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Mrs. W. R. Chapman was a Thursday's visitor to Lake Charles.

Appendix a Waste Basket. One of New York's biggest scientific surgical choppers has often found toothbrush bristles in a patient's appendix. Two hours after midnight yesterday he operated on a man at most at the point of death, taking out the appendix, which was as big as a deerfoot sausage. In it was a pin all crusted over. For some people the appendix seems to be a waste basket palm!

### The Rice Belt Journal.

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D. R. READ, EDITOR.

The most important election that has or will be held in Jefferson Davis parish for a generation, at least will be held next Tuesday, when the people will select the officer who will install the new parish government. The importance of this election does not hinge entirely upon the character of the men chosen, as, so far as we know, all the aspiring candidates are good substantial men. Its real significance lays in the fact that it will determine to a very large extent whether the parish shall be ruled in the future by the people as a whole, or whether it will be ruled by a single town. It is a well known fact that when any one town has practically one third the voting strength of the parish within its precinct, as Jennings, has, it soon becomes an easy matter for it to control the destinies of the entire parish, unless the utmost vigilance is used by the voters outside of such a precinct. In the present instance, although assuring the people before the parish seat election, that should she secure the parish seat, she would be content to let the people of the parish select the officers outside of Jennings, still the parish seat election was hardly over when a meeting was held in that city, under the domination of her political leaders, and a complete political slate was made, and included at least one man, for one of the most important offices in the parish, from the town of Jennings itself. Now if she elects her slate this election, when the country interests are more or less united against her, what hope will there be of the country districts ever gaining their just share of the control of the affairs of the parish, after she has had time to form a Court House Political ring? There would be none whatever. If the people of the parish lose control of its affairs at this election, they might just as well throw up their hands and tell Jennings to take what she wants, as she will be in a position to do so anyway for the next generation.

The Jennings Record sounds the following note of warning to the voters of the parish: "Beware of the so-called straight ticket that will be handed the voter on election day. They are not legitimate nominees are calculated to prolong strife and result on a bad start for this parish." While we have always believed that the Jennings Bunch would do almost anything in order to accomplish their ends in the present election, we did not know just what trick they would try to spring. Therefore we are under obligations to the Times-Record for putting us wise. And we assure Mr. Miller that we will absolutely refuse to vote a "Straight Ticket" should one of the Jennings Fellows offer us one, and will stick to the Peoples Candidates, Mr. R. P. Howell for Representative, Mr. Jos. F. Fuselier for Sheriff, Mr. I. R. Price for Clerk, Mr. Geo. W. Mack for Assessor, and Mr. T. S. Smith of Elton for Coroner. And we advise all the friends of Political Freedom to do the same.

Another high authority condemns the Buzzard as purveyors of disease. A few weeks ago the JOURNAL published an excerpt from an article in the Crowley Signal, in which Dr. H. C. Webb, president of the Acadia Parish Board of Health, attributes the spread of the disease that is destroying the hogs of that parish to BUZZARDS. The Times-Democrat of Monday, contains the report of the Veterinary Expert, Dr. Thomas A. Mitchell, who diagnosed the disease from which the Acadia parish hogs are suffering as Tuberculosis. Dr. Mitchell fully agrees with Dr. Webb in supposing that the disease is spread by the BUZZARDS. When a charge is as generally believed as that against the BUZZARD, and is substantiated by the opinions of eminent medical experts is it not time that sentence be passed and the BUZZARD condemned to death and his tribe to extinction, as far as this section of the world is concerned at least?

This issue of the JOURNAL contains the monthly report of the Welsh Civic League which indicate that the League is a live factor for the bettering of conditions in Welsh. While there is now and then a kick registered by someone whom the League has insisted upon making his promises more presentable, the work of the League has been such that every citizen of Welsh may justly feel proud of it. It has done more in its two years existence to remove the eyesores and clean up unsanitary places in Welsh, than all other factors combined have done in the same length of time. We wish the Welsh Civic League a long and increasingly useful career.

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The Lake Arthur Herald heads an interesting column of matter pertaining to the work being done by Dr. Dowling, as, "Dr. Dowling Again at Work" Why use the word "Again" Bro. Putman, has there been a time since the Doctor has been in the state that he has not been "at work."

We would suggest to a certain young man, who is wearing his nose in a sling, as a result of coming in contact with a board (?) a few evenings ago, that he would conserve his facial contour if he should get the habit of carrying a lantern when calling on his best girl.

The time for paying your poll tax is drawing to a close. But two weeks more remain in which you can retain your right to vote, and exercise your rights as an American citizen. Better pay that tax today, you may forget it tomorrow.

Your ancestors fought and died in order to secure for you, the blessings of liberty. Are you willing to give up this priceless heritage for the paltry sum of one dollar? If not Pay Your Poll Tax Today.

Well Known Hayes Man Passes Away.

Ares David, one of the well known citizens of the Hayes neighborhood died at his home, Thursday morning at 2:30. Deceased leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss.

Masonic Grand Lecturer, John T. Lasley, whose home is in Rayville, La. was in Welsh Wednesday and Thursday instructing the officers and members of the Welsh Lodge in the unwritten work of the order. Mr. Lasley is thoroughly proficient in his work, and is, with all a most delightful gentlemen to meet.

Mayor, L. G. Lewis, was transacting business in Lake Charles, Thursday.

Dr. R. R. Arceneaux was a professional visitor to Lake Charles, Thursday morning. He was accompanied by his little son,

Mrs. J. Alf. Martin, and her sister, and guest, Mrs. Mae Patterson were the guests of friends in Lake Charles Thursday.

Mrs. J. R. LeBleu and little daughter Ollie, who have been making their home with the former's mother, Mrs. Adam Bourque for several months past started Thursday morning for Childress Texas, to meet Mr. LeBleu, and where they expect to make their home in the future.

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