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## THE MARKETING OF PRODUCE

The experience of Georgia plantation on bayou Lafourche in growing vegetables for the New Orleans market has caused more than the usual amount of discussion, which has not been confined to this city.

The Georgia plantation side of the story is that manager E. F. Dickinson of the plantation sent a carload of cabbage to New Orleans, only forty miles away, and received therefor the net sum of \$69.01. He also sent eighteen hamper of eggplant at the same time and after paying for the containers had ninety seven cents left, or slightly more than five cents a hamper. According to the accounts rendered Mr. Dickinson the cabbage brought \$164.80, but the expenses of icing, drayage and commission took \$95.79 of the amount.

The other side of the story is sufficiently indicated by the above expense bill. According to the commission firm handling the vegetables, the cabbages were shipped loose in the car instead of being crated and had not been iced. It was necessary to trim the leaves from the heads in order to market them and even then was not in the best of condition.

One of the lessons to be drawn from this incident is that the production of vegetables is really the most essential part of the trucking business. Vegetables must be attractively prepared for the market, properly packed, and their shipment timed to reach the selling end with as little delay as possible in placing them in the consumers hands. This is not an impossible task. The various California fruit and vegetable associations prepare their shipments so carefully that they reach the consumer fresh and inviting looking after being many days on the road. The Tangipahoa strawberry growers have solved the difficulties of shipment; otherwise, there would be no trainloads of strawberries during the season.

The distribution system is equally at fault in New Orleans. Garden truck passes through too many hands, each deducting its little toll, before it reaches the ultimate consumer. The result is that it costs the consumer more than it should. A little earnest effort to simplify these transactions would result in a considerable cheapening of the cost of living.

The citizens committee of Jefferson Davis parish have made loud and long complaint regarding the way their road fund is being expended, and their attitude has had the effect of stirring other parishes to watchfulness. This is emphatically the time to watch all public work upon which the taxpayers' money is being spent. In times of great public excitement the temptation to slip something over on the taxpayers is almost irresistible, and unless they are watchful they are going to get it where Nelson wore the beads.

The legislature has remained in session long enough to see the folly of enacting the freak West Virginia law requiring every man between 40 and 60 years old to work thirty six hours a week or suffer a jail sentence. The just and equitable enforcement of such a law would be impossible; and it would put in the hands of petty officers the most powerful instrument of oppression ever wielded by them. The members will probably find out after they adjourn that some of the laws they did pass would have been better left to perish.

Anybody who is unable to say "a billion dollars" without hesitation has no business in Washington these days. Only a few years ago congress would debate for a month over an appropriation carrying a beggarly million dollars. As far as ordinary people are concerned, a million dollars is just as awe-compelling as it ever was, but in Washington it is a thing of no consequence whatever—mere pocket change, in fact.

A San Francisco newspaper nominates Hon. Herbert Hoover as a "war president" possibility in 1920. This may be classed as a companion nomination to that of Col. E. P. Stubbs as "war governor" of Louisiana in 1920. Both gentlemen are noble souls but they haven't even had a chance yet to begin to "make good."

Joseph E. Davies and a corps of thirty investigators from the federal trade commission have invaded the Chicago stock yards and will conduct an inquiry into the life of the calf from its pre-natal days till its aged remains appear as chicken salad in the cheap restaurants. The investigation will be rigid and thorough. We see \$10 and \$25 fines staring some of the meat packers in the face.

Germany has dealt with twenty four thousand cases of "profiteering"—that is, robbing the consumer on prices—since the war began. The probabilities are that they got the treatment they deserved, and that their bank accounts were not much swelled by their operations.

People who complain about the amount of debate in the senate should note that the French Chamber of Deputies has just adopted a graduated income tax which has been under discussion since 1907.

The extraordinary session of the legislature is about to do an extraordinary thing. Barring unforeseen contingencies and knocking on wood, it will adjourn Thursday evening, two full days before its limit of time expires.

The Russians have been kept so busy dealing with the Maximilists and the Bolsheviks at home, that they seem to have been overlooking the Teutons on their western front.

Feng Kwo Chang has been hand-picked to be president of China. Of course he will accept "for the good of democracy."

## LOUISIANA OPINION

### Will Compare Favorably

*Madison Journal:* The rows about purification around army camps would lead one to believe that only those physically and morally pure make good cannon bait. The morals of the mass of soldiers will be about as good as the morals of the mass of citizens.

### One Cause of Unrest

*Monroe News Star:* The strikes and general unrest of the country are charged up to the unions and the I. W. W., but has anyone thought of placing some of the responsibility on the senate and its utter failure to pass laws to relieve the pressure that is making the lot of the working man one hard to bear. When you have to pay 5 cents for a loaf of bread that the average child can eat at one meal, and other necessities are equally as high, is there any wonder that when the small salaried man goes home after a day's toil and looks into the fact of his wife and children and begins to think over the problems that confront him and them, that down in his heart the spirit of anarchy should arise and that he is almost tempted to resort to desperate means?

### All Should Be Reduced

*Farmerville Gazette:* Reports come from Baton Rouge to the effect that the State Board of Affairs is seriously contemplating raising the property assessment to 100 per cent and reducing the rate of state taxation from 7 mills to 3 mills. If the state assessment is to be segregated the plan is an excellent one because it will reduce the taxation and at the same time will place Louisiana property at a high valuation; but if the assessment is doubled without reducing the rate of all taxation in the same proportion it will place an onerous burden of taxation upon the people of the state and the plan could not meet with their approval.

### A Function of the Honey Bunch

*Lafourche Comet:* An unknown contributor to Lafourche Crossing tells us that "the honey bunch, as some kind friend styled them, had a grand time at a dance given last Wednesday at the home of Miss Annie Lee Ledet. It's fine to belong to the bunch, anyhow. You bet."

### Not Overwork; Regular Work

*Ruston Leader:* Speaking of long hours, several million men and women in this country are now working anywhere from 40 to 60 hours a day, without anybody making any fuss about it, and without their doing any complaining themselves. They're farmers.

### Like Their New Employer

*St. Bernard Voice:* All of our young men who enlisted in the service of their country are well pleased with the treatment accorded them by Uncle Sam. Some of these boys will soon be far better off than they ever were, both in point of financial standing and knowledge.

### Credit to New Orleans Senator

*St. Helena Echo:* The legislature met in extraordinary session last Monday, the main purpose being to repeal the law commonly called the Widow's dowry, so that the Federal Farm Loan Bank may proceed to do business in Louisiana. Senator E. M. Stafford, of New Orleans, is due much credit for the faithfulness he has exhibited in bringing this to pass, and the farmers of Louisiana owe him a debt of real gratitude.

## ITEMS OUT OF THE ORDINARY FROM THE DAY'S COURT GRIND

The final account of the Hibernia Bank and Trust company, administrator of the estate of the late William P. Brown, shows assets of some \$200,000 after all the debts of the estate have been settled. The account has been formally approved by Mrs. Brown, and the bank has applied for a discharge.

The account covers the period between October 31, 1914, and June 19, 1917, during which time the ordinary disbursements amounted to \$95,000, while the receipts aggregated \$121,539, leaving a cash balance of \$26,000. Out of this amount, however, there is a legal fee of \$2,500 at the administrator's fee of \$100 to be paid.

During the same period of time two notes of the deceased were paid by the administrator, one for \$35,000 and the other for \$250,000. To meet these notes the administrator disposed of 639 shares of stock in D. H. Holmes and company and 591 shares in the Hibernia Bank and Trust company, also some \$40,000 of bonds of the New Orleans Railway and Light company.

Thus when the estate was opened there were on hand assets amounting to some \$600,000, with liabilities of close to \$600,000. Among the assets that are listed by the administrator as remaining in the possession of the estate are 219 shares of stock in D. H. Holmes and company, appraised at \$20,336; 200 shares in the Hibernia Bank, appraised at \$83,600; and the residence at St. Charles avenue and Valmont street, with its contents, valued at \$78,656.

### COURT FOUND HIM INSANE

*Ernest Garon:* Recently convicted of the murder of Henry Mitten, was adjudged insane yesterday by Judge Joshua G. Baker, and will be remanded to the state insane asylum at Jackson. The decision was based on the report of Coroner Joseph A. O'Hara. Garon was convicted by a jury of the murder and sentenced to life imprisonment while the coroner was absent from the city.

### NEW SUITS FILED

John M. Pintard vs. Philip Weilin, Ltd., damages, \$2500; Harvey W. Smith vs. Wells Fargo Express Co., damages, \$105; Succession of Annie Johnson; M. S. Haifield vs. William Hochstein, damages, \$5,000; Mrs. Minnie Haifield vs. William Hochstein, damages, \$5,000; Dixie Homestead association vs. Jerome S. Garcia, concurrence; Succession of Patrick Drury and wife, possession; Succession of Mrs. Eleonore Arroyo, possession; Mrs. Jennie Harrison vs. Charles Cleator, separation; Succession of Victor Danton and wife, possession; Junius Hart Piano House, Ltd., vs. Mrs. Louise Federico, sequestration, \$283.77; Succession of Mrs. John Wessinger, possession; William J. Doris vs. Ophelia Miller, annulment of marriage; Maurice Brunet vs. Zetta Pintado, separation; Oakland Improvement Co. vs. Albert Fabacher, claim, \$1,575.

In re Southern Naval Stores Warehouse Co., for a certificate; succession of Mrs. Jos. B. Hunter, possession; National Sash and Door Co. vs. Frank Fairman et al., claim, \$148,750; succession of Alphonse Bonnin, administration; Frank B. Twomey vs. Adam J. Lurza, executors process, \$500; Mrs. Elizabeth Ben Simonds vs. F. A. Keller, executors process, \$600; Mrs. Estelle Zeitman Fleckinger et al., vs. Frank Fleckinger, partition; Benjamin Grishman vs. Annie Levine, divorce; Helen Clark Fowler vs.

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