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FACTS ABOUT LEVEES.

We devote most of our space this week to that most vital subject to our people—the levees—and publish the biennial report of the State Board of Engineers, which we copy from the Times-Democrat.

The report is a lengthy one, but every line of it is fraught with interest to our people, and the graceful and lucid style in which it is presented by Chief Engineer, Major Henry B. Richardson, prevents its becoming tiresome to any reader. The results accomplished in the past two years in building and enlarging levees, as shown by the report are gratifying in the extreme and friends of the system may well congratulate themselves that the time is not far distant when the stupendous task of chaining the mighty river shall have been completed and a solid and impervious wall of earth shall stand between the people of the valley and the great stream which is at the same time a blessing and a curse to them.

In the past two years in Louisiana and in that part of Arkansas which forms a part of the Louisiana levee system, 254.42 miles of new levee have been built and 369.46 miles of old levee raised and enlarged to grades of from two to three feet above the highest recorded flood levels.

This work amounted to about 25,478,521 cubic yards of earth and cost about four and a half millions of dollars.

The part of the report relating to the Tensas Basin and 5th Louisiana Levee District will prove of special interest to our readers as the levees in these districts directly affect our parish.

The line of levees extending from Amos Bayou, in Arkansas to the Louisiana line and embraced in the Tensas Basin District is about 85 miles in length and of this line 18.55 miles of new levee have been built since April 1892, and 23.26 miles have been raised and enlarged or in other words more than 60 per cent of the line has been built or raised to grade in the past two years and this line is now to quote from the report "while not yet entirely satisfactory" in an advanced stage of completion.

In the 5th Louisiana District 29.13 miles of new levee have been built and 87.36 miles raised and enlarged in the past two years at a cost of over \$600,000 of which the United States paid nearly two-thirds, the State and district contributing the balance.

Altogether progress in levee work as shown by the report is very

satisfactory, and when we reflect that the system of district boards, which was the real foundation of the levee system, was only inaugurated in 1886, and that the systematic construction of levees by the Federal government is of still later date we can but feel sure that the great problem of protection for the valley while not yet solved is in process of solution.

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

The constitutional commission now in session at Baton Rouge, has agreed on an amendment to the constitution which provides the following qualification for voters:

1st. To be native born or naturalized citizens, 21 years old.

2d. Requiring registration and payment of poll tax.

3d. The voter must be able to read in his mother tongue, the constitution or own and be assessed for property to the value of \$200.

We cordially approve this amendment.

We can find no objection to any of its provisions and hope it will be passed by the legislature.

Hon. O. J. Boatner is in New Orleans looking after his Senatorial candidacy.

Gen. Coxy has been convicted of "treading on the grass" in the Capitol grounds. The General has descended from the sublime to the ridiculous.

If the sugar planters don't mind they are going to lose both duty and bounty. Their insolent demands have disgusted Congress and the country.

THE LEVEES.

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While the present condition of the levee system in this district is unquestionably better than at any time previous, and should inspire greater confidence in its efficiency as a defense against general overflow than at any period in the past, there still remains a large proportion of the line which needs additional height and strength to place it on an equality with the parts which now appear the strongest. The gradual approach of caving banks in nearly every concave bend will also demand extensive changes and renewals in future. One of the important points now seriously threatened is the Elton levee, just above Lake Providence, where the continued caving appears almost certain to reach the existing levee within the next one or two years, unless the bank is revetted at an early day. Should it become necessary to abandon the existing line to this bend, it would probably soon be found impossible to maintain any line except by locating it across Lake Providence, or else around it, either of which locations would involve great cost and considerable difficulty, besides leaving outside the protected area large and valuable bodies of improved plantation and town property.

It has been hoped that the general government would undertake the revetment of this bend as a part of the improvement of Lake Providence Reach, but thus far nothing has been done in that direction.

The extension of the levee system of the District from Bourgeois Landing to the mouth of Red river, is also desirable, and surveys have already been made for such a work, or for a part of it, by the United States engineers.

HIGH WATERS AND CREVASSES.

The floods of the Mississippi river in 1892 and 1893 both reached their highest stages at a later date than is usual—though not so late as has been recorded in some former years—and each was higher at some points below the mouth of the Arkansas river than any known to have preceded it. As compared with the flood of 1890—one of the highest previously recorded—the stages reached at several points, to the nearest tenth of a foot, were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Location, and Height. 1892. 1893. Arkansas City, Ark. a0.5 a1.0 Greenville, Miss. a1.0 a0.9 Lake Providence, La. a0.9 a0.9

Table with 3 columns: Location, 1892, 1893. Vicksburg, Miss. b0.6 b0.7 St. Joseph, La. b0.5 b1.0 Natchez, Miss. b0.5 b1.8 Red River Ldg, La. a0.2 b0.9 Bayou Sara, La. a1.0 a0.3 Baton Rouge, La. a1.8 a1.8 Donaldsonville, La. a2.0 a2.5 Carrollton, La. a1.2 a1.6

The dates of the highest water were closely similar in both years, being near June 1 along the Arkansas front, and about three weeks later below the mouth of Red river.

The flood of 1892 in Red river was higher and of longer duration than any previously recorded. At Shreveport it reached a stage, on May 28, 1 foot higher than the highest in 1890, and at Alexandria, on June 12, it stood 1.5 foot above the high water mark of 1890, which latter was the highest stages at Shreveport and Alexandria being respectively 6.8 and 6.3 feet below those of 1892, these stages having occurred in the first week of January and not being reached again at any time during the year.

During the flood of 1892 six crevasses occurred on the Mississippi in Desha and Chicot counties, Ark., and twenty-eight in Louisiana, twenty-three of which were promptly closed. On Red river there were twelve crevasses, on the Atchafalaya two, on Bayou des Glaizes two, and on Bayou Lafourche two. The aggregate length of levee line destroyed by these crevasses was about 2.2 miles on the Mississippi 2.6 on Red river, 1.3 miles on the Atchafalaya and about .1 of a mile each on Bayou des Glaizes and Bayou Lafourche, or 6.3 miles in all, containing about 197,500 cubic yards of earth.

In the flood of 1893 three crevasses occurred on the Mississippi river in Desha and Chicot counties, Ark., and one on Cypress Creek. In Louisiana there were seven crevasses on the Mississippi river, five of which were closed soon after their occurrence, one on the Atchafalaya and four on Bayou Lafourche, two of which were closed promptly. Total length of levee line destroyed about 1.6 mile on the Mississippi, and Cypress Creek in Arkansas and Louisiana, .3 of a mile on the Atchafalaya and .1 of a mile on Bayou Lafourche, or an aggregate of 2 miles, containing less than 150,000 cubic yards of earth. Details relative to these crevasses are given in appendix E.

The crevasses of the past two years have been mostly due to other causes than the rising of the water above the tops of the levees, such as the holes of burrowing animals, or leaks along the track of decayed roots. One, at Harlem, in Plaquemine parish, resulted from a rice flume placed in a new levee in accordance with the law which still permits their use in that section of the State. Formerly a majority of the crevasses which occurred in Louisiana and Arkansas were caused by water running over the tops of the levees, or at least they did not often take place until the river had risen so far above the original crown of the levees that temporary additions to their height were no longer practicable. The continued improvement in the grade of the levees which has been going forward for a number of years has, of course, put more and more of the line at a height of 4 to 5 feet overtopped by the floods, and consequently, if crevasses occur they are more than ever likely to be direct results of other causes than extreme high water.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1892, 1893. Parish of Tensas for the Year 1894. Two jury terms Dist. Court \$2500 00 Expenses jail 1070 00 Conveying prisoners to penitentiary 400 00 Fees, Magistrates and Constables 1200 00 Pay Assessor 600 00 Tax-Collector's commissions 750 00 Sheriff for criminal expenses 1000 00 Salaries of officers 1505 00 Bridges and repairs 1000 00 Wages of ferrymen and repairs to flats 400 00 Paupers 300 00 Dist. Att'y's conviction fees 300 00 Mileage and per diem Police Jurors 300 00 Repairs levees 3500 00 Public printing 350 00 Britton & Koontz judgment 2500 00 Payment to Jos. Moore on account of amounts due him for money loaned for levee purposes and payments made by him to Britton & Koontz and Leon Roos 2000 00

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, Seventh District Court. De Nederlandsch Amerikaansche Land Maatschappij, vs. No. 4383. Mrs. Lucinda Rollins et als. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of and in obedience to a writ of seizure and sale in the above styled and numbered suit, from the above styled Honorable Court, I have seized and taken into my possession, and to pay and satisfy said writ, will on Saturday, June 9th, A. D., 1894.

offer for sale at the Court House door, in the town of St. Joseph, in this parish; between the hours of 11 a. m., and 4 p. m., to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

All that portion of the Buck Ridge plantation, which lies Easterly of the irregular line A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. K., as shown by map and survey annexed thereto and recorded in Deed Book "I" page 54 et seq of the records of Tensas parish, La., and containing seven hundred and sixty two and 80-100 (762 80-100) acres, being the portion of the Buck Ridge plantation set apart to Mrs. Lucinda Rollins by act of partition between her and Lucien Bland, which act was recorded, July 14th, 1877 in Book "I" page 54 et seq of the Records of Tensas parish, La., reference to which act is hereby made. Said Buck Ridge plantation in its entirety being composed of the following lots, or sections to-wit: No. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and parts of lots or sections 19, 20 and 21; also fractional sections 66 and 67 in township 18, range 13 East, and situated in Tensas parish, La. That part acquired by Lucinda Rollins being now known as the Aurora plantation, together with all the buildings, machinery, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

W. C. YOUNG, Sheriff. St. Joseph, La., May, 4th, 1894.

SUCCESSION SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, Seventh District Court. Succession of Samuel Payton deceased. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale to me directed by the above named Honorable court in the above styled succession, I will on

Saturday, the 26th day of May A. D., 1894, offer for sale at the Court House door in the town of St. Joseph, in this parish within the hours prescribed by law, that is between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder for cash, in order to pay debts, the following described property situated in this parish, to-wit: 10 horses, mares and colts. 1 mule. 1 wagon. 5 head of cattle. 1 one lot farming implements. 1 lot household furniture. Terms of sale Cash. THOMAS WHITE, Administrator. St. Joseph, La., May 11, 1894.

Levee Meeting.

A CALLED MEETING OF THE Board of Commissioners of the Fifth Louisiana Levee District, will be held at Delta, La., on Monday, May 7th. Business of importance to the district will be transacted and final settlements will be made for all work which was under construction. W. F. OGDEN, President. W. H. SHELDS, Secretary. my4 tf.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the School board of this Parish will meet at St. Joseph, on Monday, April 23d, 1894. T. M. WADE, Secretary.

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