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The Chinese government by Imperial rescript, has abolished slavery throughout the Empire and has prohibited henceforth the purchase and sale of human beings under any pretext. The reform is not altogether complete, as the slaves of the Manchus are refused their emancipation, but their status under the new law is improved. Concubinage is still to be permitted, but there is to be no bargain or sale.

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FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the State Senate from Gaston county, which is the 32nd Senatorial district, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

JOHN G. CARPENTER.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State Senator from Gaston county, which is the 32nd Senatorial District, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

A. L. BULWINKLE.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention. I will appreciate your support.

DAVID P. DELLINGER.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative of Gaston county in the Lower House of the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

A. C. STROUP.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination for Representative of Gaston county in the lower house of the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

N. B. KENDRICK.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative of Gaston county in the Lower House of the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

S. S. MAUNEY.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

G. R. RHYNE.

FOR SHERIFF.

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W. NEIL DAVIS.

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T. E. SHUFORD.

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J. MADISON KENDRICK.

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J. D. B. McLEAN.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention.

J. Q. HOLLAND.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention.

CARL FINGER.

FOR CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

C. C. CORNWELL.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as Register of Deeds of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

A. J. SMITH.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner from Gastonia township, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries and county convention.

J. FRANK MARVER.

"R. F. D."

Three Billion Letters a Year Now Bear Those Initials.

Exchange.

The rural free delivery service of the United States means the distribution of nearly 3,000,000,000 letters and parcels annually along the highways and byways of every state and territory from Maine to Alaska. A force of 41,000 carriers daily go over the routes assigned to them.

Bringing the mail to the farmer now costs the nation \$36,000,000 a year in salaries for the carriers, expense of examining new routes, maintaining post offices, payments of inspectors, special agents, clerks and chiefs of bureaus.

To secure information to make changes in routes and carriers where deemed necessary, to establish new routes and to record and tabulate statistics and data for the postmaster-general as well as for the public a force of only 110 persons is required in Washington in spite of the great amount of office work and correspondence that must be finished daily.

Over a million letters are received and answered by the department of rural free delivery in a year. Many of those received are merely addressed to the department. To save time of opening and reading missives not properly directed is a part of the work of the mailing section. It includes a private postoffice through which every letter received or sent relative to rural delivery must pass.

Every one of the half million and more letters sent from this department is copied for record by a mechanical system which saves the labor of a hundred copying clerks even where the hand copying press or the carbon method has been employed. A force of only seventeen clerks is needed in this section, says the Bookkeeper, yet in addition to handling and copying mail they keep a daily record of all the outlay for postage expenses of the department and sort and examine the hundreds of letters daily received which must be returned to the postoffice where they should have been directed.

What the service does in receiving applications for new routes, petitions for carriers, decisions of the department, the payments and receipts, is told by the postoffice newspaper. Published every day by the accounting section, it is a record of what every one in this postal counting house, including the assistant postmaster-general himself, is doing. Every important item of statistics is tabulated in type.

The esprit de corps of the rural free delivery is best shown by the last annual report. During the year it states that out of the 41,000 in the service the total dismissals for cause were only 165, less than the total number of deaths.

The reasons for the dismissals were principally incompetence and failure to obey instructions. No dismissals or other dishonesty were on the records. Considering the different kinds of men required, this is indeed remarkable testimony to their faithfulness and speaks well for the organization.

STOMACH FEELS FINE.

One or Two Mi-o-na Tablets Drive Away Distress From Stomach.

Get a 50 cent box of Mi-o-na tablets today and learn for yourself how easy it is to put your out of order stomach in perfect condition.

Mi-o-na stomach tablets give instant relief—and do more.

They build up the stomach so quickly that in a few days belching, sourness, heartburn, heaviness, biliousness, headache and dizziness will entirely disappear.

Mi-o-na stomach tablets are guaranteed to cure indigestion and all stomach ills or morey back.

"I have been troubled with my stomach for two years. I tried everything I heard of. Mi-o-na stomach tablets did me more than \$25 worth of good. They are the best in the world."—Den-nis Stephen, Coudersport, Pa., Feb. 1, 1910.

Fifty cents for a large box of Mi-o-na at druggists everywhere, and at J. H. Kennedy & Co's., who guarantee them.

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CRUDE ASTRONOMY.

Russian Peasants Have Querer Ideas of Sun, Moon and Stars.

We have it on no less authority than that of Caesar that the Romans taught their disciples many things about the form and dimensions of the earth and the heavens and a host of doctrines on the motions of the stars. Even death itself was to them an astronomical fact. They held that from this life we pass to take up our abode in one of the heavenly bodies. That they firmly held to this belief is manifest from the fact that they had no objection to lending money to be repaid in the other world. They looked upon the passage of life in much the same way as we regard a journey across the Atlantic.

There is no doubt that even now in various parts of Europe the views of the peasantry as to the heavenly bodies and celestial phenomena have changed but little from those of their predecessors of a thousand years ago. A Russian contributed to the bulletin of the Astronomical Society of France has given the results of his observations on this point extending over ten years. The astronomical lore of the Russian peasantry of the north, center and south is limited to a knowledge of the existence of the sun and moon, of three constellations, of the Milky way, of one planet, of comets, shooting stars and meteors. The sun is to all a mysterious and beneficent being.

The moon covered with ice and snow is ever in flight from its brother, the sun. Upon its disk may be seen unmistakably portrayed the murder of Abel by Cain, the latter being done to death by a pitchfork. Chill are the lunar rays, and woe betide the child of man who shall sleep unprotected therefrom! From the horns of the crescent much useful information as to the forthcoming weather may be derived by the learned in such things.

The stars are lamps or candles which are lit and extinguished daily by the Eternal. A shooting star is the soul of one who has just passed away. Comets are heralds of war and famine. No Russian ever forgets that the Napoleonic war followed the great comet of 1811.—Westminster Gazette.

MALIBRAN'S CAPTIVITY.

A Romantic Incident in the Career of the Great Singer.

The following incident is told of Mme. Malibran, whose voice once upon a time excited the most unromantic to folly.

She was resting in her dressing room at the theater after singing in the part of Desdemona, her passionate soul still quivering with the emotion of the part and the tears and applause of her listeners. A person entered and begged her to go to her mother, who had been taken ill. A carriage, not her own, was at the door. She was whirled through the streets and led, much to her surprise and fear, into a strange house and to an excellent bondolo, hung and carpeted with rose colored silk.

Here the beautiful songstress was left alone after being assured by her attendants that her mother was well, that the message was a subterfuge and that her captivity would last until she sang something.

On a low seat sat a lyre such as that which thrilled in Malibran's fingers as she sang Desdemona's touching song.

At first she determined to resist, but after a short time her mind reverted to the evening, and almost unconsciously she took up the instrument and sang the "Romance de Saule." As she concluded sounds of enthusiastic applause and trembling accents of delight came to her through the silk hangings, and she was then conducted by liveried servants to her carriage and to her home.

The next morning she found on her table a casket containing a magnificent pair of earrings, and inside the cover, written in diamonds, was the word "Merci." But the event remained a mystery to her forever.

Retort Filial.

In a warm argument one of the contestants had a poor case, but he defended his position vigorously.

"Oh, yes," the other one chuckled, "you have your defense, but you've lost. ~~Answers~~ Always have their defense." Lincoln used to illustrate that with a story about his boy Tad.

"Lincoln and Tad were lunching one day in the White House.

"Don't eat your fish with your knife, boy," said Lincoln sternly. "It's not polite."

"But, father," said Tad, "is it polite to stare at folks when they're eating?"

Very True.

A grandmother was reproving her little grandchildren for making so much noise. "Dear me, children, you are so noisy today! Can't you be a little more quiet?"

"Now, grandma, you mustn't scold us. You see, if it wasn't for us you wouldn't be a grandma at all."—Harper's Weekly.

Why Lulu Was Happy.

Lulu was but two and a half years old when the first buckberries she had ever seen were placed upon the table in a covered dish. When the cover was taken off she clapped her hands, exclaiming delightedly, "Oh, look at all the shoe buttons!"—Delimitator.

Knew Her Limitations.

He—Now that we are married, pet, do you love me enough to cook for me? She—Enough, darling? I love you entirely too much for that.—Boston Transcript.

THE MOTHER'S PROBLEM.

Of Raising Strong, Healthy Girls.

A serious problem which presents itself to every mother with girls to raise, in these days. The exigencies of school life, the hurry and routine of every-day duties, the artificial environment of modern civilization, make it more difficult to raise strong, healthy girls than ever in the history of the world.

Boys raise themselves. Give them room, give them liberty, and they will grow up healthy at least, without much worrying. But the girls present a serious problem.

How many mothers there are who are worrying about their daughters. Nervous, puny girls, with poor, capricious appetites, bloodless, listless, a constant anxiety to the mother. How shall she solve her problem? To whom shall she turn for help? Each case is more or less a study by itself, and cannot be solved by any general rule.

This is the way one mother solved the problem. Mrs. Schopfer, 5920 Prescott Ave., St. Louis, Mo., in a letter to Dr. Hartman, says: "My daughter Alice, four years of age, was a puny, sickly, ailing child since she was born. I was always doctoring her. When we commenced to use Peruna she grew strong and well."

Another mother, Mrs. Martha Moss, R. F. D. 5, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, says: "Our little eight-year-old girl had a bad cough, and was in a general run-down condition." She had several doctors, who could give the child no relief, and the mother no encouragement. Finally, she got a bottle of Peruna and commenced giving it to the child, and it proved to be just what she needed. When she commenced taking Peruna the child had to be carried.

Now the mother says she is playing around all the time.

Her closing words were: "You have done a great deal for her. She is the only girl we have, and it meant lots to us to have her cured."

These are samples of many letters which Dr. Hartman is receiving, coming straight from the hearts of loving mothers. While the different schools of medicine are bickering and differing as to theories and remedies, Peruna goes right steadily on giving permanent relief. After all, it is cures that the people want. Theories are of little account.

Gains Made by the Methodists.

During the past four years the Southern Methodist Church has made a net gain in membership of 165,000. Last year's gain was 64,000 in round numbers. Last year there was a larger number of young men admitted into the ministerial ranks of the conference than in any previous year in the history of its organization, the number being about 350. The entire membership of the Southern Methodist Church is nearly two million.

—Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of the East Baptist church, returned Tuesday from McAdenville, where he conducted a ten-days meeting in the Baptist church. The meeting was very successful, resulting in a good number of accessions to the church.

SEABOARD AIR LINE SCHEDULE.

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Schedule taking effect February 6, 1910, subject to change without notice.

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No. 40, daily, at 5:00 a. m., for Monroe, Hamlet and Wilmington, connecting at Monroe with 33 for Atlanta, Birmingham, with 38 for Raleigh, Weldon and Portsmouth. With 66 at Hamlet for Raleigh, Richmond, Washington, New York.

No. 133, daily, at 10:35 a. m., for Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton.

No. 44, daily, at 5 p. m., for Monroe, Hamlet, Wilmington and all local points, connecting at Hamlet with 43 for Columbia, Savannah and all Florida points.

No. 47, daily, at 4:45 p. m., for Rutherfordton and all local points.

No. 132, 7:15 p. m., connecting at Monroe for all points North, carries Portsmouth sleeper.

Trains arrive in Charlotte as follows:

No. 133, 9:50 a. m., from all points North, brings Portsmouth sleeper.

No. 45, daily, at 11:55 a. m., from Wilmington and all local points North.

No. 132, 7 p. m., from Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton and C. & N. W. Railway points, Johnson City.

No. 46 arrives 10:30 a. m. from Rutherfordton and all local stations.

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