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The Muskrat Pest.

The common house and barn rat is said now by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to be one of the worst pests that infest our country. The department has spent thousands of dollars in experimenting on methods for their destruction and yet they are costing us millions of dollars annually and their extirpation seems doubtful. We are led to this diversion because of the miserable muskrat that has cost the State of Louisiana millions of dollars because of its burrowing in the levees of the state, leading time and again to disastrous crevasses. The Federal Government has been expending thousands of dollars in endeavoring to kill the field rats and gophers that devastate the grain fields in the semi-arid states and yet here in Louisiana where our very existence on all of our alluvial lands depends upon the maintenance of our levee system it was seriously proposed to tax or license muskrat hunters as a source of revenue to the state. The last Live Oak Grove crevasse in this parish cost in its closure, in the restoration of the levee and in direct injury done to the crops behind the levee and in the indirect injury reaching to other years, more than a quarter of a million dollars. And yet it was almost surely the result of a muskrat hole. The Parish of Plaquemines and the State of Louisiana would do well to pay a bonus of so much per head to muskrat killers, were it not that the skins are sufficient inducement to the hunters to pursue them and kill all they can.

The legislators from the hills of Louisiana got the muskrat license through the lower House of the legislature and had it not been for the able, earnest and persistent efforts of our most excellent representative coupled with the untiring efforts of Senator Estopinal, it would have gone through the Senate. As it is muskrat hunters have carte blanche to catch all the rats they can without any license and the more they catch the better it will be for our levee system which our state engineers now regard as the most exposed levees in the state's entire system and the least well constructed and protected.

The U. S. Mint.

The Washington news is to the effect that the U. S. mint located in New Orleans is about to be closed so far as the coinage of gold and silver is concerned. This is sad news for the office holders and others in and about the U. S. Mint but some hope is left behind in the statement that the mint will be kept open as an assay office. Be this as it may we are somewhat interested in another phase of the coinage question.

Why should we have such a permissive coinage as we now have? The copper half cent became obsolete before the civil war. The silver or composite three cent piece became obsolete during the civil war and now has come the time to discard the silver dime now so useless and annoying coin and one now entirely superseded by our nickels. The silver dime should be the next coin to go. The silver half dollar is not of much use. It is too much to hand into a church collection when the hat is passed around, and too much to give to a sleeping car porter unless you have had a long trip. The silver half dollar should go next. We should then have copper cents, nickel five cents, silver quarters and silver dollars, and these would be enough, the rest are not needed.

In the matter of gold coinage those old enough remember the miserable little gold dollars of fifty years ago. Even the quarter eagles or two dollar and a half pieces became unpopular as those having them frequently passed them off by mistake as ten cent pieces.

With all of these changes there would not be much to do at the New Orleans mint and it is possible that no more coinage will be done in New Orleans. If we mistake not the New Orleans mint was built to coin precious metals coming into the Mississippi Valley from Mexico and from California during the early days of the California gold mining. Its career of six or seven decades of good work seems about to close.

The Charbon Epizootic Continues.

ALMOST daily the press dispatches indicate the loss of animals in Southwestern Louisiana and also over in the coast lands of Texas. This outbreak seems to have been localized over in Western Louisiana and along the Texas coast and hundreds of animals are reported to have died and the epizootic is continuing. The comparative immunity experienced thus far along the Mississippi River and in the parishes lying adjacent thereto and even in those parishes where outbreaks of charbon have been comparatively frequent in the past, would suggest careful inquiry as to why this freedom from this dreadful stock disease is secured.

As we have indicated in these columns hith-

erto, we know of no reason excepting that of the more general use of Pasteur's vaccine virus as a protection against this disease. On the Lower Coast they formerly had charbon, and if it was present anywhere in the state, it could almost surely be found there. Such is not the case this season. On the Upper Coast and on both sides of the river we learn of no losses of live stock from charbon. It would seem therefore that this immunity is gained by the constantly increasing plan of inoculating the animals annually with the Pasteur charbon vaccine virus.

A defect, or at least a hiatus in the logic of this reasoning would seem to be the fact that many of the colored people and others owning but one or two animals, and those frequently in poor condition, have not lost any by charbon, so as is reported. These odds and ends as a rule are not vaccinated, excepting in the cases of some exceptionally intelligent men, who desire to get their animals vaccinated and will do it whenever the opportunity is offered to them. As a rule, however, all of the Creole ponies and the horses and mules belonging to the colored people, although not vaccinated, are not suffering from disease in these river parishes. This would suggest an inquiry as to whether or not the fresh mule stock coming into Louisiana and Texas from the other states of the Union and more northerly latitudes are more susceptible to charbon contagion than are the animals that have been here for a long time. If this be demonstrated or admitted to be so, then the theory would be that the susceptible animals when not vaccinated quickly develop the charbon in their immediate localities. As they become immune by vaccination, all the rest of the animals of the community are protected by the fact that the disease does not break out among these susceptible ones. Certainly some animals are far more susceptible than others and we are inclined to this latter hypothesis and to the increasing effort to immunize all new purchases of mule stock, is attributable our present freedom from charbon in the river parishes.

Since writing the above we have heard of an outbreak of charbon in the Sixth Ward of this parish, but have learned no particulars except that six or eight mules had died.

The Louisiana Corn Crop.

THE government corn reports issued under date of July 8, report an increased acreage this year in Louisiana in corn to the extent of 12 per cent, and the condition at 85.4 per cent, as against a 10 year average and 85.1 as against last year at 89.3. We may therefore say that the outlook for corn in Louisiana is better than it has ever been before the increased area considered and that the 2,500,000 acres that are in corn this year will produce a crop of that cereal worth 30 or 40 millions of dollars to the people of the state.

It is interesting to note that while of the 114 million acres of corn in the United States this year only 2.50 millions are growing in Louisiana, all the rest of the Southern States stand above the two million mark, as Georgia has 4.50 million acres planted and Texas about 9 millions of acres planted in corn. While Texas ranks so very high, the state is surpassed by both Iowa, with its 9.50 million acres and Illinois with its 10.50 million acres. In regard to corn culture, it is a notable fact that for many years Louisiana has been getting very large quantities of corn from Nebraska. We note that Nebraska has a little over 8 millions of acres of land planted in corn and it is recognized as one of the chief corn producing states. Nebraska, however, has but a very limited rainfall, only some 25 inches, whereas our annual rainfall is about 60 inches.

The cultivation of corn in Louisiana is not so easy as it is in the great prairie states of the Northwest, where floods are rare and flat culture very practicable. We have noted that some of our corn planting experts have recently stated their confidence in flat land planting in this state. The rainy condition of the country now and the vast areas that are under water because of the frequent heavy showers teach a very suggestive lesson in regard to the floods and flat planting in this state. Ridge planting, or row planting can be made very successful here and with adequate ditching and quarter draining the surplus waters can be conducted away rapidly enough to prevent injury to corn crops, although hardly as much can be said for the peas and peavine crops which so generally go with corn culture in our state. The peavine is very susceptible to injury by water and sometimes a single day's inundation is sufficient to kill the vines.

Reverting again to the relative production of corn, it looks odd to see that Virginia only grows but little over two millions of acres of corn, while Michigan, which is largely a glacial moraine, or gravel bed, produces about the same acreage. Of course Virginia has scores of other crops, but so has the State of Michigan. The soil of Virginia, however, is thought generally to be better than that of the State of Michigan and more conducive to the production of good corn crops, but apparently not sufficiently attractive in that direction to enable Old Virginia to reach up in culture even to Louisiana, and much less to Arkansas and the other states that rank up toward the three million acre line and above.

PARISH NEWS.

Jesuits' Bend.

Miss Adele Barrois is at present decidedly the most popular young lady in Jesuits' Bend. Her name has been on every lip since the memorable moment when the judges in the popularity contest announced that her envelope contained two hundred and two dollars and fifty cents. The news spread like wild fire and must now have traveled the length and breadth of the land. And well might

she be praised, for the accumulation of such an amount is no small task. Much credit is due her manager, Mr. Jno. Barrois who was game to the backbone. When he set his shoulder to the wheel he resolved to nail his colors to the mast to ride the whirlwind and direct the storm. The victorious candidate is a sweet unassuming young lady who would do good by stealth and blush to find it fame. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noelia Barrois, both highly esteemed in the community.

The second prize was captured by the "adorable brunette" Miss Viola Giordano, aided by her clever cooper, Esteve Giordano, who cunningly worked behind the scenes and baffled her adversaries who little dreamed that her votes would soar over two thousand. She was followed closely by Miss Eunice Perez, who did much to make the contest a lively one as most of the candidates gauged their standing by the votes she was expected to bring in. However, Miss Perez was resting on her laurels this time and as the tortoise passed the sleeping hare—Thereby hangs the tale. Rev. J. M. Kellogg was present at the Ollie school Saturday night to present the prizes and thank the young ladies and their friends for their efforts and generous support. Hon. R. E. Perez' idea of giving a souvenir to each contestant was a very worthy one and pleased those who had given their best for the cause. The following report follows:—

Miss Adele Barrois	\$202.50
Miss Viola Giordano	135.00
Miss Eunice Perez	127.25
Miss Ethel Perez	71.90
Miss Corinne Jeanfreau	44.00
Miss Cecile Bayhi	22.00
Miss Winnie Adams	18.10
Miss Olive Gaudet	16.00
Total	\$636.75

I wish to thank my friends for contributions for the St. Cecilia Church contest.

EUNICE PEREZ.

Venice.

Quite a number of folks from the Crescent City are spending a while here. Among them are Mrs. Jno. Rodi and daughter, Misses Katie Knight and Dora Calle and Mr. Vincent Perez.

A jolly bunch of girls and boys from this place attended the grand ball at Triumph, given by the Bulot Bros. in their spacious hall La Fameuse. The young ladies were Misses L. and D. Kinkella, L. and C. Bari, Eva Meyer, Josephine Ledot, Mary, Sarah and Elda Buras and Amelia Buras and Mrs. W. Brown. They reported a delightful time and were very complimentary in stating that the hall was the finest in the parish.

Hon. J. Bernard left here Sunday morning for Biola, Miss. He will spend a few days there with his family.

Miss Amanda Coon of New Orleans, and little sister Gertrude, are visiting relatives here.

Potash.

Mr. and Mrs. Octave Carmendille and little son Raymond, of Harvey's Canal, and Maceari and son Master Amedee, of New Orleans, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rigaud the past week.

Miss Daisy Rigaud visited Miss Natalie Cannon on Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Martin and children and Miss Eva Martin were the guests of their relatives the Misses Chedville, the past week, returning to their homes in New Orleans on Sunday.

Miss Rita Gaillardanne, after spending a most enjoyable week with her friend Miss Daisy Rigaud, returned to her home in New Orleans on Sunday, much to the regret of her friends.

After a Pleasant trip of a month, Mr. Clinton Rigaud returned home with his brother, Master Leo Rigaud. The latter has spent two months in Grand Isle for his health which is much improved.

Among the guests at Mr. Leo Rigaud's on Sunday was Mr. R. J. Du Saules of New Orleans.

Miss Leah Chedville entertained a few of her friends at a euchre party on Saturday evening. Everybody had a fine time.

Phoenix.

The young folks of Woodlawn will give a fair on Sunday, July 24, for the benefit of St. Mary's Catholic Chapel of that place. A game of ball will also be played in the evening between the Jolly Kids and the Sunflowers. For the Jolly Kids, Joe Martin, a youngster of great promise will do the twirling and Jovous Fred Schmidt behind the wind pad. The Sunflowers will have Jack Brandt heaving the horsehide and Salvastana will receive.

Martin-Cosse.

The marriage of Mr. Armand Martin to Miss Della Louise Cosse took place Thursday at 5 p. m. at the St. Louis Cathedral in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cosse. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Martin of New Orleans. The GAZETTE extends congratulations to the happy couple.

City Price

Mrs. Evariste Treadaway and little son visited New Orleans and Biola lately.

Miss Daisy Treadaway visited friends and relatives in the City.

Mr. E. Swobody of New Orleans, and two nephews Frank and Edwin Stedline visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nolan on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Felix Treadaway and daughter Annie of Algiers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nolan on.

Mrs. J. Swobody of New Orleans is spending the summer with her sister,

Mrs. Thomas Nolan. Miss Leora Simms of Union Settlement spent a few days at the Misses Menge.

Miss Leontine Martin and two little nieces of New Orleans spent last week the guests of Miss Alice Treadaway.

Mr. Guy Hebert is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Menge.

Miss Nettie Menge went to New Orleans this week.

Mr. Victor Treadaway is visiting friends and relatives in the City.

Misses Judy and Elizabeth and Master William Lawrence of New Orleans, are spending the summer vacation with their sister Mrs. Hugh Forsyth.

Mr. Eddie Lawrence New Orleans spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Hugh Forsyth.

Messrs. Eddie and Edgar Nolan of Myrtle Grove visited their parents Sunday.

Mr. Paul Baleviero of Buras was a visitor here lately.

Mr. Brooks Forsyth was a New Orleans visitor last week.

Back Levee Gaps Filled.

Pending the preliminary try-out of the dredge now engaged in the work of repairing the back levee, the Board of State Engineers has permitted the closing of all gaps and blow-outs in the levee by means of wheel-barrow work. Hon. A. E. Schayot the efficient secretary of the levee Board volunteered his services as supervisor of the work with the result that, after a week's work, all gaps, save three in the first district have been closed and there is every promise that the entire levee will be rendered safe against any ordinary gale tide.

Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Messrs. Ed. Peschlow and J. Reichert of Stock Landing, St. Bernard parish, were in our town Wednesday. While here these gentlemen were entertained on a fishing trip in our bays. Those who participated were Sheriff Meyers, Judge Hingle, Dist. Atty. N. H. Nunez, Atty. O. S. Livaudais, Fred Ahrens, Ed. Peschlow and J. Reichert. The party returned the same day with a large quantity of small fish of all kinds and well satisfied with the good time in general, enjoyed by all.

Mrs. W. A. Meyers and daughter, Irma, are the guests of Mrs. B. Meyers.

Messrs. Felix Borne and P. Lewis were the guests of Judge R. E. Hingle on Sunday.

Quite a large crowd attended the meeting of the Police Jury, Doctors' meeting and Court, all of which took place on Tuesday. Among those present we noticed Messrs. J. B. Easterling, Jor. Bernard, Frank Giordano, Wm. Dymond, Assessor Marc Cognovich, Drs. Ballowe, Wyckliffe and Scully, Atty. John Dymond jr. and Dist. Atty. Nunez.

Mr. Frank Andignac visited his mother Mrs. Alfred Andignac on Sunday, returning to New Orleans on the same day.

Court Proceedings.

Court was held here on Tuesday and the following cases were tried.

Mollie Buras vs. Parker Buras, her husband. Divorce. Judgement was rendered in favor of Mollie Buras.

State of La. vs. Gus. Wiley. Assault with a dangerous weapon. Found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty-five (25) dollars and cost of court, or thirty days in the parish jail.

STATE NEWS.

Mosquitoes are so bad at Morse, La., that the citizens have raised a fund to keep up a smoke at night to relieve the stock ranging at large.

The Merchants club of New Orleans contributed \$7,000 towards the Panama Exposition fund.

The total assessment of the Parish of LaSalle is placed at 3,614,505.

The Austr-American Steamship line, which had steamships running to New Orleans in 1907, will resume direct service again between New Orleans and the Azores, Madeira and Lisbon, Naples, Palermo, Messina, Genoa, Patras, Piraeus, Trieste and Fiume.

The U. S. Government, through the War Department at Washington, which has control of such matters, has announced that the Chef Menteur Pass, connecting Lake Borgne and Lake Pon, chartrain, must be opened by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad by the establishment there of a drawbridge.

The United States Mint located in New Orleans has been ordered to suspend coinage on July 15, and will remain closed indefinitely.

Mrs. Sarah Murphy Roubieu of New Orleans died July 12 at the ripe age of 109 years.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The aviation meet just closed at Rheims, France, demonstrated that monoplane carried off most of the prizes and made all of the records.

A new treaty has been arranged between Japan and Russia.

Several men were arrested in Cuba, charged with conspiring to uprising against the government.

Two towns in New Brunswick were destroyed by fire, entailing a property loss of \$2,500,000.

C. S. Rolls, the noted English aviator, who first made the round trip flight of the English Channel in an airship, was instantly killed last week by his Wright biplane falling to earth with terrific force at Bournemouth, England.

The New Orleans Bon Marche.

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The Pan-American Conference was formally opened at Buenos Ayres Argentina on July 12. The American delegation numbers twelve and includes a New Orleans man therein, Mr. Lamar C. Quintera.

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Don't attempt to wear a halo until you get your wings.

Nothing troubles a handsome man like the loss of his good looks.

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NOTICES.

Homeplace, La. June 30, 1910. The public is hereby notified that I am not responsible for any debts contracted by my wife.

GUSTAVE BALLAY.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I am applying to the Police Jury of this parish for a permit to conduct a colored barroom at English Turn.

W. CAPETTE.

Notice.

I am applying for a commutation of sentence. Convicted and sentenced for life from Plaquemines Parish in 1902.

HARRY McDONALD.

Notice.

I am applying for a pardon.

ANTONIO COPOLLO.

Notice.

Owing to Mr. E. Giordano jr. having tendered his resignation as collector for the Str. Alice, we hereby notify our patrons that on and after August 1, Mr. J. B. Hingle will represent Str. Alice as collector.

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