

The New Orleans Crescent.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1868.

The Crops in the South.

[From the *Richie's Pacific, Plaquemines.*]

Warm, bright and sunny days we have enjoyed this week. The prospect is as if spring "gentle spring," has commenced in earnest. The earth will soon be clothed in a thick mantle of vegetation. This far nature has favored the efforts of our planters and farmers to produce heavy crops. On many plantations, the cane is already well under way; the area planted in rice will be much larger than last season. We are sorry to learn that there is a disposition among our agriculturists to drop the cultivation of corn, that is, to let it grow wild, and we are anxious to encourage all to grow all the crops they need. Our potato fields will give ample returns; our orange crop will be rather light, and our gardens are now in excellent condition.

(From the *Brevier South.* 25th.)

With one exception, there are no complaints regarding the crops in our parish. The exception is that the insects or a certain description of worms destroy the young corn as fast as it comes up. Some of our planters are replanting their corn crop for the third time, and seem in despair of succeeding to save it even then. We have been told by some that the greater destruction is made by the insects than by a dark head, which comes into the young stalk and works upwards in the heart. They say in all their experience as planters they have never before seen this worm. However adverse all this may be to these planters, we hope they will not yet give up, and that they will try again, and keep trying, until the season will quite pass to put a grain of corn in the ground.

(From the *Bay St. Louis Gazette.*)

From an extended inquiry among the citizens of different sections of this extensive country, we are justified in saying that the crops in all kinds are very promising and bid fair to produce well. The heavy rains of the past weeks ceased just in time, before they had done any damage; still the ground is at present so completely saturated with moisture that even a prolonged dryness would not unfavorably affect it. Irish potatoes, of which a large amount had been planted, promise exceedingly well; they are nearly all in bloom, and in a few instances are even ready for digging. Sweet potatoes, our great staple, have just been set out, and the season is very favorable for a good start. The cotton is very favorable for a good crop. Sea Island cotton, owing to the bad luck of last season, there will not be a great breadth of land put into cultivation this year; but Havana tobacco, for cigars, will be extensively cultivated. On numerous places the young plants have been already transplanted, and are thriving finely. The new staple, will also have a fair trial. Altogether, farming prospects look very promising.

TEXAS.

The Dallas Herald comments on "grumbling and despondency of farmers," and does them the justice to say that they are not to blame. "We have heard our spirit, hopeful and cheeringly during the season." From all the Herald can hear is a prospect of an average crop in Dallas county. It adds: "We are informed that owing to excessive freezings and consequent destruction of much of the wheat, the farmers of Collin county have plowed up the remainder and planted cotton. Their energy and enterprise exact honorable praise. In former years the average wheat crop of this county was twenty-four and a half bushels to the acre, and from four to five years ago the farmers of my intelligence move the cause—the seed is exhausted and worthless. Are there any so obtuse as to require advice to never do an act of such injustice to themselves and family as to sow the seed which will be the fruition of this year's crop? The grasshoppers have done much injury to the gardens, but very little as yet to the fields, and though larger are not so numerous as formerly; and it is hoped we shall soon be relieved of their destructive presence, as they have commenced their migrations."

The Signal says that the corn and cotton crop in Fort Bend county this year are very promising. In one of his letters from Texas, Bishop McTyeire says: "The grapevines of Gonzales and Lavaca counties indicate a land of wine as well as corn. In its season, my traveling companion assured me, wagon loads of the Mustang grape could be gathered, and that abundance of vinegar and barrels of domestic wine were sometimes made by the families that have use for those articles."

The best way to economize in these hard times, is to buy a Grover & Baker sewing machine, and your own work.

RAILROADS.

PONTCHARTRAIN RAILROAD.—*SUN-*
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1868. The trains on this road will run as follows:

FROM CITY.	FROM LAKE.
4 o'clock A. M. Horne, Car.	5 o'clock A. M. St. Simon Train.
5 o'clock A. M. Steam Train.	5 o'clock A. M. Steam Train.
7½ " " " "	7½ " " " "
8 " " " "	8 " " " "
10½ " " " "	10½ " " " "
12 " " " "	11½ " " " "
1½ o'clock P. M. " " " "	1 o'clock P. M. " " " "
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7 " " " "	7½ " " " "
8 " " " "	8½ " " " "
9 " " " "	9½ " " " "

SUNDAY BRANGEMAN.—Steam Train from City, in time of cars. Every SUNDAY MORNING, at 4 o'clock. An Extra Train will leave the City every SUNDAY EVENING, at 1 o'clock. On and after April 5th the Trains will run every day, except Sunday, from 7½ A. M. to 8½ P. M. from 2 to 8½ o'clock P. M.

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Freights for stations on the road, for landings on the Teche, and for Oryopolis, deliverable at New Iberia or St. Martinville, received daily (Sunday excepted) from 7 A. M. to 5 P. M., at the foot of St. Ann street.

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Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.

Meets semi-annually on the fourth Tuesday in January and July, in New Orleans. Officers for the present year—E. N. Morris, No. 9, M. W. Grand Master; F. G. S. T. G. Grimes, No. 10, M. W. Grand Secretary; F. W. Dauber, No. 11, M. W. Grand Treasurer; Luther Homes, No. 12, and J. G. Dunlap, No. 13, R. W. Grand Chaplain; John B. Hen, No. 14, M. W. Grand Marshal; A. Macrene, No. 15, Grand Conductor; J. Reimer, No. 16, Grand Guardian; P. G. J. N. Littlejohn, No. 17, W. W. Grand Herald.

DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS—P. G. John P. Barnett, No. 17, District No. 1; P. G. A. J. Vandegrift, No. 9, District No. 3; P. G. S. T. Grimes, No. 10, District No. 4; P. G. S. Clark, No. 15, District No. 5; P. G. E. K. Chance, No. 7, District No. 7; P. G. Jacob, No. 12, District No. 11; P. G. H. Hinman, No. 13, District No. 12; P. G. G. Wallace, No. 20, District No. 14.

GRAND COMMITTEE—P. G. Master Luther Homes, No. 15; P. G. D. M. P. Schneider, No. 16; P. G. Frank Pfister, No. 17; P. G. George W. G. Wilson, No. 18; P. G. Wallace Hunter, No. 19.

GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

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ODD FELLOWS' REST.

Meets in the Office of the Grand Secretary, on the second Monday in January, April, July and October. The new Board meets on the third Monday in January for organization. Officers—J. G. Dunlap, President; Josiah Folger, Secretary; J. West, Treasurer; John Quinn, Sexton.

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