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### SCREEN YOUR CISTERN.

This beautiful spring weather is delightful and we should all enjoy it to the utmost, but while we are doing so we should not forget that it is also ideal weather for the propagation of the mosquito *stegomyia fasciata*; for which reason there is urgent necessity that everybody should at once comply with the ordinance requiring all cisterns and receptacles that will afford a breeding place for mosquitoes to be screened. Already mosquitoes are making themselves felt as well as heard and unless prompt measures are taken there will be swarms of them in a little while.

Certain immunity from yellow fever and quarantine depends upon the success we have in getting rid of the *stegomyia*, and if everyone helps it will be no great undertaking to free Lafayette of the pest.

Yellow fever is bad and so is quarantine and all of us should cheerfully lend a hand in taking the best precautions we know how to avoid both. It matters very little whether one is a believer in the mosquito theory or not. There is sufficient authority behind it to make it unpardonable in one to refuse to at least try it, and we hardly believe anyone would hesitate to screen and follow other recommendations to destroy the mosquito—the main thing is to get to work at once before too many are bred and the work made doubly difficult.

Dr. N. P. Moss, of Lafayette, who is President of the First National Bank of that town, was here Monday accompanied by Mayor G. D. Domengeaux of Breaux Bridge, and appeared before the Police Jury to induce them to make an appropriation to build a road on scientific principle between Breaux Bridge and Lafayette. Dr. Moss came before the Police Jury as a delegate of the Business League of Lafayette, which is doing so much good for that progressive and enterprising town. Lafayette is growing and building in a most remarkable manner, and that is due only to the enterprise and progressiveness of her citizens, who are doing everything they can to promote enterprise of their town and their parish. The people of a community make that community what it is, the community never makes the people what they are. If they are active, the community will be progressive, prosperous; if they are slow, indolent, the community will be unprogressive and poor. An active and enterprising people will make any community prosper. Lafayette has that kind of people.—*St. Martinville Messenger.*

### Radicalism is Afoot.

New Orleans States.

A few days ago ex-President Cleveland was quoted as remarking despondently, "The country wants radicalism," and there is not the least doubt that it does but many of Mr. Cleveland's very wealthy friends in the East are responsible for the condition he deprecates. It is a fact clearly recognized by the New York Times, a newspaper that is guided by conservative influences, for it declares that "the professional radicals, men who can at-

tract and get a hearing only by practicing strange and extreme doctrines, were never so active or vociferous. But many men hitherto safe and sane, men of sober minds, are heard to confess their belief in radicalism as the only cure for the ills and evils that chiefly have provoked its resentments and given it an excuse for being."

This statement is also true. There are hundreds of thousands of men of the "safe and sane" class who have reached the conclusion that the "ills and evils" have combined into a monstrous cancer preying on the vitals of the republic which can not be eradicated by the mild acids of conservatism, but must be attacked at the root by the knife of radicalism, the only instrument that the people believe will be effective in the case. The Times sees and admits that the great corporation mergers constantly going on, and the exploits of combined capital in creating monopolies are powerful and direct incentives to the "socialism that is everywhere raising its head and its hopes." Then it asks this question: "Is capital blind? Do the directing men of the corporations really delude themselves with the belief that they are not answerable to the people, and that they may with impunity defy public opinion? Must Mr. Hearst be elected Governor, Mr. Bryan President and Socialism control the House of Representatives before they will get sense in their heads?"

It must be confessed that that appears to be the only way in which the directors of the corporations will "get sense in their heads." The exercise of corrupt power has, apparently, made them so arrogant, swollen and drunk that they pay no attention to the almost constant warnings sounded by the organs of their own interests. As things look now radicalism it seems is to control both political parties and between now and the presidential campaign the pendulum of Socialism will probably make a rather wide swing unless in the meantime the application of corrective measures produce tangible results.

### Fighting Mosquitoes.

Times-Democrat.

The anti-mosquito fight is being carried on just now not only in the South, but in those sections of the North as well where the insect prevails. Perhaps the most radical move made against the *stegomyia* is in Lake Providence, where not only the cisterns are required to be screened against it, but those houses in which cases of fever occurred last summer.

In New Jersey it is simply a question of comfort, but the popular movement against the troublesome insect shows more life and vigor than it does in any part of the country. The committee appointed by a recent anti-mosquito convention has adopted resolutions declaring "the mosquitoes a nuisance, a menace to health, a factor adversely affecting the value of lands and a source of great annoyance to laborers working out of doors." The resolutions also declare that the financial aid of the State is necessary to effect the abolishment of the breeding places of the pest and the Governor and legislators are urged to appropriate sufficient money quickly and effectively to remove the nuisance. The resolutions and the report accompanying them have been adopted by the full committee. The committee reports that it investigated the assertion of the New Jersey

State Entomologist, that all the salt marsh mosquito breeding places within the State can be eliminated by drainage for \$315,550 and is of the opinion that the estimate is correct. Continuing, the report says:

New Jersey contains 7514 square miles (land surface), or 4,809,218 acres. On the assumption that the mosquito may become a pest twenty miles inland, we find that more than one-third of the State, or 2,000,000 acres, is affected by the mosquito nuisance. It is worthy of note that these 2,000,000 acres are inhabited by more than 80 per cent of the entire population of the State. With the nuisance eliminated the value of these 2,000,000 acres would surely increase to the amount of \$5 per acre, average. Thus there would be an addition to the value of lands in the State of \$10,000,000. With a tax rate of 1 per cent this would add to the taxes payable in the State \$100,000 every year thereafter. Dividing the whole cost of doing the work by the 2,000,000 acres named would amount to 17 cents per acre. Dividing the total cost by the population of the State the cost would be 18 cents per individual.

The argument of cost could be presented in the Gulf States with far more force than in New Jersey, for here it is a matter not of comfort and convenience alone, but affecting every interest, commercial, financial and industrial, and even the public health.

### Special Rates.

Account American Bowling Congress, Louisville, Ky., March 17-27, 1906; Round trip tickets to Louisville, Ky., will be on sale at rate of one regular first class standard fare plus \$2.00 March 18, 1906, final limit March 31, 1906.

Account Biennial Meeting General Federation of Women's Clubs, St. Paul, Minn., May 30-June 7, 1906; Round trip tickets to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., will be on sale at rate of first-class fare plus \$2.00, on May 26, 28, 29, and 30, 1906 with final return limit June 9, 1906. A fee of 25 cents will be charged for the validation of each ticket.

Account Meeting Louisiana State Public School Teachers Association, Baton Rouge, La., Apr. 19-21; Round trip tickets to Baton Rouge will be on sale Feb. 18-19 at rate of one fare plus 25 cents, final limit Apr. 22, 1906.

Account Special Round Trip Rates to Mexico City; Round trip excursion tickets will be on sale at rate of one first-class limited one way fare for the round trip, April 25 to May 5, 1906; with final return limit July 31, 1906. Tickets will carry a going transit limit of sixty days from date of sale within which time stop overs will be allowed at any point en route. Tickets must be validated by the agent of the Terminal Line at Mexico City and to provide for stop over on return trip at any point en route within final limit.

The Morgan line will on May 7 and 8 place on sale round trip tickets to New Orleans at the reduced rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, final limit of ticket May 12, rate made on account of meeting of Louisiana State Medical Society.

### The Cane Crop

Louisiana Planter.

At this writing, some few planters, more advanced with their winter work, have completed planting their 1906 cane crop, but the majority need from one to two weeks yet of good weather to wind up seeding operations. Until a few days ago no complaint was heard of defective seed, but during the week we have been informed that here and there seed cane condition has lately shown signs of deterioration. These unfavorable reports are distinctly in the minority, however, we are glad to say, for in the sugar belt, as a whole, seed cane is quite as good as ordinarily. Taken altogether, there is no reason to expect any material reduction in planting, by reason of the seed not maintaining its standard for unusual excellence established earlier in the season, for allowance is usually made for possible retrogression.

The weather during the past several weeks has been very fair in the parishes, fewer showers falling than theretofore, and the land got into fine shape for best planting and cultivating results. Preparing land for corn was a part of the plantation work of the week, and planting of this crop has begun on some planta-

tions. Attention is soon to be given to the stubble cane, and after that the growth of the cane crop will be enforced by the several months of strenuous cultivation permissible before the crop becomes too tall.

### Discovered.

"Why is this cheese so full of holes?"

"That's all right. It needs all the fresh air it can get."

### Oh!

Bill—Congratulate me; I'm engaged.  
Jill—Why, I understood she rejected you?

"Not on your life!"

"Didn't she say 'No'?"

"She certainly did."

"Well?"

"Well, I asked her if she could live without me."

### Arab Horses Make Butter.

An Arab was lunching in a New York restaurant. "You have heard of the thoroughbred Arabian steed of the desert," he said. "You have heard of its beauty, its docility, its intelligence, its endurance. Did you know that it churned the family butter?" "No!" "It is a fact. Among our desert tribes, when butter is needed, the milk is put in a skeepskin bag and tied by a short rope to the horse's saddle. The horse is then urged into a trot, and this gait is kept up until the milk in the skeepskin is joggled into butter. A fine, firm, smooth butter it is."

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