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Land of that character should have the vegetable decay increase in it to make it more retentive of moisture and to darken the color and to make it warmer. It is naturally leachy and the organic matter decays very rapidly in it, and must be continually renewed. Growing legume crops and feeding them to stock and returning the manure to the soil will be one of the best means. Down in the pine barrens at Pinehurst, Mr. Tufts has made a deep sand soil produce 90 bushels of corn an acre, which six years ago would hardly grow corn knee high. He has done it by feeding cows and using the manure, and growing cowpeas and feeding them, and constantly using every means to store organic decay in the soil. A good rotation of crops is important as a means for economically and profitably doing the work. Corn should always have peas sown among it, and there should always be a winter cover of crimson clover on the land to turn for corn, and peas should follow small grain for hay to feed and make manure. Such land is easily improved, but rapidly loses the improvement unless constantly renewed.—W. F. Massey, in The Progressive Farmer.

ARE YOU A SOIL BUILDER OR A SOIL ROBBER.
We believe it cannot be too often repeated, or too strongly stressed, that the great trouble with Southern farming, as a whole, is not bad methods or careless management, but a fundamentally wrong conception of the whole business of farming. The average Southern cropper, the average Southern land-owner we fear, has the idea that farming is merely a matter of raising crops, and that each year's work is largely detached and disassociated from that of the years preceding and following it. It is the business of the farmer to raise crops; if he raises good crops he is a good farmer; if good crops are the general result in any particular year, that is a good crop year; whatever tends to make the crop on hand larger is good farming; whatever does not affect this crop is scarcely worth bothering with.

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Thomas Hardeman Lewis, Sr.
A man who devotes his life to the moral and material interests of his country is great indeed. A man living such a life and who refuses political preferment from the hands of his fellow citizens stamps himself both as a patriot and statesman in the broadest sense of the words.

Such a man was Thomas H. Lewis, and in the hour of his death the wonderful ability showed forth clear and unmistakable even though the Dark Shadow was about to close his eyes forever in that eternal battle between Things Material and Things Immortal. What more could any man ask or expect that when the final sleep was about to overtake him he felt in his inner soul his life's battle had been a great and good one and always for the right as he saw it? What difference does it make that such a man, during the course of his existence, stirred up animosity and made enemies, when those enemies were the result of some one's blighted sordid ambition?

There were few men in this state who had won the renown at the bar and in the field of politics as had Thomas H. Lewis; there were few men who could cope with him and his wonderful mentality in these chosen fields of his life's endeavor. Yet about him there was nothing of

He sought no such incident, modestly winning laurels more for the sake of the common good than for any personal gain. Law was the field in which he won a livelihood for family and self, and his ability in that line was recognized by friend and foe alike.

Nothing could be added which would make his memory bright for all time but to repeat the, mayhap, threadbare but ever living benediction: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter now into the Kingdom of the Lord."

In domestic life his abilities as a lawyer and statesman were laid aside. Tenderness towards those dependent upon him, charity towards stricken mankind, even took a lead over his abilities in other walks. As husband, father, grandfather, friend, he will be sadly missed by those near and dear to those who are left behind. The writer knows that those loved ones in his immediate family and many friends will enshrine his memory within their hearts until death issues the final summons. Even so great a humanitarian as Thomas H. Lewis, during his life, could not wish more. This writer knows that the illustrious dead never played for the plaudits of other men, satisfying himself that what he did was with a clear conscience that his efforts were directed in the interests of the right. That is enough glory for any man to win or expect to win during the course of an active life, and what greater glory could he win on these earthly shores?

The eternal silence of the tomb has ended his labors, but left behind is a world-lasting monument to his efforts which will speak for him when mortals forget the man and the citizen.

T. A. JACKSON.

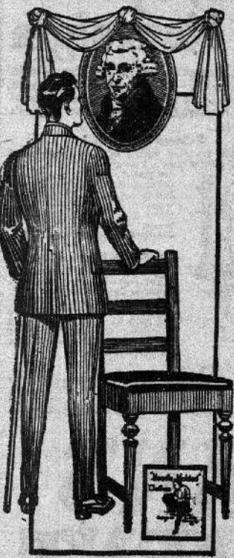
- Jury Venire.**
- List of petit jurors drawn for the first week of the criminal term commencing Monday, February 16th, 1914.
- 1 Frank Zernott..... Washington
 - 2 Henry A. Opelousas
 - 3 Felix W. Miller..... Sunset
 - 4 Robert Richard..... Sunset
 - 5 Numa Meche..... Grand Coteau
 - 6 Ferdie McCaffery..... Washington
 - 7 Roy D. Edwards..... Opelousas
 - 8 C. J. Edwards..... Opelousas
 - 9 Chas. Stagg..... Whiteville
 - 10 Chas. Venire..... Opelousas
 - 11 Raymond Richard..... Sunset
 - 12 Mark Tankel..... Washington
 - 13 A. L. Hinckley..... Opelousas
 - 14 W. P. Walker..... Bellevue
 - 15 F. J. Tilotson..... Opelousas
 - 16 Pete Martel..... Eunice
 - 17 Sylvester Smith..... Grand Coteau
 - 18 J. A. Junge..... Opelousas
 - 19 Hugh H. Miller..... Macland
 - 20 Armstrong Smith..... Opelousas
 - 21 J. M. Sandoz..... Opelousas
 - 22 P. C. Latolais..... Lawtell
 - 23 P. H. McClelland..... Lawtell
 - 24 Philip Bacon..... Eunice
 - 25 M. J. Giles..... Washington
 - 26 G. C. Blanchard..... Washington
 - 27 Alcee Arnaud..... Arnaudville
 - 28 Tilden Meche..... Leonville
 - 29 J. T. Amy..... Eunice
 - 30 Gus Zernott..... Washington
- A true copy. C. F. BAILEY, Deputy Clerk of Court of the Parish of St. Landry.

- List of Petit Jurors drawn for the second week of the criminal term commencing Tuesday February 24, 1914.
- 1 Jno. M. Oge..... Grand Coteau
 - 2 A. T. Burreigh..... Sunset
 - 3 J. V. Olivier..... Frozard
 - 4 A. D. Smith..... Grand Coteau
 - 5 Alex Moreau..... Leonville
 - 6 William Eiter..... Washington
 - 7 Cleophas Doucet..... Grand Prairie
 - 8 J. P. Mizzi..... Opelousas
 - 9 Chas. Guidroz..... Arnaudville
 - 10 Alcee Richard..... Opelousas
 - 11 Alexis Wyble..... Opelousas
 - 12 F. M. Pinkney..... Washington
 - 13 Henry Burreigh..... Grand Coteau
 - 14 F. L. Robinson..... Eunice
 - 15 Auguste Brinkhaus..... Grand Coteau
 - 16 H. D. Littell..... Opelousas
 - 17 Sidney St. Amand near Washington
 - 18 Romain Castille..... Sunset
 - 19 Max Miller..... Mallet
 - 20 Louis Megineley..... Opelousas
 - 21 C. P. Richard..... Eunice
 - 22 Geo. Cuntz..... Leonville
 - 23 C. N. Levergne..... Bellevue
 - 24 Leon Lastrapes..... Washington
 - 25 Ernest Joubert..... Plaisance
 - 26 Theogene Pitre..... Prairie Ronde
 - 27 Alva Hanks..... Morrow
 - 28 Bussy Nezat..... Port Barre
 - 29 Gus Baillo..... Washington
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But it was not until 1844 that the first line was completed between Washington and Baltimore, and the historic message "What hath God wrought," was sent. For years he tried to interest Congress in his project, then he visited England and France hoping to interest the governments of these countries, but without success. When he returned in 1859, he wrote: "I am without a farthing in my pocket, and have to borrow even for my meals; and even worse than this, I have incurred a debt of rent by my absence." But he continued to petition Congress, and finally was rewarded for his perseverance by an appropriation of \$30,000 which built the Washington-Baltimore line and placed his name in the front rank of benefactors of the race.

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