

Homeseeker's Column

The Meridional has all along contended that Vermilion Parish was the only and real Campania of the Great American Republic. The Meridional now proposes to make good that assertion. It has the goods to deliver, again it realizes that an assertion without proof is of no value, even far worse than no assertion. In making good our contentions, we propose to give facts, facts that we invite your investigation of, facts that a letter of inquiry from you, will willingly receive corroboration from the parties themselves. In truth, we would be pleased to receive inquiries of any nature in regard to this section. The facts that we propose to bear out our statements with, are only a few of the many, that would our space permit, we would gladly publish. What has been done by these individuals, is sufficient proof that it can be done by others.

There yet remains plenty of land with ample water supply for the good honest and industrious farmer.

Let it be clearly understood, that the Idea's invitation to the homeseeker, is ALONE to that man who has the combined qualities of the above paragraph, together with a good moral character. To that man, it says come, it invites him, it extends to him the glad hand of good fellowship in behalf of the good people of Vermilion, it will share with him the rich blessings of this section that none other can bestow.

For further particulars in regard to the purchase or rental of lands, we refer you to our real estate men, whose ads appear in this issue, or the following irrigation companies. What any of these people tell you, can be relied on: Abbeville Canal Co.; Irwing Irrigation Co.; Abbeville, La.; Vermilion Development Co., L. & H. Canal Co. Gueydan, La.

A thrifty farmer bought one bag of Imported Honduras seed rice, for which he paid eleven dollars. With this bag, he planted four acres. This four acres yielded 84½ bags, or nearly one hundred barrels of extra fancy head rice; which at the market price would bring about \$500.00, or if sold for seed at price paid for first barrel, the planter would have realized on his 84½ bags \$1,100.

The First National Bank of this city cashed a check for Elias Broussard for \$1,175 being the proceeds of 262 bags of rice taken from 18 acres.

J. P. Carr produced on 280 acres 3,300 bags of rice. At the price of rice to-day, this crop would bring not less than eleven thousand and five hundred dollars.

For further information in regard to the two above notices see, or write the First National Bank of this city.

J. H. Lutgring & Co. sold a party one-half section of rice land near Gueydan two years ago. The land was put in rice. After the deduction of purchase price of land improvements, and expenses making the two crops, leave the purchaser notwithstanding low prices of rice last year, a cash balance and bank of \$1,000

McPherson & Golden bought five years ago a tract 47 acres of land for \$540. Land has since rented for \$100 a year. Four crops of rice including this year has been made. Four crops brought \$4,000. This year the 47 acres produced 430 bags rice which brought \$3.90 per barrel or a total of \$1,600.

HIS THANKSGIVING.

Vermilion, the Campania of the universe, offers the industrious farmer a greater return for the least work of any country on the globe—It was just a few miles west of this thriving little city, that a farmer bought 80 acres of virgin rice land in the early spring of this year on time at TWENTY dollars per acre with 8 per cent interest. This tract he planted in rice. The crop harvested and sold, the expenses of making the crop, other minor expenses, the purchase price of the land, the passage of sale, together with the interest deducted from the gross proceeds of the crop, leaves the purchaser a net cash balance in the First National Bank of Abbeville \$1,500.

[For further particulars in regard to the above statement, we respectfully refer you to Mr. D. L. McPherson of this city.]

Cessa Broussard, a few miles South of Gueydan, has sold over eight thousand dollars worth of rice from 105 acres of marsh land. Mr. Broussard has yet 250 bags of rice obtained from this tract unsold. If these 250 bags bring five dollars per barrel, as did that portion sold, Mr. Broussard will have obtained as gross proceeds off the 105 acres of rice for this year, the sum of \$9,250.00.

[For further information in regard to the above, write Gueydan & Bablit, Gueydan, La.]

The First National Bank of this city cashed on last week a check for \$1,053.00 as the proceeds of 212 bags of rice, being nearly five dollars per bag. These 212 bags were produced on about 20 acres of land.

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AS IT WAS THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WARRIOR the statesman, the poet, the historian, Caesar and Pompey, Cicero and Cataline, Virgil and Horace, Tacitus and Livey, to have country homes, and often repair to their villas in the Campania, so does our charming Vermilion entice the millionaire, the professional man, the banker and the statesman to invest his money in our rolling prairies and broad meadow lands and linger to watch his dollars increase and multiply and grow through the waving rice, the ripening cane and the snowy cotton, into double and treble the amount he first invested.

AND AS THE CAMPANIA FURNISHED SUSTENANCE to the poor, the masses of Italy, so the Vermilion Campania, furnishes sustenance to the thousands of the "banished from Acadia," the descendants of the family of the fair Evangeline, who gave up the search for her Gabriel only when she reached this "the land of promise." And this sustenance is cheerfully yielded by the smiling soil to her favorite and favored children with a tithe of the labor which she requires at the hands of her less favoured sons of the North and West.

NO WONDER, EVEN HER SAVAGE CHILDREN, the fierce Attakapas, clung to this their chosen abode, and yielded stubbornly to the invasion of the superior race. Now the best we reserve to last, namely; that there is still room in our broad acres for many a homestead and sustenance for thousands of smiling elders with their merry and laughing children.

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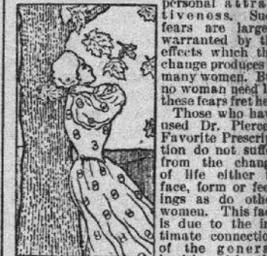
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When life's autumn comes, women worn out by the burdens of motherhood, yet shrink from that second "change of life" which will banish these burdens forever. They fear a change in form or feature, in personal attractiveness. Such fears are largely warranted by the effects which this change produces in many women. But no woman need be these fears fretted.



Those who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription do not suffer from the change of life either in face, form or feelings as do other women. This fact is due to the intimate connection of the general health with the health of the organs peculiarly feminine. By preserving the health of these organs, and relieving the system from the debilitating drains, ulcers and inflammations which sap its health, "Favorite Prescription" paves the way for this natural change to come in Nature's way, without the loss of capacity to please others or personal inability to enjoy life.

"Your Favorite Prescription" brought me safely through that difficult period, called "change of life," writes Mrs. Mary Essinger, of 24 E. Ankeny St., Portland, Oregon.

"This change made a very unpleasant disturbance through my entire system. I had hot and cold flashes, sick headaches, became excited, frustrated, nervous and irritable. My appetite was failed and for days I was unable to eat a fair meal. My aunt recommended me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it made a great change for the better. Within two weeks the unpleasant feelings had disappeared. I have a husband and eight children so have the care of a large family but was able to attend to my household duties without any difficulty and passed the period without any more trouble. I can recommend your 'Favorite Prescription' as a grand medicine for women."

You may be willing that somebody else shall say that their baby is "just as good" as yours, but you don't want that baby substituted for yours. Let dealers say what they like about other medicines being "just as good" but don't let them substitute anything for "Favorite Prescription." It is absolutely unequalled.

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