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Some Storm Phenomena.

In the storm of September 20, certain features were so exceptional as to apparently take that storm out of the ordinary schedule. The speed of the wind was so great that the air was filled with a mist of water forty or fifty feet above the sea level and this when no rain was falling. There seems to have been some cyclonic action that picked up the water bodily and carried it forward with the speed of the wind. At Pointe-a-la-Hache during the day the back water was high and the danger of an overflow was regarded as imminent, and all at once the overflow came and in a few hours the entire country was a raging sea from the Back Levee more than a half a mile back, up to the river front. At Belair the back water was high at dark, but not alarmingly so, and during the six hours between then and 12 o'clock, it is reported to have raised two feet. In St. Bernard Parish, East of Bayou Terre aux Bœufs, down opposite the Island a gentleman there resident was standing near his house with his little boy and the boy called his father's attention to an oncoming wave, in fact a tidal wave, and in ten minutes the country all around them was submerged.

It seems scarcely possible that the whole country should have been submerged so quickly and with so little warning, unless we advance the tidal wave theory and cyclone action on the water picking it up bodily, as it were, and carrying it forward. It was evident to every observer that in a small way this effect of the storm prevailed during the entire day of Monday, September 20, but the vast masses of water brought in on to the land indicate that this cyclonic, or twisting and progressing grasp of the water carrying it on over the land and to a height unprecedented in the annals of the country.

Tidal waves, such as that which occurred in the Straits of Messina and destroying the cities of Messina and Reggio, properly occur from earthquake action. The tidal wave is essentially an earthquake phenomenon, but the suddenness of the rise of the waters on September 20, indicates that the great hurricane, or cyclone then progressing westward with its central spiral twisting, or waterspout action, always at work and this over an area of hundreds of miles breadth produces these results that would be inconceivable to anyone who did not experience them.

Some Lessons in Democracy.

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES is disposed to be severe in its criticisms of those Louisiana congressmen who so sturdily stood by the sugar and rice interests of their own state in the recent tariff debates and votes in Washington. THE STATES seems willing to read them all out of the democratic party. It has occurred to us that the democratic party needs all the good people that it can get within its limits and that they exist in the United States to the extent of millions, and some millions of them are protectionists in a greater or less degree. The great politicians of England, France and Germany endeavor as earnestly as they can to combine in their respective parties all of those who would seem to have similar interests and in this way to carry on successful administrations. It would be difficult to get all mento to subscribe to any given formula in politics as much as to any given formula in religion. Those who are genuine democrats and believe in individualism and not in the communistic idea which is one of its developments in the present crushing trust formations and another of its developments in the crushing effects of the labor unions, would regret to see the democratic party go to pieces because of the extreme views in the direction of free trade, or extreme views in any other direction of some of its supporters.

Evidently William Jennings Bryan feels this way, as he has recently declined Senator Bailey's invitation to meet with him on the platform and to discuss comparatively their respective views of the recent tariff legislation. Mr. Bryan in declining Senator Bailey's invitation says that he thinks that it is impolitic to develop unnecessary factions and quarrels in the democratic party and we are led to infer, therefore, that he is willing that Senator Bailey should vote for a tariff on Texas wool whenever he wants to, and would let Senator McEnery vote for a tariff on Louisiana sugar whenever he wants to, without counting this as any party disloyalty, but simply the expression of the personal individual upon the particular issue in hand. Bryan has been pretty radical in some of his views, but he seems to show his good sense when he now concludes that the democratic party cannot afford to have two of its ablest champions starting to maul each other in a joint debate when it seems very possible to secure a democratic coneress next year if the democratic party maintains its integrity. It was Alexander the Great who discovered the

military advantages of attacking his enemy in sections and he conquered all the world that way. William Jennings Bryan discovers the necessity of maintaining a democratic party intact if we are to ever again have democratic success, and so he declines the joint debate with Senator Bailey on tariff questions.

Peary Versus Cook.

THE unfortunate controversy concerning the discovery of the north pole that has arisen between the two distinguished gentlemen, or at least between their respective adherents, seems very absurd to those who have noted what has gone on and the virulence of the attack of Commander Peary on Dr. Cook, which seems so entirely uncalled for, has led popular sympathy to favor the claims of Dr. Cook. In fact, the arrogance sometimes displayed by naval and army officers and the recent unpleasant experiences in that direction in connection with the killing of young Sutton at Annapolis and the more recent severe hazing of Sutton's brother at West Point, and the practical killing of Cadet Boozie there some years back, lead to very severe criticism among the men on the street of these men who are so arrogant in their pretensions and who are willing to allow so little consideration to what may be done by laymen, or by staff officers, such as Dr. Cook. So far as THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE is concerned, it believes that both of these parties reached to so-called north pole, or 90 degrees latitude north. The regulars of the army any navy will doubtless regret that a mere doctor got there first. Whatever may be their regrets, it doesn't help their cause to send wireless messages about "gold bricks." This time and in this controversy the medical man seems to have his inning and the staff officer by his conduct in the controversy shows up to the best advantage, while Commander Peary, by his arrogant assumptions bids fair to lose the sympathy and the commendations of the American people, although his prowess in the Arctic regions fairly earned all this long ago.

Dollar Corn.

THAT the corn crop will become a more important factor in Southern Louisiana in the future than in the past is manifest by the increasing interest that is being taken in it, both by corn producers and by the local corn consumers. The latter see that it is far better for the whole country for them to buy their corn at home and thus encourage corn production here and increase the general wealth of the country in that way, rather than to buy the corn imported in from other states and thus perpetuate the single crop idea, which sometimes wins, and often fails to win.

In the LAFAYETTE ADVERTISER of October 5, the People's Cotton Oil Co., of Lafayette are advertising that they will give a dollar a barrel for good slip shucked corn, delivered at their oil mill in Lafayette. Lafayette is the very town where some ten or fifteen years ago, when a large corn crop had been harvested, the corn growers found it impossible to get a market and sales were reported to have been made as low as twenty-five cents per bushel of fifty-six pounds of shelled corn. The People's Cotton Oil Co. there now offer a dollar a barrel for good slip shucked corn and that means about a dollar a bushel, as a fairly good barrel of slip shucked corn will shell out any way about fifty-six pounds and sometimes as much as seventy pounds of corn. Years ago the common price of slip shucked corn was fifty cents a barrel in the country on the general assumption of fifty cents a bushel. Now the price is double and it is certainly worth every farmer's and planter's effort to increase his corn crop, even to a point at which he will have corn for sale. There will always be a market for it.

The Steamer Grover Cleveland.

THE serious accident that befell the steamer Grover Cleveland on Wednesday, October 6, excites much sympathy on the Lower Coast for the loss thus occasioned to the owners and officers of this excellent boat. Taking on fuel oil at Gretna, in some inconceivable manner the oil became ignited and the upper works of the boat burst into flames, which reached one of the oil tanks that was being filled. With herculean efforts on the part of the officers and crew and with the aid of the people of the Gulf Refining Co. that were supplying the oil, and the Port Commission's boat the Samson, as well as that of the Independent, the fire was finally suppressed and it is to be hoped that this good packet boat will soon be back in the trade again. THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE extends its sincerest sympathy to the owners of the boat, including Captain Renaud, the general manager of the company, and Captain H. L. Lange, directly in charge of the boat and will hope that that within ten or fifteen days her welcome whistle will be heard along the banks of the Lower Mississippi as of old.

An Ill Wind, Etc.

THE recent storm seems to have scored a few good points. It seems to have wiped out the white fly pest, which is of recent advent among the orange trees of this parish. The white fly is a very small insect much susceptible to the effect and influence of any strong wind current, so frail is its make-up. It is as equally dangerous to the tree as the scale and has not yet yielded to the scientific treatment that the latter has, although spraying is said to have had its baneful effect upon the white fly. It is therefore, gratifying to hear that this pesky insect has not been able to withstand the force of the driving rain and wind and that it

is gone from our midst for at least several seasons.

It is also reported that the brown pest, better known in this parish as the "trotters" have suffered decimation and, in some localities almost total annihilation as a result of the presence of tide water in the orange groves. It is an undisputed fact that flooding the land is about the only effective means of exterminating the ant family. It would seem almost impossible to carry out such a plan, but, nature has, nevertheless, helped materially in this respect, thereby demonstrating the possibilities of the idea. This ant question will soon come to be as serious a question as the boll weevil is out in the cotton belt, unless steps are taken to check its slow, but sure, progress. The National Department of Agriculture seems to have become interested in this question and are said to be working in the right direction.

PARISH NEWS.

Junior.

Mrs. Fred Cannon of Happy Jack, spent several days with relatives at Junior.

Miss Nettie Menge of City Price spent Tuesday with Mrs. H. McCarty.

Messrs. Lutz Bieber and Louis and Henry Trebil were the guests of Misses Sophie and Alice Bieber on Sunday evening.

Mrs. N. Bieber of West. Pointe-a-la-Hache visited relatives here Tuesday.

Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Assessor Marc Cognovich was in Pointe-a-la-Hache last Saturday on business.

Our friend Fred Ahrens, Dist. Atty. pro tem. was here the better part of this week and while here, he indulged in a little hunting. Mr. Ahrens is quite a marksman and was very successful in his hunts.

Hon. Simon Leopold was in our town on business this week.

Hon. Emile Schayot was a business visitor in New Orleans for a few days this week.

This week was one of Pointe-a-la-Hache's lively ones, court being held here during the entire week.

Mrs. Neville Frederick visited her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Lavignette, on Monday.

Gov. H. C. Warmoth, of Magnolia, paid the Gazette an agreeable call Thursday, while in Pointe-a-la-Hache on business. The Governor says Magnolia will start grinding about Nov. 1, and, all things considered, fairly good results are expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Favret are spending a three weeks vacation with Mr. Favret's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Favret.

Pat. Samuel and Martin Lyons, of Homeplace were in Pointe-a-la-Hache last Saturday to attend the sale of the Lyons estate. The home property was purchased by the family for \$2,225.

Mr. J. E. Wadsworth and daughter, Miss Irene, of Monsecour, the father and sister of Miss Julia Wadsworth visited here last Sunday.

A. M. Mahot, a former resident and truck grower of Roseland, Tangipahoa parish, has leased the Laussade farm at Diamond, just opposite Pointe-a-la-Hache. Mr. Mahot says he lost his entire cotton crop and, what with reverses of former years, he has come to the conclusion that Plaquemines offers better advantages than elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Valery Daurive, of Fort St. Leon, visited relatives here this week.

Atty. and Mrs. James Wilkinson and little daughter were the guests of Mrs. S. Favret on Wednesday.

Mr. David Savoie was an agreeable caller at our office on Thursday.

Albert Andignac visited his mother, Mrs. Alfred Andignac on Wednesday.

Joseph Simon, son of Simon the photographer, is in our town for the purpose of tearing down the old Carlo homestead. Mr. Simon contemplates building a couple of small cottages on the spot where the house now stands.

Mrs. L. J. Fontenelle is spending some time in the Crescent City.

Raoul C. Favret was on the sick list this week, at the home of his mother, but is once more feeling as good as new.

Judge Julius Strack was a business visitor in our town this week. Judge Strack is always the jolly good fellow that once managed the Stella Plantation.

Court Proceedings.

Saturday, Oct. 9: Mrs. S. O. Buras, vs. S. O. Buras, her husband. Judgement for plaintiff, granting her absolute divorce.

Mrs. S. R. Mathe vs. S. R. Mathe, her husband. Judgement for plaintiff in the sum of \$10,000.

Monday, Oct. 11: The matter of Joseph Richardson, who is charged with murder, was called and, upon motion of the district attorney pro. tem., based on the absence of material witnesses for the State, an indefinite continuance was ordered by the court.

Richard Nelson was arrested and jailed under a subordination of perjury in connection with the Richardson case.

Arthur Alexander plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery and sentenced \$10 or 30 days, he chose the latter.

Tuesday, Oct. 12: State of Louisiana vs. Theodore Stafford, rape. This matter was continued indefinitely and the petit jury discharged by the court sine die.

Judgment homologating family meeting in succession of Jos. Salvato.

Wednesday, Oct. 13: Assault and battery, State vs. Paul Jacomin. A plea of guilty entered and the accused sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs or serve 20 days imprisonment. The fine was paid.

State vs. Wiliz Frederick, nois prossed.

State vs. Cold St. Anne, The accused, a negro, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs or serve 60 days in the parish jail.

Thursday, Oct. 14: State of Louisiana vs. Sidney Stocketh, assault and battery. The accused apologized to the defendant in open Court and a nolle pro. was entered.

State of Louisiana ex. rel. Henry Giles vs. Mrs. John Manuel, habeas corpus for the custody of Isaac Giles tried, argued and taken under advisement until the following morning.

State vs. Eulalie Narcisse, slander. The Court ordered a nolle pro. entered due to the fact that the accused was afflicted with an incurable malady and placed her under a peace bond of \$100 for the next four months.

An affidavit was sworn out for the arrest of ——— Richardson, a young negro, who broke prison rules in attempting and succeeding in throwing objects to her brother, Jos. Richardson, through the iron bars of the jail windows. Being caught red-handed in the act by Jailor Lavignette. She may have to face serious charges.

Died.

Miss B. Hingle, daughter of the late Belle Hingle, died at her home in Buras, Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 5 p. m. The interment, which was largely attended by both friends and relatives, took place in Buras cemetery. THE GAZETTE extends its sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Pilot Town.

On Sunday evening quite an enjoyable time was spent at the home of Miss Deborah Wright. Mr. S. D. Coleman of Burwood sang several old time favorites—"Ben Bolt, Auld Lang Syne, The Lost Chord and O Promise me," with piano accompaniment. Mr. Ralph Gordon played the popular "Merry Widow" selections and Mr. Harry Kelly sang "The Message of the Violet." Those present were: Misses, Annie Sauvage, Deborah Wright, Berdie Sauvage, Elsie Wright, Alice Sauvage, and Martha Halberg; Messrs. J. D. Coleman, J. H. Sauvage Jr., H. Kelly, T. Jones, A. Stear, R. Gordon, White, H. Roche, R. Waigh, Jr., W. Wright and H. Wright.

Inspector Hugh Roche, of the Custom Service at Quarantine, visited the Pilot Town school on Tuesday.

Mr. Richard Wright Jr., of New Orleans, is spending some time in Pilot Town.

Mr. R. Emmett Kelley spent a week at Pilot Town, the guest of his uncle Mr. R. Wright.

DIED.

On Sunday night at 7:45 p. m., entered in rest, Earl, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Loge, aged 20. The entire community extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Empire

Misses Odile and Clara Hingle the charming daughters of Judge C. Hingle, have returned home after an enjoyable two weeks visit with their aunt, Mrs. B. F. Brown at Seranton, Miss.

Messrs. Anthony and Edward Pelas, have returned home after a long sojourn at the home of their aunt, Mrs. B. F. Brown, at Seranton, Miss.

Misses Anna and Lillian Schroeder, were the guests of Miss Odile Hingle at the home of Mrs. C. Hingle.

Mr. Noel Buras Jr., of New Orleans, spent a few days with his father, Mr. Noel Buras Sr. at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. Hingle.

Perhaps a good name is more to be desired than great riches, but a fat purse is a good thing to lean on.

THE GAZETTE has all the news.

October's Bright Blue Weather.

O suns and skies and clouds of June, And flowers of June together, Ye cannot rival for an hour October's bright blue weather.

When loath the humbles make haste, Belated, thrifless, vagrant, And goldenrod is dying fast, And lanes with grapes are fragrant;

When gentian rail the fringes tight To save them for the morning, And chestnuts fall from satin bars Without a sound of warning;

When on the ground red apple lie In piles like jewels shining, And redder still on old stone walls Are leaves of woodbine twining;

When all the lovely waxy things Their white-winged seeds are sowing, And in the fields still green and fair, Late afternoons are growing;

When sprites run low, and is the brook, In idle golden freighting, Bright leaves sink soulless in the loch, Of woods, for winter waiting;

When comrades seek sweet country haunts, By two and two together, And count like miles, hours by hour, October's bright blue weather.

O suns and skies and flowers of June, Count all your beauty together, Love's best of all the year, October's bright blue weather.

—HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

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