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Notes and Comment.

Cowan's Oyster Bill.

An oyster bill was introduced in the house recently by Hon. R. C. Cowan, of Jackson county, which, it is hoped, will meet the approval of both the oystermen and the canners and businessmen of the gulf coast. This bill so amends the Bowers oyster law that dredges may be used on boats propelled by steam or other power in deep water. Under the Bowers oyster law, the revenue derived during the first year from the tax of 2 cents per barrel on oysters was \$14,050. After paying the expenses of the oyster commission and oyster inspection, and after expending \$5,000 in planting shells to increase the area of the oyster reefs, there remained a balance of more than \$2,000 in the state treasury from this fund. Had power dredges been permitted under the Bowers law, the amount of revenue from this source would have been at least one-third more, or about \$29,000. The Cowan oyster bill permits the use of power dredges, and increases the tax on oysters from 3 cents to 4 cents per barrel. Under this bill the total revenue to the state will not be less than \$40,000 per year, without increasing the expenses to be incurred in enforcing its provisions, thereby paying into the state treasury about \$28,000 net revenue the first year, and more than that each year thereafter. The Cowan bill provides for a uniform measure for oysters, and otherwise resembles the Barber bill, which is pending in committee, except that the objectionable features restricting the fishing of oysters to resident citizens has been eliminated.

It is astonishing how little the average American knows of his country and its history. There are not more than one in ten who can tell you how many states there are in the Union; one in a hundred, perhaps, could name the presidents in order; and about the same proportion could tell you the number of the present congress. The cabinet officers and their duties; the heads of the judiciary and the workings of that department; the plan and extent of our diplomatic relations with other countries—these are matters the average citizen knows and cares little about. Few, indeed, but have a very vague idea of the immense area of our country and our possessions.

At Elko, Nev., has been discovered a mountain of pure castile soap. Yet it is comparatively valueless, for Rev. Cortland Myers who shook hands with the President has taken a vow never to wash that hand again. But his congregation can perpetually shake hands with Myers. What a richness—to shake the hand that shook the hand!

In times past the man who said nothing and sawed wood went out; now it's the one who lays an egg and cackles. Work of itself will not bring the plunk; it is work along the right line that the world parts with its long green to pay for. Even if you make a perfect product, you must tell about it in order to sell it. Moral: Advertise.

The Japanese commission announces that every foot of space in the St. Louis Purchase Exposition that is given up by Russia will be applied for by Japan. She may dig up and fetch over some of the battleships she says she has sunk. Is Japan trifling while Russia is in earnest?

There seems to be a growing sentiment throughout the United States in favor of the reestablishment of the whipping post for wife-beating and other moral diseases. There certainly are some offenses which imprisonment in a state boarding house does not seem to reach.

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Primer of Russia and Japan.

What is the trouble in the far East? Japan is trying to keep Russia out of Korea. What is Korea and where is it situated? Korea is an autocracy under Japanese influence, about as large as Kansas, with a population estimated at between 8,000,000 and 16,000,000. The empire occupies a peninsula just south of Siberia, jutting out into the Pacific ocean between the Yellow Sea and Sea of Japan, and reaching within less than 100 miles of the southern end of Japan. Is Korea a rich country? Not especially. It is a purely agricultural land and the method of cultivation is primitive. A few gold mines are operated and there are supposed to be a few deposits of copper, iron and coal. Why, then, does Russia want Korea? Chiefly because of its position. Korea is an extension of Manchuria, which practically belongs to Russia. In the natural development of contiguous territory, Russian merchants have crossed the boundary into Korea and Russian interests accumulating there under the weak native government naturally looked to the czar for protection. Why is Korea of strategic value to Russia? For two reasons. First, Russian vessels must make a long detour around Korea to pass from Vladivostok, Siberia, to Port Arthur, the Russian harbor of Manchuria. In this journey they must traverse a narrow strait between Korea and a Japanese island, comparable to Gibraltar. To insure free passage Russia seeks to control the end of the Korean peninsula. Second, when Russia begins its anticipated absorption of China it would be in convenient if a hostile power should have a military base on the north-eastern coast of Asia. Therefore it desires to annex Korea. Why does Japan object to the Russian annexation of Korea? Because Japan is overcrowded with a population ten times as dense as that of the United States and it seeks an outlet for its emigrants on the main land. The island empire hoped, too, to make Korea base of an attempt to extend Japanese influence throughout China. Furthermore it now conducts nine tenths of Korea's commerce and owns Korea's two railways. And, finally, Japan holds its own independence would be menaced were Russia to gain the harbor at the end of the Korean peninsula almost within cannon range of the Japanese island fortress of Tsushima. Does Japan want to annex Korea? No. It is satisfied to maintain Korea's sovereignty with the expectation that its natural advantages of situation will give it the lion's share of Korea's trade. When did the trouble between Japan and Russia begin? It began in 1895 when by war Japan forced China to recognize Korea's independence and to grant Japan the southern end of Manchuria. Russia forced Japan to give up Manchuria, seized the surrendered territory and secured a timber cutting concession in the Yalu valley in Korea. What brought on the present crisis? Last year Korea advanced the claim that the timber concession extended to the valleys of all rivers tributary to the Yalu, and that it gives Russians the right to build railways and to monopolize the port of Yongampho at the Yalu's mouth. Did Russia announce its intention to annex Korea? It did not. But Japan took the ground that its procedure meant virtual annexation and so issued a protest.—Kansas City Star.

John Alexander Dowie is having troubles in Australia. His meetings in that country have been characterized by rowdy scenes, and one day last week the crowd broke up the exercises and drove Dowie from the hall. A mob of 5,000 people, which the police were unable to check, followed him to his hotel, but he escaped through a rear door.

Back in the Union Again. Indianaola Tvasio: We have a postoffice. It is the regular old, common government affair with its red tape and regular schedule. To the country at large, who have praised our independence and sang of it as they used to do of Leontidas, the Spartan at Thermopylae, we are just common white folks with the same government institutions now that they always have had. But we made things intensely interesting for the reading world while we were out of the union and we suppose that the Terrible One at Washington spent many sleepless nights figuring up how he would even up with his rebellious subjects in this neck of the woods and verifying the old saying "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." But we were stubborn, our neck was brass and we would not bend the pregnant hinges of the knee in supplication to his asininity. We were not spaniels trying to lick our way to such a one's good graces, preferring to have him come to us.

Severe Winter in the North. That the past winter up north has been the most severe, in point of continuous cold weather, experienced for many years is fully substantiated by the following item taken from the Webster City (Iowa) Graphic-Herald: "This winter will be known as one of the coldest, for a long period of time, for many years. There has been but two days of thawing weather since the middle of December. In the northern tier of states, from Michigan to North Dakota the extreme reached was between 50 and 60 degrees below zero. Only last week Northern Michigan showed 53 degrees below zero."

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County News Notes.

Daisy.

BY PRIMROSE.

E. R. Pearson made a flying trip to Beatrice this week.

Engene Havens was a business visitor to Bonnie this week.

Messrs Allen Smith and James Broome were visitors to Basin Saturday.

C. B. Walker made a flying trip to Ocean Springs and Scranton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Web Farley are visiting friends at Wislorn this week.

Jim Roberts, of Vanleave, is in our midst looking after his log business.

Miss Lillian Broom was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Gertrude Carter, last week.

L. A. Byrd, of Bendale, was a pleasant visitor to some one at Daisy last Sunday.

Rev. A. P. Cox, of Mentorium, spent the first of the week visiting among his friends at Daisy.

R. V. W. Broom and son, S. C., are attending to business matters in Moss Point this week.

Misses Hattie, Laura and Emma Cox, of Mentorium, visited friends at Daisy a few days last week.

Mr. Montgomery killed a large rattlesnake last week that had 13 rattles. Snakes are out early.

Everyone is anticipating a nice time at the picnic at the close of Miss Maggie Starks' school on the 5th of March.

Miss Cora Mae Martin, of Lucedale, has returned to Daisy to take up her old position as clerk in J. M. Flarry's Store.

Messrs Alexander and Eddie Cain and Mes Mima Alexander, of Mentorium, attended church at Tiger Branch Sunday.

Messrs Stanley and Playfords Cain, of Mentorium, passed through Daisy enroute to Dead Lake to visit their uncle for a few days.

Yes "Blue Eyes", that's what I say; hurrah for the Daisy weddings. I think the rest of "we boys" had better skip until after Leap year for fear some of the girls propose to us.

Mr. Oscar Byrd and Miss Cammie Bilbo were married on Thursday last at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. A. P. Cox officiated. Quite a crowd was present. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Byrd a long and happy life.

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Fontainebleau. BY KOSMOS.

All farmers are busy planting cane and potatoes.

John King visited his mother at Vanleave Monday.

March came in like a lamb and will go out like a lion.

Mrs. A. B. Spradley has been very sick for the past week.

Mrs. J. E. Mizella is slowly improving after several months illness.

Chareaf is still bringing a good price, from \$100.00 to \$125.00 a car.

Parson Walker preached Sunday morning and evening in the Webb school house.

Frank Epperson spent Sunday at the home of C. W. Madison in Ocean Springs.

E. N. Spradley and wife, of Orange Grove, spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

D. R. Martin and wife, from Barkley, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. R. Bilbo.

Mrs. W. R. Bilbo and children spent Thursday with her brother, George Martin, at Barkley.

There will be preaching at the Bilbo school house next Sunday by Rev. Irving Roberts. Everybody welcome.

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Dr. S. R. Ratliffe paid Daisy a professional visit Tuesday.

Miss May Harkness, of Biloxi, is visiting Mrs. D. E. Morris here.

Rev. T. J. Abney was a business visitor to Ocean Springs Friday the 26th.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, March 3rd, at 3:00 p. m.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely under the management of the Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Havens.

Misses Nora Martin and Mollie Ramsey are spending a few weeks at Gulfport the guests of Mrs. R. L. Ramsey.

Masters Florian, Breeland and James Martin spent several days at West Haseagoula on a hunting and fishing trip this week.

Norman McInnis, book-keeper for Vanleave Lumber Co. spent Saturday and Sunday at Moss Point with home folks.

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