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Why Not a Plaquemines Parish Fair?

That Plaquemines parish possesses all the requisites for making an excellent showing in a Parish Fair goes without saying. We have excellent sugar crops, rice crops, truck of all kinds, fruits, fine poultry, splendid cattle and native ponies. We have excellent housewives who could make fine exhibits of homemade preserves, canned goods and fancy sewing. Our public school system could undoubtedly make a creditable exhibit of the work done in various sections of the parish and altogether Plaquemines parish would make no mean show if concerted action were had and the men and women, especially the latter, of the parish got together and determined to let the rest of the state know what a wonderful section of the country we have here. Let's get busy and see if by the fall of 1910 Plaquemines parish cannot have a fair that will make the other sixty parishes of the state envious.

Secretary Jastremski of the State Board of Agriculture has announced the dates for the various fairs already proposed as follows: Bienville Parish Fair, at Gibsland, September 14-17. North Louisiana Camp Meeting Fair, at Calhoun, in Lincoln parish, September 22-24. Lincoln Parish Fair, at Ruston, September 28-October 1. Ouachita Parish Fair, at Monroe, October 5-8. Webster Parish Fair, at Minden, October 19-22. Natchitoches Parish Fair, at Natchitoches, October 27-30. Bossier Parish Fair, at Plain Dealing, October 26-28. Avoyelles Parish Fair, at Marksville, October 20-23. St. Martin Parish Fair, at Breaux Bridge, October 14-17. Acadia Parish Fair, at Crowley, November 16-19. Iberia Parish Fair, at Jeanerette, September 30-October 3. Red River Parish Fair, at Coushatta, October 21-23. Lafayette Parish Fair, at Lafayette, some date in October not yet decided. State Fair at Shreveport, November 1-7.

Next year let Plaquemines Parish lead this list.

Crusade Against Mosquitoes.

In the city of Leipzig, Germany, so many cases of malarial fever have developed that they have been attributed to the four creeks running through the city. The municipal authorities have determined to make a crusade against the anopheles mosquito that disseminates malarial disease and believe that these creeks are the cause of their development. It is generally understood, however, that where there is enough water, sufficiently pure to admit of fish life, the fishes will destroy the larvae, or wiggletails, of the mosquito and that it is only in still, or stagnant water, lying about in pools or small ponds, that the mosquito will propagate.

We have found that in this parish it would be comparatively easy to greatly reduce the mosquito nuisance. The management of the Grand Island Railroad on the West bank of the river, appreciate this in that they have their passenger cars always screened in the summer time and in this way the mosquitoes are excluded. Without the screens the mosquitoes invade the cars and are very annoying. The residences in the parish have now screened doors and windows and we find that even the cabins of the colored people are also frequently screened.

Mosquitoes are said by Surgeon General Gorgas to be very much indisposed to migrate from their original homes. They may be driven considerable distances by wind storms, but as a rule they get in the grass, under the leaves and out of the way of the wind as far as possible, to prevent themselves from being driven by the wind. Gen. Gorgas estimates the distance within which they are likely to move at a very few hundred feet. With these carefully worked out observations, it would seem to us manifest that a very little fuel oil put into the head of any one of our plantation ditches, and especially those ditches about the buildings, would gradually spread over the whole surface water and would have the effect of destroying the mosquito larvae. If this were done about the plantation buildings immediately after every considerable rainfall the mosquito nuisance would be very much abated. Certainly the experiment is worth trying and would only cost a few gallons of fuel oil, which to planters who are using it costs but about 2.50 cents per gallon, and those interested could probably obtain supplies at adjacent sugar houses.

Creole Ponies.

The Creole ponies of the olden days were presumed to come from the broad fields of the Attakapas country, that have now gone into rice, and the Creole pony is no longer a standard, purchasable commodity. He was always marketable, but the market is now bare of this desirable little animal. The parish of Plaquemines has been rather noted for its production of these little animals and many of them have developed such wonderful staying qualities on a limited food supply that they have really attracted much attention from those interested in horse flesh. The modern horse

is a very highly developed animal and he fares ill if cast upon his own resources. The great plains of the west were at one time occupied by wild horses, the product of the Mustangs that ran away from the Spaniards, but nowadays the average horse or mule that runs away fares very ill and would die of starvation, unless taken up and fed.

It is stated as a fact that the little horses, or ponies reared in this parish have frequently, and in fact, almost always reached maturity without eating any food whatever excepting such as they could pick up around the public levees and in such lanes and fields as they might have access to. Of course this lack of food dwarfed these animals in size, but it made them as resourceful in securing enough to live on as is the razorback hog. Now we find that the razorback hog has come into his own and the hams from this much abused animal, when cured in the best Virginia style, now rank as equal to, or superior to, Westphalia hams. The Creole pony in this parish, driven to every possible effort to secure food enough to keep himself alive, finds that in this parish, where we have a heavier rainfall than in the localities a little further north, he can get grass enough to maintain health and strength. So far as strength is concerned, while they are not very strong as compared with larger sized horses, at the same time they seem to have wonderful staying qualities and can be driven long distances without giving out. We should think that some of our more enterprising boys in this parish would take up this industry to a greater or less degree and it is so easy to secure a little pasturage for ponies that they would find the business remunerative. The demand for them is constant.

The Lake Borgne Basin Levee Board.

The good people of the parish of St. Bernard, or at least some of them residing near the upper limits of the parish, have concluded to inaugurate a Progressive League, or Union, with a view of promoting the general good of the parish and, it is incidentally stated, with a view of preventing dual office holding. In one of the discussions in the meeting some misapprehension was evidenced as to the status and powers of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee Board. This Board, which has in control the fifty miles of the public levee reaching from New Orleans to the lower line of Bohemia plantation, was organized in 1892 by Act 14 of the General Assembly. The usual powers of taxation, financing and the usual requirements as to the protection of the public levees were referred to in the law creating it, and the Board is allowed to select its domicile by one of the clauses of the law and the domicile selected was New Orleans, and to have for its commissioners one member from each of the two parishes, St. Bernard and Plaquemines, and one to represent the railroad, or railroads, within the district. There are no restrictions as to the selection of attorney, secretary, inspectors, contractors or other employes of the Board. By a later law of a general character, all of the levee boards were required to publish their annual statement in a newspaper published at their domicile. Hence the annual statement of the Lake Borgne Board has been published in the New Orleans papers and the proceeding of the ordinary business meetings of the Board have been published in the organs of the two parishes represented in the Board.

Some of these facts were apparently not understood at the meeting in St. Bernard and an inquiry was made as to why the secretary should be appointed from New Orleans. When the Board was organized Mr. H. Bell of New Orleans was elected the secretary and was continued as such for several years, his appointment being strictly within the limits of the law. It is unfortunate that any misunderstanding should have occurred in this matter. If those interested had given any attention whatever to the law creating the Board they would have seen at a glance the legality of the position taken by the Board and while it is very wise for the Progressive Union of St. Bernard to attempt to better all of the interests of their parish they should have some delicacy in even inferentially attributing illegal action to a Board of Commissioners in which they are very much interested, without a more serious investigation.

The Lake Borgne Basin Levee Board has a record surpassing that of any levee district in the state of Louisiana. During its career of seventeen years it has never had a crevasse, although it has had many close calls in that direction. The blowing out of a rice flume in 1893 required some forty-eight hours for its repair and other than that, any or all emergency work that has arisen has been controlled within the limits of the day of danger. Exposed as we are on the Lower Coast to the severe storms and to wave wash from our great ocean steamers, the maintenance of the levee system has been a very serious problem. It has been accomplished, however, without disaster and at a far less total cost to the property owners of the two parishes than was ever had under the old regime, when each proprietor was expected to look after his own frontage.

Enforcement of the Law.

At the last session of the General Assembly of this state a law was passed prohibiting the drinking of intoxicating liquors on railroad trains in this state. On July 20, the first conviction under this law was had at Pointe-a-la-Hache, when three young men were convicted and fined \$10 and costs each for having broken the law on the Grand Island Railroad after they had boarded the train at Algiers on the evening of July 3. The young men became boisterous and troublesome to the other passengers and were finally arrested, with the results hereinabove given. Mr. J. S. Landry, the efficient superintendent of the New Orleans Southern, or Grand Island Railroad, deserves great credit for the earnestness with which he prosecuted this offense and all similar offenses. During his entire superintendency he has always had

the welfare of the traveling public at heart and has made it a point to maintain good order on all the trains. Many ladies and children travel alone over the route and from the city and with the careful control exercised by Mr. Landry can do so without fear of disturbances.

PARISH NEWS.

Venus Burns.

The gasoline freight boat, Venus, well known to residents of the Lower Coast, burned to the water's edge last Wednesday morning at Grand Island. The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline when the owner of the boat, Anthony Zigra, attempted to light the burner. Capt. Zigra was blown from the engine deck of the Venus over into the prairie, a distance of some fifty feet where he lay unconscious until rescued. Capt. Zigra is quoted as saying that he does not know how the accident occurred as he was just about to move away from the engine when he saw a terrible flash and then knew nothing. Capt. Zigra was taken to the city to Hotel Dieu for treatment for burns and bruises sustained during the explosion, which although painful are not serious. The Venus is said to be worth about \$5,000.

Nero.

The many friends of Mrs. Bernard Savoie, of Nero, will regret to learn of her serious illness at her home and the Gazette hopes soon to be able to chronicle her recovery under the skillful treatment of Dr. C. Y. Seagle.

Pilot Town.

An enjoyable time was spent Sunday by Misses Daisy Alberti and Louise Baril of Buras and Miss Nellie Woods of Port Eads when Messrs. A. Angelo Sr., A. Angelo Jr. and Cleve Armstrong of Head of the Passes arrived in Port Eads with the fast little launch Nora, and took the young ladies for a ride to the bar. On the way down Mr. Armstrong, who was pilot, located a log which apparently angered him as he promptly ran it down and so jarred the young ladies that they nearly embraced their escorts. At this critical moment Mr. Blake came out and offered the assistance of his launch, the Dolphin, but this was not necessary, though greatly appreciated, as the little Cushman motor in the Nora was soon chugging away again. On returning the party were treated to a fine fish dinner gotten up by Mrs. Addie Angelo, this was much enjoyed by all and after an enjoyable evening spent in singing, the young men returned to Head of the Passes.

Last Sunday was agreeably spent by the young people of Pilot Town. Messrs. B. R. Hill, D. Hartnett, J. B. Savage and T. R. Jones of Burwood entertained them with a delightful launch party. Ice cream and lemonade were served by Miss Birdie Sauvage and Miss Annie Hansen. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of the "Burwood Swells" were Misses Annie and Birdie Sauvage, Deborah Wright, Alice Sauvage, Annie Hansen and Martha Houburg, Messrs. R. Orth, W. Wright, H. Wright, W. Sauvage and R. Gordon.

Miss Annie Hansen, of Burwood, spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Pilot Town, the guest of Miss Deborah Wright and the Misses Sauvage.

Miss Annie Sauvage, of Pilot Town, visited Miss Hansen, of Burwood, and returned home Thursday.

Saturday evening, Capt. and Mrs. P. Loga entertained a few friends on a fishing trip to "Cow Horn Reef." Capt. and Mrs. G. W. Loga, Miss Georgina Felger and Mr. Richard Wright Jr., of Pilot Town, were among the guests.

Nicholls.

The jolly Point Pleasant crowd assembled at Johnson's wharf on Saturday evening for a moonlight ride on the launch "Tormentor," which of course was a pleasant success like everything given at the Point. Refreshments were served and the "Spasm band," out in full force added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Those taking part were: Misses Kittie Bennen, Carrie Johnson, Selma Anderson, Sarah Morales, Anita Simmons, Mary Matulich, Josephine Bougon, Messrs. Theodore, Robert and Luke Johnson, Edward Pelas, William Brown, Randal Simmons, Oscar Anderson, Fred Anderson, Harry O'Brien, Charles Johnson, James Bougon and others.

The P. P. baseball team won another victory here Sunday in a rather sensational match with the Buras No. 2, by a score of 2 to 6. The game seemed uninteresting at the start, Buras scoring 5 runs in the first inning, but after this brilliant getaway they were unable to tally a single run for the remainder of the game. Pitcher Anderson with Cosse behind the bat were in their usual good form, while Bruney and Smith for Buras were all that could be desired; Bruney pitching a superb game of ball. Left fielder, C. Johnson of the P. P.'s distinguished himself, handling several long flies as to the manner born.

The P. P.'s and Pointe-a-la-Hache will meet on the former's green Sunday and a good game is expected as the teams are pretty evenly matched.

Jesuits' Bend.

Miss W. Johnston and Mrs. R. W. Henicko, of New Orleans, are spending some time here, the guests of Miss Ethel Perez.
 Miss Charlotte Lott, of Donaldsonville, is the guest of Miss Beatrice Perez for the ensuing week.
 Miss Maggie Flathers, is visiting the Misses Eunice and Ollie Perez.
 Among those here for the day, Sunday, were the Misses May, Juanita and Lillian McNeely, Irene Gay, Leonide Pernot and Louise and Alice Godfrey; Messrs. A. W. Henicko, L. Castex, L. L. Lewis, J. Switzer, Leonard and Rene Perez, guests of the Misses and Messrs. Perez.
 Mr. Jules Gazare was the guest of

Mr. J. Barrois on Sunday.

Mrs. F. Barrois and daughter, Louise, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. R. V. Perez and daughter, Osyth, are spending a month with relatives in Breckenridge, Texas.

The young men of Jesuits' Bend, entertained a host of friends at their Hobo Quarters Saturday night. The club house was beautifully decorated with red white and blue bunting adorned one of the rooms, class colors and pennants of the various members, ornamented another and the dancing hall was a miniature conservatory with ferns and the seasons roses, intermingled with moss. This same effect was carried out in the refreshment booth, a good band furnished music to the eager feet and willing hearts of many a fair maid and brave gallant. Among those present were the Misses Leonide Pernot, Juanita, Lillian and May McNeely, Irene Gay, Charlotte Lott, Beatrice, Eunice, Elie and Ollie Perez, Maggie Flathers, Leah, Edwige and Ethel Perez, Juanita and Ada Rigand, Cecile, Cecile, Evangeline and Oneida Bayhi, W. Johnston, L. Henicko, Ollie Rigand, May Bayhi, Bulah, Viola and Bertha Perez, Messrs. Roselius, Leonard, John, Ernest, Mitchell and Lawrence Perez, Leno Rigand, John, Gerard, Whitney, Benoit and Alcide Barrois, Clem and Roy Lartigue, Sidney and Arthur Bechel, O. and T. Dolese, Cima and Moses Grabert, Leander Perez, Eloi and Frank Giordano, R. V. Perez, Euclid Perez, J. H. Switzer, Alfred and Henry Barrois and T. Hagan.

Potash.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Naccari, of New Orleans, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Rigand, last Sunday.

Mr. Leo Rigand kept his launch in the river for a few weeks during which the young ladies and gentlemen of Potash took many rides, which they enjoyed immensely. But now the launch is back in the bayou to await the fair season as Mr. Rigand expects to resume the business of buying furs next winter.

Mrs. Geo. Martin and the Misses Emma Chevillie and Eva Martin, of New Orleans, are the guests of Misses Leah and Ellen Chevillie this week.

A delightful trip to Grand Lake was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. L. Rigand and family on their new launch the "Daisy R."

Miss Sidonia Treadaway, of New Orleans, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Treadaway.

Mrs. Eliza Chartier.

Mrs. Eliza Chartier, widow of the late Pierre Bremond, an aged and highly respected lady, crossed into the great beyond last Thursday, the 22nd inst. at her home in Homeplace. Though she had reached the ripe old age of 77 years, Mrs. Bremond was in apparent good health until within a few days of her demise, her end coming as a distinct shock to her many relatives and friends. As a life-long resident of Homeplace, Mrs. Bremond was ever known as a noble woman whose life was one record of noble, charitable and christian deeds. She leaves a large family of nine children and a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren to whom the Gazette proffers its sympathy in their bereavement.

Cannon-Miller.

The marriage of Mr. Fred Cannon, the popular son of Hon. and Mrs. Newton B. Cannon, to Miss Arabella Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Miller, formerly of this parish, was quietly solemnized last Thursday at Lusher, La., the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon have taken up their abode at Happy Jack and have the best wishes of their friends for a successful voyage on the matrimonial seas.

Bunch of Rice.

The Gazette is in receipt of a beautiful bunch of Honduras rice, received from the Stella plantation, managed by Mr. Alex Brandt and under the immediate supervision of that able planter, Mr. Joseph P. Miller, well known for his proficiency in the culture of rice. Mr. Brandt and Mr. Miller can well be proud of the crop which they began harvesting on Monday last.

Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Although we seldom see our good friend, Hon. Jas. Wilkinson, we know that he is always near. Mr. Wilkinson has taken his trim little launch from the waters in the rear of his place to the bosom of the mighty Mississippi, and in his little boat he can be found at any time. Mr. Wilkinson is justly proud of his boat, for it is one of the neatest and fastest little boats on the river.

Felix LaFrance was in our town Saturday, with a visitor that intends to board at Lavignette's hotel for some time.

State Engineer Monget and Walter Villere, were down on Wednesday to take up work on the back levee.

Mrs. Robt. Hingle, after quite an enjoyable stay at the home of her son Judge R. E. Hingle, returned to her home in New Orleans.

Miss Sophie Hingle of New Orleans, is spending some time at the home of her brother, Judge R. E. Hingle.

The base ball enthusiasts of our town witnessed a very one sided game Sunday, between the upper and lower Pointe-a-la-Hache boys. The game was one sided from beginning to end, resulting in a score of 12 to 1, in favor of the lower Pte-a-la-Hache boys, or rather the P. C.'s.

Mr. W. A. Meyers was in Pointe-a-la-Hache Sunday, on a visit to his wife and children, at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. Favret.

We were pleased to note that Mr. Raoul Favret has so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to enable him to make his usual week end visit to Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Messrs. Bernard and Lionel Favret, spent Sunday at the home of their par-

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nts, Mr. and Mrs. G. Favret.

Mr. F. C. Meyers, Jr. was in our town Sunday, visiting relatives.

Invitations are out for a grand soiree to be given at the Court House School, by the "Three Jolly Sports," Saturday, July 31, 1909. A "Jolly" time is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Maigs Childress and son, of Triumph, La., after spending 10 days at Cooper's Wells, Miss., left for Mobile, Ala. for a summer's vacation. The Gazette wishes them a pleasant stay and a safe return.

Messrs. Alex. Brandt and Walter McCormick attended court on Thursday.

Hon. Simon Leopold was in our town on Thursday inspecting the levee. He has quite a large force employed in the cutting of the weeds thereon and our levees will be in excellent condition in a few days.

Messrs. R. S. Daniels and Maurice Johnson were visitors at Pointe-a-la-Hache on Thursday.

Mrs. W. J. Castel left for her home in New Orleans, after spending some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. S. Livaudais.

Court Proceedings.

On Thursday the 29th day of July, the 29th Judicial Court in and for the Parish of Plaquemines held the last regular session as vacation begins with the end of July.

The most important case tried was the case of State vs. Jos. Richardson et al., charged with having murdered one Ben Burkens on Stella plantation. These defendants were given a preliminary trial and as a result of same Wm. Stewart was remanded under \$200 appearance bond, Harry Nickens on \$500 bond and Peter Alvarez and Elie Williams were released on their own bond for \$100 each. Jos. Richardson was held with-out bail and Wm. Fredricks was not tried.

The case of Toby Rodney et al. vs. Aristide Guesnari was argued and the matter taken under advisement by the Court.

The Judge rendered a decision in the case of Gabriel Michel vs. Gustave Barville. This is a suit for damages for the alleged bite of a dog. The suit was dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

The Gazette prints all the news.

LAGNIAPPE.

The cornfield ought to take a high rank, because there are so many kernels in it.

It would not take a threshing machine very long to thresh out some men's ideas.

The auctioneer knocks down almost everything he touches, and yet nobody seems to mind it.

Pride is undesirable, and yet we are all agreed that rice is not likable unless it is all puffed up.

Talk about the farmers having no influence; they are stirring up the entire country right now.

"By their fruits ye shall know them," but what about a tree with a dozen different varieties of grafts?

Our neighbor's faults are magnified sevenfold, but our own shortcomings we cannot see them with a microscope.

It is not best always to stay at home; an occasional change is good for everybody. Even the kitchen fire goes out occasionally.

Every farmer can be his own weather prophet if he will keep his tools under the shed, and his stock in the stable during bad nights.

There are lots of people in the world who appear to have the brains of a mule. All they seem to be able to do is to eat, sleep and kick.

In a horse deal with thy neighbor, when looking for the spavin on his animal, do not neglect to mention the spint on thine own, and thus shalt thou have a record for fair dealing.

Farmer Jones was pleased as Punch when he heard his son was being taught fencing at college, but when he saw the small instruments used in the instruction, his pleasure gave way to disgust.

One reason why we don't get our wall paper to stay on is because we do not cook the starch when we make it. It ought to be made with boiling water, stirred all the time till it looks good and smooth. If you dissolve an ounce of powdered alum to every two pounds of flour you use, that will make the starch better.

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