

The Disagreement of the Doctors.

"Full many a man, both young and old, Has gone to his sarcophagus By pouring water ice cold Down his asophagus!"

A well known physician, who has given over the all-medicine practice for a combination of medicine and mental healing, says that many a sick man has come to him from half a dozen other reputable physicians, every one of whom had given a different diagnosis of his case, and that he himself was compelled to give still a different one. Every observant man has known of like cases.

There are quite a number of the doctor gives ground for dozens of health formula fads, which are as plentiful as religious fads. There are the all-eaters, and the no-eaters; the vegetable eaters and the meat eaters; the all-medicine and the no-medicine advocates; the homeopaths, the osteopaths; the no-clothes and the all-clothes wearers; the open air and the indoor practitioners; the all-bathers and the no-bathers.

There can be no doubt that improper diet is responsible for three-fourths of the ills of the body. Animals, given liberty to select their own food, are never sick. Man is only an animal in his physical make up, and most of his troubles come from the abuses that are a result of a departure from the simple requirements of the animal nature.

Modern food is all prepared with the single view of palatableness, not healthfulness. Hence the thousands of ills that formerly did not exist. The wonderful advancement that science has made in sanitation and treatment of disease seems to be about offset by the impudent living and eating in modern life. Smallpox, yellow fever and other great scourges of olden times have been conquered, but their place is being taken by appendicitis, diabetes and tuberculosis, and it is now even claimed, cancer.

Bits of News Around Wingate.

Miss Lillian Kriminger of Charlotte was the guest of Miss Sue Mae Parker last week. Misses Mary McBride and Margaret Pounds of Concord are visiting Miss Ellie Mullis. Mr. Y. M. Boggan returned Sunday night from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Montgomery county. Miss Annie Sanders is attending a house party in Waxhaw.

The Great Trust of All the Trusts.

Will Mr. Taft, admitting that he wants to be able with the aid of the few "Progressive Republicans" and Democrats, to secure any really valuable concessions from Mr. Aldrich? Nobody thinks so. The trust of all the trusts is too powerful. The situation is thus depicted by the New York World:

"The protective system is the greatest trust on earth, because it comprehends all of the trusts, fighting for a common purpose and defending kindred iniquities. No one is ineligible to membership who can deliver a Senator or a Congressman or a contribution to the campaign fund. An honest President, pledged to curtail the privileges enjoyed by this colossal trust and unquestionably speaking for three-fourths of the people, of all political parties, is desired by a combination of all the interests. They care little for each other, but they are a unit in the presence of a common danger. It is no rope of sand which embraces them. They are bound by all the tight considerations of greed and plunder."

most powerful of all the trusts; to deprive it of some of its spoils; to weaken it in a vital spot, to render it less capable of mischief, and to encourage honest men to continue their warfare upon it—what nobler aspiration could an American President have?"

Indebtedness of Monroe and Other Towns.

The tax rate in Monroe for all purposes is \$1.50; the total bond indebtedness, including the issue pending, is \$114,000. The taxable property is in round numbers \$1,500,000. The population is estimated at 5,500. The Albemarle Enterprise, advocating a bond issue for public improvements, has collected similar figures for North Carolina towns, and they are quite interesting. They run thus:

Albemarle has in round numbers about \$800,000 of taxable property. The tax is 94 cents. Gastonia: population 10,000; bonded indebtedness, \$180,000; tax rate, \$1.40 on \$2,000,000 worth of property. Thomasville: population, 3,500; bonded indebtedness, \$100,000; tax rate, 80 cents on \$945,569 worth of property. Lexington: population, 5,000; bonded indebtedness, \$168,000; tax rate, \$1.30 on \$1,755,161 worth of property.

Hickory: population, 6,000; bonded indebtedness, \$111,000; tax rate, \$1.50 on \$1,400,000 worth of property. Shelby: population, 4,000; bonded indebtedness, \$150,000; tax rate, \$1.55 on \$1,300,000 worth of property. Newton: population, 3,000; bonded indebtedness, \$90,000; tax rate, \$1.20 on \$800,000 worth of property.

Towns around this section are adopting catch phrases as mottoes intended to express their sentiments of progress. It is becoming a fad. Charlotte started off with "Watch Charlotte Grow." Rockingham claims "The Best Town at All." Wadesboro calls attention to her renaissance in "Watch Wadesboro Win," and now Hamlet comes out with the "Hamlet Boosters." Go it, boys, you all deserve to win and keep up with Monroe, which has no motto.

Mrs. J. W. Outen and children, Mamie and Dan, spent last week with her brother, Mr. J. Thos. Little, in Lanes Creek township. Miss Augusta Watson returned Saturday from a visit to friends in north Monroe township. Mrs. E. H. Moore and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, at Moore. Mr. H. G. Hendrix and daughter, Miss Hattie, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Parker last week. Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest is expected tomorrow night to visit his sister, Mrs. Dora Sanders. Mr. Walter C. Sanders has a position with the Sikes Company at Monroe.

Sunday Tragedy in Rowan.

A terrible tragedy, whether suicidal or accidental is not positively known, occurred at Organ church, this county, about 12 miles southeast of Salisbury, just before noon today. The particulars as learned here late this afternoon are as follows: Mr. Henry Klutz and family had gone to Lutheran Organ church to worship, leaving a young son, Clarence, aged about 20 years, at home, he having been complaining of feeling unwell. When the family returned from the services to their home they were horrified to find the young man lying across the bed in his room dead with a rifle ball through his heart and the weapon, a small rifle, lying by his side.

General Car's Wheat Crop.

General J. S. Carr is spending the week at Occoneechee farm looking after the threshing of wheat. Last week from 23 acres he got 980 bushels, or nearly 43 bushels to the acre. He has also 170 acres yet to go through the threshing machine and with such a ratio may expect something like 5,000 bushels. This is an unusual yield for North Carolina farms and in barrels of "Pooreless" flour, means about \$10,000. This is just one instance of Occoneechee farming.

COTTON.

Local market today, 12.55. Harvie Jordan Says Short Crop and Highest Price. Mr. Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, has issued a statement about the cotton crop which will interest many Union farmers. It follows:

"The present outlook for anything like a normal production of cotton for the season of 1909-1910 is worse than any year since 1903. Reports which have come to us from all parts of the cotton belt from reliable sources, and the result of personal observation during the past 30 days, indicate a very serious condition of the crop, especially in the territory of the southwestern States. The long, and as yet unbroken, period of drought in Texas, accompanied by unprecedented hot weather, covering the largest producing counties in that State, make it impossible for the crop there to recover normal conditions, even under the most favorable weather, hereafter. The same conditions have largely prevailed in Mississippi and Louisiana. In every State, except Texas, there has been a voluntary decrease in the cotton acreage by the farmers this year.

"In all the States east of the Mississippi the cotton fields are generally grassy, and many thousands of acres have been abandoned, and the fields planted to corn and peas. Crab grass has supplanted the vitality of the cotton plants and absorbed to a great extent the commercial fertilizers. Black root and boll worm in the eastern States and boll weevil in the southwest are contributing to make the situation even more critical. There is not a sufficient supply of old cotton in the South today, to last Southern mills until October 1. I anticipate that the forthcoming August condition report by the bureau of cotton statistics, to be issued on August 2, will reflect the deterioration of the crop in July, by several points under the very low June condition report.

"In most sections of the belt the cotton plant is low and grassy, and in other sections too full of sap and weedy. These conditions forecast a small yield compared with that of one year ago. The failure of the peach crop always forecasts a shortness in the production of the cotton crop; such is the case this year. With consumption assuming enormous proportions, and the production of the cotton crop indicating an unusual shortness, it is impossible, at this time, to predict with any degree of accuracy where the maximum price of spot cotton will reach. That we are not entering upon an era of very high prices for the coming season, there is scarcely any question of doubt, and the slower spot cotton is marketed at the opening of the season, the easier it will be to maintain high prices."

A Vision That Turned Out Correct.

Speaking of dreams and visions, the Greensboro Record says: But sometimes very astonishing things are revealed in another way. The following incident is absolutely true and can be proven by the best of evidence, long ago as it occurred. One of the best known women in Greensboro had a brother to go to Missouri before the war, perhaps in 1858 or '59. He was a handsome fellow and would not brook an insult, fighting at the drop of a hat though he was a gentleman and not quarrelsome. One day this lady was sitting in her room sewing; it was about 11 o'clock in the forenoon; suddenly she burst into a flood of tears, crying as if her heart would break. Her husband was finally sent for and it was a long time before the cause of her grief. She said she would laugh at her and he did, but it did not shake her in the least. She said while sitting at her work she saw her brother and another man clinch in a fight; others interfered and separated them; as her brother turned to walk off, the other man suddenly drew a pistol and shot him in the back, killing him instantly. All efforts to convince her that it was a freak of imagination proved futile. There was no telegraph in those days, but in due time a letter came and it told the story just as the woman saw it and related it, even to the hour of the day.

What was it, how was it this formation was conveyed to this woman? Solve it you can but the story is absolutely true. Gulf Coast Devastated. The West Indian hurricane, which swept from one end of the Texas Gulf coast to the other yesterday, claimed a toll of 12 human lives, fatally injuring four others and seriously wounding 16, according to the details of the storm, which began to arrive here late today and tonight. Whole towns were devastated and the wreck and ruin to property will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Valuable Farms For Sale.

One tract, known as the Bibb place, 4 1/2 miles south of Monroe on Camden road, containing 240 acres. About 75 acres open land, balance in timber; on public road, telephone line, and rural route. Well watered, springs and creek. About 40 acres meadow bottom; 2 tenant houses and outbuildings. Second tract, known as the Gold Mine tract, about 9 miles south of Monroe, near Altan, containing 67 acres. About 10 acres open land, balance in timber.

Any of above land will be divided into tracts to suit purchaser. For further particulars see G. S. LEE, C. B. LANEY, R. E. EVANS. PINEULES for the Kidneys 30 DAYS TRIAL FOR \$1.00.

Fine Field of Corn Near Waxhaw.

Mr. S. M. Howie reports that he has already sold \$5 worth of tomatoes from one row 35 yards in length. He figures it out that at this rate over \$700 worth of tomatoes can be grown on one acre of ground.

The faculty of the Waxhaw graded school for the coming school year is as follows: Prof. E. O. Randolph, superintendent; Rev. W. F. Estridge and Misses Gertrude Rae and Alma Cunningham, assistants, and Miss Pearl Cobb, music teacher. Mr. Sam Marze, of the New Hope neighborhood, reports a wonder in the way of a chicken hen. He says she was hatched out last March and has been laying for the past weeks. The shortage in the accounts of City Treasurer May of Rock Hill is now stated at \$14,671.

Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest College will deliver the annual address at the Tirzah Bible Society on the last Saturday in this month. Our Marvin reporter says that Mr. Henry Godfrey, who lives in that neighborhood, sowed four bushels of wheat from which he reaped sixty bushels this year. Through the efforts of Maj. H. A. London of Pittsboro, the railroads have all granted a cent-a-mile rate to the Confederate reunion at Charlotte August 25th and 26th.

Miss Emma Hunter of Weddington has been elected assistant principal of the high school at Duke, and will take charge of that work some time in September. The rapid growth of a watermelon vine down in Lee county, according to a letter of very recent date from a man down there to a citizen of Waxhaw, makes the story of Jona's gourd vine look like 30 cents with a hole in it. Among other things he says: "We had to stake our watermelon vines this year. The land is rather stony and the season favorable, and the vines were growing so fast that the little melons were pulled off or worn out by being drug along. But by tying the vines to stakes about every 30 yards, I think we will yet have a few melons in August."

Col. Wade Harris on Crops in Mecklenburg, Union and Anson.

At this season of the year it is always pretty safe to judge as to how the cotton and corn crops in the cotton belt of the State will pan out by the condition of the crops in Mecklenburg, Union and Anson counties. These crops are going to be about the average. They have had a late start but have reached the stage when only reasonable rains are needed to bring them to a bountiful maturity. Yesterday these crops showed the need of rain. The cotton plants were drooping and the corn was wilted. In the afternoon the thunderheads that had been floating across the skies got together and banked up black and the rain descended. A pretty good shower fell all over Anson county. During the night the long slanting dashes of rain on the car windows indicated that the crops between Wadesboro and Charlotte were getting about what they wanted. A good season of rain just now will practically save the corn and cotton crops. In the Anson county cotton fields the plants average two feet higher than in the Mecklenburg and Union cotton in the Mecklenburg and Union has a beautiful stand. The fields are clean, the stalks full of bolls and it looks like Anson is going to make good this year on the first bale, as usual.

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Bank of Union and Reciprocity. The Bank of Union and Reciprocity. MORE BANK TALK. America to become a Negroed Nation. Mr. William Archer, the celebrated English critic, in an outspoken discussion of the negro question in the South, in the July McClure's, vigorously attacks the biological argument for restricted intermarriage between the black and white. He declares: "There is no middle course between a resolute maintenance of the legal barrier between the races and a complete acceptance of the principle of amalgamation. If the legal barrier were ever removed, it would mean such a relaxation of public sentiment as would insure the very rapid increase of the hybrid race. Three or four generations would see the South a brown man's land, with, no doubt, a rapidly narrowing white aristocracy. In another three or four generations the prevailing complexion of the North would be sensibly affected; and, finally, the whole American nation would be typically negroed, the pure white man being the more or less rare exception. For my part, I cannot but sympathize with the sentiment that violently repudiates such a contingency. I do not understand how any white man who has ever visited the South can fail to be dismayed at the thought of absorbing into the veins of his race the blood of the African myriads who swarm on every hand."

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