

spirit he had joined the Government. He recognized that they were not going where he wanted to go, but they were going to do a great deal for the good of the people of New Zealand, and he was going to give them the best help he could. He had no intention to surreptitiously advance the principle he held. He believed that principal was too large to be benefitted by any such attempt."

### FAIRHOPE.

THE COLONY FAST RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE STORM—NEW STEAMER NOW RUNNING BETWEEN FAIRHOPE AND MOBILE—FAIRHOPE GATHERING STRAWBERRIES IN DECEMBER.

The later months of the closing year have been quite eventful at Fairhope. Our town suffered severely in the great storm which swept the gulf coast on September 27th. Twenty-five houses were blown from their foundations and more or less severely wrecked in Colony land alone. Our large town hall was completely wrecked; the school-house, 24 x 74, carried eight feet from its foundations, trees innumerable torn up by the roots or broken off, fences leveled and crops beaten into the ground. Most serious to the Colony was the wrecking of the larger part of the long wharf—1800 feet long, where land the boats which are our means of communication with the balance of the world. Distressing as the damage was, it called forth an exhibition of neighborly kindness and helpfulness which was most cheering. Within a couple of weeks every dwelling had been put back upon its foundations and restored to habitability by volunteer crews.

A new wharf, much better in every way than the old one, is approaching completion, and is now in use. The work when completed as planned, will have cost in the neighborhood of \$3750, and of the nearly \$3000 already subscribed and paid in, by far the larger part has been secured locally.

Christmas 1906 was a glad day, not alone for the usual Christmas cheer, but for the christening of the new steamer "Fairhope" which went into regular service between Fairhope and Mobile, the next day. The new steamer is quite an improvement over the illfated vessel of the same name which was burned in November, 1905. She is 24 feet longer, has two decks instead of one, and has a splendid iron hull. She was formerly the United States quarantine steamer "Wm. H. Welch," was purchased by the Fairhope Improvement Co., of which R. F. Powell is president and manager, and many other well known Single Taxers are stockholders, and has entirely new upper works built upon her by Fairhope workmen. She is a staunch and handsome vessel 108 feet long and capable of good speed.

The Colony has this year been compelled to sue some of its lessees, who refused to pay their rents, and won prompt judgments

in the sums asked for both in the Justice and Circuit Courts.

Twenty one dwellings have been built on Colony land in 1906, including some of the best improvements in the town. Thirty five transfers of leases—(only six representing a parting with interest at Fairhope) and 18 new applications for land granted testify to an active demand for and movement of property.

We had a very pleasant visit recently from C. F. Nesbit, of Washington, D. C. One family arrived recently from Conneaut, O.

Winter visitors are coming in freely.

Mr. Jefferson picked a number of ripe strawberries in the latter part of December.

Five new families have moved to Fairhope in the last few months from the surrounding country.

Radishes, lettuce, onions, turnips, and mustard "greens" are now growing in our gardens.

The thermometer has been to 20 degrees two mornings this winter, but the weather is now so mild that doors are open without fires even in the evenings.

We hope to see many of our Single Tax friends here during the winter.

We are always open for inspection.

E. B. GASTON.

The Johnstown (Pa.) *Democrat* suggests to the Democrats of Massachusetts that they might with honor to themselves nominate William Lloyd Garrison for Governor. Mr. Garrison says in commenting upon Mr. Bailey's suggestion:

"Aside from the fact that, as far as politics go, I am regarded as sentimentally impracticable, my convictions regarding the oaths of office, which bind one to courses I should individually abhor, forever place me outside that pale. I am an agitator, pure and simple, having faith in the power of the spoken word, which makes and unmakes the petty rulers of the hour."

Henry George, Jr.'s special articles from Japan now appearing in the *Sunday World* exhibit those same admirable qualities as an acute and discriminating observer which characterize all his journalistic work.

The Land question is the greatest of all questions, as it affects every man in the Kingdom whether he live in town or country, and is the solution of the problem of poverty and unemployment. The first, and greatest, duty of every Democrat is to agitate for Land Law Reform.—*Reynolds Newspaper*, Aug. 12.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Ninth Edition, page 743 (attention to which is called by the *Chicago Public*), shows that Shakespeare opposed the enclosure of the common lands. This ought to induce Tolstoy to take a more favorable view of his poetry!