



RESIDENCE OF E. C. WURZLOW, HOUMA.

There are many bearing orange trees on the lower ends of some of the bayous of the parish. These orange trees escaped the last big freeze and are beginning to yield handsome returns to their owners, as the Louisiana orange is considered by many the

Terrebonne has the largest sugar cane refinery in the world. This mammoth refinery is located on Bayou Terrebonne, about fifteen miles from the city of Houma, and represents an outlay of over half a million dollars.

Now that Congress has passed a bill making denatured alcohol free of internal duty, establishments for

to the factory. There is room in Terrebonne for several more such establishments, as, under a scientific cultivation of the oyster, the supply can be made unlimited.

Terrebonne's fertile soil is responsible for its name. Its name is a conjunction of two French words that mean "good land." One only has to look at its fertile soil, its green and growing crops, and luxuriant vegetation rivaling that of the tropics, to fully understand that it was appropriately designated.

Swamp lands in Terrebonne that twenty years ago were allowed to revert to the state for the taxes due on them are now worth \$50 an acre. What many then considered worthless possessions have been converted into sources of abundant wealth.

Houma, La., August 16, 1906.

To the Editor of the Houma Courier:

I take pleasure to apprise you of the health status of our parish. The geographical situation of the parish is such as to insure free drainage to the Gulf, and the sea-breeze, charged with chlorine, being a fine oxidiser, purifies the atmosphere and makes the parish one of the healthiest of the state. We are practically free from malaria. I have been practicing here



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are capable of coping with any emergency that may arise. Furthermore, the Charity Hospital of New Orleans is only seventy miles distant, and our railroad facilities can bring patients



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superior of any other grown. Little difficulty has been experienced in raising grafted oranges of fine flavor, in the vicinity of Houma.

In Houma at a depth of several hundred feet, salt water, clear and pure, and containing as much salt as sea water, can be found. Some of Houma's citizens are now planning to build a reservoir, bore a well, and use this salt water in a public swimming pool. This has already been done in New Orleans and the proposition can be carried out here in an easier and less expensive manner on account of the existence of these subterranean streams nearer the surface.



OPERA HOUSE, HOUMA.



PAUL J. DUPONT'S GASOLINE LAUNCH, "HELEN SNOW."
One of the many Motor Boats on Bayou Terrebonne.

manufacturing alcohol from cheap molasses and bagasse could be established here. Terrebonne is one of the largest sugar producing parishes of the state, and if the by-products of sugar cane can be utilized for the manufacture of alcohol, as it is claimed, Terrebonne affords a magnificent field for the establishment of several of these alcohol factories.

It has been demonstrated on a small scale, that vegetables can be grown in Terrebonne and shipped to distant points, yielding profitable returns. The proximity of the gulf, increasing the mildness of the climate, makes it feasible for the truck farmer to raise very early vegetables. All kinds of garden vegetables do well here, and on the lower ends of the bayous where the soil is very sandy, and the temperature during winter several degrees warmer than around Houma, vegetables can be grown for the market as early as they can be grown in Florida.

A company with a paid up capital of \$100,000 was recently organized in this parish and has selected a site on the lower end of Bayou Terrebonne for a mammoth steam cannery that will be in operation next year. Oysters, shrimp and probably vegetables, will be canned by this factory. Several tug boats and a number of barges are now being built for this new company that will be used in carrying oysters from the oyster beds

(twelve years and I have never yet seen a case of pernicious or haemorrhagic malaria. The zymotic fevers are seldom seen, and they do not stay long. As a whole the conditions here compare favorably with the healthiest resorts of any country. The medical corps of the parish is composed of up-to-date physicians, who are equipped with the most modern appliances, and

there within a few hours of travel. So with such favorable conditions, the immigration from abroad here are insured protection against diseases of serious types.

Respectfully,
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