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Growth Of Louisiana.

The detailed census of population for Louisiana has just been received. The increase for the decade ending with 1900 for the whole State was 25.5 per cent., a greater rate than had been realized since 1860, when it was 36.7 per cent., for although it was reported to be 29.3 in 1880, and 2.7 in 1870, it can scarcely be doubted that the counting when the State was in the throes of political destruction carried on under the name of reconstruction, was in every way incorrect, if not actually deliberately falsified.

The increase of population in the parishes was 77.5 per cent. in Acadia, where it was 77.5 per cent.; next in Vernon, with 64.2. Calcasieu, Grant and St. Mary run over 50 per cent., and Caddo, Lafayette, Livingston, Rapides, Vermillion and Washington over 40 per cent. The parishes which have decreased in population are Claiborne, Concordia, East Carroll, Madison and West Carroll. It is not stated whether the loss is in negroes or whites, but there is every reason to believe that the emigration of negroes is the real cause. Those parishes have preponderating negro populations and many have moved out in the hope of bettering their condition.

There are 104 incorporated cities, towns and villages in the State. Of these 18 have more than 2,000 inhabitants, 4 have more than 5,000, 9 have more than 10,000. These are New Orleans, with 287,104; Shreveport, with 16,013 and Baton Rouge, with 11,269. Those with more than 5,000, but less than 10,000, are Monroe, 5,428; New Iberia, 6,815; Lake Charles, 6,680; Alexandria, 5,648. Crowley, with 4,314 shows the greatest increase, having multiplied by 10 the population it had in 1890. Donaldsonville, with 4,105, stands in size next to Crowley. The increase of Hammond has also been phenomenal, having grown in ten years from 692 to 1,511. Jennings shows up with a growth of 1,539 from 412 ten years ago. Lake Providence has nearly doubled its population, having 1,296, against 642. Bayne, Boealdin, Ruston and Whiteside all show rapid growth.

The development of the State has been most gratifying. There has been no boom, but all is healthful. The promise is for a great and steady future growth, and nothing can prevent it.—Pheasune.

The Twentieth Century has been ushered in and we are still holding the fort in our same old stand.

We wish to announce to our friends and customers that we will continue to carry the most varied lines of general merchandise in town, and on account of quantities we buy and sell, we are able to compete it not sell lower than any competitor.

BABINGTON & CO.

The census shows some queer things about Texas. For instance, Bailey county has but four residents; Cookman has but 25; Andrews, 37; Lynn, 17; Dawson, 36; twenty-five others have less than 500. Some counties have no running stream within their borders, some are hundreds of miles from a railroad, and others are almost wholly inhabited by prairie dogs, jack rabbits and rattlesnakes. Tom Green county, the largest in the State, has 45,000 square miles, which is larger than the whole state of Ohio, and has but 6804 inhabitants. There is room yet to settle in the lonely Star State.

The Mother's Favorite.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the mother's favorite. It is pleasant and safe for children to take and always cures. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and the best medicine made for these diseases. There is not the least danger in giving it to children for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult.

Sold by V. H. Frederick, Covington, La., and E. B. Faine, Mandeville.

EAST LOUISIANA CO. CHANGES HANDS.

The Properties Now Fully in Control of the Poitevent Family.

Extension of the Railroad.

A commercial transaction of considerable magnitude was consummated yesterday, when Frank B. Hayne, of the cotton firm of Vincent & Hayne, bought out the interest of Joseph A. Favre in the Poitevent & Favre Lumber Company. The transaction carried with it the holdings of Capt. Favre in the East Louisiana Railroad, as well as other enterprises in St. Tammany Parish in which the company had a controlling interest. There was also considered in the transaction the Pelican Sawmill in the city, which is a holding of the company.

Since the death of Capt. John Poitevent, in April of 1898, Mr. Hayne has been the administrator of the estate for the heirs, and with his purchase yesterday he has become the largest individual owner in the properties of the corporation. Under the new condition N. G. Pearsall, who has been general manager of the East Louisiana Railroad for the past two years, will probably establish headquarters at Pearlport, Miss., the home of the parent mill, and in addition to his management of the railroad will assist in the management of the mill. W. J. Poitevent, the eldest son of the late Capt. John Poitevent, will be the active manager of the mill, while the financial end of the company will be looked after in New Orleans by Mr. Hayne.

The Poitevent & Favre mill is one of the largest lumber mills in the South. It is located on the bank of Pearl river, about seven miles from English Lookout. Sailing vessels are loaded at the mill, and a great proportion of the lumber is shipped direct to foreign markets by way of Ship Island. The sailing vessels take the cargo to Ship Island, where it is reloaded on a seagoing steamer. In addition to the mill and other property mentioned, the company owns between 85,000 and 90,000 acres of timber lands in St. Tammany Parish and Honey Island. Of this there are about 35,000 acres of virgin timber land, while in the other vast forest the timber is only partly cut. The timber, for the most part, is what is known to the trade as "long leaf yellow pine," a lumber that is becoming scarce, and always commands a good price.

Capt. John Poitevent was the ruling spirit in the early days of the rich lumber company. After notable service in the Confederate army he returned to Louisiana with little out money as his stock in trade. He purchased some timber lands from the government, and by his indomitable pluck laid the foundation for the great company. From a little beginning the mill increased until the railroad became a necessity. The start was made, and with the earnings of the mill mile by mile of the road was laid by the sturdy young soldier. His untiring efforts and ability continued to the end, and Capt. Poitevent had the gratification of seeing his infant a giant before his death.

Frank B. Hayne, who now controls, married a Miss Poitevent, so that as the only holdings of any consequence are owned by the heirs of Capt. John Poitevent, the fruits of the labor of the Confederate soldier are being enjoyed and perpetuated by his descendants. When he was seen last night Mr. Hayne expressed some surprise that his transaction should be known. He admitted that he had been negotiating with Capt. Favre, and that the deal had been definitely closed whereby he became possessor of the large interests.

"The change," he said, "is not as pronounced a change as might be thought. After the death of Capt. John Poitevent, two years ago, I was in charge of the interests of the heirs of the estate, and as the heirs were the principal owners it is merely securing absolute control. I have been president of the East Louisiana Railroad for two years, so that in that part of the property, where, by the way, Capt. Favre's interest did not amount to as much as is in the mill property, the change is less than you might think. I should judge there is timber enough on our property to run the big mill at Pearlport steadily for fifteen years, but we do not depend on our property altogether. We buy a great deal of lumber from further up Pearl river, and it is floated down to our boom. The mill is easily reached by large sailing vessels and we load direct from the mill. A large deal of the trade African and South American ports. Under the existing conditions most of this is shipped by way of Ship Island. The sailing vessels make the trip to the island and there the transfer is made to the seagoing steamers. This system has its advantage, in that we have to ship a full cargo of lumber, for a steamer will be chartered generally to load as we are compelled to. Our mill, as well as all the others in that timber country, would be greatly benefited by the Lake Borgne scheme. With that route to New Orleans and the shipping would be from the port. It would mean the bringing of considerable business to the river front, and at the same time would benefit all the timber men. One of the advantages would be that with such an outlet we would have so many acres of timber."

Bejukovschtschina, in Russia, is probably the only place in the world that is run entirely by women. This State is made up of seven villages, each presided over by a mayress, the whole under the superintendence of a lady named Saschka, who acts as president. There are women magistrates, women preachers, women policemen—in fact, every capacity in the state is filled by women. The women sell milk and deliver letters. If you want to bring an action against your neighbor in this State, you go to a woman lawyer; and if there is anything in your house to be stolen, then a barglar of the weaker sex steals it. No place of any importance is ruled by a man.

Three Crops on the Same Ground.

Mr. H. D. Bundy and his son, D. S. Bundy, know how to farm and when to plant. They produce a little more on one acre than some farmers do on three, it seems. The father was in to see us Tuesday and is authority for the following:

Early in the spring they selected an acre of ground and planted the same in Irish potatoes. One hundred bushels was the crop that resulted from this planting, and which was sold for seventy-five cents per bushel. Before the potatoes were dug watermelons were planted along the rows, here and there. Later on when the potatoes were dug, the watermelon vines got a good working. From the watermelons realized \$32. A fine crop of turpins is now to be seen where the watermelons were, and at the very least estimate they can be retained for \$25. Around this acre are about twenty peach trees, from which have been sold \$10 worth of peaches.

From another acre \$50 worth of sugar cane was sold and the cane remaining was converted into syrup—264 gallons. Of this 200 gallons will be sold. The local price is 50 cents per gallon.

On one acre forty-five bushels of corn was raised. A quarter of an acre produced eight bushels of up-land rice. This is good for the table and excellent for stock.

Mr. Bundy and his son grew a variety of other crops, but space forbids us making mention of them here.

Who can beat them farming?—Eosser Banner, Nov. 29.

Stamp Flirtation.

The following are the rules for "postage stamp flirtation":
Upside down on left corner—I love you.
Left corner crosswise—My heart is not mine to give.
Straight up and down—Good-by, sweet heart.
In center at top—Yes.
In center at bottom—No.
On right-hand corner at a right angle—Do you love me?
In left-hand corner—I hate you.
Top corner at right—I wish your friendship.
Bottom corner at left—I seek your acquaintance.
On line with surname—Accept my love.
On line with surname upside down—I am engaged.
On line with surname at right angle—I long to see you.
In middle at right-hand edge—Write immediately.
Exactly in middle—Will you be mine for better or for worse, rich or poor?
Upside down on right corner—Write no more.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

A large tract of timbered land, for spot cash. For further information apply to this office.

She Was Sensible.

A Kansas girl graduate who had the theme, "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," promulgated the following:
I don't care a cent whether Italy lies beyond the Alps or in Missouri. I do not expect to set the river on fire with my future career. I am glad that I have a good, a very good education, but I am not going to misuse it by writing poetry and essays about the future woman. It will enable me to correct the grammar of any lover I have should he speak of "dorge" in my presence, or say he went "somewheres," or "seen" a man. It will also come handy when I want to figure how many pounds of soap a woman can get for three dozen eggs at the grocery. So I do not begrudge the time spent in acquiring it. But my ambitions do not fly so high. I just want to marry a man who can "lick" anybody of his weight in the township, who can run an eighty-acre farm, and who has no female relatives to come round and try to boss the ranch. I will agree to cook dinners for him that won't send him to an early grave.—Exchange.

When you go to New Orleans, stop at Penn's Hotel, corner of St. Charles and Poydras streets. All front rooms, newly furnished throughout. Charges reasonable, by the day or week.

WANTED.—A man with a family to work on a truck farm. Liberal offer to the right person. Situated 2 1/2 miles from Covington. For further particulars apply to John P. Henry, or at M. C. Day's.

NOTICE.

A reward is offered by the undersigned for any party or parties caught trespassing or cutting any timber on my land, (known as the Crossman's land), situated three miles from Abita Springs. They will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

MRS. J. S. GUINULT,
638 Bourbon street, New Orleans.

NOTICE.

All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of the law, to cut wood, deaden trees, or otherwise trespass on my lands in this parish, formerly the lands of P. F. Herwig, and Hermy & Boules.
MRS. R. E. KURTZ.

DISTRICT COURT TERMS

For the Twenty-sixth Judicial District, comprising the Parishes of St. Tammany and Washington.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH.
Second Monday in October, with jury.
Second Monday in December, without jury.
Fourth Monday in January, without jury.

WASHINGTON PARISH.
Fourth Monday in November, with jury.
Fourth Monday in December, without jury.
Second Monday in February, without jury.

Fourth Monday in March, with jury.
Second Monday in May, without jury.
First Monday in July, without jury.
J. S. H. THOMPSON,
Judge of 26th Judicial Dist. of La.
For sale by V. H. Frederick, Covington, and E. B. Faine, Mandeville.

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