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IMMIGRATION.

Plans to Promote It—An Association for the Purpose Formed at Shreveport.

The Louisiana Immigration Association is a chartered institution formed for the purpose of securing desirable immigrants to this state. The Association will keep a book in which lists of lands with their description and price will be entered for the inspection of such persons as may visit our state with the view of purchasing lands for homes. The office at Shreveport is in a suitable portion of the city, close to all hotels and depots.

The Association will also answer all questions by intending home-seekers who may correspond with its officers. It will also advertise Louisiana abroad, especially in the states of the northwest. The Association is simply an organized effort to set forth the advantages of Louisiana as a home and to bring together the land seeker and land seller. It relies on the patriotic public spirited citizens and landowners to take stock, which is $5.00 per share. Its charter provides that it shall pay no dividends, hence all stockholders understand that they are uniting in a collective capacity to develop the state. The present is the most suitable time for this work as the completion of a great trunk line railway to Shreveport from the great grain producing center, whose commercial emporium is Kansas City, brings Louisiana in close touch with Nebraska, Kansas and the great Northwest.

The Association earnestly requests land owners, particularly those having large bodies, to send on their lists with postage for correspondence. There will be no fee for entering the lists of lands or corresponding relative thereto.

J. C. Moncure, President; J. Henry Shepherd, Treasurer and Secretary pro tem.

Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your trouble? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and $1.00 at Kearney's Drug Store.

Carrying Out Instructions.

There was a young man whose social education had been somewhat neglected, and it chanced that he received an invitation to a church wedding.

The morning of the ceremony found him quite excited, and he started for the church some time before, as he would have said, "the show was billed to come off."

Under his arm he carried a small bundle, and before he had proceeded far he met a friend.

"Hello," said the friend, "and where are you going all dressed up at this time in the morning?"

"Wedding," answered the young man briefly and proudly.

"Indeed? Going to do some errands on the way?"

"Certainly not."

"But you're not going to a wedding with a bundle under your arm?"

"Of course I am. That's my present."

"Present! But you don't take your present with you, man. You send it beforehand."

"That's all you know about it. I've got a card right here in my pocket, and the card says, 'Present at the church.'"—Boston Budget.

Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by M. D. Kearney, A. Meyer and Lake Charles Drug Store.

What The Farmer Loses.

Under this heading, The Hunt County (Texas) News has an article which seems to be an eloquent appeal in favor of the establishment of cotton mills throughout the South. Here it is:

"A Hunt county farmer raises a bale of cotton and hauls it to the gin. He pays for the bagging and ties, and for ginning and he then brings it to town, where he pays the buyer 50 cents, the weigher 10 cents, compressing 60 cents, freight to Rhode Island or Connecticut at $5. This foots up $8.80 against the bale by the time it [illegible] It is then made into domestic and other cotton goods and sold to the large jobbing houses at a profit; the freight from the factory to the jobbing house adds an item of expense. The jobber sells to the Hunt county merchant at a profit, and then the railroads get in another whack at it in freight from New York to the retailer. Not counting the profit of the manufacturer and retailer that bale has been at an expense of about $20 in its rounds.

"Hunt county raised for the season of 1895-96 in round numbers 24,000 bales of cotton, which in their unnecessary rounds cost the producers of this country the enormous sum of $400,000. Cut the sum in half and allow $10 per bale for shipping the manufactured article away and that leaves $240,000. Half this sum, or $5 per bale of one year's crop would build a cotton factory in Hunt county that could turn into cloth every bale of cotton in Hunt and adjoining counties. Such a mill would employ hundreds of men, and they and their families would have to live from the farm. With such conditions existing it does not require an expert mathematician to figure out where the farmer's profit would come in, and when the farmer prospers the balance of the country is safe."

Science of the Mosquito.

There are four truths respecting the mosquito which modern science has established:

First—A mosquito cannot live in air free from malarial poison. Untainted air has the same effect on him as a healthy community on a doctor. It deprives him of his patients, and he must go to less favored localites to practice his profession.

Second—The lymph, which flows through an automatic valve when it inserts its proboscis, contains a modified germ of the malarial fever, and, according to the well-settled law of inoculation, the introduction of the weak germ renders harmless a subsequent attack by the strong germ.

Third—The mosquito never swallows human blood. It cannot. The fact that its body becomes discolored and swells, while probing, is caused by the discoloration of the lymph in contact with the blood and the muscular effort of inserting the probe.

Fourth—A mosquito will never insert its lancet in a person not susceptible to an attack of malaria. In this respect its sense is more accurate than the most skilled and experienced pathologist. This also proves, not only its unerring instinct, but that it never wounds unnecessarily. Its thrusts are those of a skilled and humane surgeon, and even more unselfish, for hope of a fee never quickens him, nor does the malediction of his patient deter him in the fulfillment of his duty.

Remember, then, that the presence of a mosquito is an infallible sign that malaria is in the air, and that you are exposed to it, and when you hear that well-known but solemn note of warning, do not treat him as a foe, but as a friend.—Boston Evening Transcript.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, pastor of the U. B. Church, Dillsburg, Pa., recognizes the value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and does not hesitate to tell others about it. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," he says, "and find it an excellent medicine for colds, coughs and hoarseness." So does everyone who gives it a trial. For sale by M. D. Kearney, A. Meyer and Lake Charles Drug Store.

A Fin de Siecle Ladies' Man.

He's what is termed a ladies' man,
Of little consequence
And built on quite a different plan
From men of common sense.

Whatever he requires of pelf,
From toil, is quickly spent;
With just enough to keep himself
Well groomed he is content.

With women he has skillfull ways,
Describing them as sweet,
And flattering with such honeyed phrase
As lifts them from their feet.

He has their smiles where'er he goes,
The sportive and the prim,
And more than half of those he knows
Are dead in love with him.

At last he falls in love with one
In youth and beauty's glow;
She is his hope, his star, his sun,
And she is glad 'tis so.

And just as he's about to win
Her hand—Oh, happy day!—
A man with lots of cash comes in
And takes his prize away.

—Boston Courier.

Not Broken.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the attorney for the man who had been sued for a breach of promise, "my learned brother who represents the fair plaintiff in this case is trying to work upon your sympathies, and to do it he has gone outside the facts. He has talked at length about his client's broken heart, in spite of the fact that no evidence has been introduced to show that her heart is broken or ever has been broken." (Sensation on the other side). 'Gentlemen," continued the lawyer impressively after a pause, "I don't believe her heart is broken, and, although on such short notice I am unable to produce any evidence of its exact condition, I think I can convice you that I am right. Do you suppose that my learned brother would have let a matter that would affect so seriously the case stand upon a mere statement if her heart was really broken? You know that he would not. That might have been permissible before the days of the X rays, but it is not now. If her heart is broken, why does he not produce a photograph of it and prove his statement? Gentlemen, he dare not. He knows that the cathode rays would show a healthy and sound heart." And the jury gave a verdict for the young man without leaving their seats.

READ

"A Bartered Life,"

BY MARION HARALD,

Soon to Begin in

THE COMMERCIAL.

The following is an interesting comparison: "Suppose that a farmer raises one thousand bushels of wheat a year, and also sells this to one thousand persons in all parts of the country, a great portion of them saying, 'I will hand you a dollar in a short time.' The farmer does not want to be small, and says, alright.' Soon the one thousand bushels are gone, and he has nothing to show for it, and he then realizes that he has fooled away his whole crop, and its value is due in a thousand little driblets. Subsequently he is seriously embarassed in business because his debtors, each owing him one dollar treat it as a small matter, and think it would not help much. Continue this business year in and year out, as the publisher of a newspaper does, how would he stand it?"—Press and Printer.

A Kentucky newspaper gives the following evidence of a boom in that State: "Business is booming at last. All the distilleries are at work, and the supply is not equal to the demand."

Job Printing a Specialty.

MARRIED AGAIN.

Young Atkinson and His Youthful Wife Go to Chattanooga,

Where Their Parents Witness Their Remarriage and Bless Them.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 11.—The romantic wedding a few days since of 14-year-old Ada Byrd to John P. Atkinson, the 16-year-old son of Georgia's chief executive, was made into a double knot today, which even Georgia law will find it hard to unite, by a second ceremony performed here to-day in the presence of the parents of both young people. In the first instance the lovers outwitted all their pursuers and were made one by a county parson and backwoods justice of the peace. Their plans were well laid, and from Rome, Ga., they drove to the home of Squire McLane, who lived in a two-roomed log cabin near Kingston, Ga., and were married in the presence of two witnesses. They were afterwards located by the groom's father, and the parents of both wanted to keep them apart till they had finished their education.

Young Atkinson, who is a secretary in the executive office, had inherited too much of his father's bulldog disposition to admit of such restraint, and the parents finally succumbed, but as the marriage of minors is illegal and void in Georgia they decided to come to Tennessee and have a new ceremony performed. Chattanooga was chosen, in the governor's words, as the nearest by city of refugees, and thither they came. The Byrds, father, mother and daughter, reached this city in advance, where they became guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Mansfield, prominent society people, and at their elegant home the wedding was solemnized again at 10 o'clock this morning. Henry McDonald, of Atlanta, the young lady's pastor, did the ministerial offices of the occasion. The governor arrived last night in a private car, and companied by his little son, W. Y. Atkinson, Jr., Supreme Judge Spencer Atkinson, Chas. Northen, nephew of Ex-Governor Northen; Judge Joseph S. Turner, Captain Oscar Brown, U. S. A., and Attorney General Terrell, The county clerk refused young Atkinson a license, as Miss Byrd was under 16, but the papers were issued this morning on the parents of the bride appearing and waiving, all objection to age of the daughter. The wedding was strictly private, only the Atlanta party and the Mansfield family being present. "Uncle Bob" Atkinson, a cotton-headed old family servant of the days "befo' de wah," was a picturesque figure.

The youthful bride is a striking brunette, and appeared very chic in a short waist, a jaunty hat and skirts scarcely reaching to her shoe-tops. The groom is the miniature of his father, with his striking personal appearance. He will take his wife to the centennial at Nashville, and then the couple will be at home in the executive mansion.—Picayune.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaugn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by M. D. Kearney, Lake Charles Drug Store and A. Meyer.

There Is Nothing So Good.

There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you a substitute. He will not claim there is anything better, but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good. You want Dr. King's New Discovery, because you know it to be safe and reliable and guaranteed to do good or money refunded. For Coughs, Colds, Consumption and for all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs, it is the safest and surest remedy in the world. Trial bottles free at all druggists. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00.

The Reason of Defeat.

The Chicago Journal, which earnestly supported the candidacy of President McKinley last fall, and is one of the ablest Republican newspapers in the West, is frank enough to declare that the result of the elections in Chicago and Cincinnati show unmistakably that the political tide is now turning against the Republicans and in favor of the Democracy. The reasons for the disastrous defeat of the Republican party in Chicago, the Journal sums up as follows:

"Continued idleness among working men, continued depression among business houses, the failure of those great chunks of prosperity to put in their appearance on schedule time—these were the things that gave the Democratic candidate his majority over his three rivals.

"We shall hear less now of that 'twenty years' lease of power' which fool politicians have been talking about in defiance of the revolutions and counter revolutions of the last twelve years. Principles that appeal to the intelligence when they are correctly stated are hurt, not helped, by false representations and false promises, and the American voter at present is trying to get through the lies and at the facts."

Stranger Than Fiction.

Fish stories are rarely creditable, but here is a turtle account that is strange, yet absolutely truthful: Last week while Mrs. Wm. Jackson was fishing in Doyle's Bayou in the fourth ward of this parish, she caught a turtle, and, upon taking it in her hand, discovered the following initials and figurers carved upon the back of the turtle: "T. H. C., 1874." The lady took the turtle to Mr. T. H. Corcoran, a well known citizen of that ward and asked him if he knew anything about the marks upon the back of the turtle. Mr. Corcoran, who is a reputable gentlemen, replied that in the year 1874 he was fishing in Doyle's bayou and having caught a turtle, he leasurely carved with his pocket knife the above initials and year, and then threw the turtle again in the bayou. That was twenty-three years ago, and gives some idea as to how long a hard-shell turtle can live. Mr. Thomas Ligon, one of our prominent young merchants, will also verify the above account.—Baton Rouge Bulletin.

The Democrats of Ohio are so encouraged by the recent victories they won in the State that they are already organizing for the campaign this fall when they expect to land their State officers, carry the Legislature and elect a United States Senator to succeed Mark Hanna. In view of the fact that Democratic officials will have control of the political machinery in nearly all the large cities Senator Hanna realizes that some hard work has been cut out for him in his effort to secure a Republican majority in the Legislature. It is idle for him and other Republican leaders to say the municipal elections in Ohio had no significance as to future legislative, Congressional and Presidential elections, because every Ohio Republican holding important official positions at Washington hurried home for the purpose of using their votes and influence for the success of the Republican party, and the defeat of the latter is a matter of much concern to them.—States

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by M. D. Kearney, A. Meyer and Lake Charles Drug Store.

Worth Their Weight in Gold!

D. R. [illegible] is the only reliable, and [illegible] Pleasant Pills. Price [illegible]