

## Local and Personal

The Vernon Parish Democrat can be purchased at the Cozy Fruit Parlor.

Miss Edith Wintle is home from school at Lafayette, La.

Mr. S. R. West, of the Rouss Racket Store, went to Merryville Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. T. Bullock of the Leesville Post Office begins his vacation next Monday.

Prof. and Mrs. Collins of Roanok, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hug Mc Mainis, for the week end.

Miss Edwina Foster is home from Crowley La. where she has been the past nine months in school.

What Leesville needs is a cold storage plant and packing house. Also a municipal slaughter house.

Mrs. F. M. Wood spent the week end with her husband, Rep. F. M. Wood at Baton Rouge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McDonald of Mira, La., are the guests of their son, J. N. McDonald.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dennard of this city was born a girl baby on June 1st. Both reported doing well.

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R. W. Blain, who is field worker of the Presbyterian church of the State, and who lives at Baton Rouge, was in town this week.

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LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA.

Revival services will be held at the Baptist Church this week and everybody is invited.

Pretty nice, eh? Few weeks vacation each year with pay. Who gets it? The Leesville Business College can answer this. Ask C. C. Legate—he knows.

Mr. J. G. Carver retires from the grocery business, his son Cicel Carver taking his place. The new proprietor will have for his assistant Mrs. Carver. We don't mean by this that there will be no other help in the store—there will be plenty others to take care of all the rush that may come.

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### THE USE OF MUCK AS A FERTILIZER

By George D. Coleman

To many people the word "muck" conveys no more idea than that it may be a new kind of breakfast food, or maybe a new international language to compete with Esperanto; but it has made rich farms out of the poorest land. South New Jersey has land of white and yellow sand—it cannot be called soil, as naturally it is too poor to raise an umbrella on it—yet this poor sandy land, by the use of muck, has been made into rich farming land.

Some may ask, "What is muck." Muck is rotten leaves, roots, twigs, and all kinds of vegetable matter that has accumulated in low wet ground, where the water has prevented its dissipation and it remains as a black deposit. The Everglades of Florida, which have been drained and turned into rich gardens, is only an accumulation of muck, and when dry the soil will burn if fire gets to it. In South New Jersey, the Cedar Swamps have large deposits of muck.

Muck is matter not yet turned into peat. In South New Jersey there are also deposits of marl, which is composed in large part of Carbonate of Lime, and they compost the marl with the muck leaving it lie 6 or 9 months, when the marl corrects the acidity of the muck and it is then put on the land. They also use broken oyster shells, quick lime, and air-slacked lime, and often ashes, when obtainable, and the product will make any crop grow. Often the sour muck is put directly on the land for watermelons or onions, and the next year, or when they wish to raise a crop that will not do so well on sour land, they lime the land and produce enormous crops of corn or most anything. The heaviest wheat stubble I ever saw as I did not see the wheat harvested, was on just that poor sandy land which had been heavily dressed with muck. There is hardly a state in the Union, and few places, but that deposits of muck can be found that it will not pay to drain or haul out where it will drain and dry and be composted and made into valuable fertilizer. We have found here a large deposit on our lands and no doubt there's more of it in other spots. The muck we have found lies where, by digging ditches properly, much of it can be drained right where it lies, when it will weigh one-half to one-third what it now does, and can be hauled at once on to the edge of the ground to be fertilized and there composted. For sugar cane, watermelons, onions, strawberries and some few other crops, it will do just as it is, or if only exposed to the air for a year, it will often become sweet enough, or at least neutral, to be used on almost any crop. White or sweet potatoes will accept it and thrive upon it, and its effect upon the soil is durable, even more so than anything short of old-fashioned barn-yard manure. If you want to make your soil fertile find a deposit of muck and use it.

It will always be the personal equation that determines the position and power that any individual occupies. A new order can be built only on improved men. Changed conditions cannot be forced artificially; they must come from the temper and soul of a people and fit them as the clothes they wear. Old things are demolished successfully only by the growth of the new. The spring bud on the oak forces off the old leaf that neither frost nor wind could disturb. Here a little, there a little, is the method of education for individual and society. Ideal systems are not born, they grow. This is the fundamental fact of all personal, social or national progress.

If sufficient opposition it encountered from foreign nations it is possible that congress may do something toward encouraging an American merchant marine. Uncle Sam gets powerfully peeved and stubborn at times when others oppose him.

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### CONSERVATION WORK IN FLOODED AREAS

When the levees of the Mississippi broke some weeks ago Commissioner M. L. Alexander of the Department of Conservation placed all the available resources of his department at the disposal of the distressed people of the flooded areas. Some time before the river reached its highest stage, and before there had been a break, Mr. Alexander ordered the fleet of the department to report at strategic points along the river to be ready for an instant call of the Governor or of other competent authority. The foresight and wisdom of this move was amply proved by the result. All the available craft and employes of the department were placed at the disposal of the Governor, and both men and boats were held in readiness to respond instantly to orders.

It was a matter of congratulation to Commissioner Alexander that local officials and the people generally cooperated heartily with the department in its work of rescuing the distressed people and protecting the larger game from rapacious hunters. Three weeks before the break at Ferriday, Col. W. S. Holmes, superintendent of the game division, went to North Louisiana to prevent the slaughter of deer and other wild game, which in periods of high water seek refuge on the ridges and became easy victims of conscientious hunters. Col. Holmes placed agents at threatened points and these agents saved many deer fleeing in terror from the flood. A number of men were jailed for killing the fugitive animals, but the lawlessness was soon checked. The sheriffs of the parishes affected by the Ferriday assisted Col. Holmes and his force by all means in their power, and the sportsmen of the section organized to assist the work of the department. While the work in North Louisiana was well under way, the situation became critical in Plaquemine and St. Bernard parishes and forces of the department were sent to those parishes to save the deer driven from the lowlands and to render every assistance possible to the distressed people.

### ONE SMALL BENEFIT FROM THE OVERFLOW

One small benefit that will be observed in the districts affected after the subsidence of the flood will be the restocking of the fresh water streams and lakes with fish. The Mississippi river is not a fishing stream, but its water contains millions of game fish, which do not bite in its waters because they cannot see the bait. Nevertheless, the great river is one of the best stocked streams anywhere, and abounds in many varieties of fish. This is shown by the millions of fish which are rescued from the borrow pits after each high water period, and in the pools of the various swamps in which the Mississippi flows every year. The Conservation Department of Louisiana sends out rescue parties to save these fish marooned in the borrow pits and the Federal government carries on the work after on a much greater scale. In former years these fish perished miserably as the pits dried up, but now they are either returned to the main stream or are used by the Conservation Department to restock other waters of the State.

The principal fresh water fish rescued are large-mouthed black bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), strawberry or calico bass (closely related to the crappie), rock bass, warmouth bass, white bass, yellow bass and several varieties of sunfish, commonly called perch. Last year there were 120,656,420 fish rescued from the overflow by the Federal government and many thousands by the Louisiana department. When the water bursts through the levees and flood the adjacent territory these river fish are taken through the breaks and left in the lakes and streams into which the Mississippi water flows. The overflow of 1912 left an abundance of fish in all the waters affected by the breaks, and the same phenomenon will be observed this year.

### OUTLAW ANIMALS IN LOUISIANA.

There is a widespread impression that the conservation laws of the State protect all wild birds and mammals in the closed season, and that it is unlawful to kill any of the wild animals in the State during that period. This is error. There are several animals and some birds that may be hunted throughout the year by any one possessing a hunting license, and some of this wild life placed outside the pale by the conservation laws should provide good sport. Some birds and animals have been classed as undesirable by the Conservation Department of the State, and either laws enacted by the Legislature or regulations of the department, under the law, have made these wild creatures outlaws.

Following is a list of the wild life outlawed in Louisiana. The selection of the outlaws is not necessarily perfect in all respects, in that it includes birds that may do more good than harm, in some cases, and excludes other creatures that should probably be placed under the ban. The outlaws in Louisiana are: Cormorant, or "nigger goose"; Cooper's hawk, or big blue darter; sharp-shinned hawk, or little blue darter; turkey buzzard and black vulture, or "carrion crow"; great horned owl; crow; red-winged and other blackbirds; English sparrow; fox; wolf; wild cat, or "bob cat"; cougar, or "panther."

All the outlaws except the English sparrow are native.

### THE MYTH OF "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

The farmers will not go back to the "good old days," within the memory of the present generation, when butter brought 10c a pound, eggs were five cents a dozen, chickens were twelve and one-half cents each or \$1.00 for twelve, while oats and corn brought from ten to twenty cents a bushel. Even with these prices, the farmer often got paid in "due bills" which he had to trade out with the merchants who bought his produce. The basic reason for these low prices was the poverty of the industrial worker, who received but from 90 cents to \$1.25 for a day's work.

So long as hundreds of thousands of workers' families had to live on less than \$7.00 a week, farm produce brought almost nothing, and the farmers got only a niggardly living in return for their toil. Conversely, the so-called high wages of the war years brought farmers the most prosperity they have ever had.

These are the facts underlying the rapid spread of the Farm-Labor Unions throughout the Southwest. They explain the expanding alliance of the two producing classes for political action. The most revolutionary discovery of modern agriculture is not the magic of irrigation nor the marvelous yield of scientific crop production. It is the farmer's discovery of the industrial worker as his best friend, his necessary customer, and natural ally.

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### WORLD PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD

All of the people of America love and respect Helen Keller, blind and deaf; she has made a good fight; she has secured a good education and has been the means of giving to the world new and brilliant ideas.

Because of her afflictions, she is in a way, isolated and one would naturally expect that the things that she would want above all things else would be complete restoration of her senses, but when she was asked a few days ago what she wanted more than anything else, if she could have her greatest wish granted, she did not say that she wanted her sight or her hearing; she did not say that she wanted riches or power; but she said that if her good fairy appeared to her and told her that her greatest wish would be granted, the thing that she would wish for would be "World peace and brotherhood."

Think of the unselfishness as well as the vision of that answer. Helen Keller is a pacifist—she has never seen soldiers go out to battle in their full strength and vigor and come back gassed and maimed for life; she has never heard the thunder of the cannon's on the battlefield; she has never seen the mother's tears as their sons marched away to war, and yet in spite of all these things, Helen Keller is a pacifist and does not believe in war; she believes that the most wonderful thing in the world is life and that we should respect and safeguard it in every way possible. Is it not wonderful that Helen Keller, without sight or hearing, is able to see these things, when we with all our senses, are still blind?—Egan's Weekly.

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