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The Value of Louisiana Lands, and of Ours, the Best in Louisiana.

There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. In a very excellent editorial in the New Iberia Enterprise the wonderful value of Louisiana lands was referred to and the possibility of making two good crops per year on these lands was demonstrated.

The best oats that we can produce in Louisiana, and under favorable conditions here we can produce a hundred bushels to the acre, are the oats planted in October. These oats can be grazed during the winter and can be harvested as sheaf oats, or as regular threshed oats in April or May and the land be then planted at once in corn and cow peas and there will thus be secured a good corn crop in the fall and the fertility of the land be maintained.

In Louisiana, and in our own parish of Plaquemines, we have been too much given to what the French call mono-culture. For a hundred years our tillers of the soil, great or small have been devoting themselves practically to but two crops, those of sugar cane and of rice. Mono-culture produces great skill in the single culture which is practiced, but it carries with it such extreme hazards that common experience has decided against it.

The narrowing margins in the culture of these leading staple crops is now bringing our people to a better appreciation of the advantage of some diversification. Millions of money are spent in Louisiana in preventing the grass from growing in our fields, and yet Holland, much of England and much of Denmark make their fortunes out of grass and its incidental cattle raising and dairy business.

We think, however, that there is room with us for many agricultural and horticultural industries. If chicken farming could be made to pay, and it is said that it is one of the most certain sources of wealth in the whole country where properly conducted, we should think our orange growers would do well to unite chicken farming with their orange industry.

Our contemporary on the beautiful Teche, in the good old town of New Iberia, deprecates the fact that our people are seemingly unwilling to avail of the advantages that we have in the way of soil and climate. It asks for a demonstration farm to be placed at some point in the valley of the Teche to show the good people there just what can be done.

tractions, but when it comes down to plain dollars and cents we think the parish of Plaquemines leads the whole state of Louisiana in its possibilities of industrial success and that the state of Louisiana itself leads the federal union as a state in its agricultural and horticultural possibilities.

The Brown Rat in the United States.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has for some time been taking cognizance of the enormous industrial losses occurring in the United States owing to the depredations effected by rats and mice. The interest excited in this problem at present has been accentuated doubtless by the outbreaks of plague that have occurred during recent years in various countries and the perhaps definitely ascertained fact that these outbreaks are traceable to rats as the conveyors or hosts of the disease.

The industrial phase of the rat invasion, which is now presented to us, of course, a very old one, but has seemed about as inevitable and unavoidable as the pests of flies, fleas and mosquitoes that are found in every civilized community. The brown, or Norway rat, which is the subject of bulletin No. 33 of the Department of Agriculture, is a comparatively recent immigrant into the United States. Fifty years ago they were never spoken of otherwise than as Norway rats, the invasion by those pests having been somewhat recent and they named from the country of their origin.

In regard to the black rat, we would state that in the rattling experience of over half a century we never saw one until within a year or two ago, when in experimenting in various ways for the suppression of rats in Plaquemines Parish of this state quite a number of rat traps were used and with them we secured out of say 50 or 75 rats, six or seven that were of unquestionably of the black rat family.

The rat problem is attracting attention everywhere as industrial losses become a matter of greater and greater concern with the narrowing margins of profit in most industrial pursuits. The utilization of by-products during the last 20 or 30 years has largely revolutionized manufacturing industries and at the same time the suppression of waste has been found equally essential.

Our scientists during recent years have been endeavoring to secure some parasite or some bacillus that will attack the rats and not attack other things and would in this way enable us to control the rat pest. But thus far these efforts, although earnestly prosecuted, do not seem to have been very successful.

Southern Cultivation.

The editor of the Progressive Farmer of Raleigh, North Carolina, in a recent editorial refers to a trip that he had recently made through the cotton belt of Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas and to the fact that while he had not been over the ground previously for some fifteen years, he was seriously disappointed in the lack of improvement that was noticeable.

The methods of cultivation have been improved wonderfully during fifteen years, but there is a slowness on the part of the people generally in taking up these advanced methods and it is only the more progressive ones who show what can be done with our wonderfully fertile southern soils.

Going to the Jamestown exposition two years ago we were struck by the small fields visible between New Orleans and Norfolk, Virginia and by the fact that any cultivation going on in these fields was done generally with a man to a mule and the use of a one horse plow. This, of course, indicated an entire indifference to economy in human labor, which is now the practical problem that confronts every tiller of the soil and suggests how difficult it is for us to build up the agriculture of the South excepting by an aggressive excellence in culture, the result of gang labor under vigorous management, or by the introduction of white labor, which laborers shall rapidly become owners of the lands they till, and in this way earn for the state and the nation the wealth that lies dormant in the soil.

and of farmers in the state at the present time, but such success is not universal and its lack of generality is attributable to the reluctant, indifferent labor employed. All of this is to be regretted, but it is fair to infer that our improvement in this respect, although slow, will be constant.

PARISH NEWS.

Home Place.

First communion services were held at St. Patrick's church last Thursday. Rev. A. Vail was assisted during the retreat and on first communion day, by Rev. J. Mungue of New Iberia.

Miss Birdie Giordano visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Bailly of Buras last Sunday.

Judge R. E. Hingle was a business visitor here last Wednesday.

Rev. Fathers A. Vail and J. Mungue were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Giordano last Thursday at a dinner given in honor of their son Edwin who was one of the first communicants.

Mr. J. Chartier entertains his friends to launch rides almost every evening and the participants enjoy the rides immensely.

The ladies of the Altar Society will give a ball on Sunday evening, July 4, and a large crowd is expected.

Ma., Charles Bailly visited Mrs. J. C. Bailly of Buras, last week.

Announcement.

There will be a grand ball on Saturday, July 3, at Capt. Joe's Hall, Buras La. The Magnolia Brass Band will furnish the music. Everybody is invited.

Jesuits' Bend.

Miss Gesina Allemann, of New Orleans was the week end guest of Miss Ethel Perez.

Miss Maggie Switzer was the guest of Miss Edwige Perez on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mesetta Davignon and Mrs. Davenport were the guests of Mrs. W. Bayhi the past week.

The Misses Lillian McNeely, Norma and Louise Barrois spent Sunday with Miss Leah Perez.

Among the Sunday visitors to Jesuits' Bend were Leonard Perez, L. L. Lewis of Junior, J. H. Switzer of New Orleans, J. Barrois, Jules Gasare, J. Stein of New Orleans and Louis Casteux.

Father LeBeau was the week end guest of Father J. M. Kellogg. He conducted the high mass in St. Cecilia church and delivered a beautiful sermon in French.

Mrs. E. O. Giordano and children are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. Giordano, of Ironton.

Miss B. Perez is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Conrad of Deer Range.

The Jesuits' Bend base ball team defeated the Cardinals, of New Orleans, the score being ten to one.

The delightful surprise party given Mr. John Perez in honor of his graduation from the law department of the L. S. U., heads the list of successful social functions of this season. The party was given on the 25th., at the home of his grandfather, Mr. Johnson Perez, on Star plantation. The house was beautifully decorated in old gold and purple tints, the L. S. U. colors, artistically arranged with larkspurs and black-eyed Susans to carry out the color scheme.

From the center of the dining room was suspended a lovely moss basket filled with these flowers and from which long streamers of old gold and purple extended to the table upon which was a center vase of larkspurs resting on a centerpiece worked in black-eyed Susans. The door leading from the drawing room into the dining-hall was artistically draped with the college colors and spanned with a large I. S. U. pennant. The Misses Ethel and Leah Perez received the guests. Dancing was indulged in until midnight when supper was announced. The hero of the evening was then escorted into the diningroom by Miss Beatrice Perez, becomingly attired in lavender messaline silk, on his right and Miss Gesina Allemann in a wonderful creation of old gold, on his left. At his place at the table was a mysterious looking bundle tied in old gold and purple ribbon which Mr. Perez soon found was to be opened by no other than himself. Before opening the bundle he was called upon to give a toast in response to one from his grandfather, Mr. Johnson Perez, who voiced the wishes of the assembly for a bright and prosperous career and success in all his undertakings whether commercial or engineered by cupid.

Mr. Perez responded in a frank and pleasing style, delighting the hearts of his hearers and proving plainly that their wishes would not be in vain. Mr. Perez then began opening his package unwrapping sheet after sheet then just as he had about decided that all was a huge joke, out tumbled a number of small packages containing tokens of affection of his many friends. The supper was a splendid success. Misses Ethel and Leah Perez were assisted in serving by Misses B. Perez, G. Allemann and L. McNeely. Among those present were Misses Edwige, Eunice, Effie and Ollie Perez, Juanita Kigaud, G. Allemann, Cecile Bayhi, Musetta Darignon, Maggie Switzer, Lillian McNeely, Ida Grabert, Euphrasie Beemel, Ethel, Leah and Beatrice Perez, Messrs. John, Roselius, Ernest, Leander and Lawrence Perez, Eustace Bayhi, Leno Rigaud, Gerard, Alcie and John Barrois, Cena and Moses Grabert, Louis Casteux, Erank and Eloi Giordano, J. H. Switzer, Wallace Jeanfreau, L. Sarpy and Arthur Beemel, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Perez and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Perez.

Buras.

Many of our young people intend attending the dance in Venice on the 3d. inst. A splendid time is anticipated. Mrs. S. A. Butler, of Neptune, visited relatives in Buras.

Capt. Ben Michel, of Pilot Town, passed through our town this week.

George Collins, has returned to his home after spending a short while in Mineral Wells, Texas. We are glad to hear that the trip proved beneficial to him.

Mrs. J. A. Denis and Lizzie Kinkola of Venice, visited here last week.

Miss Adeline Molant has returned from Covington.

Rose and Joseph Borges have returned home to spend their vacation after eight months study in the city of New Orleans. They were accompanied home by Miss E. Humbert, who will spend a while at their home.

Little Viola Angelo returned to her home in Venice after spending two weeks at the Biaggi's.

Miss Ernie Giordano was a visitor here on Sunday. Mr. Joseph Bernard and daughter, Nellie, spent several days here.

Mr. Ernest Alberti, of Buras, was a visitor to Venice last week.

Announcement.

Mr Benjamin F. Estopinal, secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Terre-aux-Boeufs Drainage District, and Miss Delphine Jeanfreau, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Jeanfreau, of Crevecoeur plantation, St. Bernard parish, will be married on Wednesday, July 7, at 7 p. m. at the St. Bernard Catholic Church, Rev. Father Laurent Borrendon officiating.

A special train of the Louisiana Southern Railway will leave its depot at Elysian Fields and St. Claude Avenues, New Orleans, on July 7, at 5 p. m., for the St. Bernard Church, conveying friends, relatives and others, returning immediately after the ceremony.

Mevers-Gunn

On Wednesday, June 30, Mr. Sidney Bernard Mevers, son of sheriff and Mrs. Frank C. Mevers, was married to Miss Bertha Logan Gunn. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rosenberg, in the city of New Orleans.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Felix Hill, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The parlors of the Rosenberg home were banked with ferns and flowers, a bower having been formed, under which the bridal party stood. The wedding was very quiet and private, only a few immediate members of the families of the bride and groom being present.

The bride wore a white lace trimmed gown of grandmother swiss and the groom a black Prince Albert suit.

Little Dorothy Rosenberg acted as ring bearer.

Shortly after the ceremony, which was at 7 a. m., and after the happy couple had been toasted to health, prosperity and happiness, they were accompanied to the Queen and Crescent depot, where the train was boarded by the newly married young people for a honeymoon trip to Asheville, N. C.

The bride wore a traveling gown of Rajah silk.

The young couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. For every good wish wished them, the Gazette wishes them an hundred fold.

Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Attorney and Mrs. Oliver S. Livaudais, with their interesting family have moved to their summer home in Pointe-a-la-Hache, to remain for some time.

We had the pleasure this week of seeing the trim launch Treasury, owned by the Cazez Bros. The Treasury is thirty feet long over all, nine foot beam and is driven by a 12-14 horsepower Leader motor. She will be used to transport oysters to and from the bedding grounds in the lower oyster section of the parish.

Miss Mable Borne, of Algiers, after spending a pleasant week as a guest of Judge and Mrs. R. Emmet Hingle, has returned to the city. While here Miss Borne had the pleasure of an outing on the graceful little launch Nora.

Judge R. Emmet Hingle is holding court today in the parish of St. Bernard.

Hon. and Mrs. William Dymond, of Belair, were visitors here on Tuesday. It is to be hoped that Sunday will dawn bright and clear and continue so during the day so that the picnickers will not be disappointed, as anticipation fully realized doubles pleasure.

The Gazette office was entirely deserted on Monday and Tuesday as the whole corps had gone to New Orleans. Secretary S. B. Mevers went to prepare for his wedding and has not yet returned. Mr. and Mrs. Jean Lemons, composers for the Gazette Company, returned Tuesday. They report that the city is too hot and that while at West End they wished for the river breeze here, but about 9:30 Sunday night were caught in a squall and town-pour of rain that sent to low boats to the bottom of Lake Ponchartrain. They had run for the train in the rain and after boarding the train found an inch of water on the floor of the cars and the seats thoroughly saturated with some more of the same. Aside from the little inconveniences above mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Lemons report a good time at West End.

Walton C. Schayot and Miss Ruth Schayot have returned home to spend a well earned vacation after a session of hard study. Walton is attending the St. Stanislaus College at Bay St. Louis and Miss Ruth the Academy of the Holy Angels in the city of New Orleans.

The heavy rains which fell here during the past few days are beneficial to the rice crop. From the present outlook the planters expect a very prosperous year, as the stand from Savoie's to the lower end of the rice district is in excellent condition. The planters are about through grassing.

Our popular "Charlie" Schayot left here this week enroute to Bioux and

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other Gulf resorts to recuperate from that tired feeling and enjoy the first vacation in three years, which is well deserved. We hope he will not forget to return.

Dr. C. Y. Seagle, from Belair, was here this week, visiting several patients.

Roy and Bernard Mevers are spending some time with their cousin, Clarence Favret.

Said to Have Stolen Skiffs. A man who gave his name as John Johnson and who says he hails from Illinois, was arrested last night by Robert Lafourcade on the strength of a telephone message from Jesuits' Bend that a white man was stealing and selling skiffs along the river. At the time of his arrest one skiff was found in his possession which proved to be the property of Joseph Gleon, from La Croix plantation. Glenn says that his skiff was locked and that the chain had been filed to get it. He was taken to New Orleans by Judge R. Emmet Hingle Friday evening and turned over to the authorities of Orleans parish, where he stole the skiff found in his possession.

Bertrandville. An event of great interest during the past week, was the marriage of Miss Lucille Savastano of this place, to Mr. Victor Fasonie of Belair, which was celebrated Saturday afternoon at four p. m. at the residence of the bride's parents in the Woodlawn settlement. Rev. Father Kellogg of Jesuits' Bend performed the ceremony. The house was beautifully arranged for the occasion, the room where the couple were united being beautifully decorated with white carnations and a variety of beautiful Southern ferns and palms. The bride wore white silk elaborately trimmed with lace and net and was attended by Miss T. Savastano, her sister and Miss Henriette Artigue, a popular and charming young lady of New Orleans. Mr. Charles Savastano, the bride's brother and Mr. Geo. Smith of Belair, attended the groom. After the ceremony the couple received the congratulations of their many friends and relatives and then repaired to the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with white roses and palms, where the

Court Proceedings. Monday Mrs. A. C. Sois vs. Evariste Sois, her husband, divorce. This case was continued indefinitely.

Eugene Andry Jr. vs. Albert Blodreau, his wife. Suit to annul marriage, trial set for July 6.

Toby Rodney, et als. vs. Aristide Guesnard. Continued to July 6.

Thursday - Robert M. White; charged with violating Act 176 of 1908, relative to selling liquor without a license. Was continued indefinitely.

Mrs. Lizaanood Jeanfreau; charged with slander. Was tried, found not guilty and discharged with a reprimand from the court.

Adam Ansardi, charged with assault and battery, was tried and found guilty and sentence deferred. An information was ordered filed against one Benj. Johnson, the prosecuting witness herein, for assault and battery.

Court will reconvene here on Tuesday, 6th inst.

Limited Opportunities. "Ever see a buffalo?" "Yes."

"Where?" "On the silver certificates-but I haven't seen many." - Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Look Ahead. "Give me two seats, center orchestra, fifth row, for October 29, 1912."

"Are you crazy?" "Very likely; but I thought I might get ahead of your speculators on the sidewalk." - Puck.

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