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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For Congress:

ROBT. F. BROUSSARD.

For Member State Board of Equalization.

A. M. MARTIN.

A Northern Outrage.

N. O. States.

The newspapers have recently been full of an outrage perpetrated against "the brother in black," but this time the diabolical deed was committed in the North, yea even in the sacred city of New York where almost daily mobs find exciting sport in chasing negroes through the streets without much being said about it. The particular outrage to which we have referred has to do with Ota Benga, the African pigmy, who for a number of weeks had been the most important exhibit at the New York Zoological gardens. It appears that Director Hornaday had given Ota Benga the freedom of the Primate House, commonly called the monkey cage. The monkeys received Ota on terms of perfect equality and the small savage enjoyed his quarters hugely, no doubt feeling that he had been thrown with some distant but kindly relatives.

It happens that Ota is of a low order of intellect, very much of a savage in fact, and sternly opposed to wearing cutaway coats, striped trousers and spats. The other day the keepers had much difficulty in persuading him to keep his clothes on while they soaked him with a garden hose, and preventing him, after he had been persuaded by force, from slashing one of them with a knife.

This treatment of Ota when the negro preachers discovered that he was one of their own people, resulted in a protest and a demand that he be taken out of the monkey cage and sent to a school for colored boys. This has been done and it is proposed to educate Ota and give him a job in Africa as a missionary which is good and proper. However, it is not difficult to imagine what a hullabaloo would have been raised had a benighted human being from "Africa's sunny fountains" been exhibited anywhere in the South in a cage of monkeys. We may be sure of it that President Roosevelt, whose heart is beating strongly for the colored man as the congressional elections approach, would have ordered the federal district attorney to prosecute and imprison for violation of the laws against peonage every person implicated in the outrage.

But for more than a month Ota Benga, late of Africa, was the star attraction in the monkey cage of the New York Zoo and there was no thundering from Oyster Bay against the outrage and no orders to prosecute anybody. From all accounts the monkeys were pleased, the people who visited the Zoo were pleased and so was Ota until they tried to make him wear clothes and get him in trim to be an enthusiastic Republican voter.

Ramsey & Upton have a fresh stock of corn, oats, alfalfa, chopped corn, chicken feed and other feed stuffs. Ring them up.

The Question of Good Roads.

New Iberia Enterprise Leader.
By reference to another column it will be found that it is possible to construct fine roads in this part of the country for the small sum of \$1478.40 per mile. Under the direction of the United States government the experiment was made with just such soil as prevails here, and the results have been satisfactory.

Some time ago it was pointed out that macadamized roads could be made for a minimum of \$2000 per mile if the material was near at hand. It is possible that in this country freight rates might increase the cost to a certain extent, but with the new plan the material is right on the ground and the actual cost is figured out to a nicety. It might perhaps be lowered by good management, but it need not be exceeded.

The question is would it not pay the parish authorities to expend this amount of money in making good roads? According to the statistics there are about one hundred miles of main thoroughfares in this parish that are used daily when in condition by the thirty-odd thousand persons in the territory. The total cost of making these perfect in all kinds of weather under the new plan would be \$147,480.

Under the present plan of keeping up dirt roads that are unusable in wet weather and useless for a large portion of the year the cost is about \$15,000 per year. In ten years at this rate \$150,000 is expended and the roads are in no better condition at the end of that time than at the beginning. In the last thirty years enough money has been thrown away on repairing bad roads to have constructed perhaps as much as 250 miles of good roads. There is absolutely nothing to show for the money expended. This winter the roads will be as useless as if nothing had been done to them, and yet hundreds of thousands of hard-earned money has been poured into them.

Does it not stand to reason that it would be better to expend \$150,000 at once and provide good roads instead of continuing to throw good money after wasted funds?

Cane Crop.

Louisiana Planter.

Later reports, following the storm of last week, confirm the statements made in the Planter of Sept. 29 to the effect that no serious damage has been done to the cane crop by the tempest; in fact it has been, according to sev-

eral of our correspondents, benefited by the shaking up it has received. The most interesting feature of the high wind was the breaking off in numerous instances of the D. 74 cane and this matter is of considerable importance, and we treat of it editorially elsewhere. Since the storm the weather has been predominately wet and rainy. The crop outlook, of course, presents the same disappointing features that we have recently chronicled and a somewhat short campaign is probable throughout practically the whole sugar belt.

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