

For Greater Mississippi

Devoted to the Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Development of the State's Incomparable Resources & Items of Interest Picked Up Here and There

By H. E. BLAKESLEE, Jackson.

Laurel is making a crusade against vagrants and has been signally successful in convicting them under the new vagrancy law. This is a move that every town in the State might make with profit. There is a demand for labor, yet almost every place has large numbers of persons who have no visible means of support, yet they get along in some way. These vagrants are not all colored by any means. There are many whites who are just as bad, or even worse. A cleaning out of the vagrants would decrease crime largely as well as furnish labor for the many enterprises that are running short because help cannot be had. A rigid enforcement of the law means, possibly, injury to good citizens and the other kind are not entitled to consideration. Clean out the vagrants and there will be no necessity of increasing the police force.

Capt. J. F. Merry, immigration agent of the Illinois Central, has recently issued in bulletin form some splendid letters from Mississippi farmers and is distributing thousands of them throughout the Northwest. These letters give the actual experience of farmers who till the soil and will prove very interesting and powerful advertising. As has been remarked often in this department, "the experience of one man is worth the theory of a dozen" and this is the actual experience. Capt. Merry is enthusiastic in behalf of Mississippi. A portion of the fair exhibit from the State has been purchased from the commission and will be on exhibit at Jackson in November. Next year this will be added to and placed in a car which will go to all the principal points on the company's lines in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin and other States. Capt. Merry and the I. C. are all right.

The impetus given the Angora goat industry by the establishment of a number of factories in the East has brought this business before the world in a stronger light than ever before. At present the largest portion of the mohair is raised in Missouri and Northern Arkansas. The State of Mississippi has thousands of acres of land adapted to the raising of goats that is worth little for anything else. The hills of North Mississippi would make admirable farms for their propagation and would no doubt net the owners a handsome profit. The matter is one well worth investigating. R. C. Johnston of Lawrence, Kas., can give all information necessary for those who desire to look into the business.

From some quarters there comes a demand for the establishment of a department of State to be known as an Agricultural Commissioner. Some States have departments of this character in connection with the industrial and immigration commissioner, but all such matters are handled in Mississippi by the A. & M. College and its splendid corps of officials. Those who want the place established say that at least \$300,000 should be appropriated each year for its maintenance. It will be a difficult matter to get such a measure through when \$150,000 per year is being spent upon an agricultural college and the distribution of literature on farming, dairying, horticulture, etc.

The Wesson Enterprise is again publishing some excellent matter descriptive of the town and surrounding community. The last issue contained out of a number of enterprises and buildings of the town. Editor Robertson sends hundreds of these papers to people in the North, East and West. The project has proven successful so far and he promises to continue in the good work. All that Mississippi needs at present is publicity of the proper kind, and the Enterprise is furnishing the kind that will do good. It is a good thing; push it along.

The Aberdeen Clothing Factory reports a splendid business and will soon put several additional traveling men on the road and will cover several States outside of Mississippi. The business has been a success from the day the first machine started. It is right and proper that Mississippi should manufacture the pants she wears, and furnish a few for other States now and then. There are seven factories of the kind in the State and are doing a very satisfactory business.

The Aberdeen Sand-Lime Brick Co. has recently shipped 25 cars of its product to outside points and has all of the orders that it can conveniently fill. These shipments covered points from Meridian to Byhalia, and one place in Alabama. The brick is white and excellent for facing.

A Hazlehurst firm shipped a fine foxhound to New York recently and were paid the handsome price of \$100 for the animal. There must be money in dogs. Dr. M. F. Rogers, of New Albany, Ind., has a half interest in a hunting dog for \$1,000, and other fanciers in the State have done nearly as well. There are possibilities in the business.

Greenwood comes back at the Winston county man who raised \$32 worth of Irish potatoes on a quarter of an acre of ground, and notes that E. V. Houghton of that place raised \$60 worth on the same amount of land, kept his family and neighbors in potatoes a whole year, and has enough laid up for all winter besides. This is "some potatoes."

In consequence of an order issued by the State Board of Health, all of the boarding schools have postponed their openings until after the 17th. This will make them very late in closing next spring.

Winona has a new bank just opened, is completing a \$20,000 hotel, a number of new residences are being built and a concrete building block plant is being agitated. Winona is not asleep, even if the mosquito quarantine has tied up business for a few weeks.

The report that the Eight-Wheel Wagon Company, at Newton, was to be removed to Meridian is strenuously denied by the Newton Company. It will remain at Newton and continue in the future to do a splendid business as in the past. The concern is prosperous and not seeking a new location.

At the Mississippi Industrial Exposition in November, arrangements are being perfected to show the famous cotton picking machine at work. This machine was shown last fall at one point in the State and one in Alabama. It has been greatly improved and this fall will see as near a perfect cotton picker as it is thought possible to produce. A large steam plowing machine will also be in operation at the fair. It will be propelled by an engine and will do the work of a dozen horse plows. Many other concerns are arranging for space and the exposition promises to be worth coming many miles to see. It is an institution that will do the whole State incalculable good and its perpetuity should be assured by a liberal attendance.

Meridian has invoked the aid of the State in assisting to oust the water company that is preventing the building of a municipal plant that was voted for by the citizens by an overwhelming majority some time since. The present plant is inefficient and the old company will not make it better. It is to be hoped that the enterprising citizens of that city will succeed in removing the obstacles to building an up-to-date water system in thorough keeping with the importance of the growing demand of the town. There is nothing so much needed as good water, and any place to prosper accordingly must have it at any cost. The contest between Meridian and the water company will be watched with interest by the whole State.

The Pike County Fair will be held at McComb City next week and a successful meeting is confidently expected. Great preparations have been made for the fair and the good people of that section propose to show to the world that a siege of mosquito quarantines cannot hinder the progress of their county. On the 7th Hon. Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association will be present and deliver an address. The racing promised is good and the event will no doubt be well worth going many miles to attend. Pike county is all right for sure.

Jackson has organized a poultry association for the stated purpose of encouraging the breeding of fine fowls and stimulating the industry in a general way. There is undoubtedly money in the raising of chickens, eggs, etc., if the people only know how to get it out of them, and such organizations as the one mentioned will go a long way toward the solving of this problem.

The cotton and seed crop of Mississippi this year will bring the farmers a gross sum of something like \$100,000,000. The corn crop is reported as especially good, the cane crop is excellent, and many others in proportion. Cotton will bring cents or more; there is an abundance of meat and other foodstuffs, and why should we have cause to complain, even if the cotton crop is short. A short crop will bring more money than a large one. Let us all be contented and happy.

Following the lead of the Jones county supervisors, Pearl River county will increase the assessment of pine lands to \$20 per acre, about 75 per cent of what it is actually worth. Large bodies of this land is held by non-residents who are sitting still and waiting for it to appreciate in value and then sell. They are paying little to help in the work of development that makes their land worth more money. The delta section is also largely held by non-residents and thousands of acres are assessed at \$1.25 that are worth from \$8 to \$20.

Water Valley is doing some building and but little being said about it. A list published in one of the local papers last week footed up a total of \$127,550 worth of new buildings under course of construction. That does not look like the mosquito quarantine had knocked them out to any appreciable extent. Water Valley is a good town and will continue to prosper. Let the good work continue.

It is a fact to be regretted that so much liquidation of spot cotton took place about Oct. 1. The price was forced below 10 cents again, which should never have been allowed. The farmers must stand closer behind the officers of the cotton association if they would accomplish what was intended. Otherwise its efforts will be without results.

The Jones County Fair was held last week and proved a success from every standpoint, although the attendance from a distance was necessarily limited by the mosquito quarantine so general in force throughout the State. The fair will be held again next year.

Bohemian oyster openers from Baltimore are arriving in large numbers to help with the season now on down on the coast. The oyster industry is becoming one of great importance in Mississippi and it is necessary to import the labor to handle them every year.

Attorneys for the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company have filed with the Secretary of State a statement showing the route of the proposed "Silver Creek extension," so far as the same has been located. They say: "Beginning at a point on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley, at or near the town of Silver Creek, Yazoo county, thence running in a southeasterly direction, following the general course of Silver Creek, and crossing Big Sunflower river at Holly Bluff, about three-fourths of a mile west of Campbellsville," all in Yazoo county, and will hit the main line "at Valley Park, or some other station in that territory."

The State Railroad Commission has adopted the following order: "In the Matter of 'Floating Cotton'—Complaint having been made of discriminations in the matter of 'floating cotton,' it is ordered that all the railroads in Mississippi be notified to appear on Nov. 7, 1905, and show cause why 'floating cotton' should not be concentrated for compression at the compress nearest the point of origin, or at such compresses as the shipper may direct."

The chances are that the matter will cause a lengthy discussion, once it comes before the commission.

PEOPLE ARE INTIMIDATED

By Gang Who Killed Prof. Roach in Kentucky.

Fulton, Ky., Oct. 9.—The posses who are scouring the county for the two unknown white men who assassinated Prof. E. W. Roach have as yet accomplished nothing and it is feared that this crime—one of the blackest ever committed in Fulton county—must go unavenged.

Detective Hawkins of Milan, Tenn., is here with his famous bloodhounds. The hounds trailed the assassins from the barn, where Roach was shot, to the road where the fugitives had left their horses, and, of course, lost the trail there.

It is now generally believed that the assassination of Prof. Roach was the result of a well-laid and carefully-executed plot. It is also believed that others than the two men who did the killing were concerned in the plot.

Other families in this neighborhood have been intimidated by this gang, and should they know who committed the dastardly crime it is doubtful if they would appear as witnesses against them. Just a few nights before the killing Mr. Roach reproved several young men for misbehaving at a protracted meeting. The young men did not openly resent the reproof, but several threats were made against Mr. Roach.

The officers have rigidly examined several of the young men who were heard to utter these threats, but no arrests have been made. These young men all belong to prominent families.

BEYOND CONTROL.

Fever Situation at Pensacola Continues to Grow Worse.

Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 9.—Eighteen new cases of yellow fever developed in Pensacola today, showing a large increase in the number heretofore reported. This is partially due to the rigid inspection which was made today by what is known as the Citizen's Volunteer Committee, which was appointed yesterday, one citizen being assigned to a block. This inspection revealed many cases which had not been reported to the physicians.

All of these cases were among the poorer residents, though the physicians reported several cases which had been under surveillance for several days. The prevailing opinion is that the fever is beyond control; that it will remain in Pensacola until frost. The efforts of the doctors are now centered principally in preventing a spread and keeping the number of cases as small as possible.

MOSQUITO EXPERIMENTS

Will Be Conducted During Winter by Louisiana Professors.

Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 9.—The Louisiana State University announces that Dr. J. W. Dupree will conduct experiments during the winter for the purpose of ascertaining definitely the effect of cold weather on stegomyia fasciata mosquitoes. Dr. Dupree does not believe from his past experiments with the stegomyia mosquito that it hibernates during the winter as an adult, but he believes that the first cold spell kills the stegomyia and that it hibernates in its egg.

There is, however, a difference of opinion among the scientists upon this question, and it will be finally determined during the winter months. Whether a stegomyia mosquito that has fed upon the blood of a yellow fever patient can transmit its poison to its eggs is another question that will be finally determined upon this winter. Dr. Dupree expects to make some experiments along this line.

TEN THOUSAND PERISH.

Appalling Loss of Life on Islands Off Mainland of China.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 9.—The steamer Tartar, which arrived last night from the Orient, brought the news from Shanghai that the loss of life of the natives of the island at the mouth of the Yangtze river as a result of the typhoon at the beginning of September was tremendous. The North China Daily News of Shanghai says:

"To the east of Tamagning two islands, one called Yaowashwai, the other Shinousha, distant about twenty miles Woo Sung, have suffered much from the typhoon, nearly all the inhabitants having been swept away. The islands have only been inhabited for a short time, as they are of recent formation, and are not much above high water mark."

"It is reported that nearly 10,000 people have been drowned on those two islands and the smaller islands adjacent. Tamagning itself has not suffered much, being well above the high water mark."

Three Living Wives.

Live Oak, Fla., Oct. 9.—John W. Chastee is in jail here charged with having three living wives. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war Chastee left his second wife, who now lives in California, and enlisted in the army. Recently he applied for a pension from the Federal Government. His second wife, believing him to have died while in the army, had likewise applied for a pension. By a comparison of notes at the Pension Bureau, his second wife was informed of his whereabouts. The outcome was his arrest.

Storm Sweeps Southern Coast.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 9.—Another threatening storm has been prevailing for the past twenty-four hours, but no reports of serious damage at any point have come in. The wind has been very high, and a report tonight by wireless telegraph from Southwest Pass says that a gale has been blowing all day there and the tide is very high, but no damage has yet been done. A report from Pointe a la Paille, on the lower coast, says that truck farmers have sustained considerable loss, and it is feared the worst is not over.

THE WRECK OF THE ST. PAUL

All Hands Saved, But the Passengers Suffered Considerably From the Unusual Exposure.

Eureka, Cal., Oct. 7.—Fast upon the rocks, one and one-half miles south of Point Gorda, the San Francisco & Portland Co.'s steamer, St. Paul, Capt. Randall, lies a total wreck. Its 33 passengers and crew of 65 men are safe.

Some are on board of the steamer Pomona, en route to San Francisco, but the greater number are in Eureka, having arrived on the tug Ranger and the steamer Vanguard. The captain and most of the crew are in Eureka.

The steamer passengers suffered much from exposure, and a number of them fainted when they realized their peril.

J. F. Wickman, of San Francisco, who arrived here on the Vanguard, gave the following account of the wreck:

"The first bump was as though we were rushing over stones. There was a short interval of quiet, then a severe rumbling, throwing the boat from side to side. I jumped from my berth and opened the door. It was raining, and the deck was apparently deserted. I thought we had been struck by some heavy sea. Just then I heard some bells ringing and loud talk and knew that we were in for it."

"I saw officers and members of the crew awakening the passengers. Some women were in a state of excitement. After making a poor attempt at dressing, they appeared to gain control of themselves, when assured by the officers that they had plenty of time."

"I left the ship in the second boat. We stood by the steamer according to instructions from the captain, when a heavy fog shut down and we put out to sea. Two hours later we sighted the St. Paul and shortly after the Ranger hove in sight."

Capt. Randall says the disaster was due to the thick fog and attaches blame to no one.

The vessel will prove a total wreck. The cargo, 1,100 tons of miscellaneous freight, will also be a total loss.

EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

The Volume of Early Fall Trade, While Not Quite So Active, Still Larger Than Expected.

New York, Oct. 7.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

While not so active as in recently preceding weeks, the volume of trade still exceeds expectations. Contributing to this are better reports from retail lines, necessitating reorders of reasonable goods, fall festivals, enlarging crop movement and a continued immense turnover in industrial lines. Complaints as to car shortages increase, the grain, coal, coke, iron and lumber trades all reporting congestion from this cause. Undiminished activity is witnessed in the iron trade, demand for crude and finished products surpassing previous years at this period. Higher levels of future cost, particularly as to coke and ore, confront these trades. Collections for the country as a whole are good. Money is still moving to the country and while in liberal supply for ordinary trade purposes, higher quotations at home and abroad seem certain. Bank clearings testify to new heights being reached for this season of the year.

DECIDED NOT TO OPEN

The Peoria National Bank, of Which N. C. Dougherty Was President, to Go Into Liquidation.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 7.—As a direct result of the indictment of N. C. Dougherty for forgery, the directors of the Peoria national bank, of which he was president, announced shortly after midnight that they decided to discontinue business and would call in the comptroller of the currency to wind up the affairs of the institution. The meeting of directors lasted all evening behind closed doors. It was admitted that a disastrous run would be inevitable, and the only recourse was to liquidate at once. The loan of \$100,000 by the Peoria clearinghouse was tied up in such wise that it could not be accepted. It was learned that quiet withdrawals from the bank had been going on all day, most of the calls coming from banks in neighboring towns. The bank was capitalized at \$200,000.

MINE TOP WORKS BURNED

Thirty-Five Miners Entombed—Ten Rescued and the Rest in No Immediate Danger.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 7.—A defective electrical generator started a destructive fire at the Fremont coal mine near Florence, Col. All the buildings, including the shaft house, were destroyed.

Thirty-five men were working in the mine at the time the fire started. Ten of them were rescued with difficulty and 25 were still in the mine at 4 p. m. By some good fortune the air compressor was not damaged by the flames, and it is confidently stated that the entombed men are in no immediate danger. The loss will be about \$80,000.

AN INDIANA TRAGEDY

Tragic Climax of Domestic Troubles of Indiana Couple—Wife Had Sued For Divorce.

Marion, Ind., Oct. 7.—James D. Gregg, aged 35, shot and probably fatally wounded his wife, and then killed himself. The Gregg had parted over a year ago, and the husband went to the home of his wife's parents and pleaded with her to dismiss a suit for divorce, and, upon her refusal, commenced shooting.

Mormon Semi-Annual Conference. Salt Lake City, Oct. 7.—The seventy-sixth semi-annual conference of the Mormon church began here Friday with more than 7,000 Latter Day Saints present in the tabernacle at the opening session.

To Command the Wisconsin. Washington, Oct. 7.—Capt. F. J. Drake has been detached from duty as captain of the yard at the Mare Island navy yard and ordered to the command of the battleship Wisconsin on October 26.

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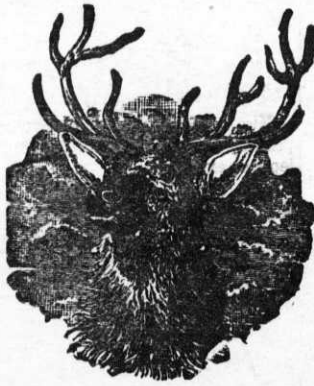
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