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THE SUNDAY LAW.

N. I. Iberian.

It has been many years since the Sunday law has been enforced or respected in Iberia parish for four consecutive weeks as it is now; and in chronicling the fact the Iberian wishes to extend congratulations all around—to the officers of the law, to the saloon men, and the people in general. Let us have a general hand shaking, and let us toast each other.

The moral wave which has struck us may be a visitation from on high, but the Iberian should like to think, also, that it is due to causes on earth.

It may be that the saloons are closed now through fear and respect of the law, and as a result of the strict performance of duty on the part of our court. The chances are, too, that the proprietors and operators of saloons have at last recognized the baneful influences exercised by them indirectly out of a desire to please, on Sunday, their regular patrons, and through their greed for lucre; and have now decided not only to be lawful citizens, but to bring up their own families with that respect for good citizenship, and to teach those lessons by example rather precept. And probably, also, the moral ideas of the citizens have so grown in the last few years as to force the present condition, and that the whole affair is a natural and systematic growth. Anyway the Sunday law is enforced and respected now, and whatever the causes may be that are responsible for it, we, the citizens of Iberia, have reason to congratulate ourselves. Where there's no respect for law, morality is at an extremely low ebb.

The Iberian takes the stand that the law ought to be enforced as long as it is on the statute books of Louisiana; and to the end that its enforcement may continue, it will work with tireless energy and continuous effort. If the law is unpopular, as has been said so often, erase it from the statute books. The Iberian is not opposing to drinking on Sunday—it is just as bad or as good on that day as any other—but it is opposed to the violation of any law, at any time, and under any circumstances.

SALT WATER RICE.
 Abbeville Meridional.

Adam Boudreaux, the efficient deputy in charge of the Tax Collector's office is also a farmer on an extensive scale. Being a gentleman of intelligence he has given some thought to the study of the salt water problem. While he has not as yet formulated any particular theory he has obtained some practical results which he will gladly exhibit to all persons who feel an interest in the matter.

When the water first became very brackish in the Abbeville Canal Mr. Boudreaux had some rice which was well advanced and had water on it. He hesitated for some time before putting on the salty water but finally concluded to give it a fair trial. He turned in an abundance of water and the plant grew vigorously. It is now heading out and the head is long and full of well filled grains. It did not come out with white heads and blighted grains. The fact that the rice was about half grown when the salty water was turned on may have had something to do with the flourishing.

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Broom Corn Yields.

Sugar Planter's Journal.

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OLOGRAPHIC WILLS.
 Times-Democrat.

No State is more liberal in the matters of successions and wills than Louisiana. Its laws on this subject are wise and simple, aimed to carry out the wishes of the testator in their true spirit. There have been perhaps as few disputed wills in Louisiana as in any State in the Union. Whereas in the North, the death of any person of fortune is almost inevitably followed by an assault on the will, because it is faultily drawn up, or under charges that the testator was insane or had been unduly influenced, this is seldom done in Louisiana, and is almost impossible under the law.

In the matter of the wills, there is nothing simpler than the olographic will authorized by the laws of Louisiana. Compare it with the ordinary will of the English common law, which has to be drawn up by a lawyer, which is full of legal phraseology, must have witnesses and must conform to numerous other conditions. The olographic will, on the other hand, requires no lawyer to prepare it, and no legal phraseology. Any person who can write can make an olographic will. He has only to state his wishes in his own language; and he needs no witnesses. The only requirements are that the will shall be dated, written and signed by the testator.

This simplicity, however, has led some persons astray. The law prescribes that the will must be dated, written and signed wholly by the testator, and this is strictly construed by the courts. Persons making olographic wills on letter heads have been tempted to use the printed dates of the year on the paper as part of their will, thus violating the requirement that they should write the date themselves. A number of olographic wills have been declared invalid, several of them very lately, because of their violation of a plain provision of the law. It would be well to have this fact more generally known, so that those who make olographic wills will not fall into this trap and thus defeat their intentions. Let it be well advertised that to be valid, olographic wills must be dated as well as written and signed by those who make them.

More Trouble in the Gulf.
 Daily Item.

A cry goes up for more of Uncle Sam's gunboats to protect the interests of our citizens in the turbulent republics of the Gulf. One is wanted on the Venezuela coast, another on the Colombian coast, another on the Nicaragua coast, and still another to safeguard our commerce with Hayti. These four Republics are all in a disturbed condition. In Venezuela the government of Castro is in peril and the ports are practically blockaded. In Colombia the revolution appears to be suppressed, but it may break out again at any moment and affect our fruit trade with Bocas del Toro. The insurgents, who descended upon Bluefields, have for the present come to grief, but there is an evident determination to overthrow Zelaya, and we may expect to hear of recurring insurrections until a new government is established which is friendly to Colombia.

As to the black Republics of St. Domingo, no one can tell from week to week what faction will be in possession. Everywhere around the Gulf there is disorder and lawlessness except in Mexico, and in Uncle Sam's possessions. It is fortunate for Mexico that she has such a dictator as Diaz, and if we were sure that such a dictatorship would continue under another just and firm ruler, we might wish to see the rule of Mexico extended over the whole of Central America. But, knowing as we do, the character of the Latin races, no one can believe that a Federal Republic like that of the United States is possible in Central America. Attempts have been repeatedly made to bring it about, but all have failed because of the ambition and jealousy of rival chiefs.

In the midst of all this turbulence the only hope for Cuba is in the Platt codicil to the Cuban constitution making it the duty of the United States to preserve a stable government for the island. When insurrections break out, as they will inevitably, Uncle Sam will count the votes and declare the result. Of course the end of such supervision must be annexation.

The probability is that the Latin Republics will go on as they have for fifty years, playing a force of independence and sovereignty, but when Uncle Sam elevates the character of Porto Rico, guides Cuba with a firm hand, acquires the Danish Islands and perhaps Jamaica, and builds and fortifies the Isthmian Canal, the time will come for a general protection over the islands and over Central America, to the end that peace and secure government may prevail. The Monroe doctrine will have to be expanded so as to protect the Latin Republics, not only from foreign foes, but from themselves.

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