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## The Problem of Better Drainage

Health Consideration Demand Our Attention to it.

Last Summer a great conference assembled at Crowley under the auspices of the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau to consider the question of drainage. It was largely attended and its deliberations attracted much attention throughout the State.

The problem of draining Southwest Louisiana is a big one, but it ought not to be considered larger than the people themselves. The way by which men have grown great is by mastering the condition which, unabated, kept the people in subjection to the adverse forces of nature. One essential difference between the savage and the enlightened man is the inability of the savage to rise above the limitation imposed by nature, while genius breaks the fetters of primeval obstacles and harnesses the forces of nature to his triumphal chariot.

Now, trying to farm without adequate drainage is on a level with the method of the primitive man who plowed with a forked stick and rubbed two pieces of wood together when he wanted fire to cook with or to warm himself. In the matter of drainage, with a few pleasing exceptions, we have progressed but little further than did the Attakapas Indians, who inhabited this country before our fathers drove them out on the pretext of a desire to build up a better civilization.

Friends, what defence are we going to make when we are summoned before the bar of Eternal Justice to answer for our dispossession and extermination of the peaceful, inoffensive savage, when we are doing even worse than they did in the treatment of our natural resources?

Drainage is fundamental in every intelligent scheme of agriculture. Even the lands on which aquatic crops are grown will be improved by modern facilities for drainage. Half the expense of harvesting may be saved if the lands may be made dry and firm for the harvesters. Potatoes, peas, corn, cotton, hay, oats, rot in the fields because the water is allowed to remain and soak into the crops. And all this represents cash going to waste every year because we refuse to rise above the level of the savages, whom we exterminated because they wouldn't respond to the requirements of civilization.

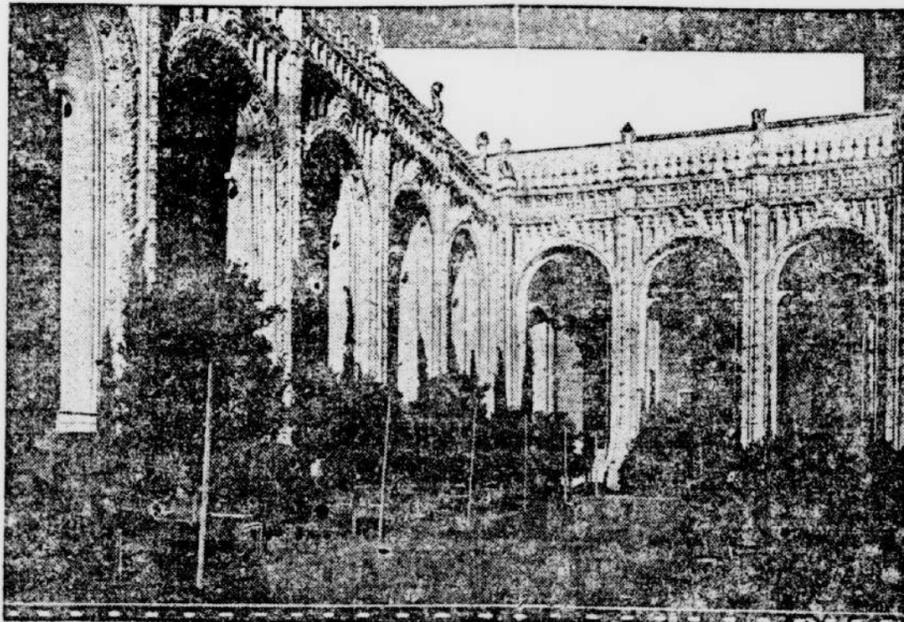
Are we willing to continue thus? Health considerations demand our attention to this matter. Half of the losses we incur from sickness, produced or aggravated by lack of proper drainage, would give Southwest Louisiana the finest drainage system on this planet. A sick man can't work. It costs money to die, and a dead man ceases to produce. Shall we drain and live or do we prefer to pay for the luxury of being sick? Which is the preferable implement; the grave digger's spade or the traction drainage excavatory.

### Welcome Information

Most middle aged men and women are glad to learn that Foley Kidney Pills give relief from languidness, stiff and sore muscles and joints, puffiness under eyes, headache, bladder weakness and rheumatism. They get results. Contain no harmful drugs.

W. T. Azbell, ex-postmaster of Edwardsport, Ind., writes: "I suffered from severe trouble with my kidneys and back. First bottle of Foley Kidney Pills gave me relief." Thousands testify that backache, rheumatism, sore muscles, aching joints and bladder weakness vanish when Foley Kidney Pills were taken. Sold by City Pharmacy.

TYPICAL SCENE IN ONE OF THE FOUR INNER COURTS



Detail showing the rich and Oriental suggestion in the embellishment of the Court of Abundance, at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. In this court are orange trees in full bearing and rare flowers.

## A Word to the Ladies

Our world famous **Wichert & Gardiner \$4.00 and \$5.00 Shoes** are now on display. They are positively the swellest Shoes ever seen in Abbeville. We have them in all styles and shapes. . . . . We also have, in all styles and shapes, a line of **\$2.45 and \$2.85 Shoes** . . . . . we highly appreciate your inspection.

**D. SILVERMAN**

### Standing of Contestants

The following is the standing of the contestants in the Grimmer Trade Extension Campaign, for week ending Feb. 24th:

37.....	8,901,095
21.....	6,979,455
27.....	3,265,400
6.....	2,695,345
8.....	1,733,105
15.....	1,022,660
3.....	919,545
36.....	361,295
35.....	234,500
1.....	196,930
4.....	162,155
2.....	146,850
22.....	87,485
23.....	75,775
30.....	51,245
25.....	42,175

"I see by our home paper." How frequently this phrase comes to the lips. For news of the war, for the ball score, for quotation from the market, for information as to marriages and deaths, people turn naturally to their favorite newspaper. Just as instinctively they turn to the same source of information when they want to buy goods. Reading the newspaper, and relying on the newspapers is a habit. It applies almost as much to the reading of the newspaper advertisement as it does to the "news."

ALL STORES HANDLE  
**PEERLESS - MADE - BREAD**

### There Is a Reason

This is one of the cleanest and most reliable bakeries in Abbeville. Our bread has established a reputation for itself. The customers of the various stores call for Our Bread because it is rich, wholesome and good.

Fresh cakes on hand every day. We deliver to all parts of the city.

**PEERLESS BAKERY**

E. C. Villemez, Prop.

State Street

Phone N.o 39

## Porch Lighting an Improvement

Light Committe Allows More Service Without Extra Cost.

To consumers of electricity under the residential \$2.50 minimum where 25 kilowatts per month was permitted, the water and light plant now offers 35 kilowatts per month as a minimum for \$2.50. In other words, to those consumers now paying \$2.50 per minimum, a further allowance of ten kilowatts per month is allowed for the same price, provided said consumers put in a porch light and burn it all night every night.

It is estimated that a 25-kilowatt lamp burning all night every night will average ten hours per night and consume an average of seven and a half kilowatts per month, leaving a two and a half kilowatt surplus for consumption besides the porch light.

The object of the offer for the porch lights is that if every porch was lighted at night there would be less chances for the petty robberies that occur from time to time for it a well known fact that the burglars hate light.

Another reason for the allowance as above stated, is the fact that the plant belongs to the people the taxpayers and with that in mind, the plant committee is endeavoring to give as much benefit and service as is possible to give.

It is hoped that the residents will avail themselves of the opportunity of having a porch light without any extra cost and that Abbeville will soon be the best lighted town of its size in the state.

### A Specific Against Colds

"If there is any such thing as a specific against colds, it is to be found in the sleeping porch or the open bed room. Next to that comes the cold sponge bath in the morning," says the Youths Companion. Be as careful as you can you will occasionally take cold and when you do you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a great help in enabling you to get rid of it. Try it. Sold by all dealers. adv.

### Vat Loans for Farmers

There is a movement on foot by New Orleans bankers to loan money to sugar parishes for the purpose of establishing dipping vats for cattle. The vats are for the purpose of eradicating the cattle tick which are becoming a menace to live stock in certain sections of the state. The banks of the Crescent City have raised a fund and propose to loan it in sums not to exceed \$3,000 to sugar parishes of the state, at 5 per cent per annum, payable in one, two and three years. This is an opportunity which Vermilion parish should take advantage of.

The European war concerns every American citizen. Nobody knows which side will win. We know that we are not responsible for the terrible struggle. Our national feeling is one of profound sympathy with the sufferers regardless of their nationality, because they are human and thousands of us are related to them by blood. Indeed, in a large sense, they are all our brothers. In recognition of that fact it is our privilege and opportunity to do whatever we properly may toward restoring the essentials of ordered life after the conflict shall have ceased.

The removal from office of Mayor William A. Eagan, of Crowley, is asked by petition, which has been numerously signed. Failure to attend meetings of council is one of the causes assigned for the request.

## Farm Exhibit of Louisiana the Best

At the Panama-Pacific Exposition Says H. D. Wilson.

It should be gratifying to the farmers of this section to know that Louisiana's exhibit is the best at the Panama-Pacific exposition, in the opinion of Harry D. Wilson, assistant commissioner of the state department of agriculture, who has recently returned from San Francisco. This opinion emanating from such high authority should lend an added impetus to the farming industry throughout the state.

### Quick Action Wanted

When one is coughing and spitting--with tickling throat, tightness in chest, soreness in throat and lungs--when head is aching and the whole body racked with a cough that won't permit sleep--he wants immediate relief. Thousands say Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the surest and quickest acting medicine for coughs, colds, croup, and la grippe. Sold by City Pharmacy. adv.

## Subscription for Lighting Square

It is regrettable that those who made an effort to get up a sufficient sum with which to put up lights in Madelene square, met with such poor success.

All told, some \$150 was collected, when about \$300 was necessary to put in four posts, one at each corner, with five lamps on each post.

Some were well disposed and contributed liberally to this cause, while others, it is said, gave reluctantly.

It is for the betterment of Abbeville. The illuminating of this square together with the proposed illumination of the Court House square by the Policy Jury, will be quite an improvement for our town and it is a pity that it can not be done right.

One public spirited citizen, got up a necessary subscription with which to put a light at the very topmost of the tallest of the two poles on the bridge crossing the river, saying that by doing so, it would enable one to locate the town from far off in the country. Why can we not have a few more public spirited citizens? Why can we not all pull for Abbeville? It is our town, and will be what we make of it.

Let us try and get together now and get necessary amount to put those four posts in Madelene square. There is only enough money subscribed at present, to put up two posts, and only two will be put up by those having this matter in charge, unless a further amount is subscribed. Who will start the ball rolling? Surely we have some one here who will make a start in this direction.

Life is filled with ups and downs if any thing more downs than ups. Your downs will be smoother and your ups oftener if you enjoy the comforts that come from the use of Ammen's Prickly Heat & Baby Powder. 55 cents at your druggist. ad

EVERY SATURDAY

**THE MASTER KEY**

Fresh line of cakes always on hand at the Peerless Bakery.