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The coal man seems to be getting it in the neck this winter.

Primary elections are coming so thick and fast in some parts of the state that the pestered voters are beginning to think they're getting too much of a good thing.

If the suggestion to license slot machines that are played for merchandise instead of money be deemed legal and feasible, might it not be well to include crap games in the same category?

There is a movement on foot to liquidate the affairs of the Ascension Club and organize a successor on a purely social basis. The project will be acted on at the February meeting.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina is prodding President Roosevelt with his pitchfork because of the dismissal from the service of the negro soldiers who "shot up" the town of Brownsville, Texas. Not that Tillman hates Sambo less, but Roosevelt more.

It might be wise to remember that in 1899 the month of January was unprecedentedly balmy and spring-like, but February gave us the coldest weather on record. There'll be something doing in the way of freezing temperatures further on, never fear.

The three railway companies whose lines are combined under the title of Queen and Crescent Route recently made a voluntary advance in the wages paid to more than 400 of their employees. If this generous and just example were followed generally by employing corporations in seasons of prosperity there would be fewer strikes and much less friction and ill feeling between capital and labor.

A class of fifty-nine candidates was initiated into the order of Knights of Columbus at Napoleonville last Sunday. Members of the great society from all parts of Louisiana were present and participated in the ceremonies, including a large delegation from the local council. It is not necessary to add that the visiting Knights were royally entertained by the hospitable people of the progressive bayou town.

The board of directors of the Bank of Donaldsonville met at 10 o'clock Wednesday forenoon and re-elected the present efficient corps of officers, to-wit: Dr. W. M. McGalliard, president; Charles Maurin, vice president; W. D. Park, cashier; L. J. Brun, assistant cashier; Prosper Rodriguez, Jr., auditor; Ulysses L. Rodriguez, collector. These officials have had charge of the management of the bank's business affairs for the past several years, and it is due in large measure to their signal ability and enterprise that the sterling institution has attained such a remarkable degree of strength and reliability.

A Couple of Bouquets.

Our old friend Major Wm. J. Murphy, for many years night clerk of the Nicholls Hotel and now residing at Camp Nicholls, New Orleans, called on our head editor the other day to express approval of The Chief's return to the status of an all-home-print paper and extend congratulations to all concerned in the improvement. Praise from Major Murphy, like that from Sir Hubert, is praise indeed.

Capt. D. H. Reese, of New Orleans, a close reader of The Chief, and himself a former newspaper man, also warmly approves the change and heartily commends the reasons assigned for making it. And Capt. Reese is not the kind of a man to say anything he doesn't mean.

Lee Memorial Exercises.

The centennial anniversary of the birthday of General Robert E. Lee was appropriately celebrated in Donaldsonville today by the local Confederate organizations and school children, the program outlined in last week's issue of The Chief being successfully carried out. The ceremonies began at noon with an artillery salute by a detachment from Capt. Victor St. Martin Camp, U. S. C. V., and at 2:30 o'clock a procession was formed at the Catholic church grounds with the Whitecastle Junior Band in the lead, and from whence the assemblage proceeded to the courthouse, where the exercises were completed. The Whitecastle band that took part in today's celebration is composed almost entirely of small boys who perform very creditably and reflect signal honor upon their leader, Prof. Adam Dominique.

Knights of Honor Officers.

Donaldsonville Lodge No. 2639, Knights of Honor, held a rousing meeting Tuesday night and chose the following officers to serve for the ensuing year, those designated by an asterisk having been re-elected: *Dr. P. T. Thibodaux, sitting past dictator; *John H. Schaff, dictator; James Fortier, vice dictator; F. L. Trepagnier, assistant dictator; *Fred. Landry, reporter; *J. E. Blum, financial reporter; *Jacob Blum, treasurer; Meyer Netter, guide; Joseph Blanchard, chaplain; Albert Gauthreaux, guardian; Jules Leumas, sentinel; *Drs. T. H. Hanson and P. T. Thibodaux, medical examiners. The new corps of officers will be formally installed at the next meeting of the lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 29, when Supreme Representative L. E. Bentley, of New Orleans, and Grand Dictator Solomon Klotz, of Napoleonville, are expected to be present and assist in conducting the ceremonies.

Asking Uncle Sam to Build the Lafourche Lock.

The Atchafalaya and Lafourche Basin levee boards have evolved a new plan of procedure with reference to the important matter of the construction of a lock to take the place of the dam which now cuts off communication between Bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi river at Donaldsonville, and the people of the Lafourche valley, who are deeply concerned in the redemption of the promise that the lock would be built, will watch the development and result of the new project with great interest.

At the meeting of the Atchafalaya board held at Port Allen on Monday last, the 14th instant, resolutions were unanimously adopted indorsing the declaration of the president of the body, V. M. Lefebvre, to members of the Louisiana congressional delegation that the board "would be willing to spend as large an amount as it could possibly afford for the construction of the Donaldsonville locks consistently with its levee building obligations," and specifically offering to turn over $250,000 to the general government for this purpose, providing the Lafourche board would contribute a like sum and that the United States government would undertake the building of the lock.

Capt. V. Maurin, president of the Lafourche board, says that similar action was taken by that body at its session held at Gretna on the 10th instant—though for some unexplained reason no reference to the matter appeared in the published proceedings of the session—and that he and President Lefebvre have already authorized Congressman Robertson of this district to submit the proposition to the federal authorities.

The assent of congress will no doubt be a prerequisite to the acceptance of this proposition, and it is to be hoped that the Louisiana delegation can obtain the concurrence of the house and senate in a resolution authorizing the secretary of war or other proper officer to direct the construction and expend the funds provided therefor. Even if half a million dollars is not sufficient to defray the entire cost, the work is one of such public character and importance that the general government can justly and properly undertake its execution and bear a share of the expense. Everybody would rather see the lock built by Uncle Sam than anybody else, and there will be general satisfaction with an adjustment of the question on the basis suggested by the levee boards.

Another Disastrous Earthquake.

The beautiful city of Kingston, Jamaica, lying on the shores of one of the finest and safest land-locked harbors in the world, has been visited by a terrible calamity, similar to those which devastated San Francisco and Valparaiso during the past year. Several severe earthquake shocks were felt at Kingston Monday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock, which caused great destruction of life and property. The seismic disturbances were followed by outbreaks of fire, as is usual in such cases, but the flames seem to have been gotten under control much more readily than they were in either the Californian or the Chilian city. Reports are so indefinite and conflicting that it is impossible as yet to correctly estimate the extent of the disaster, but latest advices indicate that the loss of life may reach 1000 souls, with many hundreds of persons injured, and that the value of the property damage will approximate $25,000,000.

As a fearful sequel to the original catastrophe, the entire coast line of the city and vicinity is said to be sinking into the sea. Two lighthouses at the mouth of the harbor have disappeared and it is apprehended that the whole city may be engulfed before the terrifying downward movement of the land is arrested.

The civil and military authorities of the stricken city are doing all in their power to succor the sufferers, preserve order and mitigate the effects of the calamity as far as possible, and extensive relief movements are already under way in England and the United States.

Further details and developments of the visitation will be awaited with intense interest and anxiety.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried; in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by all druggists.

The River Situation.

While the river is admittedly very full for this time of year, and while the weather bureau at Washington has deemed it wise to issue flood warnings announcing the steady rise of the Ohio and the likelihood of further rises following heavy rains that are expected to occur in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, no special anxiety over the situation is expressed by the Louisiana state board of engineers, so far as the lower river is concerned. Any different feeling will depend entirely upon the character of the weather and the volume of water that may be precipitated in the territory affected during the next several weeks. Except for the incomplete condition of certain scattered pieces of work the present stage of the river would give but little concern to the levee authorities. These unfinished pieces, which for the most part are small and not important, are scattered along the Red, Atchafalaya and Mississippi rivers, from the state line to the Gulf of Mexico. No alarm is therefore to be felt at this time, according to the opinion of recognized authorities, as flood conditions in the lower river can only be brought about by continuous rainfalls above, the occurrence of which later on is now merely conjectural.

The Goyer-Alliance Refining Company's mammoth glucose refinery at Belle Alliance, Assumption parish, was sold at public auction at the local courthouse at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Sheriff S. H. St. Martin officiating as auctioneer. James F. Hunter, of Memphis, Tenn., representing a number of the bondholders, acquired the extensive plant for $100,000.

PLANTATION POINTERS.

Weather Conditions Favorable for Field Work—Double-Barrelled Combination at Belle Helene—Status of Managerial Forces on Miles Group at Burnside—A Slip-Up Righted.

The Ascension correspondent of the Louisiana Planter furnishes that journal with the following interesting batch of weather, crop and plantation items:

"After several weeks of clear, summery weather, a light rain commenced to fall early Wednesday morning and continued in the form of a drizzle throughout the greater part of the day. All of the planters in this section have made rapid progress in planting operations and would welcome a good rain, provided it is not followed by too severe or too sudden a cold spell. Under the influence of the unprecedentledly balmy temperatures which have prevailed for some time past, cane and other vegetation has made a wonderful degree of growth, and is therefore in a position to suffer serious damage in the event of a hard freeze. In other words, the beautiful weather of the recent past will be a blessing if it lasts, but there will be the de'il to pay if Old Boreas should get into the game and handle the cards for the remainder of the season.

"A gentleman in touch with conditions on the Miles Company's group of plantations at Burnside writes: 'Not since 1890 has the prospect for a full cane crop seemed better. There is a large acreage on all the places.'

"J. C. Mire and J. C. Klos, who have heretofore worked the Belle Helene Company's Ashland plantation on the tenant system separately, have effected a merger and will work the place jointly for their own account this year, of course under contract to furnish their cane to the Belle Helene factory. Col. C. D. Gondran and Manager John T. Many have effected a like combination and will work Bowden plantation for their joint account on the same plan that Messrs. Mire and Klos have formulated at Ashland. The factory will be operated by the Belle Helene Company as heretofore, and mutually satisfactory results are confidently anticipated by all concerned in this triumvirate of interests.

"The following list comprises the status of the managerial forces of the Miles Company's group of places at Burnside for the current year:

"Orange Grove—John A. Miller becomes manager, vice John L. Ikerd, resigned; E. S. Morgan, assistant. Mr. Miller is an 'eleve' of Manager 'Jim' Tucker, having been continuously employed under that peerless field marshal on Armant plantation, in St. James parish, for a number of years.

"Conway—Wm. T. Young succeeds D. L. Baurman as assistant to Manager Elmer Hunt.

"Clark—Manager Jno. F. Saxon has a new assistant in the person of M. E. O'Connell, who replaces A. J. Hays, resigned.

"Riverton and Donaldson—No change. J. W. Stephenson remains manager, with T. Battle Cobb as assistant.

"Monroe—No change. Veteran Sam J. Boote retains the post of manager, assisted by Numa Dalferes.

"John L. Ikerd, retiring manager of Orange Grove, is now a cane and cotton planter on his own account, having leased the Burnett tract from Clerk of Court James S. Barman, its present owner."

In reporting the change in Evan Hall's field managerial staff in last week's issue, The Chief inadvertently placed the cart before the horse in so far as the relative positions to be occupied by Superintendent Richard McCall's lieutenants is concerned. Emile LeBlanc, who has been ex-Manager J. A. Melancon's assistant for several years past, is promoted to the station made vacant by Mr. Melancon's resignation, and J. C. Fernandez, who has gone from Point Houmas to Evan Hall, will fill Mr. LeBlanc's former place as assistant. Both are competent and experienced field workers, and can be relied on to place Evan Hall in the front rank of well-cultivated plantations in this section of the state.

Arbor Day in the Public Schools.

Friday of last week, the 11th inst., Arbor Day was appropriately observed in the public schools throughout the parish, and the interesting exercises were prolific of much enjoyment to all concerned.

The following attractive program was carried out by the teachers and pupils in the upper grades of the local high school, under the direction of Principal J. L. Rusca:

Reading, "The School Teacher's Creed," Prof. Rusca.

Song, "Scatter the Sunshine," Pupils.

Reading, "The Magnolia," Miss Stella McNeese.

Reading, "Why we Observe Arbor Day," Miss Leda Landry.

Reading, "The Schoolhouse Yard," Miss Myrtle Goyne.

Song, "Arbor Day," Pupils.

Reading, "Some Famous Trees," Miss Louise Subra.

Song, "The Grand Old Trees," Pupils.

Song, "Louisiana," Pupils.

The creed read on this occasion in every public school throughout the state is a literary composition of surpassing beauty and impressiveness, and merits reproduction in full. It is as follows:

"I believe in boys and girls, the men and women of a great tomorrow; whatsoever the boy soweth the man shall reap.

"I believe in the curse of ignorance, in the efficacy of schools, in the dignity of teaching and in the joy of serving others.

"I believe in wisdom as revealed in human lives as well as in the pages of a printed book; in lessons taught, not so much by precept as by example; in ability to work with the hands as well as to think with the head; in everything that makes life large and lovely.

"I believe in beauty in the schoolroom, in the home, in the daily life and in out of doors.

"I believe in laughter, in love, in faith, in all distant hopes that lure us on.

"I believe that every hour of every day we receive a just reward for all we are and for all we do.

"I believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises, and in the divine joy of living."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substances is sometimes more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for coughs, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by all druggists.

No election was held in Ascension parish Wednesday for the purpose of selecting a judge of the court of appeals for this, the second district of the first circuit, owing to the inability of the board of supervisors to meet and appoint commissioners and clerks. Judge L. P. Caillouet of Lafourche, the Democratic nominee for the office, was without opposition, and if an election had been held it is probable that a very light vote would have been cast. The parish is several hundred dollars to the good on the transaction.

Ferry Tariff

Adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ascension and Town Council of Donaldsonville Pending Final Disposition of the Franchise.

Foot passengers, each way	$ 10
Children under five years of age	Free
Children from five to twelve years	5
Persons accompanying funerals, each way	5
Personal monthly ticket, good for one round trip daily	1 00
Business or family ticket, good for twenty crossings, limited to three months	1 00
Horse and rider	30
Horse and rider, round trip same day	50
Horses, mules and cattle, per head	25
Hogs, sheep and calves, per head	10
Road cart or jumper, without horse	20
Buggy, without horse	25
Carriage, without horse	30
One horse, jumper and driver	35
One horse, jumper and driver, round trip same day	50
One horse, buggy and two persons	40
One horse, buggy and two persons, round trip same day	60
One dray and load, limited to ——lbs	40
One dray and load, round trip same day	60
Two horses, buggy and two persons	50
Two horses, buggy and two persons, round trip same day	75
One horse, carriage and four persons	50
One horse, carriage and four persons, round trip same day	75
Two horses, carriage and four persons	60
Two horses, carriage and four persons, round trip same day	1 00
Two horses, wagonette and six persons	1 00
Two horses, wagonette and six persons, round trip same day	1 50
Automobile (small) and two persons	50
Automobile (large) and four persons	75
One horse, oil cart and driver	50
One horse, oil cart and driver, round trip same day	75
Two horses, oil cart or wagon	75
Two horses, oil cart or wagon, round trip same day	1 25
Hearse and horses	1 00
Hearse and horses, round trip same day	1 50
One one-horse cart, without horse	25
One two-mule cart, without mules	40
One three-mule cart, without mules	50
One one-horse wagon, without horse	25
One two-horse wagon, without horses	50
One four-horse plantation wagon, without horses	75
One one-horse wagon, with or without load	50
One one-horse wagon, with or without load, round trip same day	75
One one-horse wagon, with vegetables, round trip same day	50
One two-horse wagon, with vegetables, round trip same day	75
One two-horse wagon, with two persons, loaded or empty, limited to one ton	60
One two-horse wagon, with two persons, loaded or empty, limited to one ton, round trip same day	1 00
One-mule cart and driver, loaded or empty	40
One-mule cart and driver, loaded or empty, round trip same day	60
One-mule cart and driver, with vegetables, round trip same day	40
Two-mule plantation tongue cart, loaded or empty, with driver	75
Two-mule plantation tongue cart, loaded or empty, with driver, round trip same day	1 00
Three-mule plantation cart, with driver, loaded or empty	1 00
Three-mule plantation cart, with driver, loaded or empty, round trip same day	1 50
One-mule bread or butcher cart and driver	30
One-mule road or butcher cart and driver, round trip same day	50
One-mule peddling cart and driver, loaded or empty	50
One-mule peddling cart and driver, loaded or empty, round trip same day	75
One-mule peddling or drummer's wagon or cart, with two persons, loaded or empty	75
One-mule peddling or drummer's wagon or cart, with two persons, loaded or empty, round trip same day	1 25
Two-horse peddling or drummer's wagon, with two persons, loaded or empty	80
Two-horse peddling or drummer's wagon, with two persons, loaded or empty, round trip same day	1 25
Four-horse plantation cane wagon, with two persons, loaded or empty	1 25
Four-horse plantation cane wagon, loaded or empty, round trip same day	2 00
Levee wheelers, each	20
Levee wheelers with two mules and driver	50
Road machines, without mules	75
Road machines with three mules and driver	1 25
Van or timber wheels or truck, four mules, loaded, not over one ton	1 50
Van or timber wheels or truck, four mules, loaded, one ton, round trip, same day	2 50
Wood, stove or long, per load, round trip	50
Coal, per box, by hand	10
Coal, per box, by cart, round trip	5
No load of coal less than	50
Small packages of any kind, weighing less than 100 lbs	10
Small packages of any kind	5
100 lbs. of ice, loose or packed	5
200 lbs. of ice, loose or packed	10
Quarter keg of beer	2½
Pop, per box	2½
Laundry, per package	5
One trunk, empty	10
One trunk, packed	15
Charcoal, per sack	5
Charcoal in lots of two or more sacks	2½
Empty barrels, two or more	5
Dry barrels, grits, meal, flour, lime, etc.	10
Dry half-barrels	5
Sugar, per barrel	15
Wet barrels, syrup or oil	15
Wet barrels, liquor	15
Wet half-barrels, liquor	10
One beadstead, complete	25
One bureau or washstand	25
One plain washstand	10
One armoir	30
Safe, kitchen	25
Safe, money, per 100 lbs	5
One sideboard	25
Rice, oats and bran, per sack, when single	10
Corn, per small sack	5
Chairs, single or in bundles	5
Ice box or refrigerator	25
Beer refrigerator	50
Stove and fixtures	20
Bricks, per M, when handled by hand	2 50
Bricks, per M, when handled by cart, and return of empty team	2 00
No load of bricks less than	50
Lumber, per M feet, when handled by hand	3 00
Lumber, per M feet, when handled by team, round trip	1 50
No load of lumber less than	75
Small plows	10
Large plows	15
Small cultivators	15
Large cultivators	25
Small articles carried by passengers	Free
Sack of bread or marketing put on boat daily, per month	1 00
For dry goods, shoes, hay, grain, merchandise, provisions, etc., not listed herein, per 100 lbs. or fraction thereof, when in single packages	5
Cane loader	1 50

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana—Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

New Orleans Real Estate Mortgage and Securities Co. versus William R. Taylor } No. 81,286

BY VIRTUE of and in obedience to an order of seizure and sale to me directed by the above named court, in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized and taken into my possession, and will sell at public auction, according to law, to the last and highest bidder, at the principal front door of the courthouse of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1907,

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to wit:

Two plantations situated in the state of Louisiana on the left descending side of the Mississippi river, commonly known as the Southwood plantation and the Riverside plantation, the former as now conveyed, situate, lying and being in the parishes of Iberville and Ascension, and the other as Riverside plantation, adjacent to and immediately below the former, situated in the parish of Ascension, each of which plantations is more particularly described as follows:

The Southwood plantation, consisting of the following tracts of land, forming a solid tract containing 2984 66-100 acres.

(1) A certain tract of land on the left bank of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Iberville, bounded on the lower side by the line separating the said parish from the parish of Ascension, having a front on said river of three and one-half arpents by a depth of eighty arpents, containing two hundred and eighty superficial arpents, equal to two hundred and thirty-eight acres, more or less, the first forty arpents in depth of said tract, being the lower part of sec. 74, township 9, south range 1, east, and section 29, tp 9, s r 2 e, or the claim of Louis Parent, and the second forty arpents in depth being the lower part of section 52, tp 9, s r 2 e, or the back pre-emption of Jules Druillhet, certificate No. 437 of date January 11th, 1836.

(2) Another tract of land situated on the left bank of the Mississippi river, adjoining immediately below the above described tract and bounded above by said tract and by the line separating the parishes of Iberville and Ascension, having a front on the Mississippi river of eleven and a half arpents by a depth of eighty arpents with side lines opening between two and three degrees and extending back to the Madam Judice tract composed of section 75, tp 9, s r 1 e, containing forty-four and 89-100 acres; section 40, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing 362 and 46-100 acres, and section 55, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing 421 and 8-100 acres, the whole containing 831 and 43-100 acres, more or less, and known as the Maria Taylor tract, confirmed to her by private act of congress of March 3, 1853, as per patent of the United States of 22nd of December, 1879.

(3) Another tract of land on the left bank of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Ascension, having a front of about twenty-seven toises, more or less, on said river, with a depth of forty arpents, bounded above by the preceding tract, and designated as section 41, in tp 9, s r 2 e, containing twenty-five and 84-100 acres, more or less, acquired from the United States by location of school warrant of certificate No. 268, and patent of the state of Louisiana No. 7955.

(4) Another tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left bank of the Mississippi river, having a front on said river of nine arpents and 27 toises, more or less, by a depth of forty arpents, bounded above by the land lastly described, designated as consisting of sec. 4, tp 10, s r 2 e, containing 9 and 4-100 acres, and sec. 43, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing three hundred acres, and both together containing three hundred and nine and 4-100 acres, being the claim of Thomas and David Urquhart, certificate 348, as per patent of the United States of date 27, August, 1880.

(5) Another tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left bank of the Mississippi river, bounded above by the tract lastly described, having two arpents and ten toises, more or less, front on said stream, extending in depth forty arpents, designated as sec. 5, tp 10, s r 2 e, containing five and 79-100 acres, and sec. 43, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing 72 and 19-100 acres, both containing together seventy-seven and 98-100 acres, acquired from the United States by location of school warrant or certificate No. 268, as per patent of the state of Louisiana, No. 7955, and dated

(6) Another tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left side of the Mississippi river, beginning forty arpents from said river, and extending in depth about forty arpents to the Madam Judice tract adjacent to and in the rear of the tracts fourthly and fifthly described, designated as lot 2, of section 19, containing seventy and 29-100 acres, and lot 3 of section 19, containing two hundred and twenty-three and 37-100 acres, both together containing two hundred and ninety-three and 66-100 acres, more or less, as per patent of the United States, No. 170, issued 25th of September, 1844, to John B. Kling, and Parent, on their joint pre-emption certificate No. 170, of May 5th, 1831.

(7) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left bank of the Mississippi river, having a front on said river of three arpents, more or less, extending in depth forty arpents, with side lines opening about 3 degrees, designated as sec. 6, tp 10, s r 2 e, containing thirteen and 10-100 acres, and sec. 44, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and ninety-two and 72-100 acres, both together containing two hundred and five and 82-100 acres, and being the claim of Jacques Hebert, certificate 133, as per patent of the United States issued on the 2nd day of May, 1881, bounded above by the land fifthly described, said tract being the lower part on the Mississippi river of the Southwood plantation, as conveyed to A. L. Ellis, by John Crossley & Sons, on the 24th of April, 1888, and the land secondly above described being the upper limit of the Mississippi river of said plantation as so sold and conveyed.

(8) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the east side of the Mississippi river, being forty arpens from said river and extending in depth about twenty-four arpents adjacent to and immediately in the rear of the tract lastly described, bounded above by a portion of the land sixthly above described containing two hundred and 76-100 acres, and designated as sec. 32, tp 9, s r 2 e, or the back pre-emption of Donat Hebert, certificate No. 430, as per patent of the United States No. 430 issued to Donat Hebert on the 20th August, 1881.

(9) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left side of the Mississippi river, beginning about sixty-four arpents from said river, and adjacent to and in the rear of the tract lastly described, and extending in depth about seventeen arpents on the Madam Judice tract, designated as lot 1 of sec. 19, tp 9, s r 2 e, and containing one hundred and twenty-two and 85-100 acres, as per patent of the United States No. 422, issued on the 30th June, 1880, to Valery Dupuy and Mary H. Hebert, and which tract of land is bounded above by part of the land sixthly described.

(10) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the east side of the Mississippi river, and about eighty arpents from said river, known as the Madam Judice tract, being sec. 20 in tp 9, s r 2 e, containing six hundred and seventy-nine and 48-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, issued on the 8th day of June, 1880, to Madam Judice, which tract of land is bounded below by part of the Etienne Como tract or section 29, and in front in part, by the tracts secondly and sixthly and ninthly described. The whole of the foregoing tracts secondly, thirdly, fourthly, fifthly, sixthly, seventhly, eighthly, ninthly, and tenthly described containing five thousand, seven hundred and forty-six and 86-100 acres, more or less, constituting the Southwood plantation, as acquired aforesaid by L. A. Ellis to which was afterwards added the tract firstly described, known as the Island of Porche tract, increasing the quantity of land in said Southwood plantation as sold and conveyed to two thousand and nine hundred and eighty-four 86-100 acres, more or less.

The Riverside or Mound plantation, consisting of the following tracts of land all in the parish of Ascension and in townships 9 and 10 south, range 2 east, namely:

(1) A certain tract of land on the left bank of the Mississippi river having four arpents in front of said river, more or less, by a depth of forty arpents, being the upper part of Firmin Dupuy claim, bounded on the upper side by the first forty arpents in depth of the Southwood plantation as heretofore described and conveyed, designated as section 7, township 10, south range 2 east, containing twenty and 93-100 acres, and section 45, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and seventeen acres, and both containing one hundred and thirty-seven and 93-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, issued 14th day of May, 1878, to Firmin Dupuy.

(2) A certain tract of land situated on the left bank of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Ascension, having five arpents, more or less, front on said river, by a depth of forty arpents, being the lower part of the Firmin Dupuy claim, bounded above by the tracts immediately preceding and below by the Waterloo plantation of Louis Geismar, designated as section 8, in tp 10, s r 2 e, containing thirty-three and 2-100 acres, and section 46, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and sixty-six and 73-100 acres, and both containing one hundred and ninety-nine and 75-100 acres, as per patent of the United States issued on the 14th day of May, 1878, to Firmin Dupuy, the said two immediately preceding tracts of land having together nine arpents front on the Mississippi river, constituting the portion of the Riverside plantation fronting on said river.

(3) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river, beginning forty arpents from said river adjacent to and in the rear of the upper part of the tract firstly described and extending in depth forty arpents, more or less, back to the Madam Judice tract, bounded on the upper side by the tracts eighthly and ninthly described as parts of the Southwood plantation heretofore conveyed, and being the west or upper part of section 31, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing forty-eight and 87-100 acres as per patent of the United States dated the 10th of February, 1881, and issued to Joseph Hebert in virtue of his back pre-emption certificate No. 432.

(4) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, beginning forty arpents from said river and extending in depth forty arpents, more or less, back to the Madam Judice tract, bounded above by the lands lastly described and below in part by section 51, being the lower or eastern part of section 31, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty-four and 59-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 10th of February, 1881, issued to John Kling in virtue of his back pre-emption certificate No. 433.

(5) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, beginning about forty arpents from said river, adjacent to and in the rear of the tract secondly above described, extending in depth about six arpents to section 51 and the Etienne Como tract, or section 29, described as lot 1 of section 61, bounded above by the lands lastly described and containing twenty-six and 34-100 acres, more or less, as per patent of the United States dated 14th day of August, 1893, issued to John Minor in virtue of his back pre-emption certificate No. 436.

(6) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, beginning about forty-six arpents from said river, extending back about one hundred arpents, of an irregular shape and consisting of the residue of the Etienne Como tract after taking off from the eastern end of said tract one hundred and forty-seven acres, more or less, as conveyed to William J. Minor by two acts of exchange, one passed on the 5th of December, 1849, by Schubal Tillotson, and the other on the 9th of June, 1849, by Schubal and Romanta Tillotson, both of record in the parish of Ascension, leaving the amount of five hundred and thirty-five acres, more or less, now conveyed as the residue of said Como tract, the whole tract being section 29, in tp 9, s r 2 e, containing six hundred and eighty-one and 55-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 14th of May, 1878, issued to Etienne Como. The southern portion of this tract is bounded on the south by the Waterloo plantation and on the east by a portion of said Waterloo plantation, being the one hundred and forty-seven acres, more or less, cut off, as aforesaid from the Como place, under act of exchange between S. Tillotson and William J. Miner, as aforesaid, and now forming a part of said Waterloo place.

(7) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension about one hundred and thirty arpents from said river, separate from the rest of the Riverside plantation and being described as the southeast one-fourth of section 9, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and sixty-one and 90-100 acres acquired from the United States under certificate No. 349, dated December 1st, 1835, as per patent of the United States, dated June 12th, 1885, issued to Marguerite Paran, and Trismond Decoteau, and being the same property acquired by S. Tillotson at sheriff's sale of the property of Charles Bishop on May 23rd, 1842.

(8) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about ninety arpents from said river, bounded on the west by the northern end of the Etienne Como tract, and being the west half of lot 1, or the northeast quarter of section 21, tp 9, s r 2 e, supposed to contain seventy-five and 60-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated June 12th, 1885, to John Sides, for the whole of said lot 1, or being the fractional northeast quarter of said section 21, containing one hundred and forty-five and 60-100 acres, the tract now conveyed being the west half of said lot 1.

(9) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about seventy-five arpents from said river, bounded on the west by the northern part of the Etienne Como tract and on the north by the lands lastly described, and being lot 2 of section 21, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing ninety-six and 40-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated the 8th of November, 1838, issued to Romanta Tillotson.

(10) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension at the distance of about eighty arpents from said river on both sides of New river, and bounded on the west by the lands lastly described, being lot 3 or the east half of the southeast quarter, section 21, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty acres, as per patent of the United States, dated November 8th, 1838, issued to Simon Peter Eliser.

(11) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about eighty-five arpents from said river on both sides of New river, bounded on the west by the lands lastly described and being the west half of the southwest quarter of section 22, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty and 32-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 8th November, 1838, and issued to Hiram Bard.

(12) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Ascension, about eighty-five arpents from said river, north of New river, bounded on the west by the lands lastly described, and being the east half of the southwest quarter of section 22, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty and 32-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 8th November, 1838, and issued to Raphel Gautreau.

(13) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about one hundred arpents from the said river lying north of New river, separated from the main body of the Riverside plantation and being the east half of southeast quarter, section 22, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty and 32-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 8th November, 1838, and issued to Romanta Tillotson, on certificate 17.

(14) A certain tract of land on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about one hundred arpents from said river lying north of New river, bounded on the west by the lands lastly described lying on both sides of the road leading from New river lane to Galvez town, being the southwest quarter of section 23, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and sixty-three and 68-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 23rd of November, 1892, issued to Hugh Brackson on certificate No. 5.

(15) A certain tract of land on the left side of the Misaissippi river in the parish of Ascension at about seventy arpents from said river, bounded on the north by the land tenthly described, and on the south by the Etienne Como tract, and being lot 4 of fractional section 29, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty-two and 75-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated November 8th, 1838, and issued to Simon Peter Eliser.

And in addition to the foregoing, such title and possession and such title and possession only subject to all its defects and infirmities, as the said Wm. R. Taylor acquired by virtue of the act of sale to him from Mrs. Irwin G. Randle, passed before Bernard Titche, notary of the city of New Orleans, on November 20th, 1903, to the following three tracts of land which originally formed a part of the said Riverside plantation and were held by said Taylor's authors under the United States receipts and certificates which were subsequently cancelled by the commissioner of the general land office, to-wit:

(1) A tract of land of irregular shape, situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, beginning about forty-five arpents from said river immediately back and in the rear of the land fifthly described and extending back about thirty-five arpents to the Madam Judice tracts, bounded on the west by the tract fourthly described and on the east by the tract fifthly described, designated as section 51, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and thirty and 50-100 acres, acquired from the United States by Schubal Tillotson on the 25th January, 1834, under receipt 96 and certificate No. 132, and cancelled by the commissioner of the general land office September 18th, 1844.

(2) Another tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Ascension, at about seventy arpents from said river, bounded on the west and south by the Etienne Como tract or the land sixthly described, being lot 2 of fractional section 28, tp 9 s, r 2 e, containing one hundred and twelve and 75-100 acres, as purchased from the United States by Romanta Tillotson January 25th, 1831, under receipt 97 and certificate 133 and cancelled by the commissioner of the general land office September 18th, 1844.

(3) Another tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension at about eighty arpents from said river, situated on both sides of New river, bounded on the north by the lands twelfthly described, being lot 3 or the east half of northwest quarter of section 27, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty acres, as purchased from the United States by Joseph Hebert, April 21st, 1831, under receipt 125 and certificate 161, and cancelled by the commissioner of the general land office September 18th, 1834, the said three tracts amounting altogether to three hundred and twenty-three and 25-100 acres.

From the whole property hereinabove described, however, there is excepted and excluded the following tracts, to-wit:

First—A tract, 24 acres, sold by Charles H. Alexander and I. G. Randle, former owners thereof, to Rev. Alexander Jolitte, in the year 1897, and described as follows,