

Gulf Coast Region Attracting Settlers

Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 6.—Agricultural opportunities in the gulf coast region of the south, east of the Mississippi river, are attracting many people from the north, according to a report from the Bureau of Soils of the Department of Agriculture just made public.

The majority of the immigrants who have purchased land for general farming have had but little experience with such soils as commonly occur in this section of the gulf coast country.

The territory to which reference is made embraces the southern third of Mississippi and the adjoining portion of Louisiana to the south; that part of Alabama below the "Black Belt"; the southern counties of Georgia, and the northern ones of Florida.

The general elevation of the northern part of the region is 400 to 500 feet, with a gradual slope toward the south.

In many places the uplands have an average elevation of 100 feet or more within a few miles of the coast.

The topography varies from very hilly areas to broad, undulating levees, which includes considerable level areas. A forest of long leaf pine once covered practically all of the hills and well drained areas, while in the lowlands along the streams there was a mixed growth of deciduous trees, cane and underbrush, varied by cypress swamps. While the cane largely has disappeared much of the lowland still is densely forested.

The soils of the Mississippi river bottom are alluvial; eastward the pre-botton soils are grayish sands, or "rolling loams." Clay loams are limited sandy loams, except in certain localities.

The subsols of upland types range in color from yellow through various shades of brown to bright red. There are great variations in the depth of the soil in the uplands and higher bench lands on the larger streams and in the physical characteristics of the soil.

In part of a field the soil may be largely of sand, graduating at a depth of a few inches to clay muck, while nearby sand may be 2 or 3 feet deep. The extreme range is from heavy clay to a loose quartz sand of little agricultural value. Such conditions are the exception.

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New York, Nov. 6.—"The American farmer demands a banking system that will always provide credit for his legitimate needs, irrespective of money disturbances in financial centers," says Edmund D. Fisher, in commenting upon the recent amendments to the plan of banking and currency reform as proposed by the national monetary commission.

Great good, according to Mr. Fisher, should result from the public hearings now being held by the monetary commission. These hearings should bring out the business and farming needs of the country and go a long way toward securing the right kind of banking legislation.

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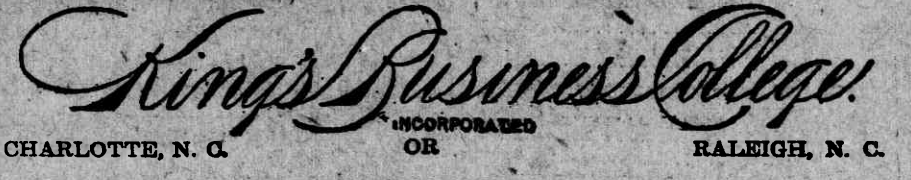
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