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## PLANTATION PARAGRAPHS.

### Belle Alliance Expected to Grind Fifty Per Cent More Cane This Season Than in 1910—Crop Outlook for Old Hickory Group of Plantations Unusually Promising. (Modern Sugar Planter.)

H. G. Morgan, Jr., the prominent local grain dealer, and interested in the sugar firm of Belle Alliance Co., Ltd., informs us that with an extra large crop of cane to grind at the 1000-ton Belle Alliance central this season, it had been the intention to begin the campaign at that factory Tuesday, Oct. 10. The results of handmill tests on cane, however, for a few days prior to the 10th, showed too unsatisfactory a condition of maturity, or immaturity, to justify so early an opening of the campaign, and in accordance the grinding date was reset for Tuesday, the 17th.

The Belle Alliance factory is widely known as one of the most efficient in the state for its capacity, and its advantageous location on the Texas and Pacific branch, in Assumption parish, close to Donaldsonville, allows of free supplies of cane being bought, mainly got from Rapides, though considerable is secured also from Pointe Coupee parish. Even with one of the best crops ever raised on the very extensive Belle Alliance estate, more than half the 80,000 tons of cane in prospect for the mill is due to be secured from outside sources, the largest single supplier of bought cane being Ovide Lacour, who may produce in excess of 10,000 tons this year on his fields in Pointe Coupee. Should the cane tonnage all around come to the figure expected, a new record for the mill will have been established by quite a substantial figure, and the prospective crop, as compared with the 1910 tonnage, will mean the grinding of 50 per cent more cane than disposed of last season.

It is further interesting to observe that had the capacity of the Belle Alliance central been equal to the needs of more cane, even heavier supplies could have been contracted for this season, since under the administrative head of Jas. P. Kook, the Belle Alliance Company has for many years enjoyed the fullest confidence of the cane growers of the upper parishes. This firm was one of the first sugar producers in the southern part of the state to get cane from the northern tier of parishes, and as such has the distinction of being one of the primal movers toward the great expansion in cane followed in that district of late years.

J. T. Guyton, the managing partner in the Old Hickory Planting & Mfg. Co.'s extensive sugar estates in Iberville parish, was a city visitor recently and in speaking of the crop outlook in his neighborhood expressed himself as quite well satisfied with the prospect for the tonnage, which will keep the 500-ton Old Hickory central busily engaged for a full-length campaign. Extremely heavy rains during the latter half of September, states Mr. Guyton, delayed field operations considerably, and to the first of this week little or no fall planting had been possible in his locality, though with fair weather ruling for the past fortnight planting was due to be under way on the Old Hickory group by this date, and good headway should be made before grinding if the present favorable weather continues, for sugar making will not start until close toward the month's end.

In speaking of things agricultural in his community, Mr. Guyton told of a well organized move for the establishment of a drainage district in upper Ascension and lower Iberville, that will include his firm's plantations, which are located several miles below Whitecastle. The plan for the organization of the drainage district, which seems virtually assured, is for the digging of a canal to the rear of the fields extending from the upper line of Richard McCall's MacManor plantation to the lower line of the Wares' Belle Grove plantation, and embracing the sugar interests of Geo. B. Reuss and the Belle Alliance Planting Company. When carried to its culmination, this plan will improve the drainage of some ten thousand acres of land now in cultivation, the greater part of which is given over to the raising of sugar cane, though much of the territory that stands to be improved has for years been in rice as the main crop, and with the portion of drainage to follow the canal dredging conducted by drainage district procedure, these rice fields are doubtless due to be converted into productive cane producing plantations. With continuous rice cropping as long followed along the river front in this district, the soil on the rice fields has been kept in the best of shape, but being naturally very fertile is capable of producing good, paying cane crops, and could be quickly restored to proper sugar land fertility with adequate drainage such as can be given through the proposed drainage district work. An argument for this locality changing over from rice to cane is furnished in the returns of the last census, which is understood to have shown that in the stretch of country below Whitecastle given over to rice as the main crop the population has decreased 50 per cent in the past ten years, on account of the soil's diminished pro-

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Opportunities for Obtaining Employment Under the Federal Government.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations to take place on the dates given below, and circulars containing further information may be seen at the office of this paper:

Oct. 18—Cadet engineer, Lighthouse Service; \$650 to \$780 per annum, with quarters and subsistence; age limit, 18 to 25 years; applicants should have a good general school education and theoretical and practical knowledge of marine engineering sufficient to fit them for duty in the engine-room of lighthouse vessels.

Oct. 18-19—Printer, Government Printing Office; age limit, 20 years or over; applicants must have had at least five years' experience as compositor, at least three years of which must have been served as an apprentice, and at least one year as a journeyman.

Nov. 4—Foreman of steel-work construction, United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.; \$1200 to \$2000 per annum; age limit, 20 years or over; applicants must have had at least ten years' experience.

Nov. 8-9—Law examiner, Solicitor's Office, Department of Agriculture; \$1600 per annum; age limit, 21 to 50 years; applicants must show that they have been admitted to practice before the highest court of a state or territory.

Assistant in bacteriology (male), department of agriculture; \$1200 per annum.

Nov. 11—Fireman, Departmental Service, Washington, D. C.; \$600 to \$720 per annum; age limit, 20 years or over; no educational test will be given, and it will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination applicants being rated on physical ability, training and experience.

### Condition of Cotton Crop.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat, in its issue of Oct. 18, published the report of its correspondents throughout the cotton belt as to the condition of the cotton crop at the close of September, the consensus of opinion being to the following effect:

1. There has been practically no change in the average condition since the last report.

2. The crop has opened with great rapidity and picking has been rushed, so far as the available labor would allow. Distinct scarcity of labor is reported in many sections.

3. In consequence of the great decline, farmers are now disposed to hold as much as possible, but tenants generally take what they can get.

The Times-Democrat's final report on the 1911 crop will be published in the issue of Monday, Nov. 27, when the usual quantitative estimate of the yield will be given.

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## RIGHT AND WRONG IN STRIKES

### Admirable Statement of the Equities and Legal Responsibilities Involved in Conflicts Between Employer and Employers.

The views of The Chief upon a question that is of particular interest and importance at this time, when a strike of the shop employees on the I. C. and Southern Pacific railways is in progress, are so clearly and forcibly expressed in the following editorial from the Manufacturers Record of October 5, that we are glad to quote the article in full. It is difficult to see how any right-minded and law abiding man can dissent from these views, whether he be laborer or capitalist, employer or employee, striker or strikbreaker.

"The Manufacturers Record has repeatedly taken the ground that, under the advancing prices and the higher cost of living of late years, employers of labor must recognize the necessity for advancing wages to the limit of their ability. The right of labor to strike, the right of labor to refuse to work, the right of labor to stay idle just as long as it desires is an unquestioned right in ethics and in law, provided the exercise of that right does not assume proportions that conflict with public interests; but no right to refuse to work gives a right to be a murderer or to be a firebug. Under other conditions men guilty of these crimes are sent to the penitentiary or to the gallows. The fact that a strike is in existence does not in the slightest degree change the criminality of the men who do these things.

"Any attempt on the part of strikers on railroads or in industrial interests in the south or elsewhere to use violence to enforce their demands should be suppressed with the same vigor that any other lawbreaking, property-destroying or murderous mob would meet. Every man has an absolute right to refuse to work for wages satisfactory to him or under conditions that may be offered, but the moment any man, in order to enforce his demands on his employers, violates the law by attacking other men or destroying property he becomes a criminal. If he attacks other men with physical violence, he is at heart a murderer. If he seeks, by dynamite or by fire or in any other way, to destroy property, he is guilty of arson and should pay the penalty. When strikers are made by the power of the enforcement of law to recognize that the crimes which they commit as a mob, if committed under other conditions would send them to the penitentiary or to the gallows, they will come to a clearer recognition of the character of crime attempted when they destroy property or human life in order to win a victory over their employers.

"The liberty of men to refuse to work when the pay or the conditions under which they work are not satisfactory must not be allowed to degenerate into the license meaning civilization and government, when men band together for the purpose of enforcing their demands by violence by murder or by fire to say that other men shall not work or that property shall be destroyed because, through its destruction, they hope to enforce their demands. Any man who joins in a mob that seeks by the pistol, or by dynamite or by the pistol, or in other ways, to kill men in order to keep them from working, is a red-handed murderer.

"In the south at the present time it is important that officials should recognize the responsibility which rests upon them. They can take no part for or against strikers so long as strikers peacefully seek to win their demands; but the moment that a mob undertakes by murderous attacks upon other men to prevent them from working they should receive the only possible treatment that an honestly-administered government can give to a law breaking thug or murderer.

"It is incumbent upon the south to stand for law and order."

**Announcement.**  
I am a Louisianian by birth. I have been a Democrat all my life. I have lived in the fifth ward of Ascension for 27 years. I established in business in the village of Darrou in 1882. I have served the people of Ascension as a police juror (from my ward) since 1900—twelve years. I formally announce myself as a candidate for the position I now hold, and ask my friends and the voters generally for their support through the Democratic primary.  
LUCIEN W. ARMITAGE.

## T. P. A. RECEPTION.

### Cordial Welcome Extended President J. N. Brittingham by Local Post.

Post I, the local branch of the Travelers' Protective Association of America, Louisiana Division, entertained two distinguished guests last Saturday and Sunday in all respects of J. N. Brittingham, of New Orleans, president of the division, and Joe Samuels, the bustling president of Post B, of the Crescent City. The visitors arrived here on the 3:47 p. m. T. and P. train Saturday, and were met at the depot by a delegation from Post I and escorted to the Cobb Hotel. At 9 o'clock p. m. they were tendered an informal reception at Red Men Hall, followed by a progressive euchre party, the function being well attended, and proving a most delightful affair in all respects. After a series of interesting games the handsome prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies' first prize, a gold belt pin, tied for by Mrs. Raphael Singer and Miss Elsie Elkel, and won by Mrs. Singer; ladies' second prize, a set of gold beauty pins, Miss Jessie Ball; gentlemen's first prize, a gold tie clasp, Louis A. Landry; gentlemen's second prize, a gold T. P. A. button, Charles Maurin, Jr. Delicious refreshments were served throughout the evening.

At 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon Messrs. Brittingham and Samuels were the guests of Post I at an enjoyable reception in the rooms of the Donaldsonville Social Club. Interesting addresses relating to the work and aims of the Travelers' Protective Association were delivered by the visiting officials, and short talks were also made by Mayor Charles Maurin, president of the local post, and other members of the organization. Quite a number of the representative business men and citizens of the community were in attendance.

Messrs. Brittingham and Samuels departed for New Orleans Sunday afternoon, expressing themselves as well pleased with the result of their trip to Donaldsonville and highly gratified at the cordial reception tendered them during their stay here.

Mayor Charles Maurin is president of Post I, and Raphael Singer is secretary.

### Tax Election in School District No. 1.

The special election held last Saturday in school district No. 1, comprising a portion of the eighth ward, resulted in the adoption of the proposition to levy a 10-mill tax for five years and a 5-mill tax for ten years in aid of the schools of the district, the vote being as follows: In number, 31 for, 4 against; in property valuation, \$13,650 for, \$310 against. The polling place was located in the Dutchtown high school, and the election officials were Messrs. A. U. Babin and Armand LeBlanc, commissioners, and Alcee P. Landry, clerk. The proceeds of the special tax will be devoted to remodeling and enlarging the Dutchtown high school and maintaining the Dutchtown, Calhoun and Cornwell schools, in the proportion of the number of teachers engaged in each of the respective institutions. The 10-mill tax will extend through the years 1911 to 1915, inclusive, and the 5-mill tax will apply from 1916 to 1925, inclusive.

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"Sis Perkins," the clever comedy which is booked as the attraction at the Grand Theatre for Nov. 17, is a pretty story in a clean and wholesome way, and is replete with original sayings and amusing situations. It is not a blood and thunder production, but a good, pure comedy of rural life, entirely devoid of horse-play and dime-novel heroes. It is really worth one's while to see this old and well-liked attraction, which is said to be better and more interesting in every way this season than ever before.

Pay your roll tax and register and DO IT NOW.

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