

S. A. NETTLES, Editor. WEDNESDAY, March 12, 1890.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

We were an attentive listener last Tuesday, at the meeting of the board of equalization, and we are much pleased with the present aspect of things. The extreme low valuation of property in this county has been a "thorn in the flesh" to us, and we are now truly gratified to note that we believe the present board will correct the evil. We are not in favor of placing property too high, but we think it should be placed at a fair market value. If a man has a piece of land that will make him a bale of cotton to the acre, and is convenient to a shipping point, it is worth not less than \$25 an acre, and a return less than that is an injustice to other taxpayers. Our swamp lands have heretofore been listed at twenty cents an acre! These lands are now bringing two dollars an acre, and in a year's time will bring three or more. It seems to us very clear that the board of equalization having taken the oath they took last Tuesday, to see that property was returned at an equitable value, cannot allow this land to go on the tax books for much less than two dollars an acre. Some with whom we talked thought one dollar an acre would be a fair value. Well one dollar is only one half of the real market value, but then one dollar is five times what it has heretofore been listed at. A gentleman tells us that he knows of four plantations, side by side, of equal size and value, yet they range in value on the tax books from \$3.50 an acre to \$10 an acre, and not one of the farms could be bought for less than \$15 an acre. It is just such cases as these that the board of equalization has to look into. We presume that every township board is familiar with every farm and other piece of property in their township. The plain duty, then, of each board is to carefully canvass each separate return: if the property is listed about its proper value, leave it; if listed too high, lower it; if listed too low, raise it. Few pieces will be found, however, to be listed too high. But every piece of property, real or personal, must be listed at its individual value. If two men have farms adjoining, and one has so improved his farm as to worth double what his neighbor's is, he must list his property at double that of his neighbor's. If two men buy cows at ten dollars apiece: one neglects his, and she gives him only two quarts a day; while the other improves his so that she will give eight quarts a day; then the man must list his eight-quart cow at a higher price than the two-quart cow. The board is not to consider what was the value of the property, but what is the value of the property.

We are confident that the present board will not adopt any such unjust plan as has heretofore existed, of saying that every tract of land in a given township shall be valued at the same price per acre. Such a course is a gross injustice and altogether unfair. But we are confident that each member of the board will follow the law in the case, and see that every tract of land and other piece of property is listed at its own value, independent of the value of other pieces of property.

We heard it stated last Tuesday that some parties in sending in returns had neglected to state the value of their lands. Such returns are in fact no returns, and should not be allowed by the Auditor. The law requires that the value be sworn to by the taxpayer, and how can a taxpayer swear to what he does not say? All alterations made by the board of equalization, must be made on a separate piece of paper, and not on the return. To make any changes on the return is really a piece of forgery, unless the taxpayer has been notified.

We believe the present board of equalization will see to it that the property of Clarendon county is listed at or near its actual value. It is and will be so in other counties.

Board of Equalization Meeting. The County Board of Equalization met Tuesday in the court house, and was called to order by County Auditor D. J. Bradham. Every township except Sandy Grove was represented, and the following persons presented themselves as the members of the township boards elected to serve on the county board:

- MOUNT ZION—W. R. Coskrey, MANNING—James E. Davis, SWEET SPRING—E. G. DeRose, GONSOUD—E. R. Richbourg, ST. JAMES—J. H. McKnight, SANTEE—R. D. Thames, ST. PAUL—J. H. McCollum, FRIENDSHIP—J. O. Brock, CALDWAY—D. F. Lyde, FULTON—H. B. Richardson, SANDY GROVE—DORCAS—W. J. Gibbons, NEW ZION—W. D. Gamble, MEWY—N. B. Barrow, HARMONY—S. M. Plowden, FLOWERS MILL—T. J. Cole, BREWINGTON—B. P. Fulton, ST. MARKS—J. W. Cole.

Those who had not previously taken the oath of office were duly sworn in by Clerk of Court James E. Davis. They were required to take an oath to fairly and impartially equalize the value of property in the county, and to see that the property was returned at its just and real value. They were also required to take the anti-duelling oath.

After the oath was administered, the board was then duly organized by re-electing Col. John O. Brock chairman. This election also makes Col. Brock a member of the State Board of Equalization.

Capt. Bradham read the law governing boards of equalization, and showing that it is a wrong idea for the boards to place all the lands and other property at uniform prices, but that each farm or tract of land, and each horse or other piece of personal property must be returned at its individual and real value, and that all the township or equalization board has to do with it is to see that each individual piece of property is return-

HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

MRS. S. A. NETTLES.

A CHEAP AND VERY NICE WAY OF FURNISHING A DINING ROOM.—Paint all the wood work in two shades of cream color, so as to have the room light. Scrub the floor well and fill all the cracks and holes with a paper putty made by soaking newspaper in a paste composed of wheat flour, water, and ground alum, as follows: To one pound of flour add three quarts of water and a tablespoonful of ground alum, and mix this thoroughly. The floor is then coated with this paste, and a thickness of manilla or hardware paper is next put on. If it is desirable to have extra thickness, another layer can be put on. This must dry thoroughly. The manilla paper is then covered with paste, and a layer of wall paper put on. A pattern without any red in it is best as the red will run. Over this paper when thoroughly dry rub three coats of sizing. Two will do, or you may put on as many as four if you choose. This is made by dissolving one-half pound of white glue in two quarts of hot water. After this is thoroughly dry give it a coat of hard oil finish varnish, and when this is entirely dry the floor is ready for use.

This method is not expensive, makes the floor air-tight, and can be cleaned by washing or scrubbing. If the varnish is renewed as it begins to wear, the floor will last for a great while. Make a square of ingrain carpeting for the center to be used in cold weather.

One of the chief requisites for a dining room is a sofa or lounge where one can stop for a moment's rest. A very convenient one can be made out of a dry goods box. Stuff and cover the top, a nice piece of cretonne will look well, or dark red worsted if preferred. Place hinges on the top so that the box can serve for a receptacle for rubber overshoes and the countless little things children love to leave lying around. A frill of the material used for the top can be plaited around the box. A large pillow of course must be added. Drape the mantle with maroon canton flannel, slash about one-third the way across, and one end caught up with a bow of satin ribbon. With a canton flannel cover for the table, to be used on state occasions only, and a hanging lamp not for state occasions finishes a room costing very little. This is not grand of course, but sweet and clean and restful, and above all, home-like.

CORN STARCH, BLANC MANGE, AND COCOONET SAUCE.—Take two tablespoonfuls of corn starch and mix with cold milk very smooth; warm to boiling point, two pints of milk, in which some lemon rind, sugar, and a few drops of essence had been put, and pour into the corn starch without the lemon peel, while stirring all the time. Let simmer a few minutes while stirring, and pour into a shape. Melt a little fresh butter in sauce-pan, stir in half a spoon of corn flour and some chocolate finely scraped, with sugar to taste; pour in warm milk, stirring all the time, and beat up with the yolk of an egg. Having turned out the blanc mange at serving, pour the chocolate sauce over it.

To lighten the hands, melt an ounce of camphor gum, half an ounce of glycerine, and one pound of mutton tallow, and apply every night.

Salt and water will prevent the hair from falling out, and will cause new hair to grow. Do not use so strong as to leave white particles upon the hair.

To restore gilding to picture frames, remove all dust with a soft brush and wash the gilding in warm water in which an onion has been boiled; dry quickly with cloth.

Mildew is easily removed by rubbing common yellow soap on the article, and then a little salt, and starch on that. Rub all well on the article and put in the sunshine.

A good cement for mending a stove that has a crack in it may be made by mixing silicate of potash or soluble glass with wood ashes. This cement will not stand moisture.

NOODLES.—Mix a very stiff dough out of three eggs, a little salt and flour, roll into very thin sheets, allow to lay a few moments, then roll up together and cut into shreds with a sharp knife, shake apart and allow to dry (one can dry thoroughly, put away in a paper poke and use at any time). These can be added to beef broth, chicken soup, or may be cooked about fifteen minutes in salt water, dipped from the water and browned, butter poured over for seasoning, or they are very good seasoned with plenty of milk, butter and cream with a little thickening.

We extend an invitation to all of our friends in Clarendon county to come to see us. We will be glad to see them at any time, and if they desire to make purchases we are prepared to sell to them as cheap as any house in the county.

Believing that through the columns of the MANNING TIMES we have been greatly benefitted, we take this method of acknowledging the same. We are, Very respectfully, LEVI BROTHERS.

There has been a terrific fuss at Constantinople in consequence of a German photographer having rashly attempted to take an instantaneous photograph of the Sultan as his Majesty was proceeding on horseback to the mosque. The guard rushed upon him, smashed all his instruments, and dragged him off to prison. The Koran forbids the depicting of the human form, and his attempt to photograph the Sultan was regarded as high treason of a peculiarly diabolical kind. If he had not been a foreigner he would probably have been quietly strangled, or otherwise got rid of; but, thanks to the energetic intervention of his ambassador, he was released after a month's imprisonment on condition that he quit Turkey at once and forever.

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