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APPEALS TO EVERY LEGISLATOR.

Representative Thomas Anderson of New Orleans is conspicuous for his devotion to the needs of the insane. When the legislature seems apathetic, if not actually antagonistic, in making appropriations for these pitiful wards of the State, then "Tom Anderson" fails not as their champion. This should, and should not, be. It should be, because any man who feels the spring of pity swell within his breast for these beings cut off from such that makes life of interest and beauty, has a right and a commission to do what he can for the amelioration of their lot.

It should not be, because the championship of no one man should be either necessary or conspicuous among a body of men sworn to do their best for the State and its people.

Every legislator should feel himself a special committee to see that these unfortunates, the insane of Louisiana, shall be looked after in every particular.

The Legislature should constitute itself a committee of the whole to provide for the insane as a sacred charge, laid on them by both God and man.

Much has been accomplished at the East Louisiana Hospital for the Insane in the way of making the institution self-supporting. Much has been done in the increase of its accommodations and the value of its property. But much is yet to be done. With an ever-growing population, produced by the too-rapid whirl of modern life, the needs outstrip the provision made for the inmates of this asylum. Modern ideas of what is proper for the care of the insane are more expensive than those of former years.

The Legislature will be asked to provide as generously as possible for the Hospital. As said before, no one in that body should feel the need to be the special champion of the Hospital for the Insane. It should be the concern of all!

AN INEXORABLE JAILER.

The Chicago Tribune calls the mosquito a jailer, which indeed it is, forcing its potential victims behind screens and beneath netting to escape its bite. And like prisoners do the latter feel and look. One never sees another sitting in a screened porch, but the suggestion of a prisoner is given. Yet these pestiferous little insects give a good illustration of how beings however small if all united in purpose and intelligently active in its accomplishments can succeed. One mosquito is not to be dreaded. One little blow and its life is slapped out. But the many—for that there is no remedy but a rush for the screened porch.

Drainage annihilates the mosquito. But so long as one's neighbor permits the pool of stagnant water or the empty tomato cans, what is to be done? The mosquito will continue to be a jailer.

The late Judge W. W. Leake of West Feliciana used frequently to say that he considered Gov. N. C. Blanchard the brainiest man in Louisiana. Blanchard still survives to advise the Democratic party of Louisiana. His recent utterances concerning the proposed constitutional convention show that he is richly fitted to do so. His opinions on the subject have all the wisdom of the sage combined with the practical experience of the statesman. Louisiana cannot do better than to follow his advice as to the date of the convention, and as to embodying in the new constitution itself only matters of organic law, giving the legislature more latitude in meeting matters of government as they arise.

Only a few fellows who want to play politics are against a constitutional convention taking place before the election. The public soon takes the measure of them. Their fear that the heat of a political campaign will interfere with the deliberation necessary to such a convention is without foundation. The closely following election will rather furnish a promise of after-heat for torpid consciences; suggesting a warming-up of those who have failed to make good.

After Brother Newton expressed his opinion so cogently on a before-election constitutional convention, there was nothing for Brother Tom Barret but to do the same. And he did it.

A smile: The lighting system of the fact and the heating system of the heart.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Thompson's Creek bridge project is taking well everywhere. In a recent trip in East Feliciana and talking to numbers of persons all spoke in favor of it. Jackson is talking about getting up a big "bridge" picnic for the Fourth of July.

Not only East and West Feliciana see the possibilities in the bridging of Thompson's creek, but Baton Rouge is looking at the matter with eyes of approval, so much does it mean to trade and travel. A delegation from Baton Rouge will attend the get-together meeting at Jackson, Monday the 24th, to give their moral support to the movement. Gentlemen from the board of trade, police jury, and other public bodies of East Baton Rouge will compose the delegation.

The Sugar Trust has openly announced that it will maintain a paid lobby at Baton Rouge, for the prevention of the passage of proposed legislation inimical to the Trust. No doubt money will be spent. It will be a baptism of fire for the legislators, and constituents will develop keen noses for even the odor of scorch upon the clothing of their public servants.

INCONSISTENCIES OF THE LAW.

At Meridian a negro charged with stealing a ride on a railroad train was fined, including costs, \$20.80. The negro did not have the money and as Lauderdale county allows its convicts \$8 per month on fines, the negro will have to work for about three months in order to pay for his ride. At Jackson, recently, the Supreme Court gave a \$10,000 judgment against the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad in favor of a white man who was injured while "riding the blind." In both instances the law has done a grave injustice. In the first instance the negro was treated unfairly and in the second instance, the railroad. The \$10,000 verdict sustained the judgment for a like amount given by a jury of twelve men. Of course the jury didn't care what amount they granted the ride stealer as a "Big Corporation" was going to pay the bill. Take any one of the twelve men who gave this verdict, let him be riding along the road in his own wagon or automobile, let some one climb on behind without his knowledge or consent, let an accident occur and the party riding without the consent or knowledge of the owner of the wagon or car be injured and then turn to the courts and secure a judgment for \$10,000 against the owner of same; let something like this occur and you will hear a howl from one end of the State of Mississippi to the other end.—McComb (Miss.) Enterprise.

GIRLS THAT ARE WANTED.

The girls that are wanted are home girls, Girls that are mother's right hand, That the father and brothers can trust in, And the little ones understand.

Girls that are fair on the hearthstone, And pleasant when nobody sees, Kind and sweet to their own folks, Keedy and anxious to please.

The girls that are wanted are wise girls That know what to do and say; That drive with a smile and a soft word The care of the household away.

The girls that are wanted are good girls Good girls from the heart to the lips; Pure as the lily is white and pure From its heart to its sweet leaf tips. —Unidentified.

A news item says a Minnesota man is trying to get a girl out of prison for the purpose of marrying her. And just think that there are thousands of the dear creatures who have stayed out of jail in vain and abandoned hope of ever picking up a husband.—N. O. States.

Chemists recommend the following test as a simple one to determine when fruit juice has reached the "jell point": Make a thin, flat stick or a small paddle, about an inch broad, and whittle this down to a straight edge. Dip the paddle or stick into the jelly mixture and remove it. Hold the end down, and if the mixture has reached the jelling point, it will be noticed that the liquid will not drip off in drops but will flake off; that is, a strip of jelly will fall off the paddle in one mass.

The Progressive Farmer says another big cotton crop will not ruin the South, but just about ruin the men who make low-priced cotton on high-priced vituals.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

As a matter of history, it may be interesting to the general public to know that prior to the construction of the old railroad known as the Jackson, Port Hudson & Clinton Railroad, any freight reaching the town of Jackson had to be brought from Bayou Sara by team, all freight reaching Bayou Sara by river. This railroad is even considerably older than the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley, probably being the fourth or fifth railroad in the Union.

Jackson is one of the oldest towns in the State and many of Louisiana's best educated and most aristocratic people were reared here. At one time this was the chief educational center of the State. Prior to 1814, this town was known as Bunkum, but in that year, General Jackson bivouaced here, and in honor of this great general, the town was named "Jackson."

GIVE YOUR NAME FOR PEACE.

We invite you to become a member of the International Peace Society. We believe that there is an overwhelming sentiment, not only in America, but among the masses in Europe in favor of peace.

Much good can be accomplished by crystallizing this sentiment into a gigantic organization. There is encouragement in the knowledge that the masses do not want war and in the feeling that humanity has been outraged. The most horrible tragedy in the world's history is being enacted across the water and before God these men are our brothers. A tremendous responsibility rests upon us all just at this moment as a nation that believes in international peace. The President should be heartily supported by a united people in his overtures for peace. A concerted effort should be made through all possible public agencies, the press and public included, to arouse a mighty voice of protest throughout the land that shall be heard throughout the world. This unholy war should cease!

Most Americans regard with inexpressible horror the dreadful outburst of rage and bloodshed that threatens to overwhelm Europe and leave deep scars upon all nations. Prayers are arising constantly to the Throne of Grace that a merciful Heavenly Father may stay the bloody hand of the Dark Avenger and that he may speedily overrule for good the whole heart-rending affair. Though often prophesied and spoken of with dire foreboding, nevertheless when it came, it seemed like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. It is difficult to believe that in this "enlightened" twentieth century, after so many peace conferences and treaties that the worst conflict of history should break out among Christian people. Is the hope of world peace after all but a glittering bubble that bursts upon the slightest provocation? One blessing likely to come from this gigantic tragedy will be the utter disgust of civilized nations upon their realization of the bloodshed and total waste involved in the greatest of all wars, and possibly a keen sense of humiliation that such a thing could happen in this enlightened age. Then when the people start to pay the bills, and have to reckon with the destruction of so many useful lives, the sense of wrong and injustice should be so great as to give rise to the most extraordinary peace movement that the world has ever seen. That in itself would be a great achievement; but the pity of it is that the nations affected had to tolerate wholesale murder before discovering the awful folly of it all.

The one great hope and ambition of the International Peace Society is that it will form a nucleus for this peace movement in this country and that it will rapidly spread to the nations involved. There is peculiar appropriateness in such a world appeal. Our lines go out into all the world, commercially and racially; our citizenship is made up of people from every nation under the sun; we can claim connection by blood and lineage with every Fatherland; our neighbors are of every tongue and custom; here is the true "melting pot" of the world and we cannot go to war with any people without arousing anarchy in our midst. An opportunity comes to us now in this extremity that comes to no other nation on earth to make our influence potential for lasting peace.

The frightful consequences of this European conflict are likely to be beyond the wildest conjecture. Never before in the history of the world have such large numbers of men and such quantities of armament been engaged in a mortal combat. Never before have deadly machines of warfare been loosed in the destruction of man and property. Many thousands of lives are being sacrificed daily and will continue to be until this terrible conflict is stopped. Orders from the war offices are that, so far as possible, no news whatever of this war shall be printed except the official communiques. Doubtless these Generals have their reasons. They realize that if the world knew what cruel slaughter is going on at the front there would be an effectual protest against the continuance of the war. Doubtless, too, recruiting might be interfered with.

The burdens and miseries of the war will fall not so much upon the sovereigns of the nations engaged in it as upon the millions of men who are fighting in the ranks, upon the widows and orphans in the homes which are made desolate, and upon the generations yet unborn. The wheels of industry are still, commerce is paralyzed, and civilization is turned back a hundred years.

In the midst of this distressing calamity the peace-loving people of America have no small responsibility. The ministers might well deliver sermons calling attention to the utter follies and irreparable losses of war. A similar responsibility rests upon lecturers and the press. The various peace societies should, with renewed vigor, bend their energies toward creating a universal sentiment for international righteousness. Such efforts, exerted by a people of a great nation whose neutrality and good faith are undoubted, cannot fail to have a salutary effect.

The opportunity of the American

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OPPOSES THE YELLOW PERIL.

Thibodaux, La., May 5.—There has been so much agitation on the question of bringing Japanese farmers into Louisiana, that the Louisiana farmer has become really alarmed by the prospect. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Distributing Company, which is formed of local associations throughout the Lafourche territory, and beyond, the matter was thoroughly discussed from every viewpoint and the consensus of opinion was strongly against this movement. As a result of this discussion, a committee was appointed to draft the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, That it is the sense of this body as representative of its membership, that the invasion of the Japanese in our community will prove a menace to our farmers, to our merchants, to our land-owners, and to our State at large; that the Japanese element is against civic improvement, is against progress, and is obnoxious in every respect to the general growth and development of our country; and that it shall be the purpose of this organization to take its stand against any proposed introduction of these people. That these resolutions be spread in the minutes of this body, that a copy of same be sent to representative publications of this State, and a copy be sent to the General Assembly, now about to go in session, with the prayer that same be read before that body and that other organizations similar to ours be asked to join us in this movement.

(Signed) A. V. Smith, chairman; Chas. C. Krumbhar, Gus. Villere."

One of the strongest arguments against the Japanese, was presented by Mr. Krumbhar, who spent several years in the Hawaiian Islands, where he came in close contact with the results brought about by their having gained a foothold. He dwelt at considerable length upon the inevitable depreciation of the value of lands that is bound to follow in the wake of Japanese settlers. This is due to the fact that they will lay out nothing for improvements, and that they find so many ways to make themselves objectionable to American neighbors, that the latter are glad to sacrifice their holdings of real estate in order to get away from their environment. Patience and perseverance are the most solid virtues of the little brown race, and stand them in good stead when it comes to playing the game of "freeze-out," which is their chief method of obtaining the desired surrender of property holders. Experience is considered a good teacher, and these men at Thibodaux, who drafted the above resolution, evidently desire to profit by the lessons she has taught with California and Hawaii as pupils.

JACKSON'S GRAVEL DEPOSITS.

(The Jackson Record.)
"Tis said that some period in a man's life, fortune knocks at his door, and, whereas, this prophesy has seemed to linger beyond the confines of barriers most opaque, yet we may come into our own.

Jackson is situated among the hills of East Feliciana Parish and is virtually an island, for north, east south and west are springs, bright, sparkling and pure, every ready to quench the thirst of the passer-by and give pleasure to lowing herds that wend their way homeward—there to furnish rich milk and without a cent of cost, for the luscious grass is plentiful and is all-sufficient for every demand.

The East Louisiana Hospital for the Insane has contracted with the F. C. Dunn Co. of New Orleans for all the road gravel that can be found upon the lands of the institution, and at a profitable figure, giving also a privilege of trackage over the railroad belonging to the Hospital.

The contractors estimate from fifteen to twenty cars of gravel per day will be hauled and a spur is now being completed and will add greatly to the conveniences of the Institution—for, at present, the local freight trains makes bi-weekly trips and only loaded cars are handled.

The quality of this deposit of gravel has been examined by experts and pronounced of finest quality and the "Good Roads" movement will be most potent in insuring the increasing demand for this, the best of all road material.

A practical demonstration of what a valuable asset this gravel is to a community can be seen at any time when one enters the town from the east—for, six years ago, Mr. C. T. Harrison, an expert road man of the United States Government, came at the earnest solicitation of Dr. Pierson, and put down a quarter of a mile of gravel road, and it is to-day a model for the whole parish; no repairs having been necessary thereon, proving that this is the thing for the country roads.

Now, not only are we fortunate in having these gravel deposits, but the western boundary of the parish has the finest quality of pure white sand, and gravel for building purposes, that cannot be equalled in the South and the immense deposits at "Prophets Island" in the Mississippi River below Port Hudson are but the washings from Thompson's Creek.

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FOR SALE—Brood mare and young colt. P. O. Box 26.

WANTED TO BUY—A second-hand washstand and wardrobe, mahogany preferred. Apply to Mrs. E. Robinson, St. Francisville. (5-8-t.f.)

FOR SALE—I have a first-class six horse power gasoline engine, run altogether about 30 days, for sale cheap. Reason for selling, need a larger engine. Bargain for any one who needs an engine. Wilson, La., Cash Store.

LOST—Part of solid gold cuff link, about one inch long. Resembles bar at end of watch chain. Liberal reward for return to R. M. Leake.

FOR SALE—300 barrels of white corn at market prices. W. H. Richardson, Wilcox, La.

FOR SALE—Pure Barred Rock Eggs, setting of 15 for \$1.00. Mrs. A. Hadden.

WANTED—Lespedeza seed and hay, yellow yams, cabbage and other produce. List with me. I will get you more. C. M. BROOKS, 212 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, La.

FOR SALE—A few fine Duroc-Jersey pigs. PARKER STOCK FARM. tf

NOTICE.—Automobiles will not be permitted in the Rosedown field. JAS. P. BOWMAN. tf

contract which will be for the sand and gravel upon all the creek frontage belonging to the Dudeys and is for a term of years; the line has been surveyed, stakes driven, and the continuation of track to the deposits is certain.

Other local people dealing with Dunn Co. are Mesdames Mattingly and Smith who have enough gravel and sand to supply all the demands ever to be made upon these inexhaustible deposits.

The bridge across the creek will, no doubt, be an impetus to further the use of sand and gravel for the three concrete spans, two across prongs of Thompson's Creek, and one connecting the banks of "Rag Branch" will consume quite a lot of this material.

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A MIXTURE THAT WILL HELP TO KEEP HOGS IN A HEALTHY AND GROWING CONDITION.

The following mixture, recommended by Dr. W. H. Dalrymple, Professor of Veterinary Science, Louisiana State University, should be placed in every hog lot as it will help to keep the hogs free from intestinal worms and other parasites as well as supply mineral matter needed for the building of bones and other tissues:

1 bushel of wood ashes,
6 bushels of corn cob charcoal or 3 bushels of common charcoal,
8 pounds of common salt,
2 quarts of air slaked lime,
50 pounds of raw rock phosphate.
After these ingredients are thoroughly mixed and broken up, 1½ pounds of coppers, dissolved in water, should be sprayed over the mass and thoroughly mixed with it. Any quantity may be prepared by following the proportions given. It is fed by being placed in troughs, protected from the rain. Those who have used this mixture pronounce the results very beneficial, both in the health of the hogs and in the firm, strong bones developed.