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WESTERN REFLECTIONS.

When you bought a bale of cotton," be the morning greeting of business and professional man in Southwest Louisiana until every one has bought his bale. Its a great achievement—not charity gift, and it turns money loss among the people into prosperity.

It is a capital way to form a habit of self help instead of lying and bawling for somebody else to help us every time one has a toe out of the land for planting.

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land properly prepared bring in good money at a season when it is most acceptable, and preparations should be made to plant in January from one to five acres of Minnesota Triumph Irish potatoes.

Are you coming to the big annual meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau at Crowley next month?

JEWISH NEW YEAR

Yesterday was duly observed by all orthodox Jews as the Feast of Rosh Hashanah or Jewish New Year.

The new year began at Sunset Sunday and closed at Sunset yesterday and marked the beginning of the year 5675 from the creation.

The day also marks the first day of the ten days of penitence which close with Yom Kippur or Atonement day. This latter day is recorded as the most solemn of all the Jewish feasts, and Rosh Hashanah ranking second.

Change of Schedule

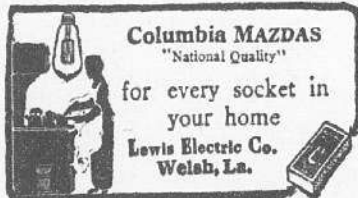
Sunday September 20th at 12:01 a. m. a new time table will go into effect with the following changes:

Train No. 6 East bound due to arrive at 8:36 a. m. instead of 8:10 a. m.

Train No. 5 West bound due to arrive at 2:42 p. m. instead of 3:25 p. m.

Other trains time remains the same.

J. F. TUBBS, Agent.



HOW THE SLUMP CAME.

W. B. Dunlap Urges a Correct Record Of How the Slump in the Price Of Rice Came, The Following is From Him

Beaumont, Texas.—The following editorial appeared in to-day's Beaumont Enterprise, and is a careful review of the New Orleans market for the past two weeks. Read it carefully and decide whether you desire to permit outside interests to dictate the price you are to take for your rice or whether you are willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Southern Rice Grower's Association in its fight to secure for the planters the price conditions warrant for their rice. There can be no middle ground—we must either support the growers' organization in their efforts to uphold the market—or by remaining outside, be considered in sympathy with the efforts now being made to depress the market.

Yours truly,
W. B. DUNLAP, Pres.

KEEPING THE RECORD

Purely in the interests of historical accuracy let us keep tab on how it happened. Later we shall possibly differ as to the details of how they slipped the snickersnee beneath the fifth rib of the rice market, and if we pains takingly keep books on current happenings in the rice trade we shall at least have the consolation of knowing how they did it.

On September 2, according to New Orleans board of trade quotations, the rice market was very active. Rough Honduras was quoted \$4 to \$5.25, sales at \$3.60 to \$5.20. The trade had absorbed over half a million in August, but there was a six-million crop in sight to supply an eight-million demand with no likelihood of help from Europe or Asia.

September 3, an easier tone prevails, although the quotations are up to \$5.10, with sales at \$5.20. The fact that quotations are made 10 cents below the actual sales shows that there is "something doing". The day before quotations were \$5.25, although sales were \$5.20. The same conditions of supply and demand exist, but the trade has stocked up at high figures and intends to wait a few days until it has to have the rice. It's a good time to spring something.

September 4, quotations and actual sales agree, both being \$3.50 to \$4.90. Same supply and demand exist, but the trade has enough rice on hand for a few days. It's a good time to start something.

September 5, same conditions all around. Tomorrow is Sunday, and Monday is Labor day. Receipts are big and Tuesday's receipts will be very heavy. Pressure to sell will be strong and at these prices it is necessary to make quick turns, so in view of the fact that the trade has filled immediate requirements price is bound to ease off at least temporarily. It's a fine time to start something. Interior rice is getting into the market and it will never do to let those suckers get swelled up with the idea that they are going to get some of the grapes this year.

Tuesday, 8. The time has now arrived to slip something to the rubes. They are getting unhealthy notions into their heads that just because they've got all the available rice and the trade wants it at high figures, they are entitled to something. The trade must be tipped off to keep away until we can get ours. When the rough gets into "strong hands" we can attend to the trade. "No. 1 Garden Siam" can be laid down at New Orleans for 37-8 cents a pound, cheaper than it was before the war. Of course, the trade waits. Playing the game, the quotation committee of the board of trade quotes the top of the market at \$4.30, although Columbus H. Allen has refused \$4.65 for a large lot, refusing to believe that England is giving away its rice.

September 9 the market drops to \$4. New Orleans, equivalent to \$3.60 interior. Fake European quotations given wide publicity.

September 10, Southern Rice Growers association fixes its minimums at \$4. It will enable us to grab ours at about \$3.25 while the rubes are holding September 14, Southern Rice Growers' association cables London for the facts about cheap Siam for American delivery.

To Our Subscribers:

This card is designed to attract the attention of every subscriber to the JOURNAL who is in arrears in his subscription.

The subscription price of the JOURNAL is \$1.00 a year payable IN ADVANCE. The amount is small. We should not be required to prepare and mail out statements for these small amounts. When subscribers pay promptly you are scarcely more than paying for the blank paper and postage used in mailing the paper one year, and in justice to us you should not make us wait a year for our money and then have to mail out statements for the small amount, paying additional postags, etc.

We have recently changed the JOURNAL from a weekly to a twice a week paper, thus giving you two papers per week instead of one. This change has added considerable expense yet we have allowed the subscription price to remain the same.

If you will refer to the little yellow label on this issue of your paper you will note just opposite your name the date on which your subscription expired. Thus if the date reads Sept. 1-14, this means that your subscription expired on Sept. 1, 1914, and that you owe us \$1.00 to pay up until Sept. 1, 1915. If the date reads Sept. 1. 1913 you owe us \$2.00 to pay up until Sept. 1, 1915, and so on.

It costs money even to run a newspaper. We hope you appreciate the JOURNAL and will show your appreciation in a substantial way by just now sitting down and remitting to us the amount you are due.

Do not wait for us to send you a statement.

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MILLINERY DISPLAY

Next Thursday,
SEPT. 24th

Miss Baremore
will be here for one day
with a beautiful line of
Ladies', Misses' and
Children's Hats

and will be pleased to
show you all the new
creations of the season.

A Cordial Welcome Is Extended.
MARTINS'

September 15, Jackson & Co. cable that there is plenty of rice in England for sale in America, but the price, instead of being 37-8 laid down in the United States, is 5 1-4 to 6 cents in the United States, all charges and duty paid. But it's all right for we threw a scare into the trade that they won't get over for a spell. While the trade is getting back its nerve we can brush-whack among the Texas and Louisiana roughnecks and clean up a nice bunch of rough at about \$3.25 a barrel. Selling it on the six-cent market for foreign will help some. It may be a hard winter and the price of Wurzburgers has gone up and the size of the schooners has gone down. No market dope is going to up set the law of supply and demand there.

That's the record on the blotter up to date. No mention is made of the fact that importers of brewer's rice have been telling that brewer's rice is scandalously, cheap abroad—17-8 cents a pound—and that the biggest buyers of brewer's rice in this country, lately returned from England, has been buying at 2 3-4 cents a pound. That's a mere bag o' shells, as we say on North Peters street.

Negro Woman Found Dead

The train crew on passenger train No. 6 Saturday morning discovered a negro woman on the side track dead about two miles west of Welsh. The Coroner was summoned and it was found that both arms and one leg were broken and a considerable cut on the back part of the head. There is no clue to the woman's name or her former home. She was seen on the previous day by parties wondering through the neighborhood asking for water. One party found her lying on the roadside in the sun and when asked what she meant she merely answered that she was resting.

Later a section crew discovered her standing on the track just as train No. 102 came along. They screamed to her to get off the track but she seemed to hesitate and remained near enough to the rail so that it is supposed the engine struck her causing her death. The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of suicide. The Railroad Company took up the body and buried it on the right of way just west of Welsh.

FOR SALE.—Barred Rock eggs \$1.00 per setting.—E. C. Willard 18

G. L. Litchfield

Gershem Lawrence Litchfield was born in Huntington, Ind., Dec. 3rd 1872 and departed this life Sept. 19th, 1914 at his home in Welsh, La. Early in life with his parents he went to Florida and was married to Miss Mollie England of Graysville, Tenn. To them were born three children, two daughters and one son. One of the daughters having died at the age of four years. Mr. Litchfield was converted and joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church in the spring of 1897. Since which time he had lived in that fellowship a consistent life. He was a devoted husband and an affectionate father. By these, wife and children, he will be missed but they are consoled by his last testimony on earth "if it is God's will for me to go at this time I am ready."

The sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to Mrs. Litchfield and children in their bereavement.

Card of Thanks

I take this opportunity to thank my many kind friends and neighbors for being so good and kind to my dear sick husband. It seemed like every one was as good as they could be.

Mr. Litchfield appreciated it very much. He often spoke to me about how kind people had been to him.

He told me to tell his friends to meet him in a better world than this. He was ready and willing to go when the good Lord saw fit to let him rest. He said "Jesus suffered for me and I am willing to suffer as long as the Lord sees fit for me to suffer" Our kind Heavenly Father takes notice of every deed of kindness that is done to his children, for He says "I was sick and you visited me. And again Jesus says "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me, I will do it unto you."

I wish to thank you all again for your kindness in my great sorrow. May God help us all to so live that when our earthly career is ended we may be ready to meet our dear Savior in peace. He who suffered and died to redeem us from sin and death.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus, O what words I hear him say: Happy place so near so precious, May it find me there each day."

Your Friend
MRS. G. L. LITCHFIELD.

H. ALBERT DAVIDSON.

The earthly life of H. Albert Davidson ebbed away and passed out Friday afternoon, September 18, 1914, at his home in Welsh.

He had been in failing health for several weeks and grave fears entertained over his recovery. About ten days ago he went to Marlin Wells, Texas, for relief but a little over a week ago was taken suddenly worse and his wife and daughter, Miss Shirley, were summoned to his bedside. His condition was found serious and he was brought home Tuesday of last week. He lingered until Friday and passed away.

Mr. Davidson was born in Spencer, Iowa, May 2, 1871. He came to Welsh in 1889 and was married to Miss Mary Fulton in Welsh, June 20, 1894. Two children, Misses Shirley and Miriam, were born to this union.

Mr. Davidson first engaged in the feed business in Welsh and then in the hardware and grocery business and at one time was engaged in the real estate business.

He served four terms as Mayor of Welsh and was Justice of the Peace for this Ward for a number of years, and was Notary Public at the time of his death.

He was an active member of the Elks Lodge of Lake Charles and of the Masonic Lodge of Welsh, being a member of the Welsh Commandery.

The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon from the residence by Revs. Stewart and Webb in the presence of a large number of relatives and neighbors. The burial took place in Oak-lawn cemetery under Masonic auspices, the Welsh Commandery in uniform acting as pall bearers. The names of the pall bearers were as follows: Chas. P. Martin, R. S. Greer, Chas. E. Carr, W. E. Faught, L. H. Dautel and J. W. Armstrong.

There were a number of floral offerings. Among the most beautiful were those from the Ladies' Guild of the Presbyterian church and the Elks Lodges of Lake Charles and Jennings. There were also a number of beautiful individual floral offerings.

Choir Practice

Members of the Choir of the Presbyterian Church are requested to meet at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow, (Wednesday) evening at 7:00 o'clock for choir practice.