

### Questions Theory Of Leprosy.

By United Press.  
Washington, Aug. 25.—Rev. James Hugh Keeley, a Methodist minister of Erie, Pa., challenged the statement today that John R. Early is a victim of leprosy, or that he is doomed. He said: "This unfortunate man need not remain a leper if Christianity be what it is claimed to be, for Jesus healed lepers and empowered His followers to do likewise." The health authorities of Washington are preparing to treat the North Carolinian with anti leprosy serum and violet rash.

### Negro Vote and Republicans.

New York, Sept. 1.—As a result of a conference today between T. Coleman Dupont, head of the speakers' bureau of the Republican national committee, and Booker T. Washington, it was decided that the latter work in connection with the committee in behalf of Judge Taft's election. Washington will devote his attention to original work among negro schools, colleges and churches. It will be his business to try to prevent disaffection of the colored vote caused by the Brownsville incident.

### Good Roads.

Ind. News.  
The last number of the Progress gave Farmer was given over, very largely, to a discussion of the subject of good roads. In urging the importance of maintaining good roads these facts were presented: "If the amount of freight hauled every year by steamship and railway were computed and stated in pounds, the total would stagger our powers of belief. Yet of this vast tonnage, it is estimated that 90 per cent. must be carried by wagons over a highway. To carry a ton one mile by sea costs one-tenth of a cent; by railroad one cent. A ton may be hauled over good roads for seven cents a mile; over ordinary country roads 25 cents a mile. Mud, tax and hill climbing tolls, therefore, amounts to eighteen cents a mile. It is appalling to contemplate! Progressive Farmer readers, don't pay it! Demand a reduction of freight and passenger rates on your own lines. Grade, drag, drain, macadamize—abolish the mud tax and reduce your freight rates."

To remove tea stains and discoloring on cups, plates, etc., scour with ashes.

### Mr. Church Still Holds Open-Air Meetings.

Statesville Landmark.  
Rev. G. H. Church, at one time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Statesville, now pastor of the Baptist church at Durham, was in town a few hours Wednesday en route to his home at Durham from Davis Springs, where he spent several days enjoying a vacation granted him by his congregation. It will be recalled that during his stay here Mr. Church conducted open air services from a large gospel wagon, and it will be of interest to his friends here to know that he is still very enthusiastic over the outdoor services and has held many protracted meetings in and near Durham. He now has a portable stand to preach from, a lot of folding chairs, etc., and lighting fixtures which can be attached to an electric wire and put into commission within a few minutes. Everything is complete and it is but little trouble in good weather go to a cotton mill settlement, set up the stand and chairs, turn on the lights and hold religious services.

### To Sharpen Scissors.

Woman's Home Companion.  
Cut them rapidly on the neck of a small glass bottle, or better still, on a ground-glass stopper. It trues the edges and makes them cut like new.

### Tomatoes that Grow on Trees.

Lincolnton News.  
Mr. D. G. Ledwell, who lives on Rhodes' Hill, brought to The News office Saturday some fine specimens of the grape tomato grown at his place. The main stalk of the vine grows up in the shape of a small tree, ranging in height from fifteen to twenty feet, and from this trunk the branches grow out to a length of from ten to twelve feet. The weight of the tomatoes makes it necessary for the branches to be supported by framework of some kind, the vegetables growing in clusters like grapes, usually about six tomatoes to the cluster, and the clusters averaging about 9 inches apart. The vine, or tree begins bearing early in the spring and continues until frost. From 1,000 to 1,500 tomatoes may be expected as the yield from each tree during the season. Mr. Ledwell has five trees and a great deal of interest is being taken in them by all whose attention is called to this novel tomato plant.

Those localities where good roads have been built are becoming richer, more prosperous, and more thickly settled; those which do not possess these advantages in transportation are either at a standstill or are becoming poorer and more sparsely settled.

### Eaten By Red Ants.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 28.—After lying helpless under a tree near the ostrich farm east of the city, from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday night, while red ants swarmed over his body and literally ate him alive, Burton B. Jarvis, 25 Chestnut street, Terre Haute, Indiana, died here today at the county hospital where he was taken when found last night.

Jarvis was suffering from tuberculosis and came to California two years ago. Last Sunday he left the hotel in the afternoon to go to the ostrich farm for a pleasure trip. On the way he became faint and walking over to a shade tree, lay down. Instead of recovering his strength, he fainted and did not regain consciousness until long after dark that night.

For two days and nights he lay helpless with ants and other insects tormenting him. Occasional passersby thought the man under the influence of liquor and did not go to his assistance.

### Three Colored Children Cremated.

News and Observer.  
Cameron, N. C. Aug. 31.—Sunday night about eight-thirty o'clock, while the family was at church, the house of Hector Cameron, a worthy negro of this place, was burned, together with three small children, one of his own and two of his son-in-law's, Alex Worthy. The fire is supposed to have originated from the overturning or explosion of a lamp which was left burning low. When it was first discovered the children could have been rescued had it been known they were in the house, but they were asleep and gave no alarm and when the family reached there, the house was enveloped in flames and it was then too late to save them. The grief of the terror stricken parents was touching to see and their cries with the flames leaping in mid air made the scene one of terror.

### Naming the Floods.

In Fayetteville, they have a name for each of the notable floods. That of 1865, when the river reached 56 feet above ordinary level, is known as the Sherman flood. In 1895, there was a flood that reached 57 feet. That one is known as the Populist flood. This freshet was exceeded in 1901 when the prohibition freshet scored 58.8 feet. All, however, have been outdone by the flood of last week, which made a mark of 71 feet, which takes all the brag out of the oldest inhabitant. This latest freshet hasn't been named, but it will probably be called the Roosevelt. The Republicans are responsible for the good crops and every prosperity wave that comes along—why not for the flood? It looks to us like the Fayetteville freshet would be very neatly framed with Populist and Prohibition between Sherman and Roosevelt. It would be a sort of a unique way of commemorating historical epochs in the history of that section.—Charlotte Chronicle.

### The Floods And The Forests.

Charleston Evening Post.  
The flood situation in the Piedmont counties is serious in its disturbance of business by the interruption of communication in the damage already wrought to the fields and the roads, and in the very great menace to the mill properties, water power plants and other interests immediately concerned in the swelling of the rivers. The floods are due to the sudden pouring of the mountain streams into the rivers, resulting from torrential rains throughout the high regions, and the conditions demonstrate effectively the wanton effects that have come from the destruction that has been made on the mountains and hills which make the water-shed of this State. If the highlands had not been stripped of foliage, the heavy rainfall of the past few days would not be pouring down unrestricted into the streams and flowing to swell the rivers into destructive torrents. The forests hold for a time and distribute gradually the rainfall, and the streams carry off the water evenly and adequately. But without this natural control and distribution of the rainfall the rivers receive in a rush the whole precipitation of the mountains.

The economical necessity for preserving the forests upon our hills is beginning to be realized by the people of this country, but it is not yet fully appreciated. Meantime the forests are going and the properties in the valleys are suffering from the floods. If the government would establish the Appalachian reserve, which has been urged so generally but has been defeated by Speaker Cannon, there would be some relief to the situation. Unless this is done the conditions are likely to get worse.

### Justice.

A lawyer once asked a man who had at various times sat on several juries, "Who influenced you most—the lawyers, the witnesses, or the judge?" He expected to get some useful and interesting information from an inexperienced juror. This was the man's reply: "I'll tell yer, sir, 'ow I makes up my mind. I'm a plain man, and a reasonin' man, and I ain't influenced by anything the lawyers say, nor by what the witnesses say, nor by what the judge says. I just look at the man in the docks and I says, 'If he ain't done nothing, why's he here?' And I brings 'em all in guilty."—Christian Register.

### Journalistic Enterprise.

Everybody's Magazine.  
Booth Tarkington says that in no State have the newspapers more "journalistic enterprise" than in his native Indiana. While stopping at a little Hoosier hotel in the course of a hunting trip Mr. Tarkington lost one of his dogs. "Have you a newspaper in town?" he asked of the landlord. "Right across the way, there, back of the shoemaker's," the landlord told him. "The Daily News—best little paper of its size in the State." The editor, the printer and the printer's devil were all busy doing justice to Mr. Tarkington with an "in-our-midst" paragraph when Mr. Tarkington arrived. "I've just lost a dog," Tarkington explained after he had introduced himself, "and I'd like to have you insert this ad for me: 'Fifty dollars reward for the return of a pointer dog answering to the name of Rex. Disappeared from the yard of the Mauson House Monday night.'" "Why, we are just going to press, sir," the editor said, "but we'll be only too glad to hold the edition for your ad." Mr. Tarkington returned to the hotel. After a few minutes he decided, however, that it might be well to add "No questions asked" to his advertisement, and returned to The Daily News office. The place was deserted, save for the skinny, little freckled-faced devil, who sat perched on a high stool, gazing wistfully out of the window. "Where is everybody?" Tarkington asked. "Gawn to hunt the dawg," replied the boy, without removing his gaze from the distant fields.

### Sheep in Tennessee.

Sheep growing in Tennessee is at present attracting a great deal of attention, and the number of thoroughbred flocks in the State is constantly increasing. The growing of sheep is an industry that is most profitable and, with the elimination of the dog problem to a large extent it will probably make greater returns to the farmer in the same length of time than any other branch of live stock industry. For instance, a most profitable branch of sheep husbandry for Tennessee is the production of early lambs whose destination is the butcher's block. In this Tennessee and Kentucky have the necessary natural conditions that will almost give them a monopoly, if taken advantage of to the full extent. One condition is the fact that farmers in these States are able to graze their sheep on winter wheat, oats and other grain crops. Under existing conditions the farmer can buy a bunch of ewes in July or August and sell their lambs the following May for a good deal more than the ewes cost him. The wool clipped from these same ewes will be worth something like \$1 per head.

It is certainly hard to find another legitimate industry where one can make a net profit of over 100 per cent in less than twelve months, and confidently count on doing this year in and year out.

And this can be done without feeding the sheep an ounce of grain or hay. [There is no reason, except dogs, why North Carolina should not grow sheep as cheap as Tennessee or Kentucky, and why do we not do so. Well just because we don't.]—ED. NEWS.  
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