The general aspect of the sugar crop bids fair promise of success. The cane, though backward in growth in the upper parishes of the sugar region, still presents a beautiful aspect. In fact, a few good rains will give impulse to the vegetation, and the cane will reach to maturity long before the first cold snap. In the lower parishes the sugar crop is more advanced, and the cane shows eleven and even fourteen fully developed joints.

Throughout this section planters entertain sanguine hopes of success, and expect a paying crop this year. But if the appearances on one hand are encouraging, planters throughout the country complain of the almost exorbitant prices which are axed from them by wood cutters who ask one dollar and twenty-five cents per cord for cutting. To avoid these outrageous prices some of the larger planters have determined to burn coal, and the consequence is that coal barges are met at almost every landing on the river.

The plantation hands work, as a general thing, in a very satisfactory manner, notwithstanding the numerous meetings gotten up by Radical canvassers, who are working up the next election. Sambo cares little nowadays for political honors; he begins to understand that a field hand can never be anything but a poor and ignorant legislator, and having turned seriously to work, leaves politics aside, to take up the shovel and the hoe.

The country, in one word, looks prosperous, and if no untoward event comes to change the aspect of affairs, there will be a prosperous year recorded in the agricultural annals of the State of Louisiana.