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### Preserving County Records.

The records of every parish ought to be duplicated to such an extent that no possible calamity would leave the people without a copy. There is no more certain or economical method of securing records from annihilation than by printing them. All the talk of photography taking the place of printing in this matter is absurd. The type process is the cheapest and the best, and we fully agree with the remarks of the San José (Cal.) Mercury on this subject. It says: The question of the preservation of public records has always been in more or less perplexing difficulties. Their liabilities to destruction by fire is always imminent, even in the secure fireproof vaults, and then other causes, such as dampness, fading ink, the wear of frequent use, etc., are constantly at work effacing and obliterating to the end of total destruction. The trouble and cost to a community by the destruction of the records of a great city, like that by the Chicago fire, can hardly be estimated in dollars and cents. Now there is no safe and economical remedy for this, which the people are blind to their own interest not to adopt. It simply consists in printing the records, which could be done for a less sum than it now costs to record them. They should be printed in large, clear type, from day to day as received, and upon sheets properly ranged and numbered for binding. To save all costs of copying, the printing should be done from the originals, the printer being deputized as Recorder, and sworn to do the work properly. The printed forms of deeds, mortgages, acknowledgments, etc., which constitute the larger portion of the work, are or could be readily made uniform, thus working a great saving in the matter of type-setting. The great advantage of plainness and convenience for reference of this method requires no argument. And then, by duplicating copies, the liability to destruction by fire would be wholly obviated. Bankers, real estate dealers, searchers of records and others would gladly pay for copies for their own use, thereby reducing the cost of the work to the county. We would undertake—and so would any printer—to furnish twenty printed copies of all our public records, at what it now costs the county for a single copy. And would not the advantage be incalculable? Would it not be well if our legislators would act upon this suggestion?

### Pitty the Poor Woman.

A State street physician gives it as his opinion that four-fifths of the earnings of his profession are derived from women, though in this estimate he does not include the very large and prosperous class of specialists whose services are required by men only. It is a sad commentary upon the morals of the community the existence and prosperity of hundreds of specialists for men, and the picture is less encouraging on the other side, where so many women with health impaired by foolish dressing, improper diet and violations of the laws of nature, maintain an army of medical practitioners. It is only among civilized peoples that women are less healthful than men. Let doctors and the common surmise tell why this is so. The fact remains that there may be seen on the streets of Chicago twenty strong, handsome men above the age 30 to one woman. The woman who is able to retain her youthful comeliness beyond 30 is the exception. Good looking men of middle or even advanced age are as common as flagstones, while a handsome matron is almost a curiosity.—Chicago Herald.

—Perhaps the richest colored woman in the South is Mrs. Amanda Ewlands, of Atlanta, Ga., whose fortune is estimated at \$400,000. Mrs. H. White, of Mobile, a colored woman, is worth \$40,000, and there are several other rich colored women in the South.

### Weekly Weather-Crop Bulletin, Louisiana Weather Service.

NEW ORLEANS, April 21, 1888.

The weather conditions during the past week, excepting the lack of rainfall, have been very favorable to the growing crops and to plowing and planting in the northern and central sections of the State.

The mean temperature for the week has been slightly above the normal of the corresponding week of past twenty years in the interior of the State, and about the normal elsewhere.

There has been no appreciable rainfall in any of the sections from which reports for the week were received. Showers are needed to bring up the cotton and corn in the northern part of the State, and would be of great benefit to the growing crops of the southern and central sections.

Another week of sunshine has had a favorable effect on all classes of farm work. The percentage during the past week has ranged from 5 to 25 per cent. above the normal.

### GENERAL REMARKS OF OBSERVERS.

Monroe—Half an inch of rain fell on the 19th; hail light; no damage therefrom. Rain very beneficial.

Liberty Hill—Needing rain; corn all planted and cotton about half done.

Delta—Buffalo goats reported in the lower part of the parish; condition of the weather unfavorable to seed that was planted and should be up; most of the planting from 20 to 30 days behind time.

Point Pleasant—A little rain is needed to aid cotton and corn.

Trinity—Weather favorable for the cotton crop, but injurious to corn and gardens; rain needed badly.

Vidalia—Rain needed; corn very dry and cotton coming up badly owing to dry weather.

New Hope—Weather favorable for plowing and planting; good stand of corn and growing finely.

Baton Rouge—Dry weather of past week very favorable to cotton planting; cane plants in need of rain; corn doing well; all crops late for this season.

Grand Coteau—Crops rising nicely, but work still behind.

Kenner—Need rain very much; soil hard and dry; crops not suffering much as yet, but can't stand the drouth much longer without damage; crops looking well considering that we have had no rain for some time.

R. E. KENNAM,  
Signal Corps, Director.

### Uses of the Willow.

It is an interesting fact that not only is the presence of extensive growths of the willow found to be anti-malarial in its influence, but that from a certain species of this same beautiful tree, or its bark, is derived the comparatively new but well known antiseptic preparation called salicine; it is of a pure, bitter taste, highly febrifugal in quality, is largely used in various solutions, also in surgical operations, and is the most effectual preventive of putrefaction in the system yet known. For these purposes the willow is now being extensively and systematically cultivated. At the end of two years the switches are from four to seven feet long, and are cut and gathered into bunches like sheaves of wheat; in the stripping building they are steeped in water and the bark at the larger ends loosened for a couple of inches by machinery; one by one the switches are placed in the mechanical stripper and with a pair of pliers are pulled through with a sudden jerk, being then wiped off with a wooden cloth, bundled, and laid away to dry. All the leaves and bark are dried and baled, the average yield being a ton to the acre, the willows commanding, when dry, \$200 per ton.—Frank Leslie's.

In her remarks to parliament the queen started off: "My lords and gentlemen." Even she is beginning to see that there is a distinction between her lords and gentlemen.

### Another Railroad.

Mr. Kasson Freeman, chief engineer of the St. Paul, Alexandria, Jennings, Lake Arthur and Gulf Railroad, who has been making an optical survey of the proposed road from Jennings to Alexandria, arrived here with three assistants on last Wednesday. Mr. Freeman called at this office and from him we learned the following:

He started at Lake Arthur on the 29th ult., which he found was 11 miles from Jennings, and from Jennings to Alexandria is 80 miles. The road will undoubtedly be built just as soon as the people of Jennings are assured that one of the four projected Northern railroads will be built to Alexandria. The officers of the company are, E. R. Shankland, president; D. Drouin, vice president; Wm. Cary, secretary; W. F. Daniels, treasurer; Kasson Freeman, chief engineer. Mr. Freeman informed us that the prospects of securing the money for building the road are good. The building of the road will cost very little per mile, as a great deal of the route is almost a level plain, and only two small bridges to be built.

No less than seven hundred families from the West have moved to the country surrounding Jennings, and quite a large number have gone into the fruit business. Many have planted large orange groves. The people in South Louisiana want this road built so they can ship their early vegetables to the Northern markets.

Engineer Freeman is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich. He is delighted with Louisiana and says that he feels ten years younger since he came to the State. He said he would rather starve in Louisiana than freeze in Michigan. He is confident that in a few years Louisiana will be one of the most prosperous States in the Union. He is a man of eighty years of age and has had a great deal of experience as a surveyor in Michigan. He informed us that Alexandria would be a large city and a great railroad center.—Alexandria Town Talk.

### The Moors of Holland.

In some provinces in Holland there are large tracts of heath and moorland, which at present have no value whatever, although once covered with dense forests. An effort is now being made to utilize these moors, and several land owners have combined to form a company, whose object it will be to attempt a gradual fertilization of the soil by replanting trees. How much good such an enterprise can work under careful management is shown by a similar undertaking in Denmark, which has been in existence for the last quarter of a century. The Danish society for the fertilization of heaths and moors, chiefly by forestation, has now some 4,000 members, among whom may be found the principal agriculturists of the kingdom. It enjoys large subsidies from the government and from the agricultural societies, so that it has been enabled to start some 400 "concessions" or plantations in different parts of Denmark. In the Netherlands it is proposed to work the scheme upon similar lines.—Boston Transcript.

### Advertising.

You do not, any of you, advertise enough. You ought to use printer's ink every day. You are asleep and want your business to run itself. Standing advertisements in the paper command confidence. The man who for a year lives in one community and leads a reputable life, even though he be of moderate ability, will grow in the confidence and esteem of his fellows. On the same principle a newspaper advertisement becomes familiar to the eye of the reader. It may be seldom read, still it makes the name and business of the man familiar, and its presence in the columns of a paper inspires confidence in the stability of his enterprise.—F. T. Barrow.