

**Bazaar at Spring Hill.**  
Come and bring your friends to the bazaar at the home of Mrs. J. R. Kirkley tonight (Friday) at Spring Hill. Plenty to eat and room for all.

**Box Supper at Westville.**  
There will be a box supper at the Westville school house on Friday night Dec. 19th for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited.

**AZORES AT A STANDSTILL**

**Population Has Shown Little Change in Last Century—Lost Trade in Sugar and Tobacco.**

The population of the Azores is about 245,000, the number of inhabitants having changed but little in the last century, and, if anything, having diminished. This fact is probably due more to various political and social conditions than to climatic, agricultural, or other conditions of the islands. In the early days the Portuguese literally "raised cane" on the islands, and established a large sugar trade with England and other countries. Tobacco and fruits were also produced in great quantities, but, with the discovery and settlement of Brazil and other South American countries, Portugal rather discouraged production in the Azores in order to aid her colonies in South America. With the sugar and tobacco trade snatched from them, the Azoreans began the cultivation of the vine, and the making of wine and other liquors became one of the chief industries of the islands. The population consists mainly of Portuguese, Moorish, and Flemish settlers, with a few negroes and a fair sprinkling of English settlers.

**Novel Apartment Building.**

A San Francisco woman realty operator has planned a novel building. Her idea is to utilize a steep bluff 350 feet high. On it she proposes to erect a series of apartments running in staircase fashion from the street down to the water of San Francisco bay. It is proposed to have each apartment equipped with its own elevator, entrance, pergola and roof garden, with a glass-covered inclined elevator connecting all with the private wharf for fishing and boating. Other features projected are a specially warmed sea-water bathing tank and glass enclosed and a heated playground for children on the beach. Steam heat, hot water, laundry, garage, billiard, club and ball rooms are to be provided as matters of course. The site commands a fine view of the Golden Gate and the sea outside, according to the prospectus, and it is said the apartments, which will rent at a prohibitive (for most of us) price, are already under lease, even before the building has been started.—Kansas City Star.

**His Opinion.**

"True, women's fashions are so modest as to shock the pure," said J. Fuller Gloom. "The summers are also hotter than the winters colder than they ever were before. Just as usual, the country is going headlong to the dogs. Every town in America has more fools and crooks and gossips in it, in proportion to its size, than any other town in America. The poor are always growing poorer and the rich growing fatter. The end of the world is always at hand, and probably always will be. In fact, there is everlastingly something to howl about, if you want to howl. The women have always worn exactly what they pleased in just the manner that suited them best, and there never was and never will be any help for it. And if their diaphanous garb offends you there is no law compelling you to keep edging around until you get a comely woman betwixt yourself and the sun, confound you!"—Kansas City Star.

**Knew the Stock.**

Thomas—Has the box, got any horses for sale?  
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