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LETTER FROM BELIZE, HONDURAS.

SOUTHERN SETTLEMENTS—AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES.

NEW HONDURAS—LOCAL INCIDENTS, ETC.

Special to the New Orleans Crescent.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, Aug. 3, 1868.

Those of us who have cast our fortunes in this country cannot but regard with eager interest every social or political movement in the States, as affecting those near and dear to us, the memory of whom will be cherished until "life's selfish fever is o'er." Therefore the arrival of the staunch steamer Trade Wind is anticipated each trip by all with deep interest, and this is hailed with special pleasure, as she brings the unfurled banner of the "great untried Democracy" with Seymour and Blair as its standard bearers; and God grant it may be borne to triumph victory, for if it fall adieu to all hopes of civil liberty ever again in the once great and happy Republic.

As it may be interesting to many of your readers, whose friends have sought refuge in this new country, I herewith, in passing, mention a few of their interesting incidents.

Quite a number of Americans have settled in this colony. Their settlements are in different localities—several along the Belize river, one at La Montaña, one at Mission, one at Toledo, one at Middle river, and one at Toledo—and most of the people are in good health and cheered by prospects of good crops. Of course there are a few exceptions to this.

At least one part of the country where they made selections, different degrees of success or failure must be expected in this as in all other countries, as well as of health.

The culture of sugar is not so general as you would expect, and careful attention to this, when it is only pursued by the untried Yucatecans, will not be very successful.

The repeated failure of those individuals to procure that which by Herculean labor and pushing enterprise and knowledge extorted from the ungenerous climate and soil of Louisiana a crop of half a million of bushels of sugar (or as they term it here, "treacle") has not induced them to the engagement of several of her former planters as managers.

The most prominent example of their success as yet, at Regala Estate, owned by Antonio Mallo, Esq., who is under the management of James McTouche, who commenced rolling in May and in about fifty-six working days made near half a million pounds of concrete sugar, and will continue to roll for a month or six weeks yet.

The "Cane-crusher," invented by Mr. Alfred Fryer, of Manchester, England, is a great invention for the sugar planter, as it economizes labor and buildings, avoids the necessity for purges, cinders, cinders for molasses, and it does not require so much space to permit a full description of it; suffice to say that the juice flowing from the cane mill into a clarifier, passes thence into and over a series of trays set upon an inclined plane, which the heated steam of the boiler, which flows thence into a large revolving cylinder, whence it is discharged into large round iron pans that are emptied into the barrels and hogsheads awaiting to be filled, where in a few hours it becomes as solid as the sugar.

It has actually occurred that by this process cane has been cut, hauled to the mill and converted into sugar and put on shipboard within 48 hours, and the whole process, from the cane to the sugar, planted amid the trunks of cane two years old, planted amid the trunks of cane two years old, which covered at least one-third of the ground and at least one-third of the cane left on the field, and that which was ground, being of such quality that it is sold at a profit.

Work commences on the plantations at 5 P. M., but is continued in the boiling house until 11 P. M., or sometimes 1 o'clock at night, as may be required.

Mr. Mallo has so organized the labor that it is very efficient, and he is particularly well pleased with the Chinese, of whom he has about sixty, the whole force amounting to about one hundred and ten. Everything about the plantation, from the conduct of the mill to the efficiency of a Louisiana sugar plantation of the olden time.

Adjacent to Regala are three other sugar plantations, with splendid crops of cane in luxuriant growth, and machinery to take the juice of one of them are 12,000 coffee trees of the second year growth, which are well filled with the fruit or bean, and about 14,000 plantain trees, which yield the coffee. These estates would be a good investment for practical sugar planters who have experience and capital.

Regala is on the Belize river, and adjacent to it is the new estate of J. A. de Braam, Esq., who has since last summer made a clearing of about three hundred acres, erected a saw-mill, with three machines attached, and he says the machinery is of fine timber, and will be of great abundance, which make good lumber, and thereof is erecting a substantial and permanent house for his employees and laborers. It is his intention to build a light railroad over the estate and through the fields, and by the use of a locomotive, avoid the necessity for mules and oxen in the cane fields. It is his intention to have a very large plantation.

Mr. de Braam's brother, a Mr. Leclerc, from Holland, who I understand, formerly a sugar planter in the island of Java, is opening a plantation, and has about 100 acres of land cleared, and has just commenced erecting quarters for his laborers.

These estates give evidence of what may be done even in a new and wilderness country. Here are at least 1000 acres of cleared land, a large portion of which is covered with cane, plantain and coffee, and the remainder is the gloomy primeval forest. Under all the disadvantages with which it commenced, Regala will yield this year near 800,000 lbs. of sugar, which will be more than tripled next year.

Some of your sugar planters who have property lying idle, are making inquiries as to the propriety of investing here.

The British brig Ella Bruce, whose captain was absent for several weeks, but to whom we are indebted for the following information, was wrecked on Manger Kay, about 35 miles distant from here. Vessel and cargo a total loss—both insured. She was loaded with logwood, sugar, and other articles, and the crew of 15 men were shipped by Antonio Mallo, Esq., being the largest shipment yet made from this colony by any one person from this port, and is also the first large shipment of logwood since the arrival of the steamer frigate, the Commodore, which was wrecked about three weeks or a month since; her officers were fitted and feasted a few days, after which they took their departure for Jamaica, whence they came.

The past week has been one of marked interest and excitement incidental upon the visit of President Medina, of Spanish Honduras, to whom, with his wife and the ladies of his family, the highest honors were paid on their arrival.

His visit marks an era in the history of this colony, and is a source of great interest to all.

The United States minister to Central America, Mr. B. B. Bonney, took his departure for Spanish Honduras last evening, accompanied by the Rev. W. C. Stout (Episcopalian) of Arkansas, who having examined several localities in this colony, now goes to explore that country. The great object of the latter gentleman is to ascertain the purpose of promoting and facilitating immigration, and about the disapproval of which by the home government, so much was said about the late administration, has been approved by the United States government, and the same operations under it. The weather has been delightful, none of that letting loose of the floods that have, passing by many is supposed to be the natural consequence of the wet season which we are now passing through; only delightful refreshing rain at night and a few showers during the day, which leave neither dust nor mud upon the streets, and the air is cool and refreshing, and you are so much soothed and refreshed, and you will excuse the hurried, disconnected and perhaps tedious lines of a Rambler.

THE LOUISIANA STATE SEMINARY.—The next session of this popular and flourishing institution of learning begins on the 7th of September, 1868. The faculty consists of a full corps of able instructors, versed in all the branches of literature and science usually taught in universities. The surrounding country is high and rolling, and as healthy as any part of the world. The terms of the school, including every expense except that of clothing, is \$10 per annum, \$200 of which is payable in advance, and the balance in equal payments January 1st and April 1st. Prof. D. P. Boyd, the superintendent, makes the comfort and interest of the students his chief and only aim, and we know of no one to whose guardianship we would sooner trust the training of our youth.

THE STATUE THAT ENCHANTS THE WORLD.—The Medici Venus owes much to the purity of its material as well as to the beauty of its proportions. But what is polished marble to a resplendent complexion, a charm that may be secured and perpetuated by using Phalon's Paphian Lotion and Floral Beautifier.

The New Orleans Crescent, Sunday, August 9.

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