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NEWS OF THE PHOTOPLAYS

Coming Attractions at the Gem.

Today—Frank Keenan in "The Stepping Stone," and Fred. Mace in "The Village Vampire."
Sunday—Jane Grey and William Desmond in "Waifs," and Weber & Fields in "The Worst of Friends."
Monday—(To be announced.)
Tuesday—"Who's Guilty," Pathe News, cartoon and fashion reel.
Wednesday—"Kodak," Lucas and Bessie Love in "Hell-to-Pay Austin," and Hugh Faye and Claire Anderson in "She Loved a Sailor."
Thursday—Dorothy Gish in "Gretchen, the Greenhorn," and Chester Conklin in "Buckingham Society."
Friday—Lillian Gish in "The House Built Upon Sand," and Harry McCoy in "His Last Laugh."
Saturday—Marie Ross in "The Moral Fabric," and Edith Reaves in "The Moral Fabric," and Shorty Hamilton in "Rough Knight."

Sunday, March 11—Douglas Fairbanks in "The Half-Breed," and Raymond Hitchcock and Roscoe Arbuckle in "A Village Scandal."

"Hell-to-Pay Austin."
Billy Austin, central figure of the thrilling Triangle play, "Hell-to-Pay Austin," to be shown at the Gem on Wednesday. The little girl's name is known as "Hell-to-Pay" because, when his orders are not carried out, that is exactly what happens. He is a very bitter man, but a just one withal, and when it comes time for someone to adopt the little daughter of the camp evangelist who has lately died, Austin becomes the guardian by common consent. The little girl's name is "Hell-to-Pay" and she is the idol of the camp. Her influence softens Austin in many ways.

One day, there happens into the camp a woman from the east. She has fine clothes and fine manners, and poor little Briar Rose is quite captivated. Austin sees the woman, and is amazed to recognize in her Doris Valentine, with whom he has been in love. She and her male companion had made him a dupe in a badger game; and in an ensuing quarrel he had beaten up the man and left the place. Doris tells Austin that he really killed the man, and in consequence, has for years been a fugitive from justice without knowing it. She tells him if he should return east, he will have to undergo trial and almost certainly capital punishment.

About this time, the boys decide to give Briar Rose the finishing touches to her education, so they send her off to a school in New York. At this school are a number of snobbish young ladies, and Briar Rose becomes so miserable and homesick that she runs away. It happens that she has the address of Doris in New York, so she goes to her apartment.

Her arrival there is very opportune, for Doris, much wanted by the police, is anxious to sail abroad, but is unable to do so through lack of funds. When Briar Rose appears upon the scene, however, a male companion of Doris agrees to put up the money and fit her up a place in Paris if she will let him become something more than the escort of the little girl.

Austin hears of the whereabouts of Briar Rose. Completely ignoring the fact that he believes himself wanted for murder, he comes at once to New York. It so happens that he is not wanted by the law at all, for the man he was told he killed really died a natural death some time later. When Austin reaches the home of Doris, he finds himself in the midst of a gay party celebrating the expected departure of Doris and Briar Rose for Europe.

Austin handles this affair single-handed and the outcome is as thrilling as anything else in a generally exciting course of events.

"Gretchen, the Greenhorn."
In "Gretchen, the Greenhorn," which will be shown at the Gem Thursday, Dorothy Gish plays the part of Gretchen Van Housen, a lassie from Holland, who comes to the United States to join her father, Jan Van Housen, an engraver.

Clad in quaint costume, with boxes, bundles, baskets and a live duck on the end of a string, Gretchen arrives, to the joy of her parent and all the dwellers in the humble tenement where he lives. A poor widow's brood of six attach themselves promptly to the kind-hearted Dutch girl and her father, and Pietro, a young Italian musician, falls in love with her.

Also there comes into the happy household a man who makes his headquarters on a mysterious ship in the harbor. He tells the old engraver that his uncle is superintendent of the mint, and he can get the old man a fine job if he can show a satisfactory sample of his work. The credulous Van Housen engraves plates for a United States note—and counterfeit money is made by the gang on the ship from his plates. Worse, Gretchen is duped into passing some of the bogus bills when they are given to her by food and toys for the poor children in her care.

Van Housen finds Gretchen with one of the bills, realizes what has been done, and threatens the counterfeiters with arrest. He is drugged and carried aboard the ship. One of the kiddies sees the old man carried away in a fake ambulance, catches on behind, and sees him put on the ship. Returning to Gretchen, he brings her to the pier, with the result that both are turned kiddies with watery eyes, and they, summoning Pietro, the means of bringing them in the harbor police, who rescue the captives and arrest the crooks.

"The Moral Fabric."
The fate of two "free thinkers" who rend the moral fabric woven by centuries of civilization is portrayed in the gripping play named after the subject it deals with, which the Gem announces as its attraction for next Saturday.

A husband who sees his wife taken from him by an invader and evolves his own unique scheme of revenge is

the central figure of the story. He allows the woman to divorce him and marry the other man, acquiescing in their radical theories without a protest. As he foresees, they grow to despise and hate one another.

Then the wronged man wins the love of his former wife, enrages the other man by demanding that he in turn give her up, and finally throws the pair for the last time at one another's heads, going forever out of the woman's life with a final burst of scorn and contempt.

"The House Built Upon Sand."
Lillian Gish, captivating Triangle star, is said to have a role which gives her excellent opportunities in "The House Built Upon Sand," to be shown at the Gem Friday. The heroine of the play is a baroness, who plans an elaborate wedding, only to be kidnapped by her fiancé on the eve of their marriage and whisked away to the factory town where he masquerades among his employees as a manager.

Here the girl is compelled to become acquainted with the working people and finally takes a real interest in them and their welfare.

Trouble comes when an enemy of the husband poisons his mind against his wife. While they are at odds a workmen's club which has been turned into a drinking resort is raided by the wives, and a fire which follows destroys it, with some startling disclosures.

In the course of time the husband finds how he has been misled, and the interest of both husband and wife in the factory people leads to a complete reconciliation.

"The Half-Breed."
This production, which the Gem will offer as its feature attraction Sunday, March 11, is rich in color and rapid-fire in action. In the Half-breed, Bret Harte has created a character, for its simplicity and fidelity to nature, will long stand out as one of the glittering gems of literature. The picture version reflects accurately the peculiar traits of this character. The Half-breed is brought face to face with such phases of civilization as religion, sheriffs, villains, good women and bad ones. The climax is sure to send a chill up your spine.

Douglas Fairbanks' interpretation of the Half-breed Indian, is convincing and realistic. The part calls for comedy as well as tragedy, and Mr. Fairbanks rises to the occasion. His work in Triangle plays, such as "The Habit of Happiness" and "Reggie Mixes In," has endeared him in the hearts of the movie public, and in "The Half-breed" he wins new laurels.

Next Week's Bill at the Grand.
Sunday—Ethel Barrymore in "The White Raven," and a comedy, "Luke's Patient Provider."
Monday—Blanche Sweet in "The Evil Eye."
Tuesday—George Walsh in "The Mediator."

Wednesday—Jack Pickford and Louise Huff in "Great Expectations." Benefit Donaldsonville High School.
Thursday—Evel Clayton in "The Web of Desire."
Friday—Benjamin Christie in "Blind Justice."

Saturday—Twelfth episode of "The Shielding Shadow," Pathe News and comedy.

"The White Raven."
The story of "The White Raven," which will be told in picture form at the Grand tomorrow, is one that presents unusually tense dramatic situations in a theme of wide human appeal.

The leading feminine character, played by Ethel Barrymore, in pleasing contrast to the big majority of screen plays, presents a quality of almost masculine strength, a determination to follow the paths of duty, a born knowledge rather than ignorance, and a sense of honor and womanly tenderness, all of which has a general appeal and influence for good. The picture is staged in a pleasingly daring manner that is strongly realistic and savors of good red blood.

The story, briefly outlined, has its real beginning in an incident in the life of Nan Baldwin's father, who, ruined in business by his partner and afterwards aided by him, goes with his young daughter to the Alaskan gold fields. Her father dying prematurely, Nan is left to earn her living in a dance hall. Fired with ambition to be a great singer, and with hatred toward her father's partner, she offers herself to the won at a card game for the woman won. The innate virtue of the woman allows her to go forth unharmed, money in hand, but with the shadow hanging over her that in the hour of her triumph she will receive the deuce with which the game was won, accompanied by a demand that she return to "the stranger" in accordance to the promise which she is forced to make on regaining her freedom.

Later years "the stranger" again wanders into the story, this time as an attractive society man, without any of the hallmarks of his former appearance; the result being that she falls in love with him while accomplishing the ruin of her father's former partner. In her refusal of his offer of marriage, which happens in conjunction with the arrival on the scene of the two deuces, and her return to Alaska, a pleasing climax is brought about when in the carrying out of what she believes to be her duty she comes face to face with her lover in a far-off Alaskan cabin.

"The Evil Eye."
The Monday offering at the Grand will be "The Evil Eye," with Blanche Sweet in the leading role.

An alarming epidemic has broken out in the vineyards of which Leonard Sheldon is the manager, and in answer to his wire that a doctor be despatched at once, Katherine Tor-

rance, a young and beautiful physician, is sent. Accompanying her is her younger brother, Clifford, weak-willed and dissipated.

The inhabitants of the village are ignorant and superstitious, and the situation is a grave one. Upon Katherine's arrival, Sheldon, thunder-struck that a woman should tackle such a job, tries to persuade her to return, but she declines to do so and goes about her duties, faithfully caring for the afflicted. The light which she wears on her forehead in order that she may see clearly into the throats of her patients, arouses the suspicion of the benighted Mexicans, and as the disease spreads the trouble is accredited to this light, or "evil eye," and the medicine which she leaves is thrown away.

The friendship of Leonard and Katherine is rapidly ripening into love, but both are unconscious of this fact, so deeply are they absorbed in their strenuous duties. Sheldon falls ill and is unable to transfer the payroll to the bank, so Katherine volunteers to do it for him. A hold-up is planned by Mexican Joe, one of the employees, but his plans are thwarted. Clifford braces up and becomes of great assistance to Katherine.

Rosa, Sheldon's servant, is in love with Frank King, his assistant, whose affection for her is cooling. Sentiment against Katherine is growing daily and she decides to leave. Rosa's parents try to wring from her the name of the man responsible for her unfortunate condition, and Leonard, believing it is Clifford, is about to announce himself as the guilty one when Frank confesses and sends for the priest. Leonard mistakes Katherine's tears as grief at Frank's wrongdoing, and is only awakened to her love for him when Clifford tells him to take her in his arms, which he promptly does, announcing to the crowd that they may send for a man doctor—Katherine is to be his wife.

"The Mediator."
At last a western drama that is different! This is what the Grand will present Tuesday under the title of "The Mediator." George Walsh plays the principal role, a character who loves peace so much that he continually fights for it.

Walsh takes the part of Lish Henley, who starts his adventures by shooting and wounding Bill Higgins, the village bully. Then he sends flowers to Bill in the hospital, and the sick man, grateful, tells Lish he expects to start a new life when he is well. He is going to rejoin his wife, Martha, in Peaceful Hill, Cal.

Lish tells the name of the place, so he sells his mine in Arizona and starts for Peaceful Hill. On the way he stops at Keswick, and finds the town in a turmoil as the result of a mining strike. In his efforts to keep everything peaceful, Lish beats the leader of the strike, and continues his journey. His deed has ended the labor trouble.

Arrived at Peaceful Hill Lish seeks Martha Higgins, and finds her. He also finds Maggie, a waitress, who helps the Mediator in his fight against the men of Keswick. These men have followed Lish to the place, in an effort to get revenge for the insult to their leader.

Many adventures follow. In the end Lish is victorious, and all the enemies of peace have been put to rout. There is only one left, and that is Maggie. Lish captures her, by an attack on her heart.

"Great Expectations."
Louise Huff and Jack Pickford, who created such a tremendous success in the pictureization of Booth Tarkington's celebrated novel, "Seventeen," are starred in an adaptation of Charles Dickens' wonderful work, "Great Expectations," which will be shown at the Grand Wednesday.

The story of "Great Expectations" depicts the thrilling adventures of "Pip," a young orphan who is brought up in the home of his brother-in-law, a blacksmith. He encounters an escaped criminal, Provis, while trying to elude his sister's wrath, and is forced to obtain food and a file to assist the criminal in furthering his escape. Provis is captured and the boy is in terror until the convict shields him with a lie.

Because he is a refined looking little chap he is chosen by Mr. Jaggers, a lawyer, to become the companion of the adopted daughter of a Miss Havisham. There is much mystery and not a little that is terrifying about this Miss Havisham, who sits alone in a dark room clad in an old wedding dress.

Pip's adventures at the hands of Miss Havisham, his love affair with the beautiful Estella, the mysterious legacy which makes him independent, and the final shocking discovery of the source of his wealth, are all factors in this absorbing story, set in the romantic atmosphere of which Dickens drew such sweeping pictures.

"The Web of Desire."
A treat is in store for patrons of the Grand next Thursday, when the latest Brady-Made World picture, "The Web of Desire," will be the offering. Ethel Clayton plays the stellar role in this splendid production, and is ably supported by Rockefell, Fellowes and a well-balanced cast.

The story deals with a westerner who gets rich and goes to New York. There he becomes so deeply immersed in business that he neglects his wife. She finds solace with some Bohemian friends to whom her husband objects. She owns a lot of stock in her husband's company, and his enemies, in order to get control of this stock, endeavor to have one of their men elope with her. Spurned, the little child prevents her. The husband finds out who the man is and kills him, but the villain escapes and goes to Europe, and the husband and wife decide to start anew and regain their happiness.

"Blind Justice."
Benjamin Christie, the noted Donaldsonville actor and director, is author, producer and star of the Vitaphone Blue Ribbon seven-part feature, "Blind

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VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference.

417 Camp Street, New Orleans.

Women Census Takers.

Wyandotte county, Kansas, will have its census taken by women this year. It is the first time in the history of the country that this part of the work has been done exclusively by women. In former years one or two women have been employed in the census work, and their records passed such a satisfactory inspection that it was decided to place the listing entirely in their hands.

States Out of Debt.

Two states in the Union are wholly out of debt. Do you know which they are? Hold your breath while the names are told. They are Wyoming and Kansas. Women are voters in both these well-managed states and watch the state funds like good housekeepers, who must make ends meet and save a little besides. Draw your own moral and then decide if you are reasonable or just ignorantly prejudiced against the ballot for women. Kansas and Wyoming are the answer.

No Theory But Fair Play.

Ten millions of dollars is a large sum to invest safely that it may make a proper return to its owners. Miss Bina West does this as treasurer for the Women's Benefit Association of the Maccabees. Because of her responsibilities she gives the reason why she believes in votes for women. This is what she says:

"I always believed in suffrage for women, theoretically, but when the amendment to the Michigan constitution was put through which directly affected beneficiary societies and we had no voice in the matter, then I knew it was no longer a theoretic question with me."

Truly, legislatures should have as vital an interest for women as have kitchens. Both are in direct relation with a well-managed home.

RICE BECOMING POPULAR.

Heavy Increase in Consumption Expected in New York.

A leading New Orleans rice dealer and miller has received from Herbert Perry, of Francis H. Leggett & Company, of New York, some comments on the rice consumption and trade. He says business is better and he expects a larger trade at that city. "I find," said Mr. Perry, "that our customers are selling more rice on account of the high price of potatoes. The retail trade is suggesting it to their customers and some of the restaurants in New York are beginning to serve rice instead of potatoes, and if this keeps up we are going to see a heavy increase in the consumption of rice in the north. This thing has been so noticeable in the past ten days that I cannot help but feel we are going to have quite a stir in the rice game before many weeks."

"The Atlantic and Pacific are filling their windows with rice and urging their customers to buy the cheapest article of food on the market. I have a feeling that we will have a higher market caused by the very heavy consumption which is likely to come. I am going to watch the situation carefully and would advise you to do so."

A SAFE TEST.

For those who are in need of a remedy for kidney troubles and backache, it is a good plan to try Doan's Kidney Pills. They are strongly recommended by Plaquemine people.

Mrs. L. N. Roberts, Plaquemine, La., says: "I had pains through the small of my back and at times my back seemed broken. I could hardly stand on account of pains in my kidneys. The kidney secretions at times passed too frequently and then again they were scanty and contained sediment. My head ached and sharp, shooting pains ran up my spine and down my limbs. Doctors gave me no relief and I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. The misery in my bladder left and my kidneys again acted regularly. I gained in weight and felt better in every way."

Price 50 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Roberts had. Foster-McMillan Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—(Adv.)

Dutchtown High School News.

The Dutchtown High School has been improving at a very great rate for the last few years. An artesian well has been constructed which is very beneficial to the school children, the water being more healthy than cistern water. The children now have water for the whole season.

The pupils take great interest in school work and in keeping the school house and its surroundings in a healthy condition. The children in the lower grades are busy themselves swatting the flies. Many thousands have been killed already, thereby improving the school building.

The parish rally will take place at the school. The boys have started training for the athletic events. A strong basketball team has been organized.—Sunday's Times-Picayune.

Rank Foolishness.

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. The microbes that cause colds flourish in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years on occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.—(Adv.)

The Chief is the official journal of the police jury, parish school board and city council of Donaldsonville. Send us your subscription and keep posted on the official proceedings of these important bodies.

LIVE STOCK IN ASSUMPTION.

Breeding Industry Making Rapid Strides in Progressive Parish.

As evidence of what Assumption planters can do when turning their attention to anything in the agricultural line, the Pioneer is glad to call public attention to the shipment of hogs to Port Worth, Texas, recently made by C. C. Barton, Jr., the enterprising hog breeder. There was a total of sixty-one hogs in the shipment, and their combined weight aggregated over 1900 pounds, making an average weight of a little more than three hundred pounds. This fact, in connection with the price received, which netted eleven cents per pound, should demonstrate conclusively that hog raising, like anything else, when followed intelligently, and where conditions are favorable, is a success. It is safe to conclude from the above results that both of these requirements were met, and we take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Barton.

Another item that goes to prove the resources of Assumption, and the resourcefulness of her farmers, is the great progress being made by Senator Sundbery in his dairy at Rosedale Farm. Already possessing a fine premium-winning herd of Holstein cattle, Mr. Sundbery nevertheless attended a recent cattle sale at Baton Rouge and bought nine more Holstein cows at an average price of \$214. This makes him the foremost Holstein breeder in Louisiana, and he received the added distinction of being elected president of the state Holstein breeders. As to the quality of butter turned out at the Rosedale Farm, it is hardly necessary to call attention to this, as a great many of our people have already found out by experience, and this experience has led to a constantly growing demand for the article right at home.

Leonce J. Himel, Jr., shipped from his farm last week, to be sold on the New Orleans market, two carloads of cattle, consisting of sixty-one head which had been fed on corn ensilage and cottonseed meal since November. This was the first shipment of cattle in carload lot ever made from this parish.—Assumption Pioneer, February 24.

Seed Should Be Tested Now.

Home gardening will soon be under way, and there is no better time than the present to have vegetable seed tested for their germinative power. During a period of great humidity seeds are apt to deteriorate; some becoming practically worthless. As an illustration, some pepper seed have a germinative power of 85 per cent; corn seed, 40 per cent. Naturally, the 40 per cent seed will have to be sown more than twice as thick as the 85 per cent seed on the same area. Also, a seed that has low germinative power usually produces a plant of low vitality, which is likely to be crowded out by weeds, if it survives, it will produce little, if any, fruit, and this generally of inferior grade. On the other hand, seeds having high germinative power produce more vigorous plants which give better results in every way.

Seed sent to the seed testing laboratory of the L. S. U. Experiment Station, Baton Rouge, will be tested free of charge for any individual or firm. This laboratory is maintained by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, co-operating with the experiment station, for the benefit of farmers and others, who should take great advantage of its facilities for serving them.—L. S. U. Press Bulletin.

Much Labor and Little Lucra in Journalistic Job.

When you find your home paper taking no interest in you or your success; when you find it keeping gravely silent when you think the editor should be tearing his linen in your behalf, do not work yourself into a fever of anxiety as to the cause, but just ask yourself wherein have you placed the paper and its editor under obligations to use space and energy for you.

Most anybody can edit a newspaper and make it interesting for a while. Some people can keep up the interest for a month or two without flagging, but it takes a natural born pencil-shaver and a hard worker to grind out an interesting batch of local and editorial items week after week for a term of years. There is no profession that is more exhausting or less remunerative for the work done than the editorial or journalistic profession, but how few believe this.—St. Bernard Voice.

Must Give Up Jobs or Cigarettes.

Employees of a prominent lumber company in Texas have been given the choice of keeping their jobs or discontinuing the use of cigarettes, according to a circular issued by the president of the concern to the heads of departments. The circular says, in part: "My observation, covering a period of more than thirty years in active business, has convinced me that the habitual use of cigarettes deprives the user of mental poise and sound judgment, that the habit dulls the intellect, undermines the moral fibre, and gives such sway and dominion to the appetites as to render a man incapable and unreliable in a crisis."

Many Ships Being Built in America.

The Federal Bureau of Navigation reports that everything possible is being done to hasten the ship-building now under way in American yards, and announces that on Jan. 1 there were 682 vessels of 2,098,761 gross tonnage either in process of construction or contracted for. These estimates include ships in all stages of construction. Steel merchant vessels numbered 403, of a gross tonnage of 1,495,601, while 161 wooden merchant ships of 207,623 gross tonnage were being built. Thus the total merchant construction amounted to 564 vessels of 1,703,224 tons. At the same time there were 118 government vessels of 395,537 tons displacement under construction.

Kill the FLY.

WORKING FOR COMMON GOOD.

Peter Collins an Earnest Champion of Christian Democracy.

Arrangements have been completed by the committee of Ascension Council, Knights of Columbus, for the free public lecture (and question box) by Peter Collins of Massachusetts on "What's Wrong with the World," which will be delivered at the courthouse Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Collins' lecture is one of a series in the nation-wide educational program of the supreme council of the Knights of Columbus, and his message is in the cause of God and country, of civic righteousness and the general welfare. It is a clear and logical treatment of great problems confronting not only the people of America, but vital to civilization and its advancement.

It is entirely free from bitterness and makes for a better understanding and a kindlier feeling between every element in a community. The work that Mr. Collins has been doing for the common good by his lectures throughout the country has earned the unqualified approval of clergymen of all denominations, sociologists, professors, workmen and statesmen, who recognize the broad gauge of Mr. Collins' mission and its service for justice, good will among men, civic progress and social welfare.

The Office Boy Answers.

The editor was away for a few days, according to an exchange, and the office boy answered the inquiries. Following are some of the results: "Please tell me how hash is made."—W. M.

Hash is not made. It accumulates. "Is it all right to feed hogs corn in the ear?"—G. K.

No. Put it in the trough and let them help themselves.

"I am in love with a homely girl who works for us, but she doesn't seem to care for me, while a pretty girl with lots of money wants to marry me. What should I do?"—Will M.

Marry the one you love and send me the name and address of the other one.

"Please tell me how to raise a nice fat hog of about 500 pounds."—Young Farmer.

Get a derrick.

"How can I tell when the water is the right temperature for bathing the baby?"—Young Mother.

If the kid gets red and hollers, the water is too hot. If he gets blue and shivers, it's too cold.

"I am forty years old, have a nice little farm, and am thinking of taking a wife. What would you advise?"—Old Batch.

I would advise you to be careful whose wife you take.

Teachers' Examination.

The next examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will be held at the Donaldsonville High School, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26, 27 and 28, (white); and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 29, 30 and 31, (negro), beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. each day.

The examination of teachers upon the books of the Reading Course will be held Saturday, March 24.

Attention is again directed to the recent laws enacted upon the examination of applicants for teachers' certificates. No longer are graduates of approved institutions exempted from all subjects of examination but the Theory and Art of Teaching. Either they are exempt from all subjects upon their diplomas or must earn teachers' certificates through examination upon all subjects.

H. P. BROUSSARD, Supt.

Sugar Consumption Increasing.

The people of the United States are apparently using more sugar than ever before, for the increase in consumption has been greater than the increase in population. According to figures in Bulletin 437, recently prepared by the Bureau of Crop Estimates of Agriculture, the total consumption of sugar in this country for the decade ending with the fiscal year 1912-13 was 42.9 per cent greater than the consumption for the preceding decade, while the population for the same period only shows an increase of 21 per cent.

Cure for "That Tired Feeling."

The best spring "tonic" is the "hoe-handle tonic"—work in the garden. There is no objection to going walks for sunbaths, but it is not necessary to drink sassafras tea—the walk is what is needed.

Throw away the bottle of spring tonic. Eat less meat and more potatoes, "greens," radishes, onions, lettuce, strawberries, oranges, and other foods of this kind, and the "tired" spring feeling will disappear.—Board of Health Almanac.

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating.

When constipated or bilious.

When you have a sick headache.

When you have a sour stomach.

When you belch after eating.

When you have indigestion.

When nervous or despondent.

When you have no relish for your meals.

When your liver is torpid.

Obtainable everywhere.—(Adv.)

Upwards of 10,000 trained men are discharged from our military and naval services yearly, and under ordinary circumstances, one-third of them immediately re-enlist. Of the remainder fully 80 per cent are eligible for re-enlistment. It is therefore estimated that the United States would have at least 150,000 trained regulars in civil life ready for duty at the first call.

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GRAND JURY REPORT.

Repairs to High School, Courthouse and Jail Urgently Recommended.

Following is the full text of the final report submitted by the grand jury impaneled at the current term of district court:

To the Hon. Philip H. Gilbert, judge of the twenty-seventh judicial district court of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana: We, the grand jurors of the state of Louisiana, duly impaneled and sworn, in and for the body of the parish of Ascension, do hereby make this our final report, together with such bills of indictment as accompany the same.

Clerk's Office.
We have examined the office of the clerk and ex-officio recorder, and while we find the records neatly kept, the office is in need of proper and modern files, the present system being out of date and antiquated. The conveyance and mortgage records need re-binding. We cannot impress too forcibly upon those whose duty it is to provide funds for the proper equipping of this office the necessity for carrying out these recommendations. This is a matter which should have the immediate attention of the police jury.

Sheriff's Office.
A superficial examination of the sheriff's and ex-officio tax collector's office impresses us that this office is maintained in a thorough and business-like manner. The books are in a neat condition.

Assessor's Office.
The assessor's books are in a neat condition.

Parish Treasurer's Office.
An examination of the parish treasurer's office shows all books and records properly kept. The parish owes a floating indebtedness of \$12,000.

Donaldsonville High School.
We have had opportunity to visit the Donaldsonville High School. We have also visited the office of Superintendent Broussard. While we desire to compliment the manner in which the superintendent conducts his office, we desire to make the following recommendations with reference to the high school building:

1. The plaster is in a falling and dilapidated condition, especially the ceiling. This should be remedied at once.

2. There is a sad lack of window