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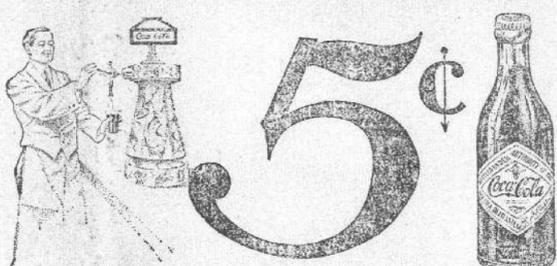
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OIL AND GAS.

Reported Occurrence of Petroleum and Natural Gas East and Northeast of Known Productive Fields in Louisiana Investigated by United States Geological Survey.

Members of the United States Geological Survey have recently visited several localities in Louisiana to investigate the reported occurrence of petroleum and natural gas east and northeast of the known productive fields. Their findings, with reference to the indications in various regions in this section of the state, are summarized as follows:

BAYOU SARA.
A post hole dug on the bank of the Mississippi near Bayou Sara emitted a strong odor of oil, and when this hole was deepened below the level of the present Mississippi river silt the odor became much stronger and gas, which could be burned, bubbled up continuously. Chemical analysis of material collected here showed it to be crude oil, and the depth from which it comes, together with the occurrence of natural gas, show that it is a definite seepage of oil similar to that noticed a few miles to the southeast, at Deerford, where, however, a well sunk more than 2500 feet gave no further indications of oil or gas.

WHITECASTLE, IBERVILLE PARISH.
About 3 miles southwest of the town of Whitecastle a well drilled for water several years ago to a depth of 187 feet showed considerable natural gas. In fact, the gas blew the tubing out of the ground. A well driven to a depth of 50 feet alongside of the first one gave a flow of natural gas sufficient for lighting three or four houses, and a pipe line is now being laid for that purpose. On test the oil shows no trace of sulphur and has no odor of petroleum. An analysis of the gas shows an excess of carbon dioxide, but not the usual high percentage of nitrogen characteristic of gas resulting from the decomposition of vegetable matter buried in the Mississippi silt.

Analysis of gas from water well near Whitecastle, La.

Carbonic acid	4.2
Oxygen	.6
Methane	96.7
Nitrogen	5.1

about eight years ago an old water well 30 feet deep, 3 miles southwest of Whitecastle, showed gas bubbles which also yielded films of oil. In the last eight years three test wells have been drilled in this neighborhood. The first, drilled 1294 feet, made a good showing of natural gas; the second, drilled 542 feet, showed gas and traces of oil at 290 feet; the third

struck a log at a shallow depth and was abandoned.

During 1909 another well was drilled to a depth of more than 2300 feet. Traces of oil were encountered at 700 feet, but no considerable amount of gas below 300 feet. At 2300 feet salt water was struck and the well was abandoned. During the same year a well was sunk 1300 feet at the sugar house in Whitecastle, but gave no significant indications of either oil or gas. A careful examination of the logs of all wells drilled for gas, oil, or water in this region in recent years will be necessary to determine the probability of obtaining a supply of gas sufficient for practical uses.

GROSSE TETE, IBERVILLE PARISH.
Nearly all the water wells drilled near Grosse Tete to a depth of more than 80 feet show natural gas, which in several wells has had sufficient pressure to blow the tubings out of the ground. During the examination made by the Survey one of these wells, drilled a year ago, was cleaned of its accumulated mud by flushing and immediately produced gas of sufficient pressure to throw water about 20 feet from the top of the well casing. The analysis of this gas, after deducting air, is as follows:

Carbonic acid	1.4
Methane	58.8
Nitrogen	39.8

The lack of odor of oil and the large percentage of nitrogen indicate that this is surface gas, but further examination here is desirable.

FURTHER EXAMINATION NEEDED.
The indications of natural gas in the regions visited have been sufficient to arouse much interest and to induce the expenditure of considerable money, but further operations should be delayed until the state makes a thorough examination of the geologic structure of the region.

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Crop and Weather Notes.

The weather of the present week has been somewhat of an improvement over that of the preceding seven-day period, although the degree of betterment was so small as almost to escape notice. A particularly heavy rain fell last Sunday afternoon and was accompanied by a high wind and a brilliant electrical storm, but on Monday and Tuesday the usual daily precipitations were modified to the proportions of ordinary summer showers, both as to duration and intensity. On Wednesday only a few drops (comparatively speaking) came down, and on Thursday the sun shone uninterruptedly and there was nothing doing in the irrigating line.

There seems to be good ground for the hope that the wet spell is gradually "petting out," and although the rains may continue for some days longer it is not likely that they will be even remotely as voluminous or frequent as those with which we have been afflicted for the past several weeks.

Needless to say, the planters are taking advantage of every clear, or near-clear day to push with all possible vigor the work of laying by the cane crop, and the field forces have been "double-timing" this operation during the brief intervals afforded them on the rare occasion of a let-up in the rains. The tedious task is now nearly completed on practically all of the plantations in this neighborhood, and despite the flooding to which it has been subjected the crop is in fine condition and presents a healthy and promising appearance.

Rice is reported to be doing nicely and it is expected that the yield will compare favorably with that of former good seasons. Harvesting will begin in this parish about the 10th of August, weather permitting, and practically all of the Ascension crop, as well as that of neighboring parishes, will be milled at the Donaldsonville rice mill, where the season's run will be commenced Aug. 15 or thereabout.

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WHICH?

Shall New Orleans Have the Panama Exposition, or Will San Francisco Land the Prize—How the Voters of Louisiana Can Answer the Question.

While the publicity department of the Panama Exposition Company is engaged in presenting to the world outside of Louisiana reasons why New Orleans is the "Logical Point" at which to hold the exposition, it remains for the people of Louisiana, in the last analysis, to pass upon the question even before congress shall take it up, and to say whether they prefer the exposition to be held in New Orleans or San Francisco. The people of Louisiana may, if they desire to do so, put their veto on the exposition enterprise by voting against the tax at the election in November. Of course, if they should defeat the tax amendment the matter would end there, and congress would award the exposition to San Francisco. No sane person would presume to argue that the people of the state should burden themselves with taxation unless they should receive benefits from such action; hence, when the voters of Louisiana shall come to make up their judgment concerning the exposition amendment, it is important that they should consider the matter seriously from the standpoint of their own interests, as citizens of the state and friends of progress.

It is but natural that the voter before committing himself to the support of any tax should ascertain what the effect of such action will be upon his personal interest. For comparatively few of us are so altruistic as to burden ourselves to help others. Therefore, the question: in what way will the people of the parishes be benefitted by the proposed tax? is a pertinent one, and the interrogator is entitled to an answer. The reader is familiar, doubtless, with the stock answer that the exposition will benefit the state; hence, whatever benefits the state will benefit the individual, directly or indirectly. That is true as a general proposition, but the proposition is too general to satisfy the man whose scant earnings are already barely sufficient to meet his most exacting daily needs.

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In the limits of a brief article it is possible only to touch the surface of this important question, to fully discuss which would require more space than that usually given to the ordinary newspaper article. It is important, however, that one point should not be overlooked in all our discussion of this question and this point is, the exposition will be held; if not at New Orleans, then at San Francisco. Where would you have it go? Your vote upon the tax amendment may determine that question.

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