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SIGHTS VISIBLE ALONG THE GULF OF MEXICO.

Mobile a Splendid Instance of the Old South Touched by New Enterprises-Charming Pleasure Resorts Dotting the Itinerary from Mobile to New Orleans and Full of Historic and Scientific Interest.

Written for The Tribune.

EAVING Pensacola westward, Mobile. Ala., is the next city of importance on the main line of the Louisville and Nashville road, a run of 102 miles. Pensacola lying on the gulf, the train runs northward, passing ight stations for forty-one miles to Flomaton junction westward sixty-one miles through five stations. Mobile, "Queen of the Gulf," Is reached. Before entering the city twenty miles out, we cross first the Alabama river, then the Mobile, both wide navigable streams, that empty into Mobile bay, forming a junction below the confines of the city.

Mobile is 141 miles from New Orleans (1.554 from New York), and now a close rival to New Orleans as a cotton mart, is the only seaport of Alabama Before the civil war it was the greatest cotton port in the world, drawing as it did, the "white fields" of several states, and enriching its people by its enormous trade; but the war left it stranded and almost ruined. Of late the old and indolent town has come to the front with other industries within her own borders, in the way of manufactories of various kinds, besides drawing for hundreds of miles back an enormous production of cotton, timber, ores and other minerals.

#### Location of Mobile

The favorable location of Mobile to commerce, is seen by a glance at the map of the Gulf states. Situated on the west bank of Mobile river and on the north shore of Mobile bay, a beautiful sheet of water extending to the Mexican gulf, a distance of thirty miles, with a width of from ten to twenty-six miles and a channel the entire length, twenty-four feet deep by 280 feet in width, with six miles of river frontage, gives the city superior commercial facilities. The Mobile river is ormed by the union of those two great streams, the Alabama and Tombigbee twenty miles above the city, and is easily accessible to all ocean craft drawing twenty-four feet of water, and the city reaches through these navigwaters a territory stretching 500 miles to the north, rich in coal, timber, ore and fruits, and today producing cotton enough, as one says, "to build a breastwork around the entire state of

Unlike most of the cities in the exreme south, which owing to the low surface are very deficient in all sanitary features, Mobile, has excellent facilities for drainage, the land rising from the bay back to the suburbs reaching an elevation of two hundred and forty feet in seven miles, offering, too, commanding view of the country city and harbor to those residing in outlying districts. It has constructed already a system of sewers extending sixty-three miles and acquired possession of one of the two waterworks systems and built a new one covering 100 dles with a ten million reservoir and two six million gallon pumps

#### Mobile's History. Mobile is one of the oldest towns in

the south-Santa Fc, Pensacola and St. Augustine only outranking it in years. It was founded in 1702-named from a small tribe of Indians known as Maubillas-and until 1723 was the capital of the Louisiana colony. The effect of such colonization is seen even today. Within the present corporate limits of rope and Canada, the various countries of Central and South America and of far Eastern Asia, are represented and occasionally the noble red man is seen, Mobile is a city of homes. houses of the well-to-do are for the most part built upon wide, deep lots, the architecture being peculiar to the south, and somewhat after the style of New Orleans, with wide spacious hallways, the rooms immense and high as to ceiling, the windows opening to the floor and many of them with twostory galleries (piazzas) these screened lattice work or blinds. keep out the sun in summer while the inmates enjoy the open air in restful retirement. We were charmed with the drive along its shady avenues,

the very suburbs far enough to get a peep at genuine plantations. mammoth live oak trees-what marvelous trees?

passed many of the venerable mansions

of the last century on which the dig-

has often been likened to the Mediterranean sea. Like that great body of la, Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Mississippi water, the Gulf is situated in the middie of a vast body of land. The Meditclimate of Europe; here, the gulf modannually to the shores of the Mediterranean in search of health and white sandy beaches, harbors and bays recreation, and thousands seek and is wanted for the invalid is a dry

inless "broken up" may "hang on" all winter, and is apt to run into Grip, Catarrh or Bronchitis, and possibly break down the health of a lifetime. Nothing can be more important than the cure of a fall cold, it means so "77" is the remedy and the cure taken at the beginning, the cold never reaches the second stage, while its and shipping fish and oysters to northsustains the system during the attack.

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sandy soil and a mild southern seabreeze. These requisites are found at Mobile-to a greater extent than on the shores of the Mediterranean.

### Public Institutions.

Like all live and progressive cities Mobile has its Commercial club, Cotton Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, etc., and to them Mobile is indebted for its industrial enterprises, too numerous to mention. The last year was one of extraordinary expansion of commerce and building booms. The transportation facilities of Mobile are great. The river system is composed of eleven rivers, that afford 2,000 miles of navigable waters, the Tennessee, the Ala-bama, the Tombigbee, with the Black Warrior and other rivers drain fourfifths of the state of Alabama, and portions of Georgia and Mississippi. This system is inhabited by a million people engaged in agriculture, mining, saw-milling and turpentine distilling, and manufacturing generally, and Motile is its most important ter-The Louisville and Nashminus. ville railroad and its branches from Mobile to New Orleans, Montgomery, Birmingham, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Memphis, Pensacola and other place of less note. It is termed the "back bone of the middle south." With one foot upon New Orleans and the other upon Florida, it has just about lain down on Alabama, the best portion of Tennessee and the choicest of Ken-

tucky, resting its head upon Cincinnati and reaching St. Louis with one hand and Memphis with the other." It will thus be noticed the spinal column of this graet trunk line is no insignificant factor in the growth, support and resperity of this great section of the south referred to and tributary to the oad, and what marvelous possibilities lie in the future of this read!

The most important branch of Mooile's commerce is the lumber and timber trade which is steadily growing. The exports of pine for the year 1900 was 126.634,413 superficial feet and for pine timber, hewn and sawed, 10.918.301 superficial feet-besides other woodsoak, cottonwood, poplar, walnut, etc., 27,500 pickets, one million staves and one million shingles. These refer to exports to foreign countries, while shipment by vessels to domestic ports amounted to 16,046,640 feet of pine lumber alone. There were also 210,000 bales 300,000 tons of coal, chiefly to Mexican and Central American ports.

#### Trade in Tropical Fruits.

Another important branch of the rade of Mobile is the importation of ropical fruit on the Mexican Gulf and dso Central America—some 3,000,000 bunches of bananas, 4,000,000 cocoanuts and large quantities of oranges and pineapples, etc. Several lines of steamers are engaged in this trade (reciprocal trade) with the Central American Of the 910 vessels that arrived here in 1900 from foreign ports, 550 were steamships belonging to various lines. The same phenomenal development of the fruit and grain trade has characterized the vegetable trade and the oyster trade, the latter amounting last year to a half million dollars. An interesting sight is a visit to the quay, to see the unloading of the great ships laden with foreign fruits from the tropics. Mobile has four daily papers and

three weekly. The venerable Register is now in its eighty-second year Among its hotels the Battle House and the Bienville are the first class. Mobile is justly noted for the splendor of her annual Mardi-gras carnivaland is called the "Mother of Mystics." The prevalng ar of Mobile is contentment rather than bustle-most everybody goes slow here. rarely occur, the employer and the employe are on most friendly terms and violence and mob rule are seldom known. Whoever loves to muse over the past can find here a fascinating field. There are many old landmarks connected with the early history of the colony, besides those of the civil war. of the Confederate earthworks that nearly surrounded the city, portions six square miles of territory are 60,000 still remain. Farragut's fleet, they population-truly cosmopolitan in its say, made terrible destruction here. omposition for the sons of Shem, Ham | Forts Morgan and Gaines still guards and Japhet and all the nations of Eu- the entrance to the bay. Magnolia cemetery, about a mile outside of the city, is an interesting place to visit,

#### in 1865 and some 869 interments have been made, 113 of whom are unknown, Confederate Monument.

especially the Union and Confederate

divisions. The former was established

In the Confederate division is a conument of granite sourmounted by resting on the stock of his musket, with appearance of being covered with the muzzle pointing downward and resting on the pedestal, indicative of submission to the inevitable. In a plot at its mouth is a lighthouse. The mild of ground elevated some six feet, about sixteen feet square, lie the remains of General Braxton Braggs, beneath a peavy granite slabe. There was said to no 12,000 Confederate dead buried here who are sleeping their last sleep nity of age gracefully rests, and into n a 'lost cause.'

From Mobile to New Orleans, 141 miles, is one of the most delightful Many of the streets are bordered with rides in the country," where one can realize the charm of sunny scenes in sunny lands in winter. The route lies As to climate, the Gulf of Mexico along the gulf, and through a series of winter resorts as Scranton, Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Mississippi Bay of St. Louis. These are on the line erranean has a beneficial effect on the of the Louisville and Nashville railway. The recollections of this journey erates the heat of summer, the cold of call to mind balmy woods, sighing winter and provides for sufficient mois- pines, soft winds playing among the ture in the air; thousands of invalids mammoth live oaks, restful villages fronting the blue waters of the gulf, whose coasts are perfectly safe for find both here on the gulf coast. What boating and bathing and even wheeling and rambling. The coast on this route is full of inlets and indentations, of projections and points, and the shore gently inclined. We cross long trestles.

#### Speeding Southward. After leaving Mobils, in forty miles

we pass nine stations of more or less importance and reach Scranton, Miss., a county seat and a live, promising town of 1,500 permanent residents: it ems to me, more given to business than most coast towns, and well supplied with accommodations for a large number of winter tourists and other visitors. This is one of the greatest lumber manufacturing districts in the south, the rivers coming in here from the heart of the great southern pine belt 150 miles up in the interior, touching many lumber towns, one of which, Moss Point, contains nine large saw mills. Scranton also does a large business in canning oysters and shrimp ern markets in all seasons, the gulf waters being literally alive with fish and the shallow sections lined with oyster beds. The astonishingly low price of fish here suggests the abundance of the supply. Think of it! The famous red snapper, the mackerel,

where the fish crowd each other to grab the coming hook.

Just across the river (Chickasawha) from Scranton is Pascagoula, lying more upon the gulf, and therefore the seaport for most of the shipping of nearby towns. In the days before the war, Pascagoula was one of the most noted summer resorts in the south. where it is said the wealth and beauty of the aristocratic planters' families from all the gulf states paid homage to the shrine of fashion. Here was a hotel, now gone to decay, fronting the sea, with a capacity for more than a thousand guests. The changed conditions of life in the cotton states have made it more fashionable to spend the summer at northern resorts, but famous old Pascagoula, now but a quaint, slumbering village by the sea, still presents the charm of a beautifut location on the live-oak shaded shores of the gulf, the broad expanse of blue water, dotted with Islands before it and the wide river winding its way to the ocean. Age has given this locality a hoary aspect, as typified in the woods, groves and individual trees, gray grown with banging moss, as one says, "the mourning drapery for a past, dead and almost forgotten."

#### Ocean Springs.

Thirteen miles westward and fiftyeven miles from Mobile, is Ocean Springs, which is not on the ocean at all, as its name would indicate, but it has some fine mineral springs to give it character and restore the invalid to health. It is on the most elevated site along the Mississippi coast and has a frontage on the gulf of three miles. A fine shell road and driveway extends the entire distance in full view of the sound and bordered with mam-moth live oaks. Oh, what oaks! This live oak of the extreme south is a remarkable tree of toughest fibre and picturesque model, symmetrical in outline, but full of irregularities. branches run in zigzag fashion and are of enormous size. The top is usually oval, the lower limbs extend horizontally forty and fifty feet from the trunk and not more than ten or twelve feet from the ground. The trunk, therefore, is short. The wonder is that these branches, large enough to be trees themselves, do not bend and droop toward the earth from their own heaviness. There is one here that has 120 feet spread. There is an old oak f cotton shipped worth \$8,000,000; also near Mobile whose branches cover an acre of ground and measure 176 feet from tip to tip. All along this entire driveway it

Ocean Springs, on one side only, and fronting the water are the fine homes of people from New Orleans and other cities who come here for the summer Many of the houses are colonial in style, with spacious grounds and abundant shade. A peculiar feature is that each house owner owns to the deep, or navigable, water in front of his lot, the water being very shallow inshore, and nearly every home has its elevated board walk out to the shannel for boating and bathing when the tide is low. This walk is laid upon posts ten to fifteen feet high with hand railing for safety. There are seats along at intervals for resting and at the extreme end a small shed or pagoda for bathers, with steps for descending to the water. The entire water space in front of the town thus has the uppearance of being gridironed with these broad walks or piers which extend out into the bay about the length of a city block, more or less, with a little house perched on the farther end The water front thus presents a scene novel and striking, unlike anything seen before on our travels. Winter visitors will find at Ocean Springs. restfulness and quietude so conducive to longevity and happiness.

Just across the bay, four miles, h Biloxi, very odd in name, novel in its character, and one of the oldest towns in the United States. It was settled in 1699, and was the first colony planted by the French. Here is found the old civilization in the narrow old streets, the old fashioned houses with small windows and panes, and the new in elegant modern villas and mansions of the wealthy residents of the Cres ecent City, with fine new churches and business blocks, hotels with every convenience and ten miles of shell road along the bay. Like Ocean Springs these summer residences face the water along the bay road with large grounds, immense live oaks and magnotias, flowers and shrubbery that give an air of wealth and culture. The bay here is also gridironed with the elevat ed board walks, or piers, out to deep water. So numerous are these piers soldier with bowed head, his hands and so closely placed, the bay has the flooring "taking a walk on stilts." The Bileyi river runs into the bay here and climate and opportunities for fishing and hunting make it a charming place to spend the winter; over 1,600 tourists visited here last winter. The people of small means can come here because of cheapness of living and convenient railroad travel.

#### Beauvoir.

In five miles Beauvoir is reachedanother resort made famous as the summer home of Jefferson Davis, whose villa is plainly seen from the train nestling among live oaks and magnolias, his large vineyard extending back a long distance. It is a typical southern mansion of the colonial style, one story and basement, with a veranda supported by large square pillars. extending around the building. These old fashioned homes are noted for their comfort and even luxury. Here the noted president of the southern Confederacy resided for several years after the war, and here he died.

Mississippi City is the next important station located right on the bay, only four miles distant. It enjoys the distinction of being the "half way house." equi-distant between Mobile and New Orleans. Here the shore is lined with pretty cottages and handsome villas. the climate is delightful and locality charming. Here is the same gridironed water front. The average temperature is about 63 degrees in winter

and 83 degrees in summer. Fifty-eight miles from New Orleans, on the Louisville and Nashville, is Pass Christian, said to be the gem of the collection of resorts, the most pretentious of them all, and the most famous and fashionable summer and winter resort on all the southern coast. An odd and original name. The place is not a "pass," nor do the numerous churches stamp it as more than ordinarily "reverent and God-fearing." On the contrary, there is said to be a manifest spirit of worldly mindedness. The "Pass" has a water frontage of six miles, with a broad shell-payed avenue extending the entire distance, bordered with magnificent live oaks and lofty magnolias. The land here rises to a height of ten to fifteen feet above the sea level. The water near the shore is deeper here and the elevated board walk is less in evidence. The trout and pompano being sold for a summer population of "Pass Christian" cent a pound and even less. Imagine is 4,000, chiefly New Orleans people. the sport of catching them in waters The resort is called the Newport of the does not prove one of the marked suscence of

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#### Bay St. Louis.

Just across an arm of the gulf and in ight of the "Pass" is Bay St. Louis, six miles distant, which may be practically regarded as a suburb of New Orleans, being only fifty miles from the city, an hour's rail ride. Its summer population of 8,000 or more is largely ade up of people from the Crescent City, while Its 4,000 in winter include people from all sections of the north. Lake the other gulf resorts, the bay has its long shell road upon the water front, boulevards among the stately magnolias and oaks. Life at the "Bay takes on great activity and more novity. It is a popular resort for the Preofe population of New Orleans, and requent excursions from the city give he streets an appearance remindful of the French quarters of that city fact, the "Bay" is often called "Little Paris" from the Frenchy customs and ornaments witnessed here

The intervals between the sulf reserves, described above, from Mo bile to New Orleans, is through cottor nd sugar cane fields, and great folds f hanging moss and forests of huge rees and rank vegetation, singing irds of splendid plumage and along dantations where the cabin of the legro is as picturesque as the mansion

J. E. Richmond.

#### THEATRICAL NEWS.

#### ATTRACTIONS TODAY.

STAR Dointy Parce Buckesquers, Afternoon nd night

#### Bon Ton Stock Company.

The ever-popular Leyborns and his Bon Tot ock company, including frame Butting, without a one work's engagement of the Academy summencing Monday night, on which occuher will present Mark E. Swan's brouth critedy drama, "The Princess of Patches." This is the same piece that made such it here had season. New specialties between he acts will be seen during this engagement

#### Ramblers Burlesque Company. Handsome women, popular comedia

prous electrical effects and magnificent co-numes will be brought to the Star theater beweek by the Ramblers Gigantic Extravogator. Burlesque company There is not a duil momen broughout the entire entertainment, which on an entirely new scale, being in three acts i beautiful spectacular first part, a tileticklim face coincily and a manimoth burleson en-titled, "A Swell Affair," throughout which man well known vaudevillians will occupy the cen er of the stage.

The queen of all is Peurl Stevens, the bewitch

ing beauty, whose fairy-like features have wer much admiration; Scanlon and Stevens, the comedy due, whose effort is made for laughing comedy duo, whose effort is made for laughing purposes only; the Bijou Cornelly Four, a quar-tette that combine harmony with conedy; Robert Mack, the eccentric comedian; James E, Plunkett, the dancer; Lillian LeRoy, the Fams of burleasque; the Brothers Lates, introducing Clarence Lates, the marvel of the Twentieth century, and The Solikes and their little archi-

#### STAGE NOTES.

A large and pleased audience saw the King Dramatic company in Joseph Arthur's "Blue Jeans," at the Academy last night. For the matince today, a grand production of "A Ward engagement comes to a close, when the ever-popular drama, "The Octoroon," will be the offering.

this afternoon and night at the Lyccum theater, and Willis Granger, the brilliant young actor, will be seen in the role of Louis De Beaumont, assisted by a large company of elever actors, care fully selected by M. W. Hanley & Son, unde whose able direction the tour is managed.

Don John of Austria in Miss Viola Allen's play, "In the Palace of the King," and Monday evening at the opening of the Boston engagement he was re-placed by W. II. Pascoc, an actor originally strenuously sought for the part, but owing to circumstances his services could not, at that time, be secured. The Stoddard-Crawford romantic drama will be at the Hellis Street theater for

The initial appearance of Mrs. Sarah Cowell Lo. Moyne in her new play, "The First Duchess of Marlborough," occurred at the Taylor Opera House, at Trenton, N. J., on Monday evening. The house was packed to overflowing and there were all the evidences manifest that are supposed to mark enthusiastic approval of a new production. If "The Duckess of Marlhorough"

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matince today, a grand production of "A Ward of France" will be the bill. The story deals play they have had written for Mrs. Le Mayne with the early days of Louisiana. Tonight the within the year, and the fact that Liebler & Company have concluded to open the season with the Charles Henry Meltzer play is evidence in bundance that they believe it to be the best of them all, and thoroughly adequate to all de-mands. The production is a beautiful one and the cast is strong throughout

> Mr. Kyrle Bellew has consented to personally firect the staging of "A Gentleman of France." This means much to the new play, for Kytle Belew is a marcel in this sort of work, and no more competent man ever superintended a production than this talented English actor, who has won ame in all portions of the civilized globe. Archie Boyd is reheating the new comedy ples been seen here.

ire of New England life, "Vermont," in which is is to star. Glowing reports are made of this d by Herne, implicing Uncle Nat in "Shore

Lewis Morrison's first performance of Mephisto France." It was Mr. Edwards who furnished

upon his return to the stage after an absence of ok place at Halifax, N. S., this week, and deionstrated that the famous Mephisto has los-one of his old power and sublety, which have seen displayed for twenty seasons past and made the name of Morrison and Faust synonymous. The electrical and pyrotechnical display of the tam-

stally espatile. his new play, "D'Accy of the Guards" in which were made so decided an impression to more in "\$1 emedy than those in which he has previously

nd the supporting company and cheristers on

ew play, which is from the pen of Charles of "Uncle Tear's Cabin" will be seen at the arrard, secretary of the American Dramatista Lycoum in the near induce. Mr. Martin's combib. It is said to be as striking and picturesque pany carries all the special scenery and effects ecation of New England rurual types as required to give a perfect production A. Herne's "Sag Harbor" was of Maine of this old, ever-popular play. The company em haracteristics; and, by the way, no man on the braces one hundred people, a chorus of second merican stage is better qualified to fill the place colored men and women, thirty horses, ponies to that lamented actor-author than Archie Boyd, burrowa, donkeys, oxen and fitteen man-eating burrows, donkeys, oxen and lifteen man-eating bloodhounds. A special train of cars is employed

Julian Edwards has been engaged to supply

in transporting the production.

#### Utilization of "Dittoes."

decrived and perecedinical display of the tame day about a rate of fittle dots that the teacher one Brocken scene and a new scene prologue was said meant "duto." How his scul-a curious otherable, and the cutive production was a cost-and elaborate one, all the scenery being new ling that if he were to write "a car," or "fire pear the same words or figures on the next line.

all, was to put the ditto marks, and everybade and know it was "a cut," or "ave tops," or "\$10" (as the case might be) that was means Some time after this Tenmy, while away on a visit, had occusion to write home. He simplified the lated task by turning his latest knowledge to

The letter looked like a Literary polks dot, "Dear father," it begans

nistir! Duck wich you were here. minister was "

on would send me some money "Your affectionate son -New York Evening Sun.