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The Future of Pointe-a-la-Hache.

SINCE the creation of this journal, now nearly two years ago, it has been its constant effort to promote the good of the entire parish and also of the parish seat, Pointe-a-la-Hache. The promoters of this journal have had under discussion for some time the digging of a canal from the River aux Chenes into the line of the railway with a view of making Pointe-a-la-Hache a great fishing entrepot. Apart from the local advantages to be had from such a canal, its industrial possibilities are very great. The fishing grounds, over a million acres of feeding bottoms are right at our doors and can thus be readily availed of and ear loads of fresh fish and fresh oysters can be sent to the city daily if we in our own locality will push this enterprise into actual accomplishment as soon as possible. We believe that the proper franchise can be secured from the parish and with a good corporation, capitalized at from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a canal could be put into actual operation and bring right into Pointe-a-la-Hache a volume of trade beyond anything hitherto thought of.

Apart from this, Pointe-a-la-Hache would become a great fishing center for those who are fond of the piscatorial art. The great sea marshes over on the northern boundaries of Lake Borgne are frequented by thousands of sportsman fond of fishing and that trade could be diverted to Pointe-a-la-Hache owing to the greater resources of our fishing grounds and their easy accessibility from New Orleans.

While we have had this scheme in hand for some months, we believe that the time has now come to press it into conspicuous notice, as the results would be of such enormous advantage to our local community. THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE will take one thousand dollars of the proposed stock to start the ball rolling, and will take more if necessary. Who comes next?

Corn in the Gulf States.

THE most astounding news comes from the reports of the doings of the various Corn Clubs organized in Louisiana and Mississippi upon the suggestion of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and to which the Department is lending its technical aid. Prof. V. L. Roy, who has been in charge of these experiments with corn in Louisiana, states in a report of the work done by the boys on areas of land ranging from half an acre to an acre, and in which the yield from the entire area was calculated, that he found that seven parishes gave an average of 100.86 bushels per acre as the first best yield and the second best was 88.34 bushels per acre. It is suggested that it is very doubtful as to whether the prairie lands of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa or Missouri could surpass these yields, even in their best selected spots and to the same extent. The yield reported from Livingston Parish, the soil of which is of our so-called bluff formation, hardly so good as the alluvial or prairie lands, and yet better than the hill lands, reports, 153.8 bushels of corn per acre as its best yield and 104.7 bushels as its second best yield. East Baton Rouge is another bluff land parish and the first best reported there was 108.54 bushels of corn per acre and the second best 104.7 bushels. Clairborne Parish, however, in North Louisiana, one of the hill land parishes, the soils of which, while really excellent in quality are regarded as less desirable than the rest, gave its first best yield of 120.13 bushels per acre and its second best yield of 118.40 bushels per acre. The flat pine lands of Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes gave 78 bushels and 84.6 bushels respectively as the best yields and 78 bushels and 78.75 bushels as the second best yields respectively. East Feliciana, which rates itself as better than the hill lands and better than the pine lands, but hardly up to the uplands in quality, yielded 80 bushels as first best and 66 as second best. Out in the prairie Parish of Lafayette the first best yield was 84.6 bushels and the second best 88.75 bushels.

These figures are enough to paralyze almost any Louisiana who has deplored the advent of the boll weevil and the loss of the cotton crop. Corn is King today in the United States and we have over 300 millions of bushels as the crop of 1910 and its worth right on the farms in the West and the South is about 1500 millions of dollars.

We are not alone in our great production of corn. Mississippi has come to the front also and the telegrams from Mt. Olive, Miss. to the public press under the date of Oct. 21, were to the effect that the Corn Club reports and exhibits astounded everybody at the Covington fair. Forty eight competitors had their corn measured by committees, as required and the general average yield was found to be 94 bushels per acre. The highest yield was 214 bushels per acre. Many of the schools of the county attended the fair in a body and everyone was delighted with these extraordinary successes.

About thirty years ago, when corn sold down to about ten cents a bushel in Illinois and Iowa

and it was found cheaper to burn corn as fuel than to buy coal for that purpose, we were getting 6 to 8 cents per pound for sugar, and we bought our corn from these producers and were led to think perhaps then with eminent propriety, that we could not compete with the farmers of the West in corn production.

A great change has come over the West within the limits of one generation. The general rise in the value of all feed products and the movement of the young men and women from the country to the cities have so materially changed the agricultural situation that we have almost forgotten that there was a period of glut in the corn market; that there was a time when pork was very cheap, when cattle went begging for buyers, when eggs and butter could be had at reasonable prices. Now, when eggs are unobtainable excepting of the cold storage variety, when butter retails at from 35 to 50 cents per pound and corn in these latitudes at 75 cents a bushel, we are beginning to find that the high prices of food products bid fair to invite, and in fact to secure a return tide of the migratory section of our race. Many of them are now longing to go to the country where they can secure far more of the comforts of life than they now have and secure these without the hazard they experience in the cities. Any way, it is one of the most tremendous changes that could occur in the history of any country and it leads us to wonder what will occur during the next generation, say during the next three decades.

With us in the South it is becoming manifest that there is an increased inquiry for southern lands and these wonderful yields per acre of corn that we have been discussing will unquestionably increase the demand for southern lands and bring to us thousands of good and enterprising citizens from the western states. They will receive the right hand of welcome from every planter and farmer in the State of Louisiana and we only wish they would come by the thousands.

This Parish Needs Two High Schools.

THE PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES has made wonderful strides in educational matters during recent years. Under the control of Hon. J. B. Aswell the whole country school system of the state was thoroughly reorganized and the State Board of Education adopted the plan of insisting upon the selection of normal graduates as school teachers throughout the state wherever it was possible to secure them. The normal schools in New Orleans and Natchitoches and the Teachers College, which is one of the departments of Newcomb College, are now supplying educated teachers to such an extent that nearly every locality desiring such teachers can secure them. There has been a gradual rise in the compensation of school teachers all over the state and this has brought into the profession quite a number of persons who otherwise would have sought different employment.

We have felt this in the Parish of Plaquemines and the general effect in the improvement of our school system is very noticeable. The high grade teachers that are now employed are giving excellent satisfaction and if the good work goes on for a few years we may be assured that our parish will take a higher stand educationally than it has ever hitherto done.

This, however, does not reach one of the wants of this parish and that is such high schools as shall come within the reach of our more advanced pupils and be so centrally located as to be thoroughly accessible and yet so located that the students will be able to secure board at low or reasonable rates. For this purpose we should advocate the organization of a high school at Buras and another at Pointe-a-la-Hache. Buras will be thoroughly accessible from the city by the railway and from below by the mail boats and pupils attending high school in Buras will thus have ready access to their homes and an easy method of traveling to and fro. With the proposed railway extension which will take place at once on the East bank of the river, there should be a high school located in Pointe-a-la-Hache. Pupils from above could reach Pointe-a-la-Hache by the railway and those from below would have reasonably fair facilities in reaching it by the numerous boats plying up and down the river. These schools need not be large. Ten or twelve selected scholars would justify the creation of such high schools at Pointe-a-la-Hache and at Buras. When the Johns Hopkins University was first established in Baltimore it was found that the money available could only be appropriated to educational matters. It was the desire of the donors, if we recall the facts correctly, that no considerable sum of money should be expended in buildings, but that the institution should begin at once its educational campaign.

By renting buildings, if any can be rented, in Pointe-a-la-Hache and Buras and the securing say of ten scholars for each school, the parish would be justified in securing two principals, one for each school and persons of such caliber as to be competent to take these ten pupils in each of these schools and educate them along lines that would lead to the general advancement of the educational interests of our entire parish.

When we reflect that in the Parish of Plaquemines we have a population exceeding twelve thousand persons and not a single high school in the parish, it is significant of the fact that educational matters have thus far occupied too little of our attention. We have been content with the conditions that have prevailed and perhaps we have permitted ourselves to be surpassed by many of the others, and some of the very poor parishes of the state in these educational matters. Years ago we were very much interested to find in North Louisiana, the so-called hill parishes, a degree of enthusiasm in educational matters and a patronage of the high

schools that existed here and there, to a degree scarcely dreamt of down in our alluvial parishes. We believe that we have the finest parish in the state. A very limited amount of protective measures would preserve us from the occasional invasions of back water that now come upon us and our present magnificent river levee system and the promise of its still further improvement, practically guarantees us from danger from overflow from the river. With this done our parish will soon be advancing in culture and wealth beyond any expectations that we may now have in that direction.

PARISH NEWS.

Potash.

The ball given at Happy Jack last Saturday for the benefit of the Cannon school in order to collect funds to provide a cistern and materials needed, was a great success thanks to Miss Alleman our able and energetic teacher and in fact to all those who were so kind as to help. Miss Alleman is a real hustler and no stone she left unturned to make the affair a brilliant one. It seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves and we sincerely hope so.

Daisy.

Mr. John Edgecombe, wife and children of Emurty Farm spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. J. C. Edgecombe.

Miss Mary Matulich of Point Pleasant spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends.

Miss Alice Pleschia returned to her home in New Orleans Saturday after spending eight weeks with relatives here.

Very good weather favored the coming of Rev. M. E. Ferritt of New Orleans who, while here delivered three very impressive sermons and baptized two infants.

Quite a number from Point Pleasant attended services here Sunday night.

Mr. W. W. Lemmon jr. accompanied by an uncle spent a few days in our neighborhood.

Ilyria.

Miss Annie Beauden returned home after a two weeks stay in Algiers with her sister Mrs. Ed. Steel.

Miss Mae Cognevich visited Miss A. Beauden on Monday.

Mr. Ed Steel and his little son Lee of Algiers visited relatives and friends of this place Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Chas. and Paul Bruny, L. and J. Beauden and E. Steel composed a fishing party Sunday which was highly enjoyed and many fish were caught.

Messrs. Frank Anglada, Leon Buras, Chas. and Paul Bruny and Jos. Sylve visited Mr. Beauden Saturday night.

The True Friends Benevolent Association.

The True Friends Benevolent Association of Pointe-a-la-Hache has been organized and elected officers as follows:—

P. M. Adema, President; Anson Gravolet, Vice-President; Benj. S. Gravolet, Secretary; Henry C. Gravolet, Asst. Secretary; N. H. LaFrance, Treasurer; Adam Ansard, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The society will hold its next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 2 p. m.

Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Messrs. Daniel Mole of Chicago, Ill., and John Haffner of Cook county, Ill., were visitors in our parish this week, looking over our lands with a view of making purchases. They left Thursday much impressed with the country and have left their assurance that they will return in the near future to make some investments.

Mr. Fred Welch returned from New Orleans on Sunday where he has been for some time on a visit to his wife, who is ill.

Miss Louise Cosse returned from Myrtle Grove on Friday where she has been for quite a while, on a visit to her brother, Mr. Albert Cosse.

Mr. Jules Cosse visited friends and relatives at Myrtle Grove on Sunday.

Mr. Jos. Cosse visited the City on Sunday returning Monday evening.

Mr. Ovide Cosse jr. went to New Orleans Monday on a pleasure trip.

Mr. Felix Borne, after spending a couple of days at the home of Judge Hingle, returned to his home in Algiers on Sunday.

Atty. O. S. Livaudais and wife and baby accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bruiere spent Sunday in our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cosse spent Sunday and Monday in New Orleans.

STATE NEWS.

The U. S. government has made a preliminary report of the rice area planted in the United States this year and puts Louisiana down at 371,300 acres, with a total of 717,300 acres for the entire country. Texas comes next to Louisiana, with an acreage of 264,300. It is estimated that the varieties of rice planted average 67.3 per cent. of Honduras and 29.3 of Japan.

The New Orleans City Park will employ a tree specialist who will give especial attention to the preservation of the historic oaks in that park.

Pittsburg, Pa., has declared in favor of New Orleans for the Panama Exposition.

One of the recent reports is that the

Steel Trust will establish a warehouse in New Orleans.

Six trained nurses were graduated from Hotel Dieu last week.

Warren Easton, superintendent of the New Orleans public schools died Monday evening, October 17. The public schools of the city were closed on Tuesday in his memory and to permit the teachers and children to attend his funeral.

A band of boy scouts is to be organized in New Orleans. A Board of Control composed of Messrs. H. H. Baker, Lucien E. Lyons, B. P. Sullivan and John M. Parker has been appointed. This movement was first started in England by Gen. Baden Powell.

The bishops of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church met in New Orleans last week for their annual session.

Dr. E. C. McKewen, convicted for the murder of Judson, the inmate inmate of the Jackson Asylum, has begun to serve his life sentence in the Louisiana penitentiary.

A tract of 4,300 acres of land near Alexandria, La., has been bought and will be converted into farms and a town will be located there.

The town of Morgan City had quite an extensive fire last week, burning down the Voorhies Hotel, the Masonic Temple, Italian Columbus Hall and three residences. The estimated loss is between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

A corn yield of 114.3 bushels per acre was obtained in Jackson Parish by Edwin Smith in the Boys Gorn Club contest.

The names of J. B. Aswell and Thomas Harris are being mentioned as Superintendent Easton's successor as head of the New Orleans Public School system.

The Harry K. Fooks, a New Orleans schooner was lost in the Gulf during the recent storm, five members of the crew going down with the boat.

NATIONAL NEWS.

Walter Wellman, accompanied by five companions and a kitten, left Atlantic City, N. J., on Sunday, Oct. 16, in an attempt to cross the ocean in a dirigible balloon, but came to grief on the 18th, the steamer Trent picking up the party off the North Carolina coast. The balloon "America", was abandoned at sea after having traveled some eight hundred miles before being wrecked and help was secured by the wireless apparatus on board.

John D. Rockefeller has offered a quarter of a million dollars to the medical department of the Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, provided \$750,000 more is raised.

Mississippi's 1910 corn crop is reported as a record breaker.

The French liner *Louisiane*, was on a reef near Key West, driven there by the recent storm. The vessel had 517 passengers, all of whom were removed by the Revenue Cutter, *Forward*.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

An election will be held in township sixteen (16) South, Range Thirteen (13) East, Southeastern District of Louisiana, on Saturday, the 3rd day of Dec. 1910, between the hours of 6 a. m. and 7 p. m. for the purpose of determining whether the Parish Treasurer of the Parish of Plaquemines shall sell at public auction for the benefit of the School Fund of said Township, Section Sixteen (16) of said Township.

The voting will be restricted to those who are qualified electors residing in said township, or those living on the Mississippi River between Poverty Point and the upper line of the property of P. A. Gravolet.

Polls for voting are established at Phoenix, Savoie, Nero and at the Court House at Pointe-a-la-Hache. All voters are entitled to vote for or against the sale of said School Section.

JOS. SAVOIE, Parish Treasurer.

Notice.

Is hereby given that the Delta Duck Club is the owner of all lands and ponds in Cubitt's Gap, Parish of Plaquemines, Louisiana, near the mouth of the Mississippi River, lying below of Main Pass and North of Pass au Loutré, bounded on the east by the Gulf of Mexico and on the west by the Mississippi River, except the river lots on the bank of Pass au Loutré.

All parties are warned against hunting, trapping and trespassing on the said premises without permission of the Club, and wardens will be in charge of the property to prevent trespassing.

W. B. GRANT, Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

Office Board of Supervisors, Parish of Plaquemines. In accordance with the law and in pursuance of the proclamation of his Excellency Jared Young Sanders, Governor of the State of Louisiana, an election will be held in the Parish of Plaquemines, at the polling precincts mentioned below, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1910,

from 6 o'clock a. m. until 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing one Congressman, One Member Board of Equalization, One Railroad Commissioner and also the Amendments.

We do hereby direct and require the Commissioners of election and other officers therein concerned to hold said election on the day and hours above mentioned and within the time prescribed by law.

The regular polling precincts adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Plaquemines are as follows:

- 1st Ward Precinct 1 Poll 1 St. Clair.
- 2nd " " 2 " 2 Belair.
- 3rd " " 3 " 3 St. Sophie.
- 4th " " 4 " 4 Court House.
- 5th " " 5 " 5 Nestor.
- 6th " " 6 " 6 Harris Canal.
- 7th " " 7 " 7 St. Charles.
- 8th " " 8 " 8 Ostrica.
- 9th " " 9 " 9 Head of Passes.
- 10th " " 10 " 10 St. Charles.
- 11th " " 11 " 11 Schenberner.
- 12th " " 12 " 12 Venice.
- 13th " " 13 " 13 St. Charles.
- 14th " " 14 " 14 Olive.
- 15th " " 15 " 15 Myrtle Grove.
- 16th " " 16 " 16 Godeaux.
- 17th " " 17 " 17 Home Place.
- 18th " " 18 " 18 Eagle Store.
- 19th " " 19 " 19 Fastingier.
- 20th " " 20 " 20 Emure.

In testimony hereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures at the Court House, at Pointe-a-la-Hache, on the 9th day of October, 1910.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

The plague is spreading in Russia at the rate of 5,000 cases a day.

The English Channel was crossed by a French dirigible balloon on October 16, the trip being from Compiègne to London and was made in six hours.

The new republican form of government in Portugal has issued a decree exiling the royal family, who have taken up their residence in England.



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