, attended to the work of rebuilding them to a great extent ourselves; that is, in my section, in my portion of the ward, I personally let the contractors and saw that the work was properly done by giving it my individual supervision. In that way, without taking any flattering unctious to my soul, I may truthfully state that many dollars were saved to the parish, as the cost of putting all the bridges in the ward in repair only amounted to, I believe, something like \$125."

Mr. Arceneau—"About one-half cotton crop, about one-half corn crop, is a rough estimate I would place on the crop prospects in my section of the second ward. That is, where seed for replanting—and that applies to both cotton and corn—is available, a fair crop will be made. Some planted as much as five times in cotton, and that exhausted the seed supply pretty much. In corn, many—I may say most—of the farmers fed their corn to their stock, with the result that they have none to plant. Some planted corn three times. As for the bridges, the destruction was terrible, and the worse of it is that we could scarcely get anybody to do the repairing at a reasonable price. I had to use my own teams and put in much time individually in the repairing of the bridges, including five large bridges. I did this at a cost of \$62 to the parish, when I had been asked \$75 to put one of the bridges in repair. My colleague, Mr. Dailey, and I have many small bridges in the ward which are not under the supervision of the road contractors, because the roads in question have not been sold."

THIRD WARD.

Mr. Louis Stelly is alone in representing the Third Ward, there being but one member allotted to that ward, which constitutes the Port Barre, Leonville and Arnaudville country. Mr. Stelly lives near Arnaudville.

Mr. Stelly—"The corn crop will not amount to much in my section—I may say 20 per cent. The cotton crop is more hopeful, and I may put that down at 45 per cent. The cane crop, however, has not been injured by the bad weather, and 80 per cent of the average crop will be made, and the best seed cane I have seen made for a long time. Yes, my bridges were badly damaged; to what extent I am not prepared to say as yet."

SIXTH WARD.

Capt. Samuel Haas, police juror from the Sixth ward, had been away from his town (Chicot) for several weeks, and was not in close touch with conditions in that section since the flood. He expressed himself full of hope, however, and said that if there was any way out of the difficulty, his piney woods people would find that way. He did not consider it too late for planting cotton, and cited a case a few years past where he planted cotton in the middle of June on an acre of land off of which he had just cut oats. His neighbors laughed at him, but he wanted to experiment, and worked it just like he worked the early crop, with the result that he made nearly six hundred pounds of cotton on it. His people, he said, this year had purchased considerable fertilizer, and he was afraid that the rains had not only destroyed the crop, but had washed away the fertilizer. He lives in the boll weevil section of the parish, but he did not anticipate any danger from that source.

SEVENTH WARD.

The Seventh is represented by Mr. Adraiste Lafleur, of Plaisance, Mr. B. L. Lafleur, of Chataignier, and Mr. Evariste Vidrine, of Mamou, the latter the rice section of this parish.

Mr. Vidrine—"There is lots of rice to be planted in my section yet, but as we have practically all this month in which to plant successfully, you see we have every hope of making a good rice crop. Rice planted up to the 25th of June is in time. We have both irrigated and Providence rice there, and of course the Providence depends entirely on the rains we are to have between now and maturing time. The corn crop will be about half, while cotton will hardly

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TO PAVE COURT HOUSE SQUARE.

Police Jury Turns Over Appropriation of \$500 to Board of Aldermen.

CITY WILL FURNISH BALANCE

Boulevard Eight Feet Wide All Around and Concrete Walks from Sidewalk to Court House to be Built.

Alderman John W. Lewis appeared before the Police Jury last Wednesday and asked that the \$1500 budgeted for the improvement of the courthouse square be turned over to the city council to be lumped with a sum to be appropriated by the city. He argued that by doing this the work could be done much cheaper and expeditiously than if the parish through its committee already appointed attempted to use the appropriation independent of the city, for the latter, when in control of the money, could let out the contract for the entire work in one, whereas the other way, by both bodies having a finger in the pie, a conflict might be occasioned.

The police jury accepted this view, and promptly turned the money by resolution over to the Board of Aldermen of the city, and we understand bids will be called for at once and the work commenced within the next month.

It is proposed first to pave the sidewalk around the square, forming a boulevard at least eight feet wide and perhaps twelve, and this alone will take more than double the parish appropriation, the city furnishing the balance of the money necessary. Concrete walks to the courthouse will also be built, and when that is done the ladies of the Civic League will go to work in earnest on the square in the effort to beautify it and to make it one of the prettiest in the State.

The late rains have kept the good ladies from doing any work on the square, and the luxuriant growth of weeds now on it is not a part of the plans. We learn that next week, if the favorable weather continues, has been selected as harvest time.

BITTEN BY HORSE.

Little Julia Duson Meets With Painful Injuries.

On last Saturday evening Little Julia Duson, aged six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Duson and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. Dupre, and who is now staying at her grandparents, met with a fearful accident, which will probably partially disfigure her for life.

There was a new colt in the barnyard, and Little Julia and her younger brother (aged 4 years) went to feed it, not letting her older folk know of their purpose, however. It is presumed that the children fed the handful of oats to the colt on the ground, and that the mother of colts came up to share in the meal and the little children attempted to defend it, whereupon the mare bit Julia in the throat, immediately under the left jaw and over the left jugular vein, taking out a piece of flesh as large as a half dollar.

The child was taken to the office of Dr. Shute, where the wound was stuffed with septic cotton, the doctors being unable to sew it up on account of its open nature. The little one suffered much that night, but we are glad to say is now doing well, and strange to say no fever has resulted.

Yorick Lands.

Mr. Yorick Vidrine won over Mr. Elus Ardoin at the election held in Ville Platte last Saturday, to break the tie between these gentlemen, occasioned by each receiving 17 votes at the primary election for town officers held the Saturday before.

They were running for member of the town council, and the popularity of both was shown by the vote received by each when it came to a tete a tete contest, the loser being only two votes behind his successful opponent, the vote standing Vidrine 22, Ardoin 20. Within two votes of a full vote was polled.

Pipe Line To Krotz's.

A prominent member of the Opelousas Rod and Gun Club is out with a suggestion that arrangements be made to run a pipe line from the club house at Second Lake to Krotz's Mineral Wells at Lataner, a distance of about seven miles. The cost, thinks this enterprising member, would not exceed a thousand dollars.