

PASS CHRISTIAN.

An Interesting Description of this Southern Resort.

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Editor Messenger:—Leaving New Orleans by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, you skirt the beautiful Mississippi sound for a distance of about a hundred miles of sea marsh, cut up by myriads of bayous and lakes, which are the favorite hunting and fishing grounds of the South. You can see the fish in the streams as the cars flash by, and the dull winking eye of the alligator or the roar of the train may frighten from some lagoon where they were feeding a flock of ducks or poodles d'eaux. Homes are miles and miles apart. Here and there the few that there are for the accommodation of the sportsmen from the city will recall Venice, for they are perched high above the water on stilts. You cross the beautiful Pearl River, which divides the two States Louisiana and Mississippi, and dash by immense fields of wild rice. In the distance skirting the horizon, rise tall columns of cypress, from which depend drooping garlands of grey moss swaying in the breeze like innumerable plumes of headdress. No scenery in nature conveys a more solemn and impressive feeling to the traveler than a moss-covered swamp. Further on and just midway between New Orleans and Mobile, the two ancient and famed cities of the South, you reach the little French fishing village, health resort, and watering place of Pass Christian, fronting directly on the boundless waters of the Gulf. And a more picturesque and alluring little town can not be found in all the South. Long years ago a Danish Columbus, one Christian by name, successfully piloted his ship behind the fringe of islands that stand out to sea, and he discovered thereby a new route for ships to pass. Here Brinville's men stopped to rest on their weary march from Biloxi to found New Orleans. Here the French priests stopped to pray, so it took on the name of Pass Christian. This quaint little town is so characteristic of the South in all the South, is strung upon the edge of a glistening white shell road, known as one of the finest beach drives in the United States. The shell avenue extends along the shore for a distance of seven miles. On one side are the beautiful summer and winter homes of the Southern and Northern visitors. The houses are wide and rambling and have great lawns, with clusters of pine trees, superb avenues of Spanish oaks and shaded orange groves. The other side of the avenue is framed with a margin of green grass, a long line of royal oak trees, that here and there reach down quite upon the beach drinking the opal tinted waters of the Mississippi sound, more beautifully colored to look upon than the most precious fire opal of the Mexican mines. Midway on the avenue, and fronting as a matter of course on the "opaline Gulf" stands the beautiful Mexican Gulf Hotel. Its picture-sque real roof and shingled towers gleaming above the arbor of giant oak trees in which it is embowered. The Mexican Gulf Hotel is one of the finest watering place hotels in the South, and one of the most popular. It is commodious and comfortable, and abundantly supplied with the conveniences and comforts requisite to make life in such a place delightful and luxurious. It has accommodations for five hundred guests and in addition a number of Southern built cottages situated in the grounds and fronting the beach. Some luxurious Southern customs prevail at the Mexican Gulf. The early riser will see the neat felt-shodden sambas moving about from room to room, carrying fragrant cups of black coffee to the lazy folk, as a preface to their eleven o'clock breakfast. The visitors at the Pass will find many ways of amusement. The fisherman may board a fishing smack and take a two day cruise to the deep sea fishing grounds, or anchored out at the edge of the channel he may have splendid sport with line and tackle, or he may lie off shore in a sloop, and watch the men scoop oysters. There are beautiful walks and drives out past the ruins of an old monastery and convent off into the odoriferous pine grove, the pathway faintly starred with exquisite flowers, that belong to the pine woods of Mississippi. Other drives out to the Davis vineyards where the scuppernon wine is made, and to Wolf River, to Black River, and to the camp of the charcoal burners. One of the prettiest places in the Pass is the little Episcopal church under the immediate supervision of the distinguished, Right Reverend Hugh Miller Thompson, Assistant Bishop of Mississippi. It is well worth a visit, being one of the most beautiful churches in the South, enriched by three superb memorial windows. It stands off in the woods a couple of squares distant from the beach, and is under the perpetual shadow of some grand old moss covered oaks; a quiet lake is on one side, with brambles, tall grasses and delicate ferns fringing its waters; an old graveyard full of ancient monuments and half forgotten graves sweep out behind the church. While in the background rise the mighty pines of a virgin forest, keeping up a solemn and tremulous murmur, the lake its muffled beat and breathing, just the place for the hand of God. The little church, like the Holy of Holies, in the temple of the woods, is in the form of a Greek cross, with Gothic doors that unfold like the wings of a brooding dove, disclosing interior finishings, artistic and handsome to a high degree. The sunlight streaming through the richly stained glass windows filling the silent edifice with a great glory of purple and amber light. Whoever directed the decorations of this Chapel, was an artist, and full of religious sentiment. Sometimes one sees strolling about the village, a Choctaw maiden pretty as Poehontas, with her load of red and yellow baskets, woven of scented grasses, a fisher lad bare-footed and tangled under a net of dripping fish nets. A bronze browed creole with her basket of eggs deftly balanced on her head, a dago drowning out his wares. Indeed many and various are the picturesque personages, that loiter under the green arches of the antlered oaks. As a health resort Pass Christian is unequalled. The climate and atmosphere, are almost perfect. What with the sandy soil, the bracing salt air, the odors from the limitless forests of pines that stretch away for hundreds of miles in the interior, the air is clear and has a delicious softness, that is grateful to the senses. It's surely God's country, and a paradise allotted for the sick.

NATIONAL LABOR SUBJECTS

Commissioner Wright Submits Suggestions to Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The first annual report of the Bureau of Labor has been submitted in manuscript by Commissioner Carroll D. Wright to the Secretary of the Interior, and will be printed immediately. By way of summary the Commissioner says: "It has been clearly shown that the depressions of the past in the manufacturing nations of the world have been nearly or quite contemporaneous in their occurrence. As to the severity of the present industrial depression and its duration, it can safely be asserted that the depression commenced early in 1882 and has continued until the present time. From the time the agents of the bureau entered the field in prosecuting their investigations to the time they left it, a period of five or six months, there had been a marked change in the condition of business. At the present time (March 1886) the effects of the depression are wearing away and all the indications are that prosperity is slowly, gradually, but safely returning. The extent of the depression has not been so great as the popular mind has conceived it to be.

"With a healthy public opinion behind it, the law-making power can prevent to a great degree the unholy speculation in food products. It can indulge in conservative care in extending railroad building and in facilitating the organization of manufacturing corporations. It can restrict the grants of the public domain. It can enact uniform bankruptcy laws, extending the provisions of such laws so that the poor man indebted but a few hundred dollars shall be able to readjust his financial affairs as the larger debtor. It can abridge the provisions of laws relating to the collection of debts, to the end that the credit system shall not be abused. It can regulate transportation on a just and uniform basis, to the end that the stockholders shall not be robbed by ravenous competition, and that the workman may calculate with some degree of certainty the cost of his living and the producer of production so far as transportation is concerned. It can see to it that the tariff shall be regulated on the basis of justice and not on the haphazard basis which affects only individual interest and oftentimes inflicts general harm. It can see that a stable currency be guaranteed, that the workman may know the purchasing power of his stipulated earnings. It can consider what reasonable and humane regulations may be adopted relative to immigration and see to it that labor is not lowered either in standard or through earnings by the pernicious method of importations by contract, that every lawful endeavor be made to stimulate industrial education in all parts of the country; that the necessity shall be recognized of the industrial development of all parts of the land, that there may result a legitimate increase in the consuming power of the people. It can stimulate the growth of the principle of industrial co-partnerships through methods of profit-sharing by wise premissive laws. Public sentiment can encourage the perfect organization of the forces involved, to the end that each shall deal with the other through representatives and that production shall be regulated by the demand and not by the ill advised eagerness of men to push their work individually to the detriment of others, that there may come the universal adoption of shorter hours of labor, and demand that after capital and labor shall have received fixed and reasonable compensation each for its investment, the net profits of production shall be divided under profit-sharing plans or methods, or through industrial co-partnership, to the end that all the forces of production shall be equally to mutual welfare. It can ask that the contracts of labor be as free as the contracts of commodities, under fair agreements for services rendered, to the end that the workman shall not be obliged to make contracts on terms not acceptable to him, and it can hold the party which declines to resort to the conciliatory methods of arbitration morally responsible for all the ill-effects growing out of contests. These remedial agencies or remedial methods, alleviatory in their design, are all possible by the reasonable acts of men. They are not chimerical schemes, but measures adapted to practical adoption. They demand simply a far recognition of a part only of the truth bound up in the rule which insists that all men shall do unto others as they would have others do unto them.

GREENE COUNTY ITEMS.

Gathered From the Snow Hill Enterprise.

Miss Virginia Jordan is on a visit to her brother, Dr. Thos. M. Jordan, at Hookerton. The Doctors friends will be pleased to learn that his little son is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, probably the oldest person in Hookerton, died last Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. A more extended notice of her death will appear next week. Isaac Dixon colored who lives on Mr. Frizzle's farm lost his household and kitchen furniture by fire on the night of the 13th inst. He and his wife had gone over to a neighbor's and left two boys in the house with a large fire and the boys soon went to sleep, when the fire caught a bed sitting near the fire place and soon burned the house and contents before anything could be saved, except the boys who were taken out at a window. A small boy was kicked in the face by a horse at Mr. Richard Harris near Cobb's store last Sunday when he was currying the horse, another horse was passing and was kicked at and the boy was struck. Capt. H. F. Price is doing some work about four miles from here for Col. M. L. Carr. Farming operations are making good progress just now under such favorable weather. None of the farmers around here will plant any corn in March this year. Mrs. E. A. Hornaday was so much improved in health as to be able to make an evening visit on the 14th inst. Travis Hooker, Jr., is improving rapidly. On account of sickness the Social Glass was not played at Hookerton the 20th inst., but will be April 2nd.

Another car load of the popular "Dixie" Plow just received. 300 sets of this season. W. H. SMITH. mch8-3w

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S BIRTH-DAY.

Scenes in Berlin and the Kaiser's Household.

BERLIN, March 22.—To-day all Germany rings with shouts of "Hoch! Hoch! Es lebe der Kaiser! Hoch!" The grand old warrior has celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday, and throughout the Fatherland there is rejoicing. From every part of Europe, from America and from distant Africa congregations have poured in all day. One of the first telegrams to arrive was from the Pope. German Kings and Princes have brought to admiration, and Berlin is thronged with enthusiastic crowds, who seem as if they would never tire of singing loyal songs in his honor.

The rejoicings may be said to have begun on Saturday, when the Kaiser, accompanied by the Kaiserin, his children, grandchildren and several illustrious guests, including the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, delighted the hear is of his subjects by reappearing—for the first time since his recent accident—at the Schauspielhau, where he sat some time watching the tableaux vivants organized for the benefit of a Roman Catholic charity. The scenes represented were suggested by Liszt's "Legend of St. Elizabeth." The actors were titled dames and nobles of the Prussian court. Two attaches of the British embassy also "posted" and looked very effective as armored knights in the tableau of "The Departure for the Crusades."

The Kaiser will enter his ninth decade well, hearty and happy. Long before he had left his couch this morning thousands of Berliners had assembled outside the palace, watching for his appearance at the historic window. The roads were filled with a pleasant state for walking, for the thaw had replaced the snow and ice by thick mud and slush. The crowd, however, paid no heed to such trifles, and when at last the old hero, having got through the ordeal of receiving the official greetings, showed himself, the air was rent with deafening cheers.

The first person who entered the Kaiser's study to-day was the Kaiserin. The meeting of the aged couple was very affecting. Hardly had they embraced when the ushers tapped at the door and introduced the court marshal, Count von Puelker, who, being blind and decrepit had to be led to his master to congratulate him. Then came Count Perponcher, chief marshal of the household. Soon after a long array of distinguished arrivals drove up to the palace, including the Crown Prince and Princess, the king of Saxony, the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden and the Prince and Princess William, with their three little sons, each carrying a nosegay in his hand, which he presented to his grand sire with a pretty speech learned for the occasion.

Knowing the Kaiser's love of flowers, many of his subjects, rich and poor, also sent bouquets. Some sent costly azaleas, camellias and baskets of fragrant roses and jasmine from the Riviera. Others sent bunches of the emperor's favorite cornflower, while Baron Bleichroder showed his devotion to the empire by adorning the base of Frederick the Great's statue, in front of the Schloss, with a perfect back of the rarest hothouse plants.

The chancellor and Princess Bismarck reached the palace about noon with several ministers and a brilliant group of generals. The reception was constantly interrupted by the coming and going of messengers bearing presents, letters and despatches. By four o'clock, when the imperial family sat down to the banquet, the royal guests at the Crown Prince's palace the Kaiser was glad enough for a little rest.

A grand diplomatic dinner was given this evening and innumerable other banquets, but the most interesting feature of the evening was the soiree in Weisseraal of the imperial palace, where the Kaiser, dressed in the handsome scarlet uniform of the guards, was for an hour or more the centre of all that is aristocratic, beautiful and brilliant in the German capital.

The most touching incident of the day was a pilgrimage of the imperial family to a little oak cradle in which the future emperor lay just eighty-nine years ago. It is still as good as new and lately did service for the Kaiser's great-grandchildren, the sons of Prince William.

Berlin made a grand display of fronting in the sovereign's honor. From thousands of roofs the imperial standard fluttered gaily beside the Prussian colors. As the afternoon wore on the crowds grew denser at one time, while the gala carriages were driving away from the Schloss, dangerously so. Happily the exuberant demonstrations in the streets led to no accidents. Prince Bismarck looked a trifle bent and very bald, but his eyes were bright and his manner as gallant when he bowed his thanks to the ladies who clustered round him as twenty years ago. At dusk Berlin was magnificently illuminated and the city is still ablaze with lights and filled with jubilation.

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