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The Higher Life

The Brotherhood of the Kingdom.

The brotherhood of the kingdom is one of the significant signs of the times. It is sometimes said that this is an age of doubt and indifference. But this is but a surface indication. In its deeper life the age is characterized rather by a great seriousness, and is marked by its new search after reality. Our age is feeling after Christ is haply it may find Him, and this search has a wonderful persistence and sincerity. There is the feeling, more or less unconscious and unconfessed it may be, that in the Son of Man is to be found the solution of the problem of life and of society. "The Spirit of God," so the brotherhood confesses, "is moving men in our generation toward a better understanding of the idea of the kingdom of God on earth." The brotherhood grew and was not made. A half a dozen young men met in Philadelphia to promote mutual acquaintance and to consider some methods of closer co-operation in Christian work. Many conferences have been held and the following brief platform announced:

1. The saving of the person by making him Christlike.
2. The proclamation of the Good News to every man in the world.
3. The securing to every man of the privileges and conditions of a free and worthy life.
4. The creation of a new so-

ciety on earth which shall be the human fulfillment of the divine ideal.

We invite others, ministers and laymen, to join us. We are not a proselyting body. We care little for numbers. We care much for the spirit. The corresponding secretary, the Hon. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, North American building, Philadelphia, will be glad to answer all inquiries that may be made by any who are interested in these things.

Broadway Tabernacle.

Broadway tabernacle, New York, perhaps the most famous of Congregational churches of America, and important during the Civil War because of the great services of its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Thompson, in piling up on his communion table one Sunday morning the money with which to equip a regiment, and deceiving therefor the personal thanks of President Lincoln, is to enter upon a career that ought, if no misfortune intervene, throw its great history of the past into the shade. A new building is to be erected, located in the most advantageous site in the entire city, and its pastorate multiplied, and its work made many fold. Among its plans are funds for the support, wholly or in part, of six student pastors, who will have at their head some Congregational minister from the West, who may want to take a post-graduate course of study in the metropolis. Other plans contemplate funds for lectures on industrial

topics.

For Home Missions.

Cumberland Presbyterians have entered upon a campaign for home missions. Leaders in that body have been pointing out the very small sum given to this cause, and have succeeded in getting adopted a cry of \$100,000 from that denomination. Apportionment among the churches has been made of that sum, and during this month and the next the cry is to be made throughout all the churches. The money is to be used largely to assist homeless congregations in the middle West to build churches, but represented in this financial plan are the education, foreign missions and ministerial relief, as well as the two referred to. If so much as \$100,000 be raised by the denomination this year it will be an increase of above 100 per cent.

Temple of the Soul.

Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic.

The noblest edifice that was ever erected by the hand of man is but a perishable monument compared to the temple of the soul illumined with the light of faith and adorned with the jewels of virtue.

The old soldiers returned from the reunion the latter part of last week. They were enthusiastic over the entertainment received at the hands of the Dallas people and express themselves as having had a glorious time, the most profitable and enjoyable in the history of the association.

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- For District Clerk:
V. F. WOMACK.
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Commissioner Pre. 2:
W. W. WHEELER.
- For Hide and Animal Inspector:
ROSS G. HALL.
- For Public Weigher at Merkel:
T. F. COMPTON.

JEFFERSON DAVIS' CAPTURE.

His Anguish at Being Confined in Prison at Fort Monroe.

Among the multitudinous documents in the library at Fort Monroe there is not one of more absorbing interest than the diary of Brevet Lieut. John J. Craven, surgeon United States volunteers who was the physician in charge of the fort when Jefferson Davis was a prisoner within its walls. The diary gives a graphic account of the prison life of Mr. Davis and contains many incidents that reflect his devotion to the lost cause.

On the morning of the 23rd of May, 1865, the proud spirit of Jefferson Davis underwent a severe trial—a trial which was probably severer than has ever in modern times been inflicted upon a man of such eminence. On that morning he was shackled. Lieutenant Craven's story of the circumstances is as follows:

Capt. Jerome E. Titlow of the Third Pennsylvania artillery entered the prisoner's cell, followed by the blacksmith of the fort and his assistant, the latter carrying in his hands some heavy and harshly rattling shackles. Mr. Davis, feverish after a sleepless night, was reclining on his couch when they entered. His food of the day before was still lying untouched on a tin plate near him. "Well," said Mr. Davis as they entered.

"I have an unpleasant duty to perform, sir," said Capt. Titlow, and as he spoke the blacksmith took the shackles from his assistant.

The prisoner leaped from his bed with flushed face, and his countenance grew livid and rigid as death. Then recovering himself slowly, while his wasted figure towered up to its full height, appearing to swell with indignation, he said slowly and with deep emotion:

"My God, you could not have been sent to iron me?"

"Such are my orders, sir," replied the officer, beckoning to the blacksmith to approach.

"This is too monstrous!"

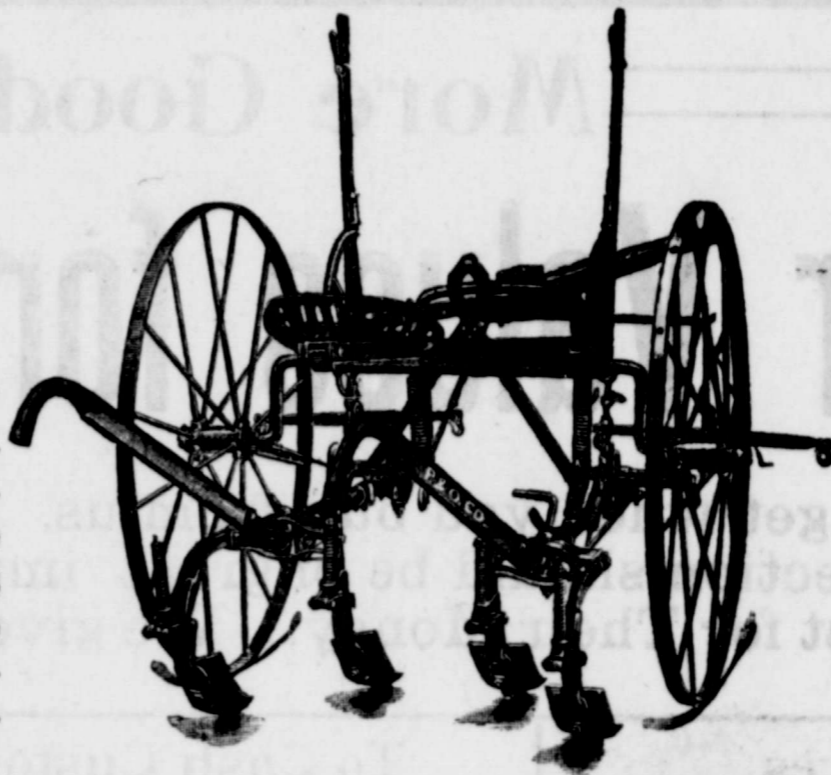
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groaned the prisoner, glaring around the room as if for some weapon or means of self destruction. "I demand, captain, that you let me see the commanding officer. Can he pretend that such shackles are required to secure the safe custody of a weak old man in such a fort as this?"

"It could serve no purpose," replied Capt. Titlow; "his orders are from Washington, as mine are from him."

"But he can telegraph," insisted Mr. Davis, eagerly. "There must be some mistake. No such outrage as you threaten me with is on record in the history of nations. Beg him to telegraph and delay until he receives an answer."

"My orders are peremptory," said the officer, "and admit of no delay. For your own sake let me advise you to submit with patience. As a soldier, Mr. Davis, you know that I must execute orders."

"They are not orders for a soldier," shouted the prisoner, losing all control of himself. "They are orders for a jailor, a hangman, which no soldier wearing a sword could accept. I tell you the world will ring with this disgrace. The war is over, the south is conquered. I have no longer any country, but America, and it is for the honor of America, as for my own honor in life, that I plead against this degradation. Kill me! kill me!" he cried and exposing his breast, "rather than inflict on me and on my people this insult worse than death."

"Do your duty, blacksmith," said the officer, walking toward the embrasure, as if not caring to witness the performance. "It only gives increased pain on all sides to continue this interview."

At these words the blacksmith advanced with the shackles, and seeing that the prisoner had one foot upon the chair near his bedside and his right hand resting upon the back of the chair, the brawny mechanic attempted to slip one of the shackles over the foot so raised: but as if with the vehemence and strength of frenzy, Mr. Davis as suddenly seized the iron worker and hurled him half way across the room.

Capt. Sitlow turned and seeing

that the prisoner had backed against the wall for further resistance, began to remonstrate with him.

"I am a prisoner of war," fiercely retorted Mr. Davis. "I have been a soldier in the armies of America and know how to die. Only kill me, and my last breath shall be a blessing on your head, but while I have life and strength to resist for myself and my people this thing shall not be done."

Capt. Titlow now fully recognized that the character of the man with whom he had to deal was such as could not be turned from what he regarded as cardinal principles of honor by a few soft words, as the wind moves the trees, and, determined to end the interview and put the orders which had been given him into effect as soon as possible he called in a sergeant and file of soldiers from the next room. The sergeant advanced to seize the prisoner. Immediately Mr. Davis flew at him, seized the musket and attempted to wrench it from his grasp. Of course such a scene could have but one issue. There was a short, determined struggle. In a moment Mr. Davis was thrown on his bed, and before the soldiers removed their hands the blacksmith had done his work.

This done, Mr. Davis lay for a moment as if in a stupor. Then slowly raising himself and turning around, he dropped his shackled feet to the floor, and cried: "Oh, the shame, the shame!"

With his feet bound by the heavy and rudely constructed shackles, Mr. Davis lay on his couch for several days. The tray bearing food similar to that which was furnished to the hearty soldiers of the fort, a tin plate and a spoon were placed beside him at regular intervals each day and taken away untouched.

Dr. Graves saw that if Mr. Davis remained in shackles his death would soon follow. His constitution was broken down, his nerves shattered and his mind burdened. Accordingly, at the earnest solicitation of the doctor the shackles were removed on the 28th of May.—Washington Post.

*Phone the news to No. 31.

A Poor Man.

Poor in what? He has health and strength; honesty and uprightness; and a devoted wife and two sweet little children. He labors for his bread, 'tis true, and sometimes it looks almost impossible to meet every little demand of his curly-headed cherubims, but after awhile fortune smiles, he gets the nick for one, the knack for the other and walks home the proudest man in the realm.

When he meets his wife with a kiss at the portal, delivers the goods and sits down by her side to rest 'neath the vineclad portico, it would be impossible to scan the universe for two happier, richer souls. The combined riches of Peru's primeval kings could not purchase the contentment that lurks there in those two breasts; no ruler of earth could trade his crown for their joy. Is he a poor man? Can a millionaire drink more freely at the celestial fountain of love? Can he find more beauty on the flowered meadow, or melody in the song of the woodland birds? No man is poor that is blessed with happiness. They are the substance of life; gold is but a shadow. Duty well done will fill the heart with more contentment than riches. A good wife and a happy home should be the ideals of mankind. — Menardville Enterprise.

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Dr. Miles' Heart Cure

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Jno. B. Bell, Jr.

The sermons of Elder Dale are attracting large crowds at every service. Such earnestness and piety is bound to result in a great spiritual revival. Go out and hear this man of God who is so nobly battling for all that is good and pure and noble in life.

Meaning of Love in the Home.

There is something in mankind, whether of high or low degree, that rarely puts its tale of the love it misses into words; but, if we could get at the hidden hearts of average men, we should see that the want of love and cheer at home sends them even more frequently than their love of drink to the saloon around the corner. It may be a man's own failure to get on in life that has kept the overcrowded home too small and poor for comfort; it may be that overwork and over-care have robbed the wife of charm and left her so depleted of love that she has scarcely enough for the children; nevertheless, many a working man knows that he is valued for the weekly wages he brings rather than the tender care he feels for his wife and children dependent upon him for support. How natural it is to grow silent, then morose, then hopeless, then more or less indifferent! When the finer life is defrauded, the coarser asserts itself, and "home-culture" is a failure so far as it touches the head of the home.—Mary Lowe Dickinson, in May "Success."

No Loss of Time.

I have sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for years, and would rather be without coffee and sugar than it. I sold five bottles of it yesterday to threshers that could go no farther, and they are at work again this morning.—H. R. Phelps, Plymouth, Okla. As will be seen by the above the threshers were able to keep on with their work without losing a single day's time. You should keep a bottle of this Remedy in your home. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Mr. Henry Crowell of Graves county, Ky., and brother, John Crowell of Paragould, Ark., are in the city visiting relatives, having extended their trip to the reunion here. They are cousins of Mrs. Dr. Warnick.

The Saddest Day.

Dallas, Tex., April 25.—"This is the saddest day of the happy reunion, for today many comrades part from me, they part from each other; another year and another reunion will find some of us, perhaps many, gone to the last muster. Each year my heart is wrung with the parting, even as it is gladdened and quickened by the meeting, and I pray that we may be vouchsafed just one more reunion, if no more, before the solemn reunion of all men and all races beyond the river."

Thus spoke Commander in Chief John B. Gordon to a few of his old comrades today before the last session of the United Confederate Veterans convention was called to order. The tone of his voice no less than his words expressed the depth of his feelings. His words were typical of others being said all over Camp Albert Sidney Johnston.

It was a day of parting and the question, "I wonder if we'll meet again?" was heard from many lips, and many an aged head shook dubiously in answer.

Yet the day was not given over to the sorrow of parting entirely. Every effort was made by the committee in charge to offset the gloom which it was shown would come when good byes were being said. Bands were ordered to play as they never played before, and they did so. "Dixie" and the "Bonnie Blue Flag" monopolized the program, and cheers in the Auditorium, where the convention was being held, and out in the streets of the camp, testified that the happiness of the reunion, was still strong in the veteran breasts, even if mingled with the sorrow of parting. To enhance the attractions of the camp for the last day a feast unique in the history of reunions was prepared. Six buffalo, brought from a ranch famous among cattlemen the country over, were made martyrs to the cause of a southern barbecue.

Miss Maud Counts celebrated her 20th birthday anniversary Tuesday evening. Quite a number of young lady friends were invited to her home and the glad-some hours were dispensed with music, conversation and a choice lunch, the guests voting it an evening of rare enjoyment.

Shorest Vessel Name.

"The Ea," says the Philadelphia Record, is said to have the shortest name for a vessel in the world. She is a Spanish steamer, and she reached Philadelphia laden with iron ore last week, after a voyage so rough that three of her sailors were incapacitated by seasickness. The Ea was named by a Spanish nobleman after his daughter, Esmeralda. She belongs to a line that has set, in the matter of short names, an example that other lines are beginning now to follow. The Eolo, the Aro and the Oria are sister ships of hers. In all the fleet there is not a name that is more than five letters long."

"Nazareth" Acted.

The Lambs' Club gave a private performance in the Garrick theatre in New York last Sunday of Clay M. Greene's drama of the crucifixion entitled "Nazareth." It was written by him for the Jesuit college at Santa Clara, Cal., and acted there by the priests and students last year. Christ is not a visible character in the play, though His presence is several times indicated. The performance of the professionals is said to have been careful, dignified and in the main impressive.

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Best standard prints 4c Yd wide brown domestic 4c Good qual cotton checks 3½ Extra good qual toweling 4c Yard wide bleached domestic worth 7½c on sale for only 5c Extra good mattress tick on sale for 5c Misses' oil grain solid shoes all sizes, at only 75c; worth \$1.25.	Best quality apron gingham for 4½c a yard. We have on sale the best 50c summer corset for 25c all sizes. All our 10c fancy lawns just the thing for your new dresses, on sale for 7½c. We have on the counters for this sale the best white lawn on the market for 10c a yard.	Simpson's standard ¾ percale, worth 8½c, on sale for 5c a yard. See our ladies' kid shoes in lace or button, worth \$1.75, now on sale for only \$1.25. Best ladies' common sense, low quarter \$1.50 shoe on the market, now on sale for \$1.25. We have many bargains.
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Bob Martin was able to be on the streets yesterday for the first time since his serious injury.

Architect Myall of Fort Worth was here yesterday and submitted plans to the school board. No definite action has as yet been taken by that body in the matter of the sale of bonds or the construction work, but it is understood that matters will be pushed from now on.

Plenty of corn at G.M. Sharp's.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The County Clerk of Hunt County died a few days ago and his widow was appointed to fill the unexpired term. She is now a candidate for the office. Women are eligible to hold office, according to the decision of the higher courts, which reminds us that we are drifting towards woman suffrage with all possible speed. But why should not competent women hold office? There seems to be enough to go around.

The purity of the ballot box demands some radical change, and if it takes woman suffrage to bring about this much desired result, then let it come. If women are eligible to hold office they are certainly entitled to vote, for the two go hand in hand. It can not be denied that the country would be eminently better off through woman suffrage. The greatest minds of the times are watching the suffrage movement, and it has a firm hold on the hearts of some of the best known public men. But listen:

Roosevelt is the first President of the United States since Abraham Lincoln who has expressed himself publicly in favor of woman suffrage before attaining the presidency. Cleveland proved himself favorable to it by actions rather than words, as he signed bills giving women partial suffrage in New York when he was governor of that state. Hays favored it in his quiet way, and helped the senior editor of the Woman's Journal to get a woman's rights resolution through the national Republican convention of 1872. Garfield recognized its growing importance. He said: "Laugh as we may, put it aside as a jest if we will, keep it out of Congress or political campaigns, still the woman question is rising on our horizon larger than the size of a man's hand, and some solution ere long that question must find." Some other presidents were believed to be more or less friendly to it, but Roosevelt and Lincoln have been the only ones to put themselves conspicuously on record.

Every indication at this time points to the rapid advance of woman's suffrage. A general crusade is being made against the impurity of the ballot box, and many look to the women for a solution of the natty problem. We can but recognize that this move has a great influence behind it, and, like the prohibition movement, it is gaining ground rapidly. Within a few years we may expect the climax.

The Confederate reunion is a thing of the past. It has gone down into history as one of the most remarkable gatherings, in many respects, in the annals of

the association. To many it was a farewell greeting; to all it was a genuine love feast. It is sad to think how old these old veterans are growing. Each reunion finds the ranks growing thinner and thinner. Many of the faces seen at Dallas will be missing at New Orleans. Those who wore the gray are crossing the dark river rapidly as the years go by, and for this reason closer ties bind them together, and each reunion witnesseth greater love and veneration for the lost cause. It is sad indeed. It remains for the sons of Confederates to keep the camp fires burning and aid in the perpetuation of the records which their fathers will, in a few short years at the farthest, place in their keeping.

Retaliation is not the best way to strike a blow at the trusts. Legislation is the better plan. The beef trust, which is charging such exorbitant prices for its products, can not be reached any other way. If the Canadian products were admitted to the United States free of duty the question would be partially solved, and this would do more towards curtailing the operations of the trust than any other plan. We can not retaliate against the trust by becoming vegetarians with any hope of success. And besides, we would jump out of the frying pan into the kettle, for the vegetable trust is just as rapacious. Verily, we are between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Dallas may well feel gratified with her splendid achievement in handling the vast crowds at the Confederate reunion. Everything possible was done for the comfort, safety and entertainment of the old soldiers and their friends, which has contributed no little to the reputation of Texas' greatest city for genuine Southern hospitality. The people of Dallas opened their hearts and homes to the old heroes. The embrace was a warm one. It was a loving one. All honor to Dallas for this manifestation of her greatness and goodness.

The Abilene Sentinel is authority for the rumor that a prohibition contest is as good as on and that a full county prohibition ticket will likely be put in the field. Such a move has been on foot for some time, but it is hardly likely that it will materialize before fall and possibly not until next year. The agitation was started by some of the leading citizens of Taylor county and it is no idle dream. It is claimed by prohibitionists that the county will go dry by at least 500 majority. Now watch for the fur to fly during the next year.

A music teacher a few days ago killed a girl whom he had betrayed in a Michigan town, and seventy-two hours later he was facing life in the penitentiary. There is no capital punishment in that state. If there had been the fiend would have stretched hemp. But these quick trials are doing much to counteract the influence of Judge Lynch. The people are not going to take the law into their own hands as long as criminals are given quick trials and speedy punishment.

If sectional strife is not kindled it will not be because of the efforts of Northern mugwumps to bring about this result. Sectional feeling is very strong in the North, and it has begun to manifest itself since the Bailey boomlet was launched for the Presidency. Mr. Bailey is cor-

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rect when he says a Southern man can not hope to secure the nomination.

Hunt County will vote on local option Saturday, and the pros claim the county by at least 2,000 majority. The saloon element has had its day in Texas. The people are sick and tired of its corrupt influences, and the way they are giving it a black eye is a caution. At the present rate of increase Texas will soon be in the prohibition column.

Merkel is just now at a period in her career when a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether should be made. Just a little work at this time would give the town the greatest shove forward it has ever enjoyed. Moneyed interests have been attracted this way and only needs urging to take up its abode with us.

There is a general scramble just now for tariff reform. Democrats have opened their eyes to the fact that this iniquitous and trust breeding measure is a bugaboo to the Republicans, and it seems as though the battle will be fought out along this line for party supremacy.

It is "wet or dry" in nearly every state in the Union this year, and the "drys" have the best of it. All of Georgia is dry except four cities. In Alabama 50 out of 69 counties are dry, while even Kentucky and Texas, too, are going dry all the way through.

We are not willing for Cuba to annex herself to any other nation, but still we refuse to aid them in their peaceful avocations by which they hope to eke out a half-way livelihood through our help and generosity. We are very generous in everything except our "plain duty."

Congress passed 145 private pension bills Friday and it was not a good day for pensions, either. At the present rate of increase we will soon be a nation of pensioners. Will it end there?

The reunion edition of the Dallas News was the greatest achievement in Southern journalism. It was a complete history of the Confederacy within itself. File your copy away for future reference.

The west has been greatly handicapped by the continued dry weather, but its future has not been dimmed. It is still bright.

The political pot is sizzling and frying. It will be boiling hot by convention time.

For or against the quarantine line, which? That's the all absorbing question.

Now for a new depot and school building.

Political News.

Judge D. A. McFall of Austin has announced his withdrawal from the race for Attorney General. Mr. Bell now has an open field.

Big Cut In Lumber Yard!

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In the primaries in Fisher County last week Judge Smith received the nomination for Congress and W. L. Grogan for the Senate. These gentlemen are shelling the woods in Stonewall.

Senate Hardwicke is very gratified with his progress in the race for District Attorney. Taylor County will be good to Callahan if she will favor our suit.

Mr. Dean has succeeded in landing one of the sparsely settled counties down on the Rio Grande, where the Mexicans and cayotes do most of the voting. Who said he couldn't land one vote.

J. Ed Kauffman has quit the race for Comptroller, giving as a reason for so doing that he could not land the persimmon.

Politics has been stirred up in the "free state" of Van Zandt County by the announcement of a young lady for County Clerk. Miss Lizzie Cook is the aspirant, and she agrees to abide the decision of the Democratic primary.

Congressman Kleberg has withdrawn from the race in the 9th district.

Mr. Maxwell's sun set when he failed to carry his own county, and he ought now to withdraw from the race. It should not be the case, but it is nevertheless, that when a man fails to carry his home county he loses much of his influence abroad. Mr. Maxwell fought the pops too hard and they retaliated. That's all

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there is to it, outside of the fact that they cooked his goose. He is a clean man and would have represented this district with ability and honor to his constituency.

In Judge Smith of Colorado, whose nomination is practically a dead sure thing, this district will have a representative in Congress of whom it may justly feel proud. On the bench he is fair and impartial; as a citizen he is loyal and enterprising, and in private life plain and unvarnished—a courtly gentleman of liberal views, sound and conservative, and a model Christian in every sense of the word.

Laprobe Lost.

Liberal reward will be paid for the return of a black and red laprobe which was lost on the streets last week. Return to this office.

Missionary Rally.

The following program will be rendered at the M. E. Church South, in Merkel, Sunday night, May 4th, 1902:

Opening song—The Kingdom Coming.

Scripture lesson, 96 Psalm—Laura Herring.

Prayer by the pastor.

Quartette—Mr. and Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Shell, Ed J. Leeman.

Reasons why McKay decided to become a missionary—Alonzo Bickley.

Song—No. 14, Y. P. H.

A triumph of faith in God as seen in the sinking of the well on Aniwa—Allie Jennings.

Song—No. 34.

The responsibility of young people in the evangelization of the world—J. K. Pittard.

A brief survey of the missionary work of the M. E. Church South—H. C. Williams.

Song—From Greenland's Icy Mountains.

Collection for missions.

Benediction.

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Remember.

The photo buttons and medallions that we sell are the best grades—will not turn—and at greatly reduced prices.

Leeman & West.

C. M. Largent moved his cattle to the Divide last week. Grass is much better there than here, and cattle are doing well.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, of Weatherford, will be in Merkel May 10th. 2t

A heavy rain fell in parts of the Canyon last week. Mr. Grier, who lives on the Pettis farm, reports a good season, and says it was too wet to work the next day. Other parts of the country were generously blessed, but what we need at this time is a good general rain from Alpha to Omega, so to speak. A petition to the weather clerk is in order.

The hail of last week, so far as we can learn, did very little damage to the country. It was very heavy in some places and knocked off considerable fruit, which is about the extent of the damage.

J. M. Wilcox, the photographer, was over from Roby Monday and rode the Masonic goat that night.

E. D. Coats visited his old home at Mesquite last week. Crops are farther advanced there than here, he says, but the rains have been partial and a good general rain is badly needed. Wheat is looking well, but oats is not very promising.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. Editor:

Permit us the use of a small space in your paper in which to thank our neighbors and friends who so kindly remembered us in our affliction. Friends, your sympathy and kindness, ever so small in words, deeds or presence, will ever be remembered and appreciated. Sincerely,
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FOR SALE BY
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The Mail's 'phone is 31. If you know any item of news, or if friends or relatives are visiting you, or if you are going or have been off on a visit, please let us know. It will be a great favor.

Buy your Grain, Hay and Salt from G. M. Sharp, the only exclusive Grain Dealer in Merkel.

T. J. and C. M. Coggin will ship another trainload of cattle from their Fisher county ranch Monday, their destination being Hall county. Grass up there is fine and stock of all kinds are doing well. Millard will accompany the shipment.

Prof. S. M. Sewell has purchased the lot just south of Z. F. Green and will soon begin the erection of a nice residence.

I have two good horses for sale, either for cash or on fall time in exchange for good paper. They are bargains.

E. D. Coats.

Guy, the little son of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Rust, died Monday night after a lingering illness of several months duration with dropsy. He was a bright little fellow, loving and gentle toward all, and his untimely death is deeply deplored in the community. The Mail joins the many friends of the family in expressions of deep sympathy.

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Grass is coming fast in the Warren (Godwin) pasture, north of town. The prairies over there look like immense wheat fields, and they are very beautiful.

Millard Coggin spent last week at the ranch in Fisher county.

Mrs. Dickson has returned from Dallas, where she visited relatives.

When you want grain or any kind of field seed, see G. M. Sharp.

J. H. Fultz of Sweetwater sends cash for The Mail and News.

Miss Maud Richardson has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Lordsburg, N. M. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Myrtle Jernigan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reading and children, of Abilene, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berry.

Dr. Houghton, dentist of De Leon, is in the city this week in the interest of his profession.

A few cases of small pox are reported at Eskota, but it is of a mild form. The disease was brought there by the T. & P. work crew.

Joe Higgins was a pleasant caller Friday and left The Mail richer by a couple of dollars.

F. E. Allyn was down from Eskota Sunday. He is the same jolly, good-natured, hale fellow well met.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson of Abilene visited their daughter, Mrs. Berry, Sunday.

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A Family Reunion.

Last Friday was a pleasant day in the life of S. W. Sheppard, his brother from Alabama having spent the day with him. This was the first time they had met for several years, and the meeting was a very pleasant one. Mr. Sheppard's brother and sister, who live south of town on Valley Creek, were also here and joined in the reunion. Mr. Sheppard says the occasion made him think of old times before the family became separated.

Hackney Richardson came in last week from Lordsburg, N. M.

Architect O'Connor of Austin, who made the plans and specifications of the Asylum buildings at Abilene, was in the city Monday. It is understood that he is here in the interest of the Public School building, plans and specifications of which have not as yet been made, and it may be that he will undertake the work. Mr. O'Connor is a very pleasant gentleman, and there can be no doubt of his efficiency.

Col. John Carothers and wife, of West Point, Miss., are here for an extended visit to relatives, after spending last week at the Confederate reunion. Mrs. Carothers is a sister of Mrs. A. A. Baker.

Little Jewell Parton.

On the 25th of April the angel of death bore away the spirit of our darling little Jewell, daughter of T. J. and Ada Parton, aged one year, one month and 25 days. She was to our lives what early morn is to day—ever a sunbeam shining in our home. If a trunk, closet or drawer should be left open, we would expect her soon to be in it, and why not? It was her little world. Oh, how we miss her baby smiles, baby ways and pit-a-pat footsteps! How hard to give them up as their lives becomes a part of our very own. But we meekly kiss the rod of submission and bow to the will of our Heavenly Father who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

A little flower of love

That blossomed but to die,
Transplanted now above

To bloom with God on high.
HER PAPA.

For a short time I have decided to drill wells and take stock in payment for the work. If you want a well drilled let me figure with you, for I will save you money.

E. D. Coats.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parton died Friday morning and was entered at the Merkel cemetery that evening. The little one had been here just long enough to entwine its tendrils around the heart-strings of the dotting parents, who are broken-hearted from the parting. The Mail tenders to them in their sad bereavement its most sincere sympathy.

There are some pretty thoroughly dissatisfied people in this country at this time, because of the continued dry weather. Many of the new comers are about ready to pull up stakes and hie themselves to greener pastures, and if it doesn't rain during the next few days this community may expect to lose some good men. One man said, the other day, that he would only give the country until the first of May to redeem itself and after that time, if rain does not descend, he would pack up and go to see his wife's kinfolks in the east. Garden spots are rare and far between this year—in fact, are so scarce that it will take a microscope to find them. The old settlers here are not discouraged in the least, but calculate on the rains coming in time to "save the country." This is the way to be. We are not suffering to any irreparable extent; there is plenty of time for crops to mature yet, and altogether we see no reason for discouragement over the situation. Just hold a stiff upper lip and grin and bear it for a few days longer. The rain will come when we reach the point that we cannot do without them any longer.

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TOWN and NEWS

WEEKLY BUDGET OF HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY....

ABILENE.

The people who, last winter, asked the weather clerk to send us some warm weather have had their fondest hopes materialized. Monday and Tuesday were scorches.

Mrs. M. J. Hill, mother of County Judge D. G. Hill, died Sunday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Powell of San Angelo.

Hattie Wagstaff, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagstaff, died here Tuesday morning and was buried this morning in the city cemetery.

A number of revival services are being conducted in the city just now.

Capt. Lo Fletcher, a Mexican war veteran of Koscioussko, Miss., is here this week visiting the family of J. F. Clark.

S. M. Wheat of Salt Branch was a visitor here last Monday.

John Childers, son of J. W. Childers of this city, was acquitted of the charge of murder at Las Cruces, N. M., a few days ago. He was defended by J. F. Cunningham of Abilene.

Sidney Bridgeman and Miss Fannie Burges were married here Sunday afternoon, Rev. C. E. Woodson officiating.

Steps are being taken for the organization of another national bank in the city with a capital stock of \$100,000. Dallas parties are at the back of the concern.

Things around the court house have been very quiet this week. No court has been in session except justice.

NUBIA.

Miss Lena Lilly's school closed Tuesday. She will leave for her home at Abilene. We are sorry to lose Miss Lena. May God bless her.

The Holiness people are holding a meeting in Nubia. Bro. Friar has been conducting the meeting.

Bro. Neely came in last night to help in the meeting.

Chas. C. Brown and Miss Ruth Tucker were in Nubia Sunday.

There was singing at Mr. Forrester's Sunday eve.

Valentine Forrester and wife were visiting his father Sunday.

Elton Norman and wife were visiting in the Canyon Sunday.

Sam Toombs made a pleasant call at J. M. Blackburn's Sun-

day.

The Odd Fellows gave a nice supper Saturday evening. A large crowd was present and every one enjoyed themselves immensely.

Misses Rhoda and Cottie Leslie, of near Merkel, were in Nubia Saturday.

Misses Ella and Dovie Hughes were in Nubia Saturday.

Tom and Roland Toombs went to Bailey county last week.

Olar Walker and Tom Toombs visited at T. J. Toombs' Sunday.

As there is another writer from Nubia will close and give them a chance.

Rosebud.

You took me on surprise by publishing my letter last week, so will write again.

The hail storm was very bad here. It is said to have been worse than for years.

Last Friday night Lee Watkins gave a candy breaking in honor of Oscar Biggs.

The Odd Fellows gave a nice supper Saturday evening. There was plenty for all, and every one seemed to enjoy the pickles best of all.

The Holiness meeting began Saturday night and will continue for several weeks.

Bro. Forrester preached at Cross Roads Sunday.

Mr. Patterson and family and Miss Callie Richardson were visiting at Dr. Martin's Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Martin and Huse Watkins went to Elm to-day.

Mrs. Hey and daughter, Mrs. Finley Martin, of Eskota, are visiting in Nubia this week.

Misses Allie and Dovie Perry and Daisy Forrester were visiting at Dr. Martin's one day last week.

Misses Cottie and Rhoda Leslie were visiting at Dr. Martin's Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. Martin, who has been sick for several months, is improving.

Mrs. Tom Toombs is no better than at the last writing.

Mesdames Jacobs and Toombs were visiting at Mr. Riney's last week.

Misses Lula and Mae Cozart were guests of Miss Sallie Toombs Sunday.

Luther Hudson was in Nubia Sunday.

Miss Nellie Clark, of Center Point, was visiting Miss Ola Walker Sunday.

Oscar Walker and wife, of Trent, were visiting his father Saturday and Sunday.

Sam Toombs and Miss Lizzie Blackburn and Tom Toombs and Miss Ola Walker were out driving Sunday evening.

Bro. Forrester's two brothers and their wives, of Tennessee, were in Nubia last week.

Tom Toombs is off looking after his stock this week.

Blue Eyes.

DORA.

Dry, dry, and hot. News scarce

Small grain is needing rain badly.

Little Ethel Ground was taken with a severe spell of hiccoughs last Friday. A physician was called in who stopped them to a certain extent, but she is not well of them yet. She fell Monday and threw one of her toes out of place which has been giving her a heap of trouble. We hope she will be up in a short time.

Many of the Dora people attended the concert and picnic on Valley Creek Friday night and Saturday. All had a good time.

Mrs. Albert Elliott returned from Arlington Monday, where she has been to see her father.

Mr. King of Hill county is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Brandon.

I. E. Lowe and daughter, Mattie, and A. W. Cook went to Merkel with cotton Tuesday.

Miss Maggie Hatten's school is progressing nicely.

Kat Klaw.

Spring Ailments.

There is an aching and tired feeling; the liver, bowels and kidneys become sluggish and inactive, the digestion impaired, with little or no appetite; no ambition for anything, and a feeling that the whole mind and body needs toning up. The trouble is, that during winter, there has been an accumulation of waste matter in the system. Herbine will remove it, secure to the secretions a right exit, and by its tonic effect, fully restore the wasted tissues and give strength in place of weakness. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

Now For the Depot.

A member of the Texas & Pacific building crew was here yesterday and gave out information that should be most gratifying to the people of Merkel. He stated that the new kepot at Strawn was in a manner com-

pleted and that he understood their next destination would be Merkel. It is thought they will commence the depot here about the 15th, possibly sooner. This is good news, and comes straight, which should be a source of congratulations all around.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured After 14 Years of Suffering.

"I have been afflicted with sciatic rheumatism for fourteen years," says Josh Edgar, of Germantown, Cal. "I was able to be around, but constantly suffered. I tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did and was immediately relieved, and in a short time cured, and I am happy to say it has not since returned." Why not use this liniment and get well? It is for sale by Rust & Pittard.

In Memoriam.

Father, mother, brother or sister, Weep not for little Guy.

He now has gone to rest, And his head is pillowed on his saviour's breast.

He is now in heaven.

What consolation, what joy! No more sickness, no more suffering,

For your darling boy.

The great physician has taken his case,

And moved him to a healthier place,

Where sickness is unknown— That will be your boy's home.

—By Jud McCraw.

After the rains come there will be plenty of time to plant big forage crops. The past year has learned the people a valuable lesson, and they will try to profit thereby. It is estimated that fully \$2,500 goes out of Merkel every month for feed stuff. That means \$30,000 a year, an immense sum.

Champ Clark's Chinaman Story.

Champ Clark told this story in the house the other day, while debating the Chinese exclusion bill: "God is good," said a Sunday school teacher to a Chinaman, to whom religion was being dispensed. "God sends us the sunlight, and the rain and all our blessings." "God allee samee good to me," replied the Chianman. "Sent me lot-tily ticket brought heapee money."

A Contract in Norway.

John Dunfee of Syracuse, N. Y., has been awarded the contract to build and equip a railroad among the fjords and hills of Northern Norway. He will be the first American contractor to construct a railway in Norway.

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Ed Smith went to Sweetwater yesterday.

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Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain uncalled for in the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, and if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter office June 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

- Brown, Jeff.
- Cox, A. F.
- Gibson, Henry Lee.
- Martin, Miss Edith.
- Moore, T. W.
- Powell, C. L.
- Ruffin, Jim.
- Taylor, Miss Nena.
- Watt, A. H.
- Watson, Jack.

Stamp Photos.

We have secured the plates of the Chicago Photo Co. All who had stamp pictures taken can now have them made at 10c per dozen. Leave orders with H. West.

Leeman & West.

We have a nice line of Go-Carts and Baby Buggies.
W. P. Browning & Co.

J. B. Ferrier has it down about right. He says there is plenty of time yet to raise a cotton crop in this country, as well as all forage crops. The best cotton crop he has ever grown in the west was planted during the last days of May, and good forage crops were also raised that year. Mr. Ferrier looks on the bright side of everything, and it is noticed that he is not far wrong in his calculations.

Mrs. Ann Thompson was able to ride down town yesterday for the first time since she sustained a fracture of the ankle a few months ago.

Fine watch repairing is the kind you want. That's the kind Ustick does. Guaranteed.

A MOST GLORIOUS RAIN

SEEMED TO BE GENERAL OVER THIS SECTION.

Hard Wind at this Place, Wrecking One House, But No Other Damage Reported

[Yesterday was one of those hot, sultry days which tends to make life anything but a pleasant dream, and gives the croaker a new lease on life. Along towards night the wind settled down to a 20-mile gait and for several hours it came from almost every point of the compass, finally taking a northwesterly course. At this juncture knowing ones elevated their proboscis and predicted a rain forthwith. It was a sign that had never failed, and it didn't this time. Soon dark clouds began to gather in the west and northwest, peal upon peal of thunder rent the heavens, and vivid flashes of lightning cut great holes in the firmament. It was the most magnificent and awe-inspiring electrical display we have ever seen. Finally, the wind quieted down a few notches, and as if to show his approval and the wisdom of such a course the weather clerk pushed the flood gates wide open. The rain descended in torrents, drenching old mother earth (the thirsty jade) to her nether garments. It was just such a rain as we have long needed, but deferred its visit to a most opportune time. A harder rain has not fallen here for over a year. The thirsty earth was generously quenched. The most exacting wet weather duck couldn't hope for a greater blessing. Really, another day without rain would have been a populist calamity. But every man's goose hangs high now. Drooping spirits have been revived. This is God's country. Everybody's smiling. Long faces have resumed their usual rotundity. The country is saved. Peace on the earth, good will toward men. Selah.]

The rain of last night, so far as we can learn before going to press, was general and covered every foot of Merkel's trade territory. A small sprinkling of hail fell, not enough to do any damage. At this place a regular flood descended. Rain was light at Sweetwater and west of there, but Roby was submerged. Abi-

lene got a good rain, though not as much as fell here.

The wind reached the velocity of a gale here, doing considerable damage. A breath of a cyclone dipped down in the southwest part of town and struck the residence of T. H. Christopher full in the face, moving it east about four feet. Much furniture was broken and the house was slightly damaged, but no one was hurt. Neighbors gathered this morning and the house is being put on its feet again.

If general as supposed the rain will be worth thousands of dollars to this country.

Bank Money Orders.

Bank money orders are issued by all banks, for any amount, and may be cashed at any bank in the United States. No limit to the time in which they will be paid; they are good always. No limit to the number of endorsements or transfers. They are good everywhere, and will be received by merchants and business men anywhere, the same as cash, and can be deposited in any bank at their full face value. All business men, jobbers, wholesale houses, mail-order houses, and newspapers prefer them. They are paid on demand. If lost, duplicate will be issued on application, no delay, no expense. No written application required in purchasing a Bank Money Order. The money is paid immediately upon presentation. They are absolutely safe.

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Holds Up a Congressman.

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Whooping Cough.

A woman who has had experience with this disease, tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: Our three children took whooping cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to our giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little girl would call lustily for cough syrup between whoops. —Jessie Pinkey Hall, Springville Ala. This remedy is for sale by Rust & Pittard.

It has been so long since a chip-moving rain fell in this country that during the intervening time many babies have grown to the lisping period without really knowing what a rain is. With the usual childish curiosity they gave unmistakable evidence of being from Missouri and had to be shown, and doting papas spent a sleepless night explaining the intricacies of the weather bureau which pulls of these things.

The business houses closed today from 9:45 to 11:15, and the town attended the services of the Christian church. After services a collection will be taken up for the cyclone sufferers at Glen Rose. Merkel people are generous to a fault. The cry of the hungry or distressed does not appeal to them in vain. Charity, like bread cast upon the waters, will return many days hence.

T. L. Hall has sold his cattle to a Mr. Hale at private terms.

Cures When Doctors Fail.

Mrs. Frank Chiasson, Patterson, La., writes June 8, 1901: "I had malaria in very bad form, was under treatment by doctors, but as soon as I stopped taking their medicine the fever would return. I used a sample bottle Herbime, found it helped me. Then bought two bottles, which completely cured me. I feel grateful to you for furnishing such a splendid medicine, and can honestly recommend it to those suffering from malaria, as it will surely cure them." Herbime, 50c bottles at Rust & Pittard.

The town of Glen Rose in Somervell county was visited by a terrific cyclone and hailstorm Monday evening. Seven people were killed, fully 40 injured and at least a third of the town was demolished. Aid has been asked for.

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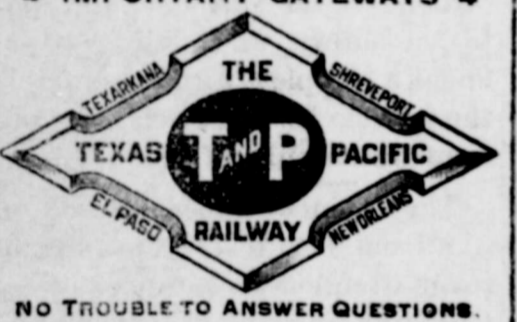
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Nat Goodwin's Runaway.
Turner, the cavalier, is teaching
Randolph Guggenheimer and his
daughter how to ride horseback.
The other day as the trio were can-
tering through the park a sound of
flying hoofs was heard approaching
from behind. Turner was riding
beside the lady, while Mr. Guggen-
heimer was twenty paces in the
lead. Suddenly around a curve
dashed a runaway horse, and be-
fore measures could be taken to
prevent it the unmanageable
charger had leaped between the
couple, unseating Turner and badly
jarring his companion. Having ac-
complished so much he sped wildly
on, his rider vainly yanking at the
reins. Turner went in hot pursuit,
and succeeded in stopping the brute
but could not restrain his own
wrathful vocabulary. The unfor-
tunate horseman responded in kind.
Mr. Guggenheimer and his daugh-
ter had never heard more select epi-
thets.

The Guggenheimers laughed all
the way home, refusing to enlighten
Turner on the cause of their
amusement. The next day, as they
rode out together again, Randolph
said: "By the way, Turner, did
you know who that chap was who
had the set-to with? He came
around to the house last night to
apologize for his horse's bad be-
havior and his own bad language."
"Who was he?" "Our old friend
Nat Goodwin."

Interesting Photographs.
Peter Sands of Germantown, a
Philadelphia suburb, has an ex-
tremely interesting collection of
photographs of notable persons
taken while they were engaged in
their favorite, and, in some cases,
their sole recreation. Mr. Sands
values his collection chiefly because
in each instance the recreation is
truly the favorite one of the subject
of the photograph. Thus, Andrew
Lang, Grover Cleveland and Rud-
yard Kipling are seen fishing. H.
G. Wells and H. T. Knatchbull-
Hugessen are playing cricket. Ian
Maclaren is on the links. The poet
Swinnburne is swimming, William
Waterson is reading Persian, and
the laureate Austin is gardening
with a spade. W. D. Howells is
walking. Henry James is sketch-
ing, George Moore is painting,
John Oliver Hobbes is playing
chess, Mary E. Wilkins is in her
aviary, and Mrs. Humphry Ward
is riding on horseback.

Courtship as a Fine Art.
It has long been suspected that
courtship has become, in the upper
circles, at least, one of the "lost
arts." With the growth of civiliza-
tion it has gradually become more
and more neglected in its subtler
phases till from being an art it has
degenerated into an industry. Where
once men wooed maids with son-
nets they now court them with
check books. Where formerly they
won them with a pat quotation
from the classics they now win them
with an apt quotation from Wall
street—both stock quotations, per-
haps, but what a difference!
To restore love-making to its
former rank among the fine arts a
College of Courtship has been
founded at Atwood, Tenn., al-
though it might seem to be needed
in New York. There men will be
educated to propose and women
schooled to dispose according to the
best traditions of olden times.
This is the fond hope of the
founders. But whether it will suc-
ceed in bringing back those halcyon
days is a question. Cynics may dis-
cuss and social scientists speculate
on the outcome, but only time will
tell. Meanwhile there is likely to
be no lack of applicants for pro-
fessorships.

An Ingalls Roast Recalled.
J. Edward Addick's announce-
ment that he has built a stone wall
around Delaware reminded Senator
Burrows of the time Senator Eli
Saulsbury, from that State, had a
few words in the senate with the
late John J. Ingalls of Kansas.
Saulsbury had invested in some
Kansas bonds that were repudiated,
and he naturally did not think well
of the State. He arose one day
and took half an hour to express
his opinion of Kansas. When he
had finished he had denounced the
people, the climate, the coal and
about everything else in the State.
Senator Ingalls uncoiled himself
from his chair and arose. In mock
humility he commented on the re-
buke Kansas had received. Then
he began a panegyric on Kansas
that brought every senator into the
chamber and held the galleries en-
tranced. It was one of the most
eloquent speeches ever made by In-
galls. He went back to the days of
the Missouri compromise and re-
viewed the history of Kansas, dwelt
on the soldiers the State furnished
for the civil war and swept down
to the date on which he was talk-
ing. Then he stopped a moment,
looked at Saulsbury and said:
"And, Mr. President, this is the
State that has been assailed in this
chamber by a man who represents
in part—in part, Mr. President—a
State which has two counties when
the tide is up and three when the
tide is down!" Saulsbury had
nothing more to say.

Lillie's New Violet.
A new violet has been discov-
ered, and by a young woman, Miss
Lillie Angell, on Orange moun-
tain, N. J. She sent plants to the
Smithsonian institution, and the
curator, Charles L. Pollard, has
named the specie Viola Angellae.
The flower is large and violet-purple
and the leaves are large and glossy.

"Pang" Back From Abroad.
Major Joseph G. Pangborn, ac-
companied by his wife and daugh-
ter, has just completed a tour of
Afghanistan, Turkestan, Persia and
other Asiatic countries, for the
purpose of getting specimens for
the Field Columbian museum.

"Rainbar'l Fishermen."
Speaker Henderson and Repre-
sentative Cannon are recognized
among congressional Isaac Wal-
tons as members of the faction de-
signed as "rainbar'l fishermen."
That is, they go along with the
crowd, but do most of their fishing
from the clubhouse portico in the
shade.

Willing to Do the Fair Thing.
The manager of a life insurance
company recently received the fol-
lowing letter from a policy holder:
"I hold a policy in your company
for \$20,000, on which I have paid
the yearly premiums. I have now
to inform you that my physician
advises me that I have a very pro-
nounced case of appendicitis, and
his diagnosis is confirmed by a
specialist whom I have consulted.
I am told that the only hope of sav-
ing my life is an operation, which,
with hospital expenses, will cost
\$800, an amount that I have no
means to pay. I am sensible that
I owe it to you, who have so large
a pecuniary interest in my life, to
give you the option to pay the cost
of this operation to save my life,
that I may continue to pay you the
yearly premiums on my policy (I
believe that I am otherwise strong
and healthy), or in the alternative
to pay the \$20,000 to my benefi-
ciary within a few weeks. I am quite
willing to be examined by any phy-
sician you may name and to have
you select the operating surgeon.
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