

REPORT OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY CHAINGANG

Mr. J. A. Schroeder, foreman. Visited July 10, 1918, by Assistant Secretary Broyles. Convicts present, 13 negroes, of whom 4 were trustees. Camped about 6 miles from Due West, on road toward Anderson. Talked to the trusty cook, who didn't know where we could find the foreman. The average daily population on this gang for the past two and a half years has been about 18 men.

We found this camp located beside a branch, from which running water for the stock was gotten. The mule lot was very large, being practically a pasture, which lessens the danger of fly breeding. The beds of the two guards had bugs on them, and the convicts' cage was in bad condition, the floor being dirty and the beds tumbled up. One convict was sick, and locked in the cage, the day of our visit. Since last inspection, much improvement has been made in the conditions of the kitchen.

We recommend that the Supervisor and Commissioners provide new tents for the guards' quarters, the ones now in use being ragged; that they have the cage screened; that they provide canvas slips to go over the pads used on the convicts bunks, to protect the pads and keep them clean; and that they provide for more medical service by paying the county physician for—and requiring them to—make a physical examination of each new convict within 48 hours of his commitment, to vaccinate against small-pox when indicated, and to make weekly inspections of the convicts' food, quarters, and especially the sanitary arrangements of the camp.

The foreman can improve conditions in the camp and increase his score, too, by having the beds of the guards cleared of bugs; by having the cage floor swept clean daily; and scoured weekly; by having all blankets in use washed at least monthly, both winter and summer; by having the pit used for the disposal of sewerage burned out with straw and oil; by having the manure from the mule lot raked up daily and hauled away from camp and scattered weekly; by requiring the cook to keep the kitchen slops covered always; and by giving each new convict clean bedding for his bunk when committed.

State Board of Charities and Corrections.
Avant S Johnston, Sec.

REPORT ON ABBEVILLE COUNTY ALMHOUSE

Mr. Wister Haddon, Superintendent. Visited July 10, 1918, by Assistant Secretary Broyles. Inmates present, 15. The average daily population in this almshouse for the past two and a half years has been approximately 21.8.

Since our third inspection, made in October, 1917, the Commissioners have put a new roof on the almshouse building. The new roof was laid on the old one. We recommended that when the new roof was put on, the rafters and ceiling be sprayed with a strong solution of carbolic acid and pointed out other steps which should have been taken to rid the home of vermin. The Commissioners did not follow these suggestions. Consequently, the almshouse is infected with vermin. The superintendent, is apparently doing about all that he can toward freeing the place of bedbugs and other vermin, including stopping nail holes and other cracks in the walls; but thorough-going steps should be taken at once by the Commissioners, under the direction of the county physicians, to rid the almshouse of vermin.

The superintendent stated to us that he wants to tear up the wood floors, and replace them with concrete floors, with new wood floors laid over this concrete. We believe this to be a good plan. The ceiling should be repaired where it has warped. In addition, thoroughly screen all exterior windows and doors; build three fly-proof privies, or better still, install flush toilets in the building, one for each race, and connect them up with the water system now used in the superintendent's house; and finally, hire a strong, able-bodied negro woman to assist with the nursing and to help keep the paupers' quarters clean.

We recommend that the superintendent have all blankets in use washed at least quarterly; and all sheets and pillow-cases weekly; that he have the surface privies cleaned out regularly every week, no matter how little may be under them, and have the fecal matter buried three feet deep; that he have the manure from the stables piled daily and hauled away from the home at least once a week; and finally, that all buckets of kitchen waste be kept covered at all times. These recommendations, if properly carried out, will tend largely to banish flies from the almshouse, and will therefore lessen the danger of the spread of disease.

State Board of Charities and Corrections.
Avant S. Johnston, Sect'y.

REPORT OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY JAIL

Mr. F. B. McClain, jailer. Visited July 10, 1918, by Assistant Secretary Broyles. Inmates, 1 white male, 3 negro males, 1 negro female; total, 5. The average daily population in this jail for the past two and a half years has been approximately 6.3 prisoners.

Since our last inspection, a bathtub has been installed in the hallway on the second floor, and some steps have been taken to lessen the fire risk, the Commissioners having ordered a steel trap-door and ladder, which is to be installed in the floor, at the end of the hall opposite the entrance, as recommended by us in former reports.

We commend the Commissioners for these changes and improvements. The Abbeville jail is a very old building, and lacks many things that a modern jail would have, but the jailer attends to his duties well, and keeps the jail about as clean as such a building can be kept. We commend him for his interest. Perhaps the greatest need in the plant itself is a new arrangement of sewerage facilities. There should be a flush toilet in each cell. At present the inmates use ordinary metal buckets in their cells, bringing them into the hall and dumping them into the one toilet when the rooms are given their daily cleaning in the mornings. Drinking water is also kept in the cells in similar buckets. To better these conditions would involve considerable expense at this time, but meantime care should be taken to keep these sewerage buckets covered always, and the prisoners should be made to scour them until thoroughly clean and free from odor every morning.

We recommend that the Supervisor and Commissioners have the prisoners' quarters completely screened with 15 mesh wire; that enough good iron beds be provided to do away with pallets entirely, which are destructive to the blankets and uncomfortable for the prisoners, besides making them breathe the foul air which always settles near the floor; that straw ticks be provided in place of the mattresses now used; and finally, that more medical service be provided for by paying the county physicians for—and requiring them to—make a physical examination of each new prisoner within 12 hours of commitment, to vaccinate against small-pox when indicated, and to make daily inspections of the prisoners' quarters and food, all of this in addition to serving on call as at present.

We recommend that the sheriff add to his jail records the age, sex, and race of the prisoners, and put down in the jail book the reason for the discharge of each prisoner. We recommend that the jailer have the floors sprinkled when they are swept; and that the blankets be washed regularly at least every month, and oftener if needed. Finally, we recommend that he have the floors mopped up at least weekly, coming as near to scouring the building each time as the condition of the plant will allow. We realize that because the floors leak the jailer cannot scour the floors in the regular way, but they can be mopped up frequently. We believe that the jailer's idea of oiling the floors is a good one, and we suggest that the Supervisor secure a barrel of sweeping compound for use in the jail. This compound will prevent dust when sweeping up, and also will oil the floors if put down and allowed to remain on the floors

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any length of time. It might be spread on the floors each day immediately after sweeping, and left until the next day's sweeping is done, but it should not be allowed to remain long.

State Board of Charities and Corrections.
Avant S. Johnston, Secretary.

ADVISES SCHOOL BOYS NOT TO VOLUNTEER

Secretary Daniels Says They Should Finish Their Studies—Many Go Into Navy.

The navy recruiting station in Columbia received the following telegram from Washington urging all young men who have the opportunity to continue their courses at school:

"The secretary of war and the secretary of the navy have encouraged the young men under draft age to remain at school until there is an imperative need for their service. We have advised them to take military instruction at school wherever possible and pursue their education. With this instruction I am sure they will be better fitted for the call when it comes to them.

"I have complaint from Oregon

that recruiting officers are branding young men going to school as slackers because they have not enlisted. Please see to it that nobody in our service is permitted to make such allusions to those young men who are following the advice of the war and navy department.

"In the navy we take young men over 18 who desire to come, but those who are pursuing their studies at school and college are advised to continue their studies for the present.

(Signed) "Josephus Daniels."

WE SQUIRM IN OUR CHAIR

If, as seems possible, the Draft age is raised To forty-five Maybe some of These chesty Old earthworms Who have Been annoying You to death About their Deep regret At being Too old To get in The army Will shut up.

—Macon Daily Telegraph.

COMB SAGE TEA INTO GRAY HAIR

Darkens Beautifully and Restores Its Natural Color and Lustre at Once.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use preparation improved by the addition of other ingredients in a large bottle, at little cost, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," thus avoiding a lot of fuss.

While gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared. After another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant and you appear years younger. Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure mitigation or prevention of disease.

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IF BACKACHY OR KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat and take a glass of Salts to flush out Kidneys—Drink plenty water.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad. Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overworking kidney, while it is only trouble.