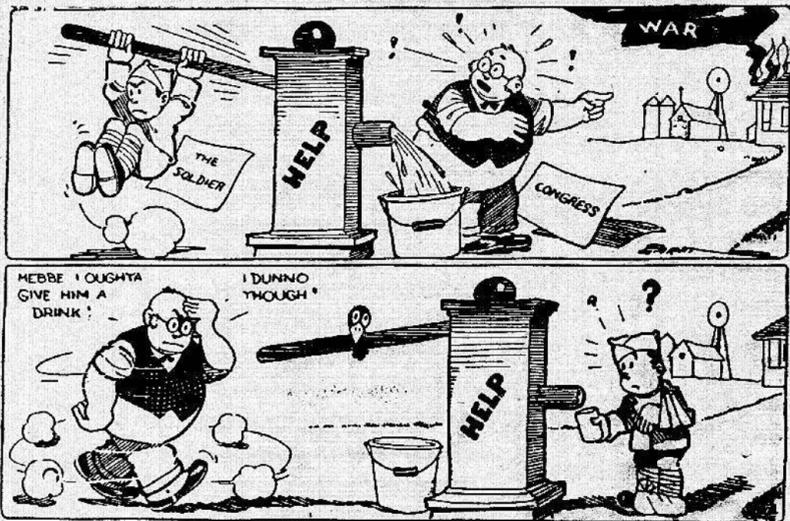


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KEEPING UP OUR WATERWAYS.

For years there was considerable shipping done on the Tchefuncta river. It was the competition of this waterway with the railroads that gave us the advantageous rates by rail. A number of schooners ran on schedule time. Then the Jahneke Navigation Company was dredging sand at intervals and there was a good, clear channel even above Covington. To-day the river is in such great need of dredging on the sandbars that navigation of loaded vessels is difficult. The cause of this is that the Jahneke Navigation Company discontinued the dredging and the Federal Government has not used the funds appropriated for this purpose in the work. It is said the Government engineer reported that dredging was impracticable because of the rapid reilling of sand. This is a matter that was taken up at the meeting of the Association of Commerce Monday evening. It was brought out in the discussion that an appropriation of twelve thousand dollars would put the river in good condition, and that if the work should be rightly done it could be kept navigable at small expense. There is no desire to belittle the scientific learning of engineers or to discredit them in any way, but we all know that practical demonstration will sometimes put theory out of business. Mere perfunctory soundings of the Tchefuncta river by some one who is not familiar with the channels of the river will not give a correct idea of the possibilities to be opened by a little dredging. Captain Dudley H. Weaver has traveled up and down the Tchefuncta river since boyhood. His father ran a schooner in the trade on this river for long years and both he and his son knew every snag and every sandbar from Covington to the river's mouth. In fact Capt. Dudley Weaver brought the Steamer Josie up to Covington this week and tied up at Riverside Inn. He is anxious to enter his boat in the trade again and makes the statement that if a few sandbars were removed there would be no trouble in navigation.

This river is of too much importance to Covington to allow it to go into disuse for lack of a few thousand dollars of Government aid. It is understood that there is some three or four thousand dollars unused of the appropriation that should be available for this purpose, and the Association of Commerce instructed its secretary, Mr. Minckler, to write to Senators Ransdell and Broussard and Congressman Favrot to take the matter up in the proper channels and see what can be done to save this great loss to Covington.

If the Government would consent to have the appropriation used in this manner, it is believed that the Jahneke Navigation Company would take the work in hand. Covingtonians have full confidence that in this event the work would be satisfactorily accomplished and the channel kept open to navigation.

A PROGRESSIVE HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION.

There is no institution that has greater opportunity for constructive, uplifting community work than a homestead association, and especially is this true in recent years. The home-owner is the citizen who will take the greatest interest in community advancement, because it is to his interest to do so. In this connection, it is a pleasure to note that one of our home institutions, the Sildell Homestead and Savings Association, has taken rapid strides in developing the home-owner. Their statement appears on the sixth page, and it will be noticed that out of assets of \$222,028.27 there are mortgage loans secured by vendors' privilege, \$206,666.40, and that there are undivided profits for six months of \$1,562.91. We consider this a very nice showing. It justifies their slogan, "Watch Us Grow."

THE FARMERS IN POLITICS.

The farmers' bloc is becoming interesting in Congress. The organization of the farmers in the East, North and West is giving them a taste of the results of co-operative work. If the call of political interests does not lead them astray, and if a taste of power does not lead them into extreme measures that will take away public sympathy and support, they have a chance to accomplish something that will make the slogan, "Back to the farm," mean more than a cry of the unfed for protection from starvation.

The farm has had less protection than any other industry. Middlemen, speculators and exchanges have grown fat, while sweat oozed from the shoes of the plowman. It is high time that a get-together meeting be opened, but don't let the politician in. Don't tie up with any political party. Wield the full strength of organization as a balance of power—and ask for nothing that is not just and right and fair to your fellow men. There is much that is new coming to the front. Many old policies will be abandoned, and a new ethical growth in politics must take the place of subterfuge, party expediency and capitalistic influence. The people have been over-fed with propaganda in magazine and newspaper. They are beginning to think for themselves and to realize that the greatest protection to self is the protection of every one—no man can successfully build on the destruction of another.

The farmer, who produces the necessities of life, has always been at the mercy of those who manipulate the distribution of his products when in fact the price should be governed by the cost of production. The consumer is pretty much in the same basket. Any plan that protects the farmer must finally protect the consumer, because when cost becomes public knowledge, the consumer is strong enough to demand fair treatment. Supply, demand and marketing must be controlled by organization.

MAKING ST. TAMMANY PARISH A DAIRY DISTRICT.

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production of milk for the year. It is chiefly the quality of simulating green grass which makes silage so popular as dairy cow feed.

U. S. Dairy Specialist, C. W. Radway, says: "The South is well adapted to dairying. One reason is the climate. The barns or buildings needed are less expensive than in the North, and the climate is such that we can depend upon pasture for eight or nine months of the year." Here where with a very little care that most wonderful of pasture grass—

es, our low-growing carpet grass (which truly deserves the name) can be easily established, we have the summer conditions far superior to those of Missouri bluegrass, and Missouri bluegrass pasture in first class condition is regarded as more valuable than the richest corn land I know of Missouri stock farms wholly in bluegrass pasture and the owners maintain that it pays them better to buy their corn from adjoining farmers than to raise it themselves. This is an indication of what a carpet grass pasture will be worth when we get on a dairy basis in this parish. There is still another method by

which green pasture can be maintained here not only through the summer months, but all winter as well, making all year around pasture. That is by planting in the early fall such crops for the purpose as oats and vetch, rye, wheat, rape and burr clover. There are also considerable number of root crops which grow here in the open through the whole winter such as carrots, mangels, turnips and beets, all of which are good supplementary cow feed. And we should not overlook that most valuable plant grown in the South, the sweet potato, which is food for man and almost every farm animal. The St. Tammany farmer could very well get along without the extra expense of the silo and its filling if he could plant his crops to make sure of green food for his cows every month of the year. S. M. Tracy, for many years in charge of the Coastal Plains Experiment Station, said, "oats or wheat and vetch make the very best grazing from December to April and the best pasture for dairy cows." So, with a good carpet grass pasture, one can easily have here the exact equivalent of Missouri May and June grass the entire year.

The problem of feeding grain with pasture is easily solved here. The velvet bean in particular, which does best on our pineywoods soils, is not only an unequalled leguminous forage plant, but the beans are a valuable concentrate, equal to cottonseed meal and safer to feed to cows, and probably in every case the cheapest that can be fed profitably. As the best growing practice is to interplant the velvet beans with corn, it makes corn-growing profitable in this section, for even though the yield of corn be light and not of extra quality, the corn helps out in balancing the ration for the cow. After gathering the rations for corn pods, it is customary to turn in cattle and hogs to clean up the vines, which they will do to the last leaf. These dead vines will furnish nutritious and palatable feed for the stock from late November to April, amounting to a leguminous hay for which, handled in this way, there is no cost for harvesting and putting up in a stack or barn.

I have asked Mr. Worthington, formerly a farmer in Waukesha County, Wisconsin, who moved to Mandeville on account of its salubrious climate about a year ago, to tell something of dairy practice in that rich dairy country, where the Carnation Condensed Cream and other such manufacturers have a large business. There a farm of 160 acres carries 50 to 75 cows, and those dairy farmers all raise their own feed. They sell their product directly to the creameries right at hand, and the result is a country of very prosperous people. That is an indication of the wealth which it is possible for dairy farming to produce in St. Tammany parish, and Mr. Worthington quite agrees that, if the same efforts were put forth here and the same intelligent use made of the information available from the State and United States experiment stations, this district would soon rival and finally surpass the Wisconsin dairy country.

At the present time, this all amounts to little more than a dream. It is a dream which can come true whenever there will be found a man like Father Colombe who is determined to do it and do it in the right way. The rules are simple: Get good cows, free from tubercular disease, feed them well on a balanced ration, provide an abundance of pasture of a high grade (not open range), and raise forage crops to supplement pasture and as much of concentrates as the farmer's condition will permit. As a matter of fact, this does not need to be a highly developed farming country for a farmer to make a right beginning in the dairy business. Of course, the more highly developed his farm, the better it will be adapted for dairy purposes. Profitably to raise crops and it is most profitable to raise them for feed for his own livestock, he will take care to have his land well drained. The herd of dairy cows will help more than anything else to increase the value of his farm, for a good cow in one year will produce approximately 12 tons of manure, and an acre of velvet beans (which is most valuable cow feed) is also worth about \$30 as fertilizer. Our business men, and particularly our bankers, can help greatly whenever they find a man who is disposed to go into the dairy business in the way herein indicated by giving him financial support, as do the banks in the dairy sections.

The matter of development of St. Tammany parish is thus not one for the farmer alone to solve, nor for the landowner by himself, but it is going to require united and intelligent co-operation of all interests of every kind in the parish. The important matter is, IT CAN BE DONE.

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