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The billions of dollars that our government and foreign nations are borrowing from our people will be spent right in this country for food stuffs and war supplies of all kinds. The bulk of this money will find its way into the hands of the millions of wage earners, and they in turn will spend the most of it for the necessities of life. This community will get its share of those billions.

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The public takes every man's number.

## A Visit to an Ostrich Farm

I said I would tell you about the ostrich farm, well, I had no idea it would be as interesting as it was. Of course I had seen two or more ostriches in circus cages, and went mostly because I knew my boys would enjoy it as they loved to by the lesson. Mrs. Royce's lovely home is right across from the park in South Fessenden, she owns large interlocking farms and a few months ago, her on-the-law managed it. But the business came to a good deal of a standstill, due to the fact that autos in this community and others around, are not very conducive to the preservation of the ostriches, and the fact was that for that reason. So he has gone to him, to do something else, but she retains her stock, and of course we saw more with her, than we would have with the ordinary streams of tourists.

The park is tropical as far as possible, in the hills, which are covered with scrub oak, and sand and boulders. The grounds surrounding the pens and enclosures are grassy, and thickly covered with gigantic palms, and paper and eucalyptus trees, the brightest of tropical flowers and shrubbery. There are several water gardens and pools, with gold fish and water flowers and three or four big aviaries, with choice birds of every variety. The winding paths thru the park lead you into delightful nooks, and the palm trunks and other trees are covered with vines, asparagus sprays and creepers, which made me think of the old grape vines down on Chapin lake.

There is a rustic Japanese tea house, photographer's studio, etc., and I was surprised at the extensiveness of the grounds.

Mr. Cawston, an Englishman, brought the first ostriches from Africa about 31 years ago, and as subsequently, a duty of 500 dollars a bird was charged, practically no ostrich in the U. S. is a descendant of one of these fifty birds.

There were two African birds there, fine large ones, with their legs and skins bright pink, whereas all the American birds had a blue tinge. They were quite tame, and I saw one that had no idea they grew as large as they do, for a orange stood on a fence and held an orange ten feet in the air, and a full grown bird could reach it, so you see they are quite tame.

In one large yard were scores of birds from 3 to 5 years old, they are turned in together, and choose their mates at this season, and when they have done so, go in couples thru the shutters to separate pens, which are strongly fenced with iron corals about as big as our back yard at home. The outer fences are cleverly painted to represent pyramids, etc., and with the sand, occasional palaces, which are a very foreign look to the place.

The ostriches never choose but one mate and are always constant. We saw the dignified George and Martha, who are thirty five and thirty six years old. In other pens were Capt. and Mrs. Roozevelt, the king and queen of England, the Tafts, Wilsons, and other celebrities. I must say they are the homeliest things I have ever seen, their enormous scaly legs and discolored feet, their generally plucked appearance, except on tail, wings, and top of body, their long snake necks and flat snaky heads. They do look like big serpents, and so stupid too, twisting over the fence, to look at one. Mrs. Royce selected a good guide, who was telling me how strong they kicked, and exhibited a broken member as proof of a gentle kick he had received. He said in a group of four, the other day, one one lady waxed indignant, because he wouldn't go in a corral and he kicked, to show her exactly how they did it. This same old lady inquired later, "Young man, do the birds lay their own eggs?" He said, "No, they do not, but the male does, and he is supposed to be the mother was such a ugly grumpy fellow, he said logically, "Cause if she gets on the sand, nobody will see her, cause she looks so much like a little white off, when the papa bird sets at night, he so black, and the female guide patted his head and said that he was asked a dozen times a day why they were that color, and not one person in the dozen could see that for himself, but that Kenneth had the sense to see before, and he said, "no, but I've read about them—a friend of mine writes books about them, and I have one."

You know Capt. Bidy sent him an autographed copy of Capt. Kilbourne's "Baldy Ostrich and the Owl" and he almost knows it by heart. However, it didn't give that reasoning, for I looked it up when we returned the other night.

The birds are exactly alike until they are eleven months old, we saw hundreds of the gawky chicks. At that age the female turns lighter and the male black, and they rapidly change in looks. We saw tiny ones just a couple of weeks old, and we saw twins from one egg. The guide caught a couple of "babies" about the size and beauty of young turkeys, and let Kenneth and Dick Winslow hold them in their arms. He also gave them each an egg to hold which was breathless honor, as a weighed 5 pounds. He put one in a scale, and added heneggs, to balance, and it took forty small "Jap silk" eggs to balance the scale. The eggs were large and grainy looking, the birds are eleven months old, we saw hundreds of forty odd days, I've forgotten exactly how many, and when the shells begin to chip, they are snatched out and into the enormous incubators, as the parents are so rough and loveless, they will kill the young chicks by sitting on them, or lifting them and dropping them down. All the chicks we saw were incubator chicks at the last.

When the birds are six months old, they are driven into the narrow chute singly, blindfolded with a stocking, and twenty four feathers clipped with

shears from each wing. The old method of plucking was painful in spite of the geography, but this was the short stub of quill dries and shrivels, and in two weeks they are driven thru again and the dried quill pulled out. Every nine months they are plucked, and of course the gray feathers are dyed, or used in dusters, as they do not compare in value with the male.

I was surprised to find the birds ate only alfalfa, with a few tons of oranges each day, even the black male, which he never attempted to fight, though he gave a few back kicks.

After we had enjoyed the queer birds to the fullest extent, we went into the factory sales rooms, and I never dreamed ostrich feathers could be utilized in so many ways. They had the big case which won the Panama medal, the eighth in succession, all white plumes, and very handsome. I was surprised to learn that what are apparently long plumes are always cleverly made of at least three, as there are no such things as the long single ones. The female are very inferior, and all are dyed, even the black male, which is a richer black. Plumes, boas, marabou mounted on capes of satin or gorgette, crowns, Gaby head-dresses, fancies, sticks, etc., were on exhibition, and I thought the prettiest were the party hats and fans, which were much in demand by the rich tourists at the Pasadena hotels this winter. The bags were in delicate yellows and flame colors, the every colors might be seen, and the upper parts were taffeta or satin, gathered on ribbons, and from the middle down covered with airy short feathers dyed to match, lapped one over another. The big fans matched, and they made very attractive "trimmings."

On the other side of the grounds were so many handsome peacocks with very long tails, also pheasant and parrots, which the boys enjoyed looking at, and all were under a tent full of things to see and wonder at, and to talk over after we returned home.

I meant to tell you about those ostriches trained to pull the queer narrow buggy, and also bridled and saddled with leather pads, which one may ride if he so desires—which we didn't.

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## Police Jury Proceedings

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE LA  
July Meeting 1917  
Monday July 2nd 1917

The Hon. Police Jury met in regular session convened with President Mr. Salter presiding and all members present.

By Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Page: That the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be suspended.

The Election of Officers being in order the following were elected:

For President—Mr. Cook, nominated Mr. Hammett, Mr. Hammett requested that this nomination be withdrawn, Mr. Cook having received no second to his nomination, Mr. Page nominated Mr. Salter and this nomination was seconded by Mr. Charleville, there being no other nominations Mr. Salter was declared President of the Police Jury for the year beginning July 1917 to July 1918.

For Secretary—Miss Addie Tazuin was nominated by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Hammett, there being no other nominations Miss Tazuin was declared Secretary of the Police Jury.

For Parish Treasurer—Mr. Edward Phillips was nominated by Mr. Hammett, seconded by Mr. Page, there being no other nominations Mr. Phillips was declared Parish Treasurer.

For Parish Physician—Dr. Gallion was nominated by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Sanders, there being no other nominations Dr. Gallion was declared Parish Physician.

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance Committee—Messrs. Page, Cook and Charleville.

Claims Committee—Messrs. Hart, Marshall and Sanders.

Good Roads Committee—Messrs. Page, Cook, Hammett, Harper and Hood.

By Mr. Hammett, seconded by Mr. Cook:

That the President of the Police Jury appoint a Committee of five to act with the School Board to devise ways and means for a Parish Demonstration Farm. The President appointed Mr. H. Cook and Mr. Page with Mr. Stephens the District Attorney.

(Carried unanimously)

By Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hammett:

That the report of Mr. Bateman, Farm Demonstration Agent, as read be accepted.

(Carried unanimously)

By Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hammett:

That in accordance with petition of Citizens of Ward One that the following are appointed as Road tracers to trace road as asked for in petition, leading from West boundary of the City over and across Sibley Lake starting in the lake just south of the Johnson place and run out at Caney point on west side of the Lake and then out into or near the old Dr. Brown place up towards old Bethel Church on such lines and location as might be fixed by the following tracers, H. A. Bredyore, Thompson, C. F. Royston, Joe McDonald, Ben Dranguet and Lawrence Nealey. Said tracers to report to the Police Jury.

(Carried unanimously)

By Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Page:

That the petition relative to a public road leaving the model road at Dink Robertson's, and intersecting Creston and Chestnut road be tabled.

(Tabled)

By Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Hammett:

That in accordance with petition of Citizens of Ward Five that a public

road be established to leave the Robeline and Allen road at Willis Flores's place running in a northwesterly direction to the pasture gate of the Police.

Yeas: Messrs. Cook, Hammett, Hood, Marshall, and Charleville. Nays: Messrs. Harper, Hart, Page, Sanders, and Salter.

(Lost)

By Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hammett:

That the President and the Finance Committee be authorized to employ an Auditor to audit the Police Jury books, the cost not to exceed the amount agreed by the Police Jury.

Yeas: Messrs. Cook, Harper, Hammett, Hood, Page, Marshall, Salter and Charleville. Nays: Mr. Hart. Absent: Mr. Sanders.

(Carried)

By Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Cook:

That all hogs running at large on the public road on river front Ward 9, and all public roads Ward 10 must have rings in their nose.

(Carried)

Moved and seconded the Hon. Police Jury adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY JULY 3rd 1917

The Hon. Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment with President Salter presiding and all members present.

Applications for appointment beneficiary received and read. That of Mr. Will Phillips, Mr. Elmer W. Oliver and Mr. Wolsley W. Wood.

Mr. Phillips received five votes  
Mr. Oliver 1 vote  
Mr. Wood 1 vote  
Mr. Cook and Mr. Hammett being absent.

Mr. Hood refused to vote  
Mr. Phillips having received majority of votes cast was awarded the appointment.

PROMULGATION OF ELECTION

Upon examining the voters cast in Road District No. 23 Ward Five of the parish of Natchitoches, at the special election held in said District on Monday July 2nd 1917, as to whether or not a tax of five mills for five years be imposed on the property tax payers of District No. 23, Ward 5, said district composing all of Union Grove School District except three Pines School District except that portion of Martinville District No. 2 which might be in said District.

The result of said election was as follows:

For said tax in number 15, Against said tax in number 12.

For said tax in amount \$10,201.00, Against said tax in amount \$5,958.00.

The majority of votes for said tax in number 15, The majority in amount for said tax is \$4,243.00.