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Official Journal of the City of Natchitoches.

Jerusalem was entirely deserted for a period of 70 years.

Trains of thought are usually delayed by excess baggage.

The average duration of life in England is now 57 years.

For 1800 years men have been luring fish to destruction with flies.

Japan is a close rival of Germany in the manufacture of rubber toys.

Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, has connecting passages 150 miles long.

Christopher Columbus was the first sugar planter on the continent.

Iron ships were used by the Koreans against the Japs as early as 1597.

Brass foundries were in operation in Korea at the beginning of the Christian era.

There are just 45 miles of shelving in the Congressional library at Washington.

Fifty years ago platinum was worth but half the present price of silver.

Automobiles and launches of Brazil are successfully using alcohol as fuel.

400,000 people of Canada depend wholly or partly on the fisheries for a living.

Blood transfusion was first performed on man in 1667 and was referred to in Popy's diary.

More than 6,000,000 persons in the United States engage annually in hunting during the open season.

King Albert of Belgium has had an auto built for himself with sleeping quarters for ten persons.

The Gulf Stream is running wrong. This never happened when the Democrats were in Office.

Cork is the exterior bark of a tree, genus of the oak, which grows wild in southern parts of Europe.

A record number of 700 cotton bolls on one stalk, grown on a plantation in Georgia, has been reported.

The game now known as tennis was formerly called bandy. Hence the phrase to bandy words, or blows.

Government used to be a matter of politics, so to speak. Government now is very much a matter of business.

The earliest known mention of cotton appears to have been in an ancient sacred writing of India about 800 B. C.

It takes one dozen square miles of forest to furnish the paper for one edition of the Sunday newspapers in the United States.

During the Civil War the income tax was 3 per cent to 15 per cent and every income as low as \$800 was taxed.

The first cotton mill wherein machinery was used was built at Birmingham, England, in 1741, power being transmitted by two mules walking around an axis.

Community Welfare League

That real civic interest and pride are being rapidly developed among many of the women of Natchitoches who heretofore have been more or less indifferent, by the splendid work being done by the Community Welfare League, is clearly evidenced by the attendance at the meetings and splendid results obtained thereby. The meeting Monday afternoon was fine, the reports from the different committees finer, and proof of their intelligent and well directed efforts finest!

It was decided that strenuous efforts would be made to get not only every member but every woman in Natchitoches to register and pay her poll tax before the end of the year, otherwise she cannot participate in any election for the next two years, and not only are several important ones already scheduled to take place, but others likely to occur, and every woman owes it to herself, her family and community to be prepared to her duty, so all are urged to attend to this very important matter by going to the Court House where the parish registrar will be found every day during the week of December 11-16, between 9 A. M. and 5 P. M., and every Friday and Saturday throughout the month of December. Attention of those members who have failed to pay their dues is called to this fact and they are asked to be prepared to do so when Secretary calls for same.

It was decided to give a Thanksgiving offering of bed linens to the Sanitarium, and a committee was appointed to confer with Acting Mayor Watson and ask him to take up the matter of lavatory service at T. & P. depot upon which The League has been working with the Division Supt. The League will carry out as far as possible the late lamented Mayor's plans for a City Beautiful, who not only co-operated but was always an inspiration to it, and after a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of regret and sympathy upon his untimely death, the meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Health Unit Notes

Another death from typhoid fever has occurred in the section below Breville. This is the third child to be taken from the same family. Another new case has also occurred. This child had received its first vaccination on November 6 but it was too late to prevent the disease. All of those who were vaccinated for the first time November 6 were given their second dose November 13th and 30 persons came to get their first dose. These had refused it at the first time but changed their minds when another death from the fever occurred in their midst.

If no more cases occur this week before the third vaccination can be given, there should be no more fever in the community as the majority of the people there have taken the vaccine.

All of the children at the Flora School were tested to see which were susceptible to diphtheria. Two were found to be susceptible and the parents of these will be advised to have them given a vaccine which will prevent diphtheria for several years and in most cases for life.

There have been no new cases of typhoid fever in the section between Breville and Melrose. The two remaining cases are doing fairly well. One has about reached the convalescent stage, having been down with the fever seven weeks. A large number of people come each Monday to Howard's Store and to St. Joseph's Convent to receive their vaccinations. The original 238 have completed their three treatments but since over 100 have started theirs, the visits will be continued for two more Mondays.

There has been no more diphtheria at Flora. All children who had not received antitoxin were tested to see if they were susceptible to diphtheria. Two were found to be susceptible.

Dengue has been increasing in Natchitoches. Householders are still allowing mosquitoes to breed on their premises. One day was spent in inspecting Natchitoches and East Natchitoches and several breeding places were found. Dr. Hankins reports over 100 cases of dengue in Campti and Dr. Parrott reports some in Robeline. Dr. Keator has several cases in the vicinity of Derry but Dr. Scruggs has none at present in Cloutierville.

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Many Things to Be Thankful For

There may be some among us who look upon the President's Thanksgiving proclamation with-out enthusiasm and speak of it in a manner which would convey the impression that it was not meant for them. Some are out of work. Others have sickness in the family. "There may be citizens who will sit down to a dinner on Thanksgiving Day which is so meager in quantity and quality as to barely satisfy the pangs of hunger. But after all, with the rare exception of the most extreme cases, and even eliminating them, no American citizen—no person beneath the protecting folds of Old Glory—would trade places with any one of the millions in stricken Eastern Europe or Western Asia.

Americans—every one of us—should be thankful for free Government; free schools; free speech and freedom of religion. We should be thankful because we, as a Nation, are blessed with an abundance of the necessities of life; that we are at peace with the world and because no great disaster has overtaken us. Individually we should be thankful for our opportunities. Many of us have been blessed with good health, good friends and pleasant surroundings.

It is well that we, through custom established by the Pilgrim Fathers, set aside a day each year to give thanks to the Creator of all good things for our many blessings. There are none without them. While some may have their lot cast between hard lines, by comparison at least, they will find some person apparently less blessed than themselves. Thanksgiving is strictly an American Day. Let it be celebrated in a spirit in keeping with the proclamation.—Farm and Rauch.

Of the 530 men and one woman who are at present members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, more than 300 are lawyers.

Anthracite coal production in Pennsylvania last year reached a total of 90,509,075 tons, valued at \$481,250,100, as compared with 79,364,000 tons, valued at \$436,83,000 in 1920.

Farmers of the Southwest are not unfamiliar with the variable and uncertain weather some spring seasons bring us. We have had seasons when it seemed almost impossible to get the crops in at the right time. When a few days of good planting weather came along, many farmers found that their land was not ready and those days had to be used in plowing. By the time the plowing was done, more bad weather prevented planting. Only those farmers who were fortunate enough to make ready for spring work by a judicious planning of work during December, January and February were able to take advantage of the few days of good weather to get their crops in. Moral: Plan your work ahead.—Exchange.

The Youth's Companion Home Calendar for 1923

The Publishers of the Youth's Companion are sending to every subscriber who has paid \$2.50 for the 52 issues of 1923 a Calendar for the new year. The tablets are printed in red and dark blue, and each tablet, besides giving the days of the current month in bold, legible type, gives the calendar of the preceding and succeeding month in smaller type in the margin. The Companion Calendar has been published in standard form for many years and is eagerly sought for because of its novelty.

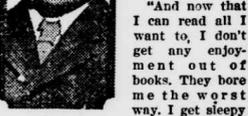
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"WHEN I was in business," said the retired merchant, "I never had time to read much, and I used to look forward to the glad day when I could revel in literature. I felt sure I'd be entirely happy. I used to jot down the titles of books I intended to read, and when I retired from business I had a list as long as the Russian battle line.



"And now that I can read all I want to, I don't get any enjoyment out of books. They bore me the worst way. I get sleepy as soon as I begin to read, and my wife comes and tells me my snoring is disturbing the neighbors."

"It's that way with everything we look forward to," observed the hotel-keeper, sadly. "Man always will be, but is never blest, as some half-baked poet remarked. Young Gooseworthy was in here last evening, bubbling over with happiness. There wasn't anybody around, so he took me into his confidence. He's going to marry Gwendolin Jimalong, next month, and he's perfectly satisfied that his married life will be one long stretch of sunshine. He seems to have the idea that he's going to do something original when he gets married, but the idea isn't new. Men have been getting married ever since Christopher discovered Columbus, Ohio, and every doggone man jack of them had the idea that everlasting bliss was going to be inaugurated on the wedding day."

"I listened to Gooseworthy for three hours, and hadn't the heart to say anything that would dampen his enthusiasm. His twittering recalled the long vanished days when I was getting ready to be married. I felt about it then just as he does now. I thought the person opened the gates of paradise when he joined two loving hearts. My wife lived up to all the plans and specifications, and was and is one of the best women in the United States, but I hadn't been married three months before I had a sneaking conviction that the man who gets married is a chump.

"A good many optimists say that a married man doesn't need any more money than a single one, if he marries the right sort of woman, but they might as well go to the blackboard and demonstrate that two and two make two, instead of four. I fell for that cheerful theory when I was married. I was earning enough to keep myself comfortably, and never had any financial worries. I could have been buried for less money than it took to be married, and the expenses from that time forward were double what they used to be, although my wife was so economical she used to make exceptions to the general rule for herself out of my superannuated shirts.

"Oh, doggone it, there isn't any unadulterated happiness in matrimony. I wonder that young fellows like Gooseworthy don't look around them, and contemplate the dejected appearance of the majority of husbands. But even if they did, it wouldn't do them any good, I suppose, for they are full of pipe dreams, and they think the girls they are going to marry are different from all other girls, and that they will prove exceptions to the general rule.

"I had a wise old uncle in those halcyon days, and about a week before the wedding day, he backed me into a corner and handed me a dust-proof package of wisdom. He tried to lead me into taking a sensible view of the future. He talked about the cares and responsibilities that would be mine after the wedding, and wanted to know if I felt equal to them. He tried to show me that I wasn't going to marry an angel, but a human being like myself, with a human being's faults and frailties.

"I let him get that far, and then I told him that his gray hairs alone saved him from having his head re-modeled, and said I never wanted him to darken my door, and he never did. I had to darken it myself, with walt nut stain. But many a time afterward, I recalled his wise words and wept over his grave."

Well Off.

"After all a man never knows when he's well off."

"What's happened now?"

"I was just thinking what a fool I was for trading off my Liberty bonds for oil stock."

Nut Wailer Wanted.

An old lady, after waiting in a confectionery store for about ten minutes, grew grossly impatient at the lack of service. Finally she rapped sharply on the counter.

"Here, young lady," she called, "who waits on the nuts?"—Everybody's Magazine.

The Consequence.

"At the anti-dog meeting nobody muzzled the speakers."

"That was the reason, then, there were so many biting remarks."

Real Success.

That is failure when a man's idea ruins him, when he is dwarfed by it; but when he is ever growing by it, ever true to it, and does not lose it by any partial or immediate failures—that is success, whatever it seems to the world.—A. Bronson Alcott.

Nova Scotia Honorary Titles. In 1621 James I conferred the titles knights and baronets of Nova Scotia on a number of Scotch adventurers whose object was to colonize North America.

NOTICE!

In accordance with Article VI of the Charter, the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Peoples Bank of Natchitoches will be held in the banking rooms of said bank on

TUESDAY, DEC. 12, 1922, at 5 p. m.

for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and to transact any other business that may come before them.

R. O. HICKS, Cashier

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