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In a recent speech, Mr. Taft used the expression, "the patriotism of Gen. Lee" in reference to the surrender at Appomattox. It was patriotism to surrender rather than to subject the remnant of his army to destruction.

State Supt. of Education, T. H. Harris, in an interview states that after he has taken off the crop of school closing exercises he will bend his energies anew to the better training of home girls for teachers, consolidation of schools, and agricultural instruction in the schools: a trio of objects worthy his best efforts.

False and True Economy.

We all know the people who save the bits of string, who burn their fingers regularly trying to light three lamps with one match, who walk to save carfare until they are worn out, who make doilies out of old sugar sacks, and whose best clothes are always a season behind the styles, because they simply couldn't bear to wear them while they were new—it seemed so extravagant.

If you have a person like this in your family, try to cure him—or her—right now. Point out that there are lots of big, beautiful things waiting to be done, that there are so many good times to be enjoyed, that styles are so changeable—in short, that an economy which wears out your body and wastes your time or affects your appearance is not an economy at all, but a first-class foolishness—with a large capital F.

Economy lies in using all your time to the best advantage, in buying nothing for which you have not some definite use at the time of purchase, in using your belongings when they are most appropriate, and in discarding them or passing them on to some one who can use them, when they are of no more use to you. And if you think for one moment that it is easy to do all these things, just try them. The rarest bird of the human species is the person who is a true economist.

The Fly Nuisance.

Shreveport Times.

Keep the flies away from the ill, especially those ill with contagious diseases. Kill every fly that strays into the sick room. His body is covered with disease germs.

Do not allow decaying material of any sort to accumulate on or near your premises.

All refuse which tends in any way to fermentation, such as bedding straw, paper waste and vegetable matter, should be disposed of or covered with lime or kerosene.

Screen all food. Keep all receptacles for garbage carefully covered and the cans covered or sprinkled with oil or lime.

Keep all stable manure in vault or pit, screened or sprinkled with lime, oil or other cheap preparation.

See that your sewerage system is in good order; that it does not leak, is up to date, and not exposed to flies.

Pour kerosene into the drains. Cover food after a meal; burn or bury all stable refuse.

Screen all food exposed for sale.

Screen all windows and doors, especially the kitchen and dining room.

Burn pyrethrum powder in the house to kill the flies.

Don't forget if you see flies, their breeding place is in nearby filth. It may be behind the door, under the table or in the cuspidor.

If there is no dirt and filth, there will be no flies.

If there is a nuisance in the neighborhood, write or telephone to the city authorities.

A special meeting of West Feliciana Game and Fish Protective Association will be held at the Court House on Saturday, June 12, 1909.

R. H. STIRLING, Pres.
K. C. SMITH, Sec.

Pyro Denatured Alcohol, sixty cents a gallon at Mumford's Drug Store.

Will Try Marston's Destroyer.

A prominent citizen of Morehouse parish writes from Baton Rouge to the Mer Rouge Democrat thus:

"I have just spent one hour talking to Ex-Governor W. W. Heard, who is the head of the Board of Control, State Convict Farms. He showed me a bottle full of captured boll weevils sent him from the Angola State Farm. The report that he received is, that the cotton that is not yet chopped out, is covered with the weevils. This is a surprise to him, because he had done everything that the State Crop Pest Commission told him to do, which was, to pull and burn all cotton stalks, remove all grasses and weeds, set fire to and burn all stumps, logs and dead trees on the farm, and fall plow the land. After doing all these it turns out that it has done no good. As a last resort and unwilling to surrender the crop without effort to save it, he told me that he had ordered from B. W. Marston, Shreveport, enough of his prepared boll well destroyer to put on sixty acres of cotton."

The Lady in the Kimono.

N. O. Item.

Now it came to pass, one evening as we came home from work, shortly before the usual hour, that one of the ladies inhabiting the domicile where we reside, happened to be coming down the stairs attired in a gorgeous kimono just as the door opened to let us in. After some trepidation and scurrying to and fro, the lady marched down the stairs past us, her head held high and her cheeks aflame, and with unmistakable wrath in her eyes. Subsequently she inveighed bitterly against us for happening along at that moment, just when she was not prepared to be seen of men.

It was useless to explain that we could not help it, and that the fault lay with her for not being ready to be seen at any hour a stranger might happen in. No indeed. It was all the crime of the hapless bachelor who came when he was not expected.

Now it is in this same light that many persons regard the coming of Opportunity. That ancient person happens along at all hours of the day and night. None can tell when or how Opportunity will dawn; for she comes as a thief in the night. The secret of success lies in being ready to meet and recognize her when her footfall is heard upon the steps. It is long odds that, if one is in the habit of walking about the house in unmilitary attire, she will come at the most inopportune moment.

Kipling tells a story of a county sheriff who halted a sorching party in an auto, and demanded that they convey him to his station, where he had left his badge, so that he could arrest them with the due formality of the law. He seemed amazed and offended when they jeered at him, and scooped wildly over hill and dale with the terrified minion of the law crouching in a front seat and begging to be let out. The point is, of course, that he should always have carried his badge. Even so, my brethren, with us.

What a blessing this special session has been. It is going to give the people a chance to pay increased taxes sooner than they would have done if tariff revision had been delayed until the regular session.—Commoner.

Job Work neatly and promptly executed by The True Democrat.

Surest Preventives of Divorce.

Prof. E. A. Ross, the sociologist of the University of Wisconsin, lays down seven propositions which he advocates as the surest preventives of the divorce evil. These are:

Instruction of girls in domestic science, housekeeping, etc.

Systematic instruction of the youth of both sexes in the ethics and ideals of the marriage relation.

Safeguards in custom, perhaps in law, against the marriage of pure women to tainted men.

Repudiation of the "common law marriage."

A filing of declaration of intention to marry not less than six weeks before the issuance of a marriage license.

Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf of Philadelphia strongly maintains that the standard of morality that applies to woman must also be applied to man. Once this fact is recognized, he declares, the great proportion of divorces will be things of the past.

Public Education.

Donaldsonville Chief.

The Chief is greatly interested in and exercised over the subject of public education, and is persuaded that a large proportion of our people do not realize the situation in Louisiana to-day.

The illiteracy of the whites, leaving the blacks out of view, is a shame and a reproach to the commonwealth. The number of white children now growing up in ignorance is a disgrace, to put it mildly.

Those who are informed say that there are not less than 6000 white children in the city of New Orleans wholly without school facilities. How many of the country schools ran a full term, and in how many parishes do approximately all the white children attend school? We dread to contemplate the answer.

Experience elsewhere shows that the only remedy for the deplorable conditions that confront us is the total separation of the educational organization from the other political organizations of the community. The school boards ought to be chosen at elections separate and apart from those at which other officers are elected. Not more than one-third of the board ought to be elected at once, and there ought to be some women on every board.

The school board should have power to levy and receive and expend its own taxes.

When these things are brought about we will be on the road to an educational system that will be worth while.

Death of a Little Child.

The little daughter of Rev. G. P. and Mrs. White, Amy, aged two years, died at the family home in New Roads, Monday. The body was brought to St. Francisville and interred in the plat belonging to the Town family in Grace Cemetery. Their many friends here sympathize with the parents in their sorrow.

Quite a number of persons from New Roads came over to the funeral. Mr. White was not able to come as a new baby had been born in the bereaved household a few hours after the soul of little Amy had taken its flight. The young brothers and sisters attended the funeral and were in the tender care of Mrs. Conrad Lecoq. Rev. and Mrs. Riggs had gone over as soon as they heard of the bereavement, and they returned for the funeral.

Kill Them At Night.

The Dodson Times states that a singular method of destroying the boll weevil has been adopted in St. Landry parish.

It is well known that most bugs will come to a light when shown at night. Acting upon this theory the farmers put out a torch in a field and placed underneath it a tub of water. While they found the weevil readily flocked to the torch and fell into the water, they would crawl out. Then it was they tried Beaumont oil, and the morning after the first experiment with oil 74 weevils were found in the tub.

Now it is said a general experiment will be made on this line. The farmers throughout that section will put out torches, and they believe if one torch can catch 74 in a night, the scattering of torches throughout the fields will go a long way towards catching the bulk of the pests.

Knights of Pythias Lodge Doing Good Work.

The members of this Order here were treated to quite an agreeable surprise on Tuesday evening when the officers of the Lodge here conferred two Ranks of Page without the use of the Rituals, some of the officers did use the rituals but they were not the regular officers, but it is a long step forward and shows what can be done when an effort is made in that direction, and it is hoped that from now on, that every officer will be able to confer any rank without the use of the ritual. On Tuesday next Messrs. W. H. Richardson and Henry Graber will receive the Rank of Esquire and a large crowd will be on hand to see it well done. Several new applicants will also be acted upon and light refreshments served. Bayou Sara No. 15 always makes it pleasant for the members who attend the meetings.

PYTHIAN.

Base Ball.

Last Sunday the Parker-Blakes came up from New Orleans and gave the Felicianas their second defeat, score 6 to 1. The Felicianas ought not feel one bit bad over the loss of this game as the Parker-Blakes are at the top of the list in semi-professional base ball teams in this state and when it is considered that our boys were playing without our regular catcher, Mr. Touzet, it must be admitted that we were at considerable disadvantage. The Felicianas feel though that they can beat the Parker-Blakes and the management is now arranging another game with them for a little later on in the season, and it is safe to say that there will be "something doing" next time the P. B.'s play ball at Feliciana Park. The Felicianas take their first trip away from here on June 13, going to Garyville to try it out with the good team there. A big crowd will go with the team and a first class time ought to be had. This trip can easily be made in one day. Tomorrow, the Bienvenues will come up from New Orleans and be the attraction at our park. They have been strengthened up considerably and a first-class game is promised. X X X

Notice.

As we are closing up our business here, we will thank everyone indebted to us to call and settle same, within the next ten days.

Respectfully,
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