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## Peninsular Plaquemines; The Lower Coast.

Our campaign of education is beginning to have its effect and a better appreciation of "Peninsular Plaquemines" or "The Lower Coast," as we generally call it, is manifesting itself. Anyone looking at a map of Louisiana or of Plaquemines parish will note that this parish all lies below the 30th parallel of latitude north of the equator and at the Delta reaches the 29th. We are located just outside the tropics and possess all the advantages of Florida in our peninsular formation projecting a hundred miles or more into the Gulf of Mexico and far superior to Florida, our peninsular is made up, not of sea sand, but of the alluvium brought down to us from the vast plains of the great valley above us, of the whole country from the Alleghany Mountains to the Rockies and from the water-shed just below Lake Superior down 2000 miles to the Gulf. The waters of the whole mid continent flow by our doors and have formed the peninsular that makes our parish. We have the southern latitude, the resulting semi-tropical climate, a copious rainfall, water in the front of us and water in the rear of us, all combining to give us agricultural and horticultural resources that surpass those of any other State of the Union, Florida and Texas not excepted. We have enough cold weather to make us need a fair amount of clothing and reasonably good housing, but when as in 1895 we had a foot of snow, and in 1899 had the coldest weather experienced in 200 years, Florida fared far worse than we did. Our orange trees were killed but so were theirs, but in two years our orange planters were again to the front with a fair crop and now that industry is more promising than ever.

Oranges however, are not our strong point, although we lead the Gulf States in them. The rice crop has been a favorite crop here for more than a century, but we don't regard that crop our "piece de resistance." Oranges and rice do not enable their growers to get as much value out of the land annually as do other crops. They do not consume all of the time and energy that our men are capable of. They may utilize our soil and climate twelve months in the year as the oranges does, or six months as the rice does, but they don't utilize all the brain and brawn of our men for the whole of the year and the aggressive competition that surrounds us demands of us the full exercise of all of our energy and ability all the time, if we survive in the battle of life and leave our foot prints on the sands of time.

The production and manufacture of sugar cane comes more nearly to utilizing all of the resources of climate and soil and of human ability and energy than any other crop hereinabove stated. It takes all the available ability, energy, time and capital and is not always successful then. Our parish would be richer if more diversification in its industries prevailed and we believe we have now reached a degree of advancement wherefrom diversification will gain ground daily. We do not wish to discuss our oyster and other fishing industries in which we are taking the first place in the south. That phase of our industrial future deserves special consideration which will come to it in due course.

Those who have traveled from Los Angeles up to San Francisco by the coast line have noticed that the whole country for seemingly hundreds of miles is practically one vast fruit orchard and vegetable and flower garden. The farms are small, the culture intense and the resulting crops are immense. They are further north than we are, but have the Kuro Siwa, or Japanese Gulf stream flowing up their shores and this influences their climate to such an extent as to enable them to grow tropical fruits. Their splendid crops of oranges, lemons, grapes, peaches, beans, peas and flowers have made that section of California rich. It has been done by intense culture effected with the highest intelligence and all this with the active cooperation of the railroads.

California could readily export her grain crops, but all her vast coast fruit crop would swamp the home market at once. In fact these crops would never have existed but for the early intervention of the railroads in the business and their prompt appreciation of its needs. The problem to be solved was that of distribution. There were millions of people in the United States ready to consume California fruits if the fruits could be offered to the consumer at what seemed to him reasonable prices. We need not discuss it in detail, but if we recall the figures correctly the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific railroads bring east annually some 10,000 car loads of oranges alone. When it comes to the grape and other fruit crops and the incidental wines, brandies and canned fruits sent east by rail, we believe we are correct in saying that these shipments from the Pacific Coast to the Mississippi Valley have been the main support of the railroads. It was out there that the famous phrase "tax the stuff all it will bear," originated among the railroad rate makers. They must have done their work well or they could never have brought their oranges 2,500 miles east by railroad and sold them to us here in the New Orleans market as they have been doing for many years.

The parish of Plaquemines can beat California, can beat Florida, can perhaps beat the rest of the world in industrial success in producing oranges, figs and many vegetables, but the problem of distribution confronts our growers. The railroads long ago settled the distribution of bananas and the hundreds of ship loads arriving are quickly unloaded, transferred to freight cars and started off up the country under telegraphic orders and now bananas can be bought at retail in Cincinnati or St. Louis, Louisville, Memphis or Chicago, as cheaply and frequently more cheaply than they can be bought in New Orleans. Just how all of this is done we don't know, but the United Fruit Co., the chief importers, and the railroads have the distribution of bananas provided for. Our people are now shipping Lower Coast lettuce, probably the most popular vegetable going to market. The New Orleans market is overstocked and the dealers there are either too timid or too lazy to take hold of the business and develop it. The market gardeners of New Orleans have lately been shipping for their own account in refrigerator cars to Chicago. They have been compelled to organize an association to secure this distribution and while it seems to be a success we feel confident that they haven't got the pull with the railroads that the Californians have. As will be seen by the news from Bertrandville in another column in this issue, Messrs. Meyers & Son, of that locality, are now shipping lettuce in refrigerator cars and expecting to make daily car load shipments to the extent of ten or fifteen cars anyway. They have solved the problem of distribution for themselves and can ship any

where from Pittsburg to Denver or any intervening point as their telegraphic correspondence may suggest.

Truck gardening is the industry par-excellence of Plaquemines parish. A car load of lettuce, if of high grade is worth \$1,000 in Chicago, and an acre of Plaquemines land will produce the car load of lettuce. It is a plain case of intelligent hard work. Some lettuce from here recently was found worthless in Chicago, while other lots more carefully handled brought more than previous prices. It would seem to us that we need an active Horticultural society where all these matters can be discussed and provided for. We have eighty-five million people who want Lower Coast head lettuce, Lower Coast cucumbers, Irish potatoes, etc. Carefully arranged distribution will successfully bring buyers and sellers together. The Banana people have learned how to do it. Shall we learn also?

## Professor W. R. Dodson and Dr. W. H. Dalrymple.

Half a century ago Virginia was called the Mother of the Presidents, so many of our earlier presidents having come from the Old Dominion. Now Louisiana is in a fair way to rival even the Old Dominion in becoming practically the mother of Agricultural Scientists. During the week we have learned that the Federal Department of Agriculture has been negotiating with Professor Dodson to take charge of its experimental farms, of which there are now hundreds if not thousands in operation and they demand the most thorough scientific control to justify the vast expenditure necessary in their organization, operation and maintenance and to utilize the data secured. Professor Dodson with his great ability, untiring industry and capacity for organization is just the man for the occasion. Secretary Wilson shows the level head he has in seeking Professor Dodson, but we say may, we can't spare all of our best men in any one season. We may be able to produce one a year fit to be weaned away from us and carried off to strange lands but let it not be Dodson. We want him here.

This assault upon our intellectual preserves is not made with the view of capturing Professor Dodson only. We now learn that our Philippine friends, not content with sending in a tidal wave of 300,000 tons of sugar to overwhelm our markets, just as Cuba has done during the last ninety days, are now contemplating the seizure of Dr. W. H. Dalrymple, our distinguished professor of Veterinary Science and carrying him off to the distant Philippines to study there the rinder pest and other tropical diseases that afflict the live stock of the tropical "Far East." It seems a thankless task for us to take such men as these and educate them up to the highest possible standards availing of all our research work, of our mechanical tillage, of our labor saving devices, of our infinite experiences and to then have them ruthlessly torn away from us and all because of the promise of more pay and of a wider field of work.

But seriously, let us consider it. We presume that we have young timber coming along that can take the place of older ones who are seduced away, but think of the young apostles of Scientific Agriculture that we have during recent years, sent out to the rest of the world. Dr. Walter Maxwell was called from us to the Hawaiian Islands and later there came to him a louder call to distant Australia. Prof. R. E. Blouin left us to go to Hawaii and has since gone to Argentina to take charge of the sugar experiment station there while Dr. Zerban crosses the Andes and now directs the Peruvians and teaches the descendants of the Incas how to make two stalks of sugar cane grow where but one grew before.

Whatever Louisiana loses in all this, however, the rest of the world gains and we must be good Christians and submit to it. It does seem hard, however, to have our best girl coquetting with some other fellow and it is hard to stand idly by and see the tempter offering Professor Dodson and Dr. Dalrymple all the attractions of this earth if they will leave us and go to them. Perhaps Dodson and Dalrymple won't go. Let us hope so.

## River News

Capt. J. B. Lindhe reports that the channel in Southwest Pass is deepening daily, the present high stage of the river with the swift current through the pass causes the bottom to scour freely and more water is reported daily as a consequence. If the present work of placing beacon and range lights by the U. S. Light House Department is hastened the Engineer's dream of Southwest Pass will be realized and big ocean grey hounds will soon be steaming up the pass.

Then watch the town of Burrwood? Our mutual friend Mr. Myer, the wireless man, is very anxious for this, as he says aeroplanes are few and far from the present stage of the game.

Mr. B. R. Hill, formerly oiler on the tug boat Tuscaloosa, in the government service here, went to New Orleans last week and passed a satisfactory engineer's examination. He now holds the throttle on the tug Pickett, Capt. Lindhe's flagship.

Mr. John Hanson, second mate on the U. S. S. St. John's, was in New Orleans this week attending strictly to business.

The ice plant in the course of construction here, is rapidly nearing completion and Burrwood will soon be able to stave off an ice famine.

Mr. G. W. Fullerton and family of the South Pass light, left for McIntosh, Ala., this week. Mr. Fullerton intends to return to his post of duty soon but will leave his family in Alabama to reside permanently and take care of their interests there.

Mr. Ed. Fitzgerald of the South Pass light has recently moved his little interesting family from Orleans to Port Eads and they are now cozily located in their pretty residence near the light.

We don't see or hear any more of our good old friend Capt. Harry Gilmore; we casually hear though that the Captain is still on deck, and on the 17th inst, headed the parade in Port Eads as grand marshal.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. W. E. Washburn, engineer in charge at Port Eads, a few days ago, and must say that he seems to be a hearty good fellow. Mr. Washburn reports everything "fine and dandy" under his care. Everybody seems happy and prosperous in and around Venice, but Mr. Muskrat. Thousands of furs of his kind are being shipped weekly to New Orleans and other fur markets.

On passing the residence of our friend Mr. Jos. Bernard, one evening this week, the soft strains of music were heard issuing therefrom and upon closer investigation discovered it to be our friend at the piano sweetly singing

and playing "Wont You be an Elk With Me." We listened attentively for a while but being afraid of detection quietly disappeared in the shades of darkness.

The many friends of Mr. Wm. Burgess, who was associated with Capt. Thos. Wilson in the Conway Oyster Co. at the salt works, and a brother-in-law of Capt. Chas. Post, regret to learn of his sudden death in New Orleans on Monday.

## Clerk of Court.

The Baton Rouge dispatches of Wednesday night announced the appointment by Governor Sanders of Mr. Ernest Alberti as clerk of court for Plaquemines parish to serve until the successor of Mr. Alberti's father, the late lamented A. P. Alberti, shall have been duly elected. The Lower Coast Gazette congratulates Mr. Alberti on his appointment and sincerely hopes that the regular election later on will duly coincide with the present appointment.

## Police Jury Wins.

A matter of interest to the people of this parish is the printing case decided last Monday by the court of appeals for this district. Judge Horace L. Dufour being the organ of a unanimous Court composed of three jurists.

The suit was instituted by Felix S. Hingle, proprietor of the Plaquemines Protector who sought to mandamus, or compel, the Police Jury of this parish to elect his paper the official journal, alleging in his petition that the printing was worth to him the sum of \$600 per year. The matter came up for trial before Judge R. Emmet Hingle, who decided in favor of the parish, in effect throwing open the doors to all competition by requiring all public printing to be awarded to the lowest bidder. The Lower Coast Gazette was in due course of time elected the official journal, having bid 25 cents per square, the aggregate not to exceed \$100 per year.

The syllabus of the decision, which affirms Judge Hingle's opinion is as follows:

"State ex rel. Felix S. Hingle vs. The Police Jury of the Parish of Plaquemines—1. Repeal by implication is not favored, and, unless they are irreconcilable, the two statutes should, if possible be construed together and their differences harmonized. 2. Act 138 of 1894, is repealed and superseded by section 22 of Act 154 of 1908, on the same subject matter, and the latter statute remains the only monument of authority for parochial action in reference to the subject in public printing. 3. If our friend at the piano sweetly singing

## PARISH NEWS.

### Nero

Mrs. M. S. Seward of New Orleans, and Mrs. Leo Martin, of Pointe-a-la-Hache, were the guests of Mrs. Savoie on Sunday. Mr. Jos. Savoie spent Sunday at Doulluts Canal. Mrs. Adam Ansardi of Ostrica, is the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Dominique Ansardi. Messrs. Othelia and Frederica Gravellet, were the guests of their sister Mrs. Louis Dragon on Tuesday.

The putting in of the drainage box, back of Messrs. Adema and Cazalas will be complete this week. The work is being done by Ansardi Brothers under the supervision of Commissioner J. B. Hingle.

### Home Place.

Miss Irene Clark after an enjoyable stay of several weeks here returned to her home in Venice. Captain J. Aubie and Messrs. W. Allen, L. L. Conrad and J. T. Powers were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. F. Giordano, last Friday evening.

The pupils of the Home Place school are busy making a flower garden on the school grounds; they anticipate having a very pretty garden ere the School term comes to a close.

Quite an enjoyable boat ride on the U. S. tug boat, Tunica, was participated in by the young people of this place last Sunday evening.

Messrs. W. Dymond and E. C. Kohn visited the Home Place school last Wednesday. They were in Mr. Dymond's pretty launch, "Helen of Belair," and having lost the propeller of the boat as they started on their way home, Mr. Dymond had to remain here until Thursday morning and was the guest of Mr. F. Giordano.

### Daisy

Mr. C. T. Deramee of St. Benard is having a dwelling erected on his property at Harris Canal. The U. S. Government is revetting the levee at Daisy. Those who have sown rice here are quite busy keeping off the blackbirds which are very numerous.

W. J. Londerbough, Alvin Lee and Penrose Edgecombe went launch riding Sunday. Mrs. Alvin Lee spent last Sunday in New Orleans. Mrs. C. Edgecombe and Miss Lena Zausch visited New Orleans Sunday. John Roberts visited Daisy Sunday.

### Nairn

Mrs. Jos. Tabony and her interesting little daughter Bessie, of New Orleans, spent several days here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Brown. Mrs. W. H. Chauvin and her children were the guests of Mrs. H. Dushman in New Orleans Sunday.

Misses Josephine and Bertha Alberti of Sunrise visited the Misses Lincoln Sunday. Mrs. Edmond Pelas of Venice, visited at the home of Mr. L. Gauffray Saturday. Messrs. Emmet Kelley, Sidney Johnson and Bud Benen visited friends here Sunday. The news of the death of Mrs. Geo. Rosenbrock of Empire was a great shock to her many friends here. The deepest sympathy is extended to the members of her family.

Mr. A. Comander spent Sunday with Mr. E. E. Kinley. At the regular meeting of the R. E. Lee Circle on Friday, March 19, the following new officers were elected: President, Hays Lincoln; Vice-President, Marguerite Lanux; Secretary, Mollie Chauvin; Treasurer, Besse Chauvin; Foreign News, Johanna Gauffray; Local News, Maurice O'Brien; Program Committee, Bonita Brown and Victor Gilmore.

The new books for the Nairn School Library have been received. There was an addition of fifty-seven new books, making a total of 121 books.

### Ste. Sophie.

Mr. Alvey Hingle of Pointe-a-la-Hache, was a visitor in this place lately. Hon. Simon Leopold went to the city Thursday, returning Saturday evening, and went to Doulluts Canal Sunday. Judge A. Leopold went to Belair Friday to look over the ruins of the Belair Sugar house. The people of this place are much disturbed and anticipate much loss from the burning of the Sugar House at Belair.

Mr. Davis Dobson of Ste. Sophie, has seventy five acres of rice already up and looking well, and will soon make another sowing.

Mr. Will Cross, Jr., went to the city Wednesday to attend the wedding of his sister-in-law, and returned Thursday evening. Mr. James Boyce went to New Orleans this week. Miss Alice Dobson and her brother, with her little cousin, were visiting Sunday, and called on Miss Hill at Monsecour.

### Burrwood.

Captain Hansen, with a party left here Tuesday on a fishing excursion to Biloki and other points along the Gulf Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Carr are visiting relatives in New Orleans this week. Little Tim and Jessie O'Brien of the Head of the Pass Lighthouse were guests of their grandmother Mrs. M. L. Butcher, three days this week. Messrs. R. and J. Morgan of Bothville are guests of their sister Mrs. J. Budevich.

The mail boat while entering the mouth of Pilot Town Bayou Tuesday night got aground and had to remain there all night.

### Jesuits' Bend.

The tiny leaflets, the growing sprouts, the budding flowers, the rich verdure, aye, even the sweet twittering of the winged, spring's own harbingers, are here to announce the arrival of our best loved season. Many sweet strains of thanks arise from the hearts of the land-waivers. Who can refrain from it with such idealistic per-

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### Orleans to undergo the necessary repairs.

Mr. Ernest R. Perez is becoming quite an adept in the art of farming. May his realization meet his expectation. Mr. Coalec, of Tennessee, was the guest of Mr. Ben Beene on Saturday. Mr. J. H. Switzer, of New Orleans was the guest of Mr. A. Z. Perez on Sunday. Master Emile Beene was the week end guest of Sidney Beene.

Among the visitors to the Crescent City on Sunday were Messrs. R. V. Perez and Frank Giordano, Misses Edwige, Ethel and Osety Perez. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the sufferers by the Belair fire.

### Pointe-a-la-Hache.

W. H. Norwood returned Wednesday from Memphis, Tennessee, having been hurriedly summoned there by telegraph to the bedside of a dying sister, arriving there a few hours too late to see her alive. She leaves one sister and brother to mourn her demise. The Gazette extends its sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

On last Saturday morning the Sheriff was summoned by phone from Naomi stating that a murder or suicide had been committed at La Reusite Plantation. The Sheriff then notified the Coroner and they left immediately for the scene of the trouble, where they found one Casimere Pegas, a Porto Rican, in a cabin lying dead on the floor with a bullet hole through his right temple. The Coroner, after holding an autopsy, found that death resulted from hemorrhage. Suspicion pointed to one Alzina Theophil, who was at once arrested and placed in jail together with one Arthur Anderson as a material witness. District Attorney Nunez and Sheriff Meyers were at the scene of the shooting again on Tuesday and more evidence was secured.

Messrs. Dave Withan, Jos., Savoie and Elridge Perez were business visitors in our town on Monday. Hon. Aaron Davis and his son Dave were visitors here Sunday, and enjoyed the day very much. District Attorney N. H. Nunez was in our town Tuesday on business. Our good friend and drummer, Jack Herbert was in our town on Friday.

### Nicholls

One of the saddest events ever witnessed in this settlement was the funeral of Miss M. E. Anderson, beloved daughter of Mr. Sarah Anderson of Ostrica. The deceased was 19 years and 6 months old, and leaves a mother and four sisters to mourn her loss. The funeral was largely attended. In common with many others, we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. J. Remett Kelley of New Orleans visited his parents Monday. Mr. Louis Benen spent the week end in our Burg. The work on the Point Pleasant levee is moving rapidly along and it appears that we will soon have a levee that has come to stay.

We had occasion last Sunday to visit one of the hunting camps in Pass-a-loutre, and were greatly refreshed after our journey by the sweet(?) perfume of a muskrat. On our return we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. R. Wright and Miss D. E. Wright of Pilot Town.

### Deer Range.

Mrs. J. Perez of Jesuit Bend, visited her daughter Mrs. U. Conrad. Mrs. Anton Menge spent last Sunday at City Price as the guest of Mrs. T. Nolan. Mrs. Wm. Conrad went up to New Orleans, Tuesday.

The patrons of the Deer Range school, with the kind assistance of the School Board have just added thirty one books their to library.

### Pilot Town

Mr. George Coge, U. S. Custom Inspector of Quarantine, Louisiana, visited the Pilot Town school. Mr. Coge was gladly welcomed in our midst, as he is one of the most genial and popular Inspectors on the force.

The pilot boat Underwriter, recently struck a submerged wreck, which caused the property on board to be lost. The crew from it with such idealistic per-

Orleans to undergo the necessary repairs.

Mrs. R. Wright, has returned home after spending some time at Point Pleasant, the guest of Mrs. L. Benen and Mrs. J. J. Kells. Judge G. W. Delesdemier of Burrwood, visited his family at Pilot Town Sunday. Mr. George Gibbon and Ralph Gordon visited Pilot Town, in the launch, Laura.

### Happy Jack.

Messrs. Auecin and Saxon spent Sunday and Monday at Ravenwood. Mrs. N. B. Cannon is spending the week in New Orleans, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. Baril. Miss S. Treadway has returned home after a very pleasant stay in Happy Jack. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Treadway, who will remain a few days in New Orleans.

Among those who visited Happy Jack on Sunday were Octave Chauvin, of Wood Park; Henry Trenil, of Hermitage and E. Fox, of Myrtle grove. Miss Annie Richardson returned from New Orleans on Saturday. Miss Emma Treadway spent Sunday in Algiers, the guest of relatives.

### Bertrandville.

Among some of the people of this place, St. Joseph's feast was well celebrated. There were several altars erected and they were beautifully decorated with a very tempting display of all kinds of fruits, cakes, candies, nuts, etc. Rev. Father Kellog was called to bless the altar, and after the blessing the distribution of the good things began. In all directions could be seen the little folks going home with contented hearts. Some had bags of fruit others loaves of bread large enough for a weeks supply. Any one that has never seen a feast of this kind should come to this place on St. Joseph's Birthday.

The frost of last week did some damage to the open field cucumbers but as our people are always on the alert they had their seed germinating while the frost was falling and two days later all the missing cucumbers were replanted.

John Meyer and son have shipped a car of lettuce to Chicago this week. The lettuce was all choice averaging about 19 heads to the hamper. A sample hamper was shipped by express ahead of the car. We should be glad to hear from our brother farmers of Home Place as to what they have to say about such shipments. Our people are expecting to ship a carload of lettuce every day for the next ten or fifteen days.

On Wednesday last, Engineer J. Monget, of the State Board of Engineers and Hon. S. Leopold inspected the levees in our district and found them in splendid condition.

### State High School Rally.

Baton Rouge will entertain from April 30 to May 1, fully one thousand high school pupils from the different high schools of Louisiana who will be the guests of the citizens of the Capital City during the State High School Rally.

Fifty High Schools will be represented in the different contests. Five hundred children are expected to come as contestants, and as many more as "rooters" for their schools and spectators of the event.

The railroads in Louisiana will give a rate of one fare plus twenty-five cents for the occasion, and all of the children who attend and the teachers who accompany them will be entertained in Baton Rouge homes without cost.

The details of the program, now being worked out, provide for two classes of contests, literary and athletic. In the literary contests will be debates, spelling matches, compositions, declamations. In the athletic program will be races, shot putting, high jump and broad jump, pole vault, and championship games of all kinds. Scholarships, cash prizes, or medals are offered to winners in all events.

A deaf and dumb woman worth a million dollars advertised for a husband, and now she is wondering if there really can be so many unmarried matchless ones in the world.