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Several columns of the New York Times are daily devoted to letters from disappointed members of the party who were supporters of Blair, and whose political disabilities have been outraged by his nomination.

Bird Island, 35 miles from Corpus Christi, is a real curiosity. The coast birds for miles around deposit their eggs on the one spot, and so thick is the island covered that it is well nigh impossible to walk around without stepping on them, while the air overhead is full of myriads of fowls. Sea gulls are the most numerous, besides many cranes, pelicans, snipe, duck, etc.

A traveler just from the South reports the following: On one of the Southern railroads there is a station called "Sawyer." Lately a newly married couple boarded the train; they were lovely indeed. The brakeman noticed the grinning groom kiss his bride about one hundred times, but maintained a serene quiet. Finally the station in question was reached, and just after the whistle sounded the groom gave the bride a rousing smack on the hip and the brakeman opened the door and shouted "Sawyer Sawyer!"

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The World's Exposition.

What Various Louisiana Parishes Will Exhibit. A Fine Display Promised by DeSoto, Iberia, St. Martin and West Baton Rouge—State Commissioner Barrow Urges All the Parishes to Take Advantage of the Grand Opportunity.

PORT ALLEN, LA., June 12, 1884.

To the Editor of the Times-Democrat. The outlook for the success of the World's Exposition and the important part our State is to play in it grows brighter every day, as is manifested by the voice of the press and the quiet but steady work going on in the parishes. St. Martin's commissioner reports, among the more important articles for exhibition, a collection of 237 valuable wood specimens that are worked into book form, showing bark, grain in rough and varnished state. Every specimen will be penciled out in ink, with the proper botanical and common name, height, diameter, growth and purposes for which the wood can be used.

Commissioners have repeatedly asked me for minute directions to guide them in the preparation of their forest exhibits. I have not furnished any set of regulations, because I preferred that each commissioner should present his exhibit in some original design, so as to prevent too much similarity. The commissioner for St. Martin's continues his list as follows: A complete history of La Province de Attakapas, from 1789 to present, and a new being written and will be published in English and French. Fruit production will be exhibited in wax-work, forming four groups—spring, summer, autumn and winter, and also artistic wool-made flowers grouped in letters representing the poetical motto given to the parish by Longfellow; also, in the same style, part of the florist's growth.

Mr. J. A. Hitter, the commissioner, will also exhibit a complete working model, that can be tested, of his new invention, process, apparatus, and machinery for treating fibrous plants, jute, ramie, moss and other vegetable fibre. This invention was patented April 2, 1884.

Mr. Hitter says: "I am promised a fac-simile of the Grotto of Lourdes, natural size, reproduced from a copy of the one in the church at St. Martineville by a young artist of the town; also, a number of interesting engravings, reproductions of old French and Italian renowned painters, and a very interesting ethnographic plan of the proposed fortifications of Cherbourg. The plan was made by Admiral Adrien Du Roulon, killed at Trafalgar, on board the war-ship Le Vengeur, dated 1793."

Mr. Hitter appears to be wide awake, and from his guarantee St. Martin will turn out a fine exhibit. The commissioner from Iberia furnishes a partial list of their proposed exhibit, as follows: Salt from the celebrated Avery Salt Mines; oil, cotton-seed meal, soap, lumber, shingles, vacuum pan sugar, all the agricultural products, and live stock from the farms of Joe Jefferson and Wm Weeks.

Dr. Gibbs, of DeSoto has notified me of the organization of a parish association, with an auxiliary association composed of the ladies, who will undertake the collection of works of art, etc., and gives promise that his parish will be fully represented by her agricultural products, her coal and iron ore, which he claims analyzes better than the Birmingham and is found in abundance. The forest exhibit will be a bed room set made from the native woods. Oil paintings by a lady artist of Mansfield will be displayed in the art department.

West Baton Rouge will make her wood exhibit in the shape of a fancy pagoda to be erected on the grounds.

In the preserving of fruit and vegetable exhibits I take pleasure in recommending the excellent recipe given by the Hon. A. J. McWhorter, commissioner for the State of Tennessee, and will furnish the same on application to me.

In conclusion, let me again urge upon those interested in seeing our State fully represented to aid in our work, and to appeal to their police juries and public spirited citizens to furnish the necessary funds to enable our commissioners to present to the world your resources. You can never have another such opportunity on your own soil, at your homes, of presenting your industries to the capitalists and immigrants. Louisiana is in need of both to develop her industries and resources, and as "there is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune," so there is a tide in the affairs of our State which taken at this particular time must inevitably lead to prosperity and future greatness. All associations, commercial bodies and citizens are earnestly invited to correspond with me, and to offer any suggestions that they may think proper for the success of our exhibit.

Respectfully,  
C. J. BARNOW,  
Commissioner for Louisiana.

He Saw No Encouragement to Go On.

[Wall Street News] A negro near Selma, Ala., who had rented a piece of land had gone into court, next door with a white man one day last February to see how he had come out. "Let's see," said the landlord, as he got out his pencil; "you raised four bales, eh?" "Yes, sah." "It took two to pay the rent?" "Yes, sah." "And the other two to square up for your ratifications?" "Dat's it." "And now you want to know how much you are ahead? Well, Moses, you seem to have been, but about even."

"An dat so?" replied the old man with a satisfied look. "If you can't figger dat I'm at least fifty dollars in debt, I don't see any encouragement to go ahead dis spring."

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Parish of St. Landry.

ITS VAST AND VARIED RESOURCES—CAPITAL, ENTERPRISE AND SKILL NEEDED.

St. Landry has an area of about 2000 square miles. The greatest distance across it from east to west is about 50 miles—from its northern to its southern extremity the greatest distance is about 60. It has an area of about 60 townships, or a little more than 1,300,000 acres. It has land enough for 10,000 farmers, each having a farm of 100 acres, and a great deal to spare for waste land and water surface. It has room for an agricultural population of 150,000, and an indefinite number of manufacturers and mechanics. It has a great variety of prairie and woodland, hill and valley land, heavily timbered swamp and rich bottom lands, much rich and some poor soil—lands and localities adapted to all kinds of tastes and circumstances. Its richest lands are in the eastern part of the parish; its prairies are chiefly in the west and south; it has some pine lands in the northern part. Prairie Mamou, Prairie Faquetie, Hayes, Plaquemine, Mermentau, and Grand Prairie and Prairie des Femmes, were the old time cattle ranges, where vast herds of cattle were used for the New Orleans market fifty and seventy years ago, and where many cattle and horses are now raised without shelter, hay or salt. The brand and ear mark of the cattle and brand of the horses are the only proofs of title. It was but a few years ago that the population of St. Landry was put down at about 25,000—at the last census it was about 40,000, of this number 19,399 were colored.

The German population is increasing in St. Landry, and the German farmers are doing well. There are also other Germans living on farms not connected with colonies. If German immigration were to turn in earnest in this direction it would take but a few years to fill the parish with hard working, thrifty and honest farmers. The Germans usually live and thrive by honest industry, close economy and good calculation, and they crowd out the thieves and vagabonds where they settle. They are well acquainted with mixed farming, and usually supply their tables beautifully with home-made food. The native population of St. Landry is increasing rapidly.

There has for years been a pressing demand for lumber in St. Landry—the saw-mills cannot supply the demand. There is also a good demand for mechanics. This shows that they are making improvements. It gives strong proofs of thrift. Cypress lumber now sells at \$14 per thousand feet at the mill. They are introducing improved breeds of horses and cattle in St. Landry. The Jerseys are here, as every where else, the favorite butter and cream cows. They are crossing better breeds of horses with the creole breed of this country.

Wire fences are increasing in St. Landry, and are every where taking the place of the old wooden fences. Some lands sell in St. Landry as low as \$1.25 an acre; the best improved lands not higher than \$10 or \$15. Some farmers from the Western States and from Pennsylvania have settled in St. Landry and there are prospects of more. The notaries made 25 sales of land in a month last year.

Considerable attention is now given to the cultivation of rice in this parish. They get 20 bushels of rough rice to the acre, and more than this from their best lands.

A rice mill is said to be greatly needed in Opelousas. They say it would pay well and would greatly stimulate the production of rice in the parish.

A central sugar factory is said to be greatly needed on the Beuf, above Washington. These bottom lands on this Bayou are very rich and yield heavy crops of sugar cane. The Bayou Beuf in St. Landry is not the same as the Beuf of St. Mary.

St. Landry abounds in creeks, bayous, coveaus and ravines. It has but few lakes. On its numerous streams of water it has large quantities of valuable timber—oak, ash, gum, hickory, cypress and all other kinds suitable for building and fencing materials, cabinet wood, furniture, carts, plows, bugles and woodenware of various kinds. St. Landry has for years been famous for its production of chickens and eggs for the New Orleans market and home use. That parish is capable of producing domestic fowls and eggs sufficient to supply the New Orleans market, if the parish were densely populated with farmers.

The Morgan Louisiana and Texas Railroad runs twenty miles west across the southern portion of St. Landry, and the Red River branch extends through the parish northwest, about sixty miles, and the influence of the railroads for good has been felt, not only in the section through which they pass, but to some extent all over the parish.

There is a cotton seed oil factory at Washington—brot down and rebuilt since last year. Opelousas has an admirable location for a town—high, on rolling ground, airy and healthy—good well water, and all the elements of health; but it has, as I am informed, at the present time but little over 2500 inhabitants. With such facilities as might be profitable it might have ten thousand inhabitants. It is impossible to make thrifty towns out of merchants and lawyers alone, especially in a parish like this where they have suppressed crime of late years, diminished litigation, and greatly increased the country and cross roads stores. Factories alone can make these towns lively and prosperous.

A few persons are cultivating jute on a small scale in St. Landry, chiefly to get seed for another year and to see how this crop looks in the field. It grows here fifteen feet high, and is especially promising. It was planted last year by the side of cotton, and it is said that worms would not touch cotton that grew near it, while they injured that beyond the reach of jute. When in bloom it is said to have a pungent smell which the cotton moths shun.

Hicard Alabama coal has lately been used on the Morgan Louisiana and Texas Railroad; that the engineers think it better or cheaper than Pittsburgh coal. This is a mere report, and may not be true. If true it will be a matter of importance to sugar planters.

There are three watering places in St. Landry, each claiming peculiar

merits. Belle Cheney Springs, 47 miles from Opelousas, in the pine hills, in the upper part of the parish, has been a favorite resort for some of the best and most intelligent people of St. Landry for many years. It is said to be shady and cool, with a pure atmosphere peculiar to pine hill regions—no malaria here, no mosquitoes—the water of the springs possessing most excellent qualities, as many invalids have testified. There is considerable game in the woods, and a lake a few miles off that abounds in fine fishes.

Mountain Bayou Springs are 15 miles from Belle Cheney Springs—strong claims of merit are made by the friends of these springs—fine bathing, hunting and fishing, the same as at Belle Cheney, and mineral water of excellent virtues.

Pointe aux Loups Springs have their friends who think highly of them. I have no personal knowledge of either of them. About fifteen townships east of the Beuf and the Cocodrie and Washington and Opelousas, extending to the Atchafalaya, are rich swamp lands, most of them subject to overflow, but they have in this section some of the most productive farms and plantations in the parish. This section lakes in the rich lands of the Beuf, the Waxia, the Courtaubeau and the Atchafalaya; much of these lands are heavily timbered. West of the Cocodrie, and northwest, west and southwest of Opelousas, there are about forty-five townships, with a general elevation of about sixty feet above tide water lands, which no Mississippi floods ever did reach since the memory of man, or ever can reach. No levees are needed in this portion of St. Landry. There are in these townships wet lands that need draining, but they are wet with rain water alone. These can all be drained and put in cultivation by a good drainage system. Nine of the most westerly townships of St. Landry parish are bounded by the parish of Calcasieu, the Bayou Nezpique dividing the two parishes most of the distance. The fertile parishes of Rapides and Avoyle bound St. Landry on the north, and Vermilion, Lafayette and St. Martin on the south—its eastern boundary is Pointe Coupee and Iberville.

There is much to be said about St. Landry and Opelousas, and Washington and Arnaudville, Grand Coteau and other points, but I was taken sick and was obliged to leave the parish after a very short pause at Opelousas, where the thermometer in the heat of the day stood at about 90.

Persons wishing to move to St. Landry, and desiring special information about the parish, or the parishes of Lafayette or Vermilion, should inclose stamps to pay postage, and write to J. H. Houston, Opelousas Post Office. He is strictly reliable and well informed in regard to this section of Louisiana. DAN'L DENNETT.

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