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"The Blessings of Government, Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor."

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New York, August 24.—It was today learned from an authoritative source that, notwithstanding the denials that have been made by officials of the Baton Rouge, Hammond & Eastern in New Orleans, the ownership of that road has passed into the hands of the Illinois Central interests. It could not be ascertained today whether the ownership is held in the name of the Illinois Central or the Yazoo & Mississippi valley or in the name of some other concern already owned by the Illinois Central, but that the Baton Rouge, Hammond & Eastern is owned by the Illinois Central interests is now a matter of fact in the railroad world. In this connection it is stated that President Harahan, of the Illinois Central, was technically correct when he denied that the Illinois Central owned the new road, for it is believed that the ownership is not now in the name of the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

According to information obtained, the transaction between the Illinois Central and the owners of the Baton Rouge, Hammond & Eastern is an interesting one. It is understood that the Illinois Central purchased the property for what had been spent on it, it being the understanding that the road was to be built from Baton Rouge to Covington, or wherever else the Illinois Central should determine to build it. By the transaction the control of the road and its construction passed entirely out of the former owners, who now have nothing to do with the construction of the property, which is entirely in the hands of the Illinois Central. The bonuses offered by the people along the line and such bonuses as might thereafter be offered were not figured in the purchase price of the property, it being understood that the former owners were to have that as so much profit in case such bonuses were obtained.

It is not known why the Illinois Central has not announced its ownership of the new line unless for the reason that it fears it will be hampered in its construction work by the towns which formerly hoped to see the Baton Rouge, Hammond & Eastern built by a competitor of the Illinois Central.

Fire at Onville.

On the night of Aug. 23, fire at Onville destroyed a residence and store building belonging to the Covington Naval Stores Company. The fire originated from a defective kitchen flue while breakfast was being prepared in the home of W. D. Nevels, manager for the company at the still there, and when discovered the roof was well ablaze. By quick work a part of the furniture was saved, and nearly all the personal effects of the family. The fire soon spread to the store building adjoining and enveloped it in a mass of flames. The building was a total loss. Part of the stock was saved. The loss is estimated at about \$1,600.

Canal Can Go Into Debt.

Washington, August, 24.—The War Department has decided that it has authority to incur a deficiency on account of the construction of the Panama Canal. Colonel Goethals, chairman of the Commission, has reported that the work which it is possible to do during the present fiscal year will necessitate the expenditure of \$8,000,000 more than the sum appropriated by Congress.
 After taking counsel on the subject, Department officials believe that under the Spooner Act the Commission is not restricted in the matter, and that the canal work is not amenable to the law which seeks to prohibit executive departments from incurring deficiencies.

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Mandeville La.

The following letter from Mandeville appeared in the Picayune of Aug. 26:

Mandeville, La., Aug. 25.—The report of Civil Engineer Witbeck of the survey of the neutral ground in front of the town was filed yesterday evening with Dr. M. R. Fisher, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mandeville Beach Association. According to the survey made, which will extend the beach considerably, making it from 150 to 250 feet wide, about 80,000 cubic yards of filling will be required to bring the entire front up to the level of what is now the highest point on the beach. This will also widen the neutral ground so as to afford ample room for play grounds, pavilions and all sorts of places of amusement. Excursions and picnics will not then be restricted to the small space which they now have to occupy, and many improvements can be made which will add materially to the comfort and convenience. Three or four public artesian wells could be driven at convenient points, assuring an ample supply of the finest drinking water. The estimate also calls for 1200 piling, to be driven 6 feet apart, if it is decided to build a tight plank breakwater to protect the filling and prevent washing.

This line of improvement, taken in connection with the electric railroad, the tax for which was so overwhelmingly voted last Tuesday, and of the building of which we are now assured, will certainly do more for the development of this town and parish than anything ever before suggested, especially when we also consider the vast improvement in our transportation facilities which will be afforded by the early contemplated completion of the direct line of the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad from Slidell to Mandeville, Abita, Covington and Polson. It is now pretty definitely settled that the new depot for this line will be about at the intersection of Lafitte and Villere streets, the latter being the one on which the new road will run. This road will probably be completed during November or December, and the distance between here and New Orleans will be reduced to about forty seven miles.

The grand opening of the new pavilion and pleasure resort at Houltonville last night was well attended. A hard rain fell late in the evening, preventing many from going who had arranged to make the trip; but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the Piccadilly, from Mandeville, and the barge from Covington brought good crowds, and many went in carriages from the neighboring towns and country. The program consisted of a fine exhibition of moving pictures, followed by dancing to the seductive strains of a string band. Refreshments of all kinds were in great profusion; also games and other amusements. This building was constructed at a cost of several thousand dollars to the proprietors of the Houlton mill, and was intended to furnish innocent amusement and pastime for the employees of the mill and railroad.

Mandeville, La., Aug. 26.—Rev. G. W. Hively preached an interesting sermon at the Union Church here yesterday on the subject: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea iv, 6, after reading and explaining the rules of the Methodist Church. In the afternoon he preached a sermon particularly for the children, and announced services for 8 o'clock in the evening, if the weather would permit. A very hard rain fell late in the evening and the service was abandoned. This was the beginning of a protracted meeting, which will probably be continued for a week or more, if the now promised favorable weather continues. Rev. M. M. Black, of Purvis, Miss., has come to assist Pastor Hively in the meeting. He preached a very interesting and instructive sermon this morning from the latter portion of the sixth verse of the fourteenth chapter of First Samuel: "For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by my many or by few." He spoke of the courage and faith of Jonathan and of Gideon, and showed how great things can be accomplished by apparently weak and insignificant instruments in the hands of the Lord.

Madisonville, La.

Madisonville, La., Aug. 24.—At an entertainment given for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night in the U. F. B. A. Hall, a panic was narrowly averted by the good judgment and coolheadedness of the gentlemen in charge. At about 10 o'clock, when the program was half completed, the acetylene gas lights suddenly went out, leaving the hall in total darkness and the audience in

a state of pandemonium. A chorus was quickly arranged and served to quiet the audience while lamps were being secured. Hardly had this excitement subsided when in trying to charge the gas engine fire was seen to envelop the little gas room, which stands about twenty feet from the ball. Word was quickly passed to the gentlemen behind the curtain, and while a drill by seven ladies held the attention of the audience the fire was extinguished and the day again saved. For the efficient handling of the situation much credit is due to A. Englehardt and John Laroquette, who took charge of the fire, and to several ladies and gentlemen on the stage, who had the curtain drawn immediately, realizing that more harm would result if the truth were known than from the fire, which was soon under control.

Celery to be Grown in Louisiana.

F. C. Butine, the world-wide known grower of celery, from his headquarters in Kalamazoo, Mich., has sent to people connected with him in this city an order to build three houses on reclaimed swamp land in Raceland, Lafourche parish, as the nucleus of the celery raising colony he proposes to start there this fall.

The houses are to be finished as soon as possible, as the first colonists will arrive from Michigan some time in September. These colonists are Hollanders, as is Mr. Butine himself, and their settlement in the State means much for it, as they, above all other people, understand the draining and cultivating of low lands.

It is expected that they will be the means of attracting a large movement of immigrants this way, both from the north and from Holland. This is but an instance of the result of the work that is being done by large land interests in New Orleans to bring the best kind of immigration to Louisiana. Instead of reaching out for whole shiploads of Stulians they are reaching out for Americanized people from the North or for people in Europe of a racial affinity to the Americans.

Before the winter is over it is expected that the celery colony in Raceland will number ten families, and its further growth will then only be limited by the ability of the soil to grow celery. If it is found, as it is claimed, that Lafourche parish, in both climate and soil, is ideal for celery, the industry will grow to immense proportions, for Kalamazoo celery growers are only too anxious to find a place which will grow celery at the time of year when it is out of season in Michigan. In Louisiana the celery season alternates with that of Michigan. At present Michigan is the largest celery growing district to the world.—Daily States.

Peppermint Also to be Raised in Louisiana.

A movement is on foot to transfer the peppermint industry of Michigan to Louisiana. This may not mean much to the average person, but those who are familiar with the industry know that it means a whole lot.

In the first place the center of the peppermint industry is in Southern Michigan and is worth several millions of dollars every year to the people there, Michigan supplies a good portion of the world, civilized and otherwise, with the old-fashioned extract, which is obtained from the plant by distillation.

Louisiana capitalists, through Edward Wesner, the swamp drainage promoter, have been making a strong effort to obtain a slice of the peppermint industry for Louisiana for more than a year, but with the visit of Michigan capitalists here last week there now seems a chance for the center of the industry to be brought to Louisiana. It is all a matter of business; there will be no sentiment in it. If Louisiana can raise peppermint more cheaply than Michigan, Louisiana, instead of Michigan will supply the world with extract of peppermint, just as it supplies the world with tobacco sauce.

E. L. Page, Thomas Haas and Milton Haas, of Vicksburg Mich., have just left New Orleans for their home, after having looked over the agricultural regions of the State thoroughly. They have purchased lands and have made arrangements to carry out extensive experiments to determine whether peppermint can be raised here more cheaply than it can be raised in Michigan. An important feature of their purchases is that they decided upon buying reclaimed swamp land located in St. Charles parish, and but a short distance from the city. Experiments which have been made on this land indicate that three crops of peppermint can be raised upon it every season instead of one.

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 Number added during the year..... 53,265
 Number discontinued..... 38,563
 Net Increase 14,792
 Total number subscribers August 1, 1907, 170,676