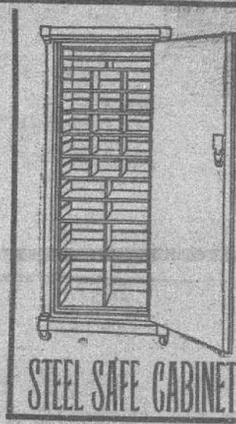


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THE SOUTH AFTER THE FESTIVE MOSQUITO

Great Campaign Against the Winged Pest Has Been Opened in Every City.

FRUIT BY LESSON OF 1905

Lessons of War Against Mosquitoes Proves that Increased Death Rate and Encouraging Increase in Deadly Diseases.

New Orleans, La., April 13.—The South has notified the festive mosquito and the ubiquitous house fly that they are undesirable citizens and that under no circumstances will they be permitted to reside in or frequent the inhabited communities. The authorities have not been slow with declarations. Not much time has passed since the yellow fever epidemic in 1905, when the yellow fever mosquito was the pest of the South, in the smaller cities as well as in the bigger cities. The health authorities are opening an aggressive campaign against the dissemination of all the deadly diseases—the yellow fever, the house fly. It has been demonstrated that the mosquito is the only disease spreader. He does not merely spread yellow fever, but the house fly has been proved a carrier of disseminating diseases, typhoid fever and several others no less deadly. Under the direction of Dr. J. S. Henshaw, the Marine Hospital Surgeon, who fought and whipped the yellow fever in 1905, a regular set of precautions have been devised. These are practically the same in the Southern cities and States. All shallow lots, all tanks of water, all receptacles which hold water, must be filled with water, covered with a screen of at least one inch mesh. All shallow lots must be drained and kept dry or the water must have air-tight receptacles. This refuse must be removed each week. Where

there are large natural bodies of water, which it is impossible to drain, then the surface must be disinfected and oiled at frequent regular intervals. Even the water used in the sprinkling carts is heavily charged with the strongest disinfectants. But the authorities do not stop even here. They go into the restaurants, cafes, butcher shops, dairy depots and bakeries. They force the proprietors to screen their premises with copper screens and to screen the receptacles in which food is kept and prepared. In the public and parochial schools the teachers regularly and insistently impress upon the children the danger of contamination and the necessity of obeying the rules laid down by the health authorities. This not only insures care on the part of the next generation, but the children are gradually instructing and converting their parents to a belief in the great doctrine of sanitation. Of course, in the cities, a regularly organized force of sanitary police enforce the laws. In the smaller cities the health-preserving rules are looked after by State officers. In connection with this campaign, it is interesting to note that those years in which a vigorous and careful campaign was waged against these winged pests showed a greatly decreased death rate and a most comforting and encouraging decrease in the number of deadly diseases. Several of the larger cities have stringent anti-weed ordinances, which make it a crime to permit the growth of weeds under penalty of fine and imprisonment. In some places the weeds must be cut when five inches tall, in others greater latitude is permitted. The board of health in one city exchange ideas with others, and thus a uniform system of defense against disease is being gradually worked out.

Lafayette Courthouse.
Judge Campbell in a recent charge to the Grand Jury of Lafayette parish urged strongly the building of a new courthouse for that parish. The visitor to the pretty little city of Lafayette is at once struck with the incongruity of the general modern appearance of the town and that of its old dilapidated courthouse. Lafayette needs a new courthouse, and that badly.

"A GRAVE INJUSTICE."

Courier Demands Board of Supervisors of Election Against "Wanton" Attack.

The Opelousas Courier of last Saturday prints the following strong editorial taking to task the counsel of the interveners in the late injunction suit leveled at the parish division election, for making charges against the Board of Supervisors of St. Landry parish to the effect that they had conspired with the anti-divisionists in trying to delay a decision in the matter until the day for the election passed. Says the Courier: The written motion filed on behalf of the intervenors in the parish division injunction suit praying for the dissolution of the injunction on bond contains a charge against three citizens of this parish which for downright maliciousness and wanton disregard of the truth stands without a parallel in court proceedings here. Henry Lastrapes, Jr., Edward L. Loeb and Dr. J. J. Stagg each and every one gentlemen of unimpeachable integrity; men of known probity and honesty constituting the Board of Election Supervisors of this parish are charged in the ill-advised court pleading referred to with having entered into a "conspiracy" to prevent a hearing of the injunction suit on its merits because forsooth they refused to join with the intervenors in their prayer to bond the injunction. It must have been known to the framers of this motion that none of these gentlemen would stoop to such an act as that charged and that there did not exist the slightest evidence upon which to base so serious an accusation. On the contrary it appears the authors of the slander were fully cognizant at the time of making the charge that at least one member of the board, Mr. Lastrapes sought and obtained disinterested legal advice to the effect that it was not incumbent on the Board to interfere or intermeddle in any manner in the suit in question. We think the action of the Board in refusing to take sides in the controversy eminently proper. They are public officials appointed to serve the whole people. The case at issue was one in which the masses were interested but in the outcome of which interests differed. The Board could not have appeared in the suit without allying itself with one side or the other, a thing which it should not and indeed could not do. No doubt it would have been highly gratifying to the intervenors who represent the divisionists in the controversy to have the Board take up the cudgel in their behalf, but would it have been fair to the anti-divisionists who are as much

citizens of the parish as their opponents and have as much right to be represented by the Board? We think it unreasonable for any one to have expected the members of the Board to do anything but remain neutral; as servants of the whole people they are not presumed to ally themselves with coteries, cliques or factions, and they are rather to be congratulated upon their manly and impartial position, than censured and classed as conspirators. They have demonstrated their real worth as men, citizens and officers by refusing to become victims of pettifoggery, and the right thinking element of the people will laud them for it. The malicious mind that framed the scurrilous charge of conspiracy need have no hope that the better class of our citizens will be beguiled into believing that there is the slightest foundation for the accusation in truth or in fact; they know the accused and they know the accusers.

CROPS IN NORTH LOUISIANA.
Commissioner Schuler Says Preparations Are Well Advanced and Promising.
Col. Chas. Schuler, Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, on his return from a several weeks' stay in North Louisiana reports crop preparations in that section well advanced. "The planting preparations are well advanced in North Louisiana," said Col. Schuler to the Baton Rouge State-Times. "The corn especially in the bottom lands, is looking well. The cotton acreage is a little increased this year over last, and if good crops are raised it will be the turning point for the farmers in the boll weevil section. While in some localities there is a scarcity of labor, the complaints are not any more general this year than in the past. Preparations are well under way for the fairs. We should have a good State fair this year at Shreveport. The Police Jury has appropriated \$1,200 towards this fair, to be used for premiums."

Injured Young Plants.
A dispatch from Chicot, this parish, to the Picayune says the frosts last week injured young plants in that section, but not at any considerable extent.

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