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Let Us Close The Gap.

Now that the harvest rush is about over, and as there has been some intimation by the Southern Pacific of the prospect of closing the 12 mile gap between Gneydan and Lake Arthur, we of the various towns along the line, including Lake Charles and New Iberia should make some effort to bring the matter to a focus. There is no doubt but what all the towns along the route would be greatly benefitted by the closing of the gap as well increased convenience to the traveling public. We feel confident that if all the towns along the line would exert a little energy, with an expenditure of a small amount of cash in securing right-of-way, data and the sending of a delegation to New Orleans to lay the matter before the officials of the Southern Pacific they would receive a proper hearing with the gratifying result of the early closing of the gap. We fully realize that in every town there are a class of individuals who are opposed to progress of any kind, therefore the blunt of the burden falls on a few individuals. We would therefore suggest that as all are benefitted equally, that the city council of each town along the line appoint a committee to get up the necessary data, &c. and pay the expenses of the committee in the securing of same and the expenses of the committee to New Orleans. All of the towns to set a day for the various committees to meet at New Orleans and storm the officials in a bunch. Which of the towns along the line will make the first move!

(continued from last week)

Large hall, discolor'd water sleety flow Through the dun midnight air stream'd down again; Stank all the land where on that tempest fell. Corberus, cruel monster, fierce, and strange, Through his wide threefold throat barks as a dog Over the multitude immers'd beneath. His eyes glare crimson, black his unctuous beard, His belly large, and claw'd the hands with which He tears the spirits, flays them, and their limbs Piecemeal disparis.

Virgil stooping, seizes a handful of earth, which he throws into the dog's mouth and they are thus enabled to pass, leaving just behind them those who suffer punishment for avarice, envy and pride. This mirky place of rain and swirits was so impressive that Dante was led to inquire of Virgil;

When great sentence passes, be increased, Or mitigated, or as now severe? He then: Consult thy knowledge; that decides That as each thing to more perfection grows, It feels more sensibly both good and pain Through ne'er to true perfection may arrive This race occurs'd, yet nearer then than now They shall approach it

But they have not time to stop and philosophize, so pursuing their way, they descend for a height to an inky pool, across which they were ferried in a skiff. Here Dante hesitates, then turning away their faces they hasten past Medusa to avoid her power of changing all things to stone. They advance by a secret pathway and come to a high bank as Virgil explains to Dante that the sinners whom they observe below are of three classes, those who have injured a neighbor, the second those who have done violence to themselves, and thirdly those who have spoken contemptuously of

God. The deep cavern which contains them exhales a fetid vapor. One of these spirits next escorted them across a ford to the place.

Where's is the lot of tyranny to mourn.

Then descending, and ever descending, down crags, through thorns, over streams, feeling the great heat, seeing the livid fire, and hearing the roaring, thundering sounds, they passed to a depth inhabited by horned imps; adultery, their crime.

Below this and in the nethermost part of hell, Dante says is a place called Malebolge. Here it was so rough that Virgil was obliged to carry him or to lift him up projecting crags, by which he drew himself up with great difficulty and danger; but Virgil encouraged him with these words.

Now needs thy best of man: For not on downy plumes, nor under shade Of canopy reposing, fame is won, Without which whose'er consumes his days Leaveth such vestige of himself on earth, As smokes in air or foam upon the wave.

In spite of all the impediments, they went their downward way, meeting and conversing with many of their acquaintance. As they descend the temperature cools and the wind becoming quite strong, Dante steps behind his guide for protection. But kind Virgil, anxious that he see all, calls him to behold Lucifer.

Upon his head three faces; one in front Or hae Vermilion, the other two with this Midway each shoulder join'd and at the crest: The right 'twixt wan and yellow seen'd, the left To look on, such as came from whence old Nile Stoops to the lowlands. Under each shot forth Two mighty wings, enormous as be-cats A birds so vast. Sails never such I saw Outstretch'd on the wide sea. No Plumes had they But were in texture like a bat, and these He flapp'd 't' air that from him issued still Three Winds, wherewith Cocytus so its debt Was frozen.

They had reached the depths of hell, then, By that hidden way My guide and I did enter, to return To the fair world; and heedless of repose We climb'd, he first, I following his steps, Till on our view the beautiful lights of heav'n Drawn'd through a circular opening in the cave; Thence issuing we again beheld the stars.

Dante had seen in his imagination the hell that the moral conditions of his time present and Christian to day are seeing the only hell it is possible for them to see, a picture of the punishment for earthly immorality by human means, and yet do not recognize that their conception of a hell can only be a product of the imagination.

Virgil was deemed a foe to God and as Dante destined to visit Purgatory he was obliged to seek a worthier guide than the poet. And here we leave him ready to start upon his second journey.

M's Unreasonableness is often as great as woman's But Thos. S. Austin, Mgr. of the "Republican," of Leavenworth, Ind., was not unreasonable, when he refused to allow the doctors to operate on his wife, for female trouble, "Instead," he says, "we concluded to try Electric Blitters. My wife was taken so sick, she could hardly leave her bed, and five physicians had failed to relieve her. After taking Electric Blitters, she was perfectly cured, and can now perform all her household duties." Guaranteed by all druggists, price 50c.

To Raise The Standard

At a meeting of the State Board of Education on Nov. 25th inst, the following important resolutions were past. Never before in the history of the State has the Superintendent of Education made greater effort to perfect a thorough public school system. Superintendent Aswell is to be congratulated in his earnest efforts in behalf of the children of Louisiana:

Resolved, That the State Board of Education places the following interpretation upon the scholastic and professional qualifications and time limits that should be required of the parish superintendents of the public schools:

"Qualifications and time limits required of parish superintendents: A present technical knowledge of the subjects taught in the public schools sufficient to procure a first-grade teachers' certificate. The attainments necessary to enable him to examine the papers in an examination, for the three grades of teachers' certificates, taking into account the professional as well as the scholastic attainments of the applicants.

"Second—Professional qualifications required of parish superintendents: Ability to conduct a practical recitation and to test the work of the classroom. A practical knowledge of the theory and practice of teaching sufficient to advise and direct the teachers of his parish in the schoolroom, and to direct, inspire and train his corps of teachers in his parish teachers' meetings and institutes. Skill in assisting and advising his teachers in the applications of a course of study and the methods of instruction to the end that his teachers may render their best service and the opportunity the children are not wasted. A practical knowledge of school system, school apparatus, school supplies and school buildings, to the end that he may give practical advice to his school board as is contemplated under the law.

"Third—Time qualifications (practical under the law): If his salary be \$1,200 or more he should devote his entire time to the work of supervision in his parish, not so much by being in his office as by observing the work of the schoolroom and by participating in the work of the institutes and educational meetings, and in consultation with the patrons and officials of the different schools of his parish. If his salary be from \$900 to \$1,200 he should devote all his time (as above indicated) while his schools are in session, and at other times he should devote at least one half of his time to the duties of his position. If his salary be from \$600 to \$900 he should devote at least two-thirds of his time (as above indicated) while his schools are in session, and at other times he should devote sufficient time to looking properly after the school property and the necessary arrangements for the opening of the next school session

"Resolved, further, That the parish school boards now in charge of the public schools of Louisiana are hereby respectfully directed to observe and make effective at once the foregoing interpretation by this board of the scholastic and professional qualifications and time limits that in the opinion of this board should under the law be required of the parish superintendents of the public schools."

The second Friday in January was named as Arbor day, when for two hours at least informa-

tion shall be given to the public and students concerning the interest and value of tree planting and the duty of the pupils to protect the song birds and encourage and assist in the planting of forest trees.

Resolutions were adopted designed to prevent the establishment of high schools, except where warranted by the condition of the common school and to prohibit the appointment of teachers by individual members of parish boards.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF NOV. 13, 1905

For the protection of game animals, birds and fowls of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, and fixing penalties for violations thereof.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury in and for the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, in legal session convened:-

That all wild deer, game birds and fowls, both resident and migratory, found in the Parish of Vermilion, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, the property of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be unlawful in this parish to catch, kill or pursue, with such intent, any wild deer, nor any of the following game birds; fowls, swans, geese, brant, wild ducks, rails (mud hens) coots (poule d'eau), gallinules, surf birds, snipe, sand pipers, turkeys, quails, doves, prairie hens, woodcock and wood duck, or have same in possession after they have been killed or caught for the purpose of selling, bartering, exchanging or selling without the limits of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, except as herein provided,

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons or any corporation acting as a common carrier, its officers, agents or servants to ship, carry, take or transport any of the game animals, birds or fowls enumerated in this ordinance, which shall have been killed in this parish, beyond the confines of the parish of Vermilion at any time, except during the seasons in which game animals, fowls and birds may be killed it shall not be unlawful for the hunter or a sportsman to carry with him beyond the confines of the State of Louisiana one wild deer or twelve game birds from within the Parish of Vermilion. Such hunter to make affidavit before a notary public that he has killed said animal, birds or fowls, and that they or it will not be sold.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That all packages containing dead game birds or parts thereof, when shipped within the Parish of Vermilion, shall be plainly and clearly marked with the names of the consignor and consignee, with an itemized statement of the number of birds and the names of the species, and said package shall be so constructed as to plainly show its contents.

Section 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That any person or persons, or common carrier or their agents or officials, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall on conviction thereof pay the costs of the prosecution and be fined not less than One Dollar nor more than Five Dollars for each wild game bird fowls or animals unlawfully captured, killed, shipped out of the Parish or attempted to be shipped out, or be imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

Section 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Be it further ordained, etc., That this ordinance shall go into effect from and after its passage.

E. M. STEBBINS, President of Police Jury, Vermilion, Parish, La. J. N. Williams Clerk.

An Ordinance

For the protection of Quail or Partridges in this parish: Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Vermilion Parish, in regular session assembled: That it shall be unlawful in this parish for sale or market for a period of five years from the passage of this ordinance, and for each and every violation of this ordinance there shall be a fine imposed of \$25.00, to be collected before any court of competent jurisdiction, and on failure to pay said fine the party shall be subject to imprisonment for 10 days. This ordinance to take effect immediately after publication. Adopted. J. N. WILLIAMS, E. M. STEBBINS, Clerk. President

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