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My Tuesdays are meatless,  
My Wednesdays are wheatless,  
I'm getting more eatless each day.  
My home it is heatless,  
My bed it is sheetless,  
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.  
The barrooms are treatless,  
My coffee is sweetless,  
Each day I get thinner and wiser.  
My stockings are feetless,  
My trousers are seatless—  
By hee! how I do hate the kaiser!

In an opinion handed down by Chief Justice White, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the draft law.

The professional man who buys of an order house and a merchant who has his printing done out of town belong to the same lodge—same degree.

Drastic steps were taken by the government to enforce promptness in releasing cars, an order doubling demurrage rates being promulgated, effective January 21.

A young man of our town recently sent \$3 to a New York firm for a "marriage guide." He received a 15-cent bible and these words: "There is no better guide for married life than this book." He got value received, more than many get.

#### A Race For Food

Farmers, can you win the race in 1918? The first thing necessary to win the race is to be ready. If you are not ready, get ready just as quickly as possible.

The Goddess of liberty is looking anxiously at you. Our brave sons and Allies cannot go up and possess the land of liberty unless they are fed and clothed.

In many respects, the year 1917 was an unseasonable year. Despite that fact a bumper crop was made in Louisiana. Quoting from an article published in the Daily States by R. G. Miller, there was a nine percent increase in the number of acres cultivated in 1917 over that of 1916. The total acreage in cultivation in Louisiana was 5,628,000 which in all the standard crops of the south, approximated \$59,000,000 in value. Mr. Miller says, "The average value, in the state, of one acre of cotton, including the seed was \$32.75. The average acre of corn was worth \$26.28; Irish potatoes \$117.76; sweet potatoes \$82.16; oats \$20.96; rice, \$69.35; hay \$22.75; peanuts, 50.70. Now the question arises; which are the best and safest crops to plant in 1918? Which will turn out the most dollars per acre? Which will weigh the most in the point of helping win the war?"

1917 was a good year for cotton and a bad year for corn. Therefore, if the season for corn and grain crops had been normal, it is easy to see that corn instead of cotton would have won the race in money value per acre, at present prices over cotton. The farmers, therefore, in order to lay out their acreage for the 1918 crop, as to how much to plant in cotton, and how much to plant in

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corn, velvet beans, peas, potatoes and other food crops, in order to win another race, has only to consider quietly and thoroughly the many bitter important lessons which have been experienced in the past, in planting too much acreage in cotton at the expense of food and feed.

It is well known by our safest and most conservative farmers that it is a sure bet to first consider the live stock at home, the needs of the family in food supply, the need of our own government and that of our allies, and plant with the view of meeting those needs and the rest of the farm, if any, should be planted to cotton.

In the past many fatal mistakes were made by considering cotton as the first and standard crop, at the neglect of the more important food and grain crops. Another thing is that 1918 will hardly be as favorable for cotton as was 1917.

Mr. Miller further adds, in this same editorial, "An acre of land that is rich enough to yield one bale of cotton is also rich enough to yield 250 bushels of sweet potatoes, or possibly 200 bushels of Irish potatoes. Which is the best crop in war times? That is something to think about. It is good business, as well as good patriotism for the farmers in Washington parish to consider well some of the foregoing figures and facts.

Let the farmers of this parish increase their acreage, but let us not increase the acreage in cotton.

#### Bank Improvements

The Washington Bank & Trust Co. are having some very effective changes made in their bank building, the interior being remodeled and re-decorated. The new plan shows an enlarged lobby with a cabinet for an exhibit of Washington Parish farm products in which the president of the bank, Mr. J. B. Lindsley, is specially interested.

The work, when complete, will show an improvement in the appearance of things quite in keeping with the splendidly improved business which the 1917 records show.

#### Week of Prayer

The Baptist W. M. U. are observing a week of prayer in their society this week, holding a 40 minute service in the church every afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock. These meetings are open to the public and visitors are cordially received.

#### Major Varnado Entertained.

Mrs. N. D. Stringer entertained at a Six O'clock course dinner on Wednesday, in honor of her brother, Major Frank Varnado.

Besides the relatives of the honoree a number of young people were present to do honor to the occasion and with afternoon speeches, toasts and music, an enjoyable evening was spent.

Mayor Varnado, during his four years service in the navy previous to his enlistment in the present war, had some rare experiences, some pleasant and some otherwise, in various foreign countries especially in China and Japan. and his interesting narrative made him a very popular dinner guest indeed.

The Major considers this his last farewell visit to his family as he expects to leave immediately for France.

#### Resolutions Adopted By M. E. Sunday School.

We in behalf of the Methodist Sunday School, wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wood, the bereaved parents of little Wiley Carp Wood who was a member of the Sunday School, his name being placed on the Cradle Roll June 10, 1917.

May they look to Jesus and trust in the sweet promises of God's eternal truth for comfort and strength to help them bear up under their trials.

May the God of all hope and love sustain them and finally bring them without the loss of one, into the Eternal City.

Mrs. Ada Babington,  
Mrs. C. C. Simmons,  
Mrs. L. H. Magee,  
Committee.

#### Notice.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of The Babington Store, Inc., at the office of the company on Thursday, January 24, 1918, at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

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#### Notice

Mrs. O. F. Monk as hostess, will entertain the Waverley Club on Saturday, January 12 th at the residence of Mrs. Wiley S. Burris on Main street.

#### Holiday Observed

Tuesday being a legal holiday commemorating the battle of New Orleans, there was no court here that day, adjourning being taken Monday evening till Wednesday morning.

Court officials and members of the bar who had entered into the business of the week, seemed lost thru this day of forced idleness.

## Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes:  
"From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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#### Card of Thanks

To you who so kindly gave your service, your sympathy and love thru the illness and death of dear baby, we feel the deepest sense of gratitude and we take this means of expressing our thanks for every help, hoping that every effort expended in relieving the little one of pain and in lightening our burden of sorrow may prove a blessing in your own life, even as it proved a benediction in ours.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley M. Wood.

Tempy Fortenberry et als

Versus No. 2893

Sarah Fortenberry et als.

In the 26th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Washington.

Whereas, Joe Tate has filed in this Court a petition, praying for the confirmation of his appointment as Guardian of the minors, Brewster, Preston, J. D., Bera, Truly and Audrey Tate, in the Chancery Court of Pike County, Mississippi, and praying to be authorized to remove the funds of the said minors from this State.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons who have or can have any opposition thereto to file same in this Court with in thirty days from the first publication hereof.

January 7, 1918

M. A. Thigpen,  
Clerk of Court.

Sheriff Sale—No. 3023.

H. F. Huffman

Vs.

John S. Huffman et al.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a commission of sale, issued out of the 26th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for Washington Parish, in the above entitled and numbered cause, to me directed and delivered for execution, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder on

Saturday, January 26, 1918

at the principal front door of the court house at Franklinton, La., between the legal sale hours for judicial sales, the following described property, being and situated in Washington Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

Five and 97-100 acres of land in the Nathaniel Peters headright No. 40, Tp. 3 south, range 14, east, St. Helena Meridian, described as follows: Starting of the north corner of headright 41, thence east 7.60 chains to set stob, thence north 4.90 chains to stob, thence east 41.14 chains to point of beginning, thence east 1.74 chains to stob, thence by traverse of east edge of hammock south 6 degrees east 5 chains to pine 30 inches, in diameter as corner, thence south 174 degrees east 6 chains, thence south 394 degrees east 6.81 chains to stob, thence north 15.82 chains to the point of beginning.

Also five acres of land in same headright, Township and Range, and described as starting at the north corner of headright 41, Tp. 3 south, R. 14 east, St. Helena Meridian, thence east 7.60 chains to stob, thence north 4.90 chains to stob, thence east 37.96 chains to point of beginning, thence south 15.82 chains to stob, thence east 3.16 chains to stob, thence north 15.82 chains to stob, thence west 3.16 chains to point of beginning.

To be sold for the purpose of effecting a partition.

Terms of sale—cash without benefit of appraisement.

This 18th day of December, 1917.

J. E. Bateman, Sheriff.

#### Notice.

The Tax Roll for 1917 has been completed and filed in my office and taxes are now receivable.

J. E. BATEMAN,  
Sheriff and Tax Collector.