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"P"RESENTLY Mrs. Hamilton came to the door, wiping her hand on her cook apron, and invited us in to breakfast.

"After the morning meal was finished Mr. Carsted and I, with the assistance of a Mexican, did the necessary chores, and when all was done, returned to the house. By this time the family were all gathered on the long gallery. These people did not seem to feel sad on account of their piety. They entered into general conversation, and after a time, as they seemed to include me in the family circle, I spoke of the beauty of the sacred service of the morning, and told them that though I had led a rough life for a number of years, I had been tutored well in Christianity when a child.

"Thinking to lead Mary Hamilton, who was usually silent when I was about, into conversation with me, I turned to her and quoted some of the sophistries of Payne and Voltaire, who were quite popular in the so-called infidel world just at that time, but she made no reply to me. Instead, she turned to her uncle Milton, and said, 'I do not think Mr. Weldon really believes those things, but you can tell him nearer what I think upon that subject, than I have words to say.'"

"I had failed of my purpose, but the discourse that I heard upon the Holy name of God and what it means to man, paid me with interest for my temporary loss. I would that the words Milton Carsted spoke to me could be written in letters of flame upon the clouds that all the world might read them.

"Young man," he said, "I do not think you quoted those expressions from those two men, whose wondrous minds have seemingly been wasted to the world, by being devoted to infidelity, because you believe them. My week's acquaintance with you, the manner in which you quote these things, and the way you usually speak, lead me to believe that,—to use a somewhat anomalous expression,—the veneer, in your case is on the inside, and the coating of roughness that you show is very thin.

"One of the inspired writers of Holy Writ says 'The fool hath said in the heart there is no God.' In these few words the whole ques-

tion as to the existence of a Supreme Being is summed up more accurately than all the arguments of the worlds greatest theologians and scholars."

"The speaker's voice gained strength, and the fire of conviction to his theme burned more brightly from his eyes as he proceeded.

"Those men," said he, who have spent a life-time in concocting theories of infidelity, have only succeeded, I believe, in accomplishing the work which God created them to do. Their raising up of dark shadows has only made the light of truth show brighter by the contrast.

"Let infidelity and paganism destroy the word of God, if such a thing were possible, and yet no change would come for want of evidence. Men who are truly wise, and whose souls are really great, can show you proof infallible of God's existence everywhere. Take nature alone for a school, we cannot turn our eyes about the most secluded vale without seeing the handiwork of Deity. The human mind is always asking Why? Scientists and philosophers have tried in vain for ages to explain away these perplexing problems that confront us, but they can only tell us that a certain thin is so, because something else is so, and when each problem of nature is traced back in search of the basic principle, we always come to that ever present and perplexing Why?, and the only answer that can be given is 'because nature's God so created and preserved it.' The flaming lightnings are his writings on the sky; the thunder speaks his name from out the clouds; the sea, whose tides for ages have ebbed and flowed with changeless constancy, murmurs his praise on the sandy beach, or roars forth the story of his majesty when lashed to madness by the storm.

"And again, were there not a million preachers in nature's pulpit, constantly telling us of God's existence, there is yet another proof, that, though it seems so small, is the largest thing in the universe, except the God from whom it came and to whom it will return—it is the human soul. What man of intelligence is there, who has not met and conversed with his own soul, and the soul of others? Who has not heard that still small voice calling out within him? You may call it conscience, you may call it second self, you

may call it what you like, but you can not remove it. You know it is there, and when you try to solve the problem of its presence, you again encounter that changeless question, Why? The only answer is "God, who created all things, made it and put it there."

"Mr. Carsted, I had no wish to create an impression that I adhere to the teachings of infidelity—I do not. I know that men and women have souls, for I have often seen them, and I know that God created them as he did all other things. Your argument tells me that you are a Christian, but leaves no clue as to the tenets of your faith."

"I have no creed," said he, that could be known by name. I think there are no creeds in the realms of joy to which our souls shall go when death releases them from the bondage of the body. We have been here several years, and as there are no churches here, we worship God according to the dictates of our consciences."

"After this the conversation became general again. Baffled in my attempt to engage in conversation with the woman, whose presence thrilled every fibre of my soul, I passed the day in reading and meditating upon the line of thought suggested by Milton's discourse of the morning, and which had been my life study. I had always believed in the life of souls and spirits as separate from the body. In spite of all efforts I made to keep my mind up on a certain line of thought that day, it kept reverting to Mary Hamilton, and the picture of her beautiful soul that I had seen the night before.

"After the early Sunday evening supper, I sat on the gallery and watched the sunset, then turned about, and saw the full moon rise like a silver disk over the mountain. Soft, sweet strains of music told me that Milton was pouring out his soul in melody. Mr. Carsted was dosing over a book in a corner of the living room, and Mrs. Hamilton was busying herself about the kitchen. I had been sitting for some time, gazing steadfastly at the moon and thinking of Mary. Her soul was with me all the time, and as I was wishing for a chance to talk to her, a soft low voice said in my ear.

"Mr. Weldon, are you lonesome?"

CHAPTER VIII.

WELDON'S DREAM OF CHILDHOOD.

"The voice was so soft and low that it did not recall me from the spirit world into which my mind had wandered, but set me to wondering if our spirits after death could talk as we do now. An instant later, I moved my hand by some strange instinct of the soul, and it came in contact with that of Mary Hamilton as she stood beside my chair.

"No words of mine can half express the fierce fire of passion that burned within in my heart. A great sea of happiness seemed to well up, and engulf me. I realized that it was she who had spoken, and the first gallant speech that I had ever made came rushing to my lips, and I said in simple truth:

"I am not lonesome now."

"Your mind must have been quite far away," she said. "I spoke twice before you answered me."

"Yes I confessed, 'my mind,

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or soul, if you would prefer it, sometimes travels in foreign countries."

"Oh, Mr. Weldon, don't talk to me about the travels of your soul. Uncle Milton reads all kinds of books, and has told me about soul life, until I am almost mad. I know that people all have souls, and my Christian teaching tells me that our life on earth determines what the fate of our souls shall be when we shall have "Passed over the great divide," but I do not think it is best for mortals to strive too hard to solve the mystic problems that a wise and just God has seen fit to screen from them. I do not believe it is any more wise to try to learn so much of the divine mysteries in life, than it would be to teach a child philosophy, before he had mastered his primer. The man or woman who has not mastered the mysteries of this life, and who has not fulfilled the mission God put him on earth to do, is not ready to be advanced to the task of solving problems of the life beyond the tomb. I would not have you think that I do not respect and revere every holy word that ever has been written, but I do think, that the knowledge the Bible gives us, that if we live righteously, we shall receive our reward in the world to come, is knowledge enough for our happiness on earth, and that is all that concerns us."

"You may not know it," said I "but you have spoken like a philosopher, your self. You have put into chaste, expressive language a thought that has recurred to my mind a thousand times in the years that have passed and gone. I have long realized that he, who begins to study and brood over these things in youth, is beginning in the clouds and trying to

build his earthly house downward—contrary to the laws of gravity. I become more assured each day that he, who fails to pluck the daisies of childhood, can never appreciate fully the orchids from the conservatories of mature life; he, who does not see the buds and blooms and leaves in youth will not know upon which trees the best fruits grow when age has ripened it. But in my own case, the world of human deeds has seemed to be a swiftly passing, never ending belt of moving scenery that would not stop for me to get on, and had no vacant place where I could ride, so I have stood still and watched the race of life for many years."

"You talk," said she, "as if you were a patriarch."

"I think I was an old man when I was born," I replied. "At least I've never known a day of childhood. You talk of teaching children Greek before they've mastered English prose; if any man could do that, his merit would be small compared to that of him who could teach such men as I a knowledge of the innocent joys of childhood."

"Were you not happy when a child," she asked, a world of pathos in her voice.

"I tell you that I had no childhood," I said almost ungraciously. "My earliest memories can only recall a life of solemn meditation. I had a little sister, but before my mind was old enough to grasp the thought of death, her little spirit went down that shadowy vista, and left me calling, ever calling, 'Where has sister gone?' My mother died when I was but a child, too young to see the foot prints of her soul and follow them to heaven. I never

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Candy Pulling

Leroy Garrett entertained a party of Kerrville's younger set, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Garrett, on Saturday night of last week, with an old fashioned candy pulling.

The crowd was a jolly one, and pulling the "sweetness" and looking at so much sweetness at the same time was a most happy occupation for the boys. Their girls helped pull too.

The occasion, robbed of the stiffness of modern formality, resulted in an evening happily spent by all present.

Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at Rock drug store. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Tickets on sale Monday for the Cotton Blossoms.

It Does the Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c. at Rock drug store.

A Bouquet of Buds.

A beautiful bevy of the little buds, that will, in a few years, develop into the full blown roses of Kerrville society, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Scott, on Saturday evening of last week.

The occasion of the gathering was the celebration of the seventh birthday anniversary of little Miss Belle Scott. The little folks played childish games, partook of delicious refreshments, and had an all-round good time.

A Cure for Misery.

"I have found a cure for misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Loullen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cents bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at Rock drug store.

Will Entertain Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar Rosenthal and Mrs. Edward Mosel, will entertain friends at a social dance at Pampell's Hall Wednesday evening Feb. 3. Cards were sent out for this entertainment several weeks ago, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Rosenthal the affair was postponed to the date above mentioned, at which time the ladies hope to have the pleasure of receiving all to whom cards were sent.

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Mrs. Robinson Entertains at Cards.

Mrs. Ada Robinson entertained a party of lady friends at cards, at her pleasant home on East Main Street Wednesday afternoon.

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Notice.

At the February term, 1909, of the Commissioners' Court, in and for Kerr county, the said Court will receive proposals from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker desiring to be selected as the depository of the funds of said County for the coming two years.

LEE WALLACE,
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FROM FALL BRANCH.

Mack Henderson and mother were called to Brownwood on the 16th inst., to the bedside of Mr. Henderson's uncle, Mack Henderson, who is seriously ill.

Messrs. Webb and Dowdy went to Junction this week to deliver fruit trees.

J. R. Edwards is now stopping with Clate Smith and family.

Dr. Fowler killed a fine turkey on Fall Branch this week.

Will Green and family visited G. W. Floyd during the holidays.

G. W. Floyd has been quite ill at his home near Ingram, for the last three weeks.

Will Green left on the 20th inst for his home at Brady, Mrs. Green remaining here on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. G. W. Floyd.

George Floyd came in a few days ago from Oklahoma.

James Floyd, of Kerrville, has been with his father during his illness.

Grandpa Varman has been real sick of late, but is some better at present.

Wheat seems to be coming out nicely since the freeze.

POOR RICHARD.

Tuesday Musical Club.

Subject,
 Spanish and Mexican Music.
 Lives of Composers,
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 Piano, Eu Alta Mar,
 Miss Hazel Hamilton.
 Song, "In Old Madrid," Trotere,
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 Piano, Sinto No Vivo, Diaz,
 Mrs. C. W. Walker.
 Song, "La Golondrina" Serradell,
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The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

Less Taylor, from his ranch in Edwards county, arrived in Kerrville Tuesday Morning at an early hour, and left at once on the morning train for Goliad, where he was called to the bedside of a sister who is critically ill at that place.

SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON.

Being the Confessions of the Seven
 Hundredth Wife.

(Translated by Helen Rowland)

Behold, my daughter, blessed are the powers of soft soap! And a foolish compliment worketh wonders where a wise argument faileth. For if it be meet to praise a man, is it not meat and bread and jam also to flatter him?

Therefore I charge thee, when thine husband prateth that thou art ruining him with thine extravagance, defend not thyself. Kiss him and rumple up his hair. Tell him he hath a profile like unto Napoleon and shoulders like unto James K. Hackett, "only better." Yea, exalt not his tailor, but the fruits of his labor, even the shoulders he hath padded to perfection and the crooked legs he hath made to look straight.

Yet hearken meekly when a man adviseth thee to discard thy tight corsets and to forego the powder on thy nose; but go thy ways untroubled, for a slender waist is more to be desired than great respectability and a daub of talcum on the nose is worth two on the puff.

And, whatever he preacheth, when a man gazeth after the forward blonde in the red petticoat and the manufactured blush, it is not, my daughter, with DISGUST that he gazeth after her.

For a man talketh on theory, but he acteth on impulse; he praiseth one thing and chaseth another; and for him the world of women is divided into two classes:

Those whom he respecteth—and those whom he taketh to luncheon.

Those whom he considereth "sensible"—and those to whom he sendeth violets.

Those whom he ought to marry—and those whom he doth marry.

Those whom he calleth wise—and those whom he calleth "Baby." And which of these would ye be? Selah!

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COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Hon. R. Bonna Ridgway, of Weatherford, Parker county, has introduced a bill in the Lower House of the Texas legislature providing for compulsory education for Texas. Mr. Ridgway is an estimable young man, a married man, a lawyer, and a man who has in him the making of a useful citizen of Texas, and a man of weight in her councils. But thinking men will not at once conclude that in his twenty-six years of life Mr. Ridgway has had time to ponder problems of statecraft as deeply as the matter of compulsory education would require.

We would have it distinctly understood that this paper is not in any way disposed to criticize Mr. Ridgway personally, neither do we accept the statement without question that the bill is a child of the administration to which Mr. Ridgway is acting as "wet nurse" in the hope of carrying it through its "second summer" and past the swaddling clothes period. We believe Mr. Ridgway introduced the measure in good faith, after studying the phases of the matter that recommend such a measure, without giving due consideration to the opposite side of the question.

There is but one argument to make against the passage of a compulsory education law for the State of Texas, and it should be enough to influence the vote of every member of both houses of the lawmaking body to vote against its passage; that objection is that "almost 25 per cent of the population is black!"

The 1900 census showed something like 23 per cent niggers. The census since 1870 shows a greater ratio of increase, by far, among niggers than among whites, so that it is safe to say that the population of Texas, according to the census that will be taken next year will show that Texas now has one nigger for every three white persons.

The specious argument that compulsory education is right, and is a good thing in all cases, because thirty-two states of the Union have it, is a flimsy pretext, and a foundation of sand upon which statecraft cannot rest without danger. It is alleged that in the South Sea Islands the natives wear little more than their reputations and girdles of cocoa fibre; while in the Arctic regions it is necessary that the natives wear heavy furs in midsummer. Either of these costumes would be intolerable if transferred to the other climate. Let us compare some of the states having compulsory education statutes, and it is not intelligently disputed, that none of them are rigidly enforced,—to the State of Texas and the conditions here existing. Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Utah, New Hampshire, Oregon, North Dakota and other states having compulsory school laws have so little nigger population that it is not taken into account by statisticians in giving the population of those states. With the six possible exceptions of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Kansas, there is no

one of the thirty-two states having compulsory education laws, that has exceeding one per cent nigger population, and the highest percentage of niggers in any of those states does not exceed three per cent, or less one-eighth the proportion that Texas has.

The consideration of the question, therefore, eliminates comparisons to other states having like laws; to states having no negroes, but having a large element of foreign born citizens; to states where danger is threatened to the social fabric of the country by excessive child labor, that cannot be successfully regulated by legislative enactment. There is no parallel between Texas and her conditions and those states and their conditions.

So, the question is brought down to a problem for Texas alone. Does the present administration, the Senate and the House of Representatives of Texas consider the nigger an element that can, by the unjust expenditure of funds that are paid into the public treasury by the three-quarters of the state's population who are white, be converted into desirable citizens? That is the question that confronts our lawmakers today. Texas is an agricultural country, and aside from the negro population, the instances where parents fail to send their children to school are isolated and rare, and conditions are growing better every day. Do we want to educate one million niggers, who pay practically no taxes, at the expense of three million white people, who pay virtually all of the taxes.

The niggers of Texas have more school advantages today, than has ever in the history of the world been granted by any country to a class of inhabitants who were not wealth producers.

This movement for compulsory education is the outcome of certain unions in this state. This publication has never opposed labor unions, or any other organization that was formed for the common good, and never will, so long as they do not overstep the bounds of performing their reasonable functions. But, when it becomes obvious that through concerted action and dangerous power they dictate to executives and to representatives of the people to such an extent that men who are ambitious to become prominent in the affairs of the state will bow to their will in opposition to the common good,—thereby placing an embargo upon brains and bravery, and a premium upon duplicity and double-dealing,—it is time to call a halt and consider, "whither are we drifting?"

We cannot believe that there is a sufficient number of men in the House who from either untried youth, and inexperience, or an inordinate desire for political preferment will vote for such a measure. And if the bill passes the House, we still have hope that the Senate will bar its further progress.

The faction in the legislature that favors compulsory education, would compare the nigger in Texas to the foreign element in other states. Texas has thousands of citizens who were not American born, but no man having a sense of decency would compare them to niggers, or insinuate that a compulsory education law is necessary to cause them to educate their children and equip them for the battles of life. Compulsory education for Texas means neither more nor less than an effort to educate a million niggers at the expense of three million white people.

It is just to the people that the submission question be disposed of by the legislature one way or another. It is wrong to waste time in parliamentary technicalities, and the motto should be, "do something besides the people." While absorbing interest is centered in that question, which this paper has always held was not of paramount importance, some disgraceful measure like "compulsory education of niggers" will slip through and become law.

The "wise bunch" at Austin are using the submission matter to hold up other legislation. Just handing that question out daily for the public to chew on, like giving a rubber ring to a teething baby, while the few measures of real importance to the public that have been introduced are quietly resting in the pigeonholes of the calendar clerk's desk.

The people of Texas would be contented if they knew that 95 per cent of the bills introduced in the the Legislature, aside from local bills, would fail of enactment.

It will be eleven years on the night of the 16th of next month since the U. S. Battleship Maine, was destroyed in Havana harbor.

The compulsory education bill was set as a special order for 2 o'clock, in the House, yesterday.

The Senate has had a wrestle with the submission proposition question this week.

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HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

W. B. Leigh, of the Stoneleigh ranch, was in Kerrville Saturday.

Leroy Fessenden, of Mountain Home was, in Kerrville Monday.

Capt. Chas. Schreiner left Monday for San Antonio, on a business trip.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rawson, on the 25th inst, a daughter.

Arthur Mosel, of the Ingram community, was in Kerrville Monday with oats for the market.

W. H. Rischworth, of Center Point, was among the visitors in Kerrville Monday.

John A. Cowsert, who had been visiting relatives in the lower part of the county, left Monday for his home near Junction City.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

Office Next to Rawson's Drug Store
Kerrville, Texas.

Mrs. Wm. Roeder, of Gillespie county, spent last Sunday in Kerrville, a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Ruff.

Dr. R. H. P. Wright, of Junction, arrived in Kerrville at an early hour Tuesday morning, and left on the early morning train for Longview, where his father is very ill.

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Also make suits to order.

Tom Peterson and Chas. Heinen went to Harper last Saturday, to attend a big ball given there. They are strangely reticent about the trip, but we suppose they had a very pleasant time. They returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burge returned last Sunday from a visit to their old home in California. They had the time of their lives. Dick now weighs 400 pounds, and he said his wife did as well on the trip as he did, but he was afraid to tell how much flesh she gained because she was bigger than he was. They report a very, very happy visit in southern California, the garden spot of the world, and the happiness of hand shaking with a host of old friends whom they had not seen for years. Their many friends in Kerr county will be pleased to hear of their safe return from the long journey.

POST CARDS

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- BIRTHDAY,
- VALENTINES,
- COMIC, ETC.

SELF, OPTICIAN AND JEWELER.

Opp. Side Entrance of Chas. Schreiner Co's.

Anderson Howell, of the North Fork community, was in Kerrville Tuesday.

D. N. Whorton was in Kerrville last Saturday from his ranch near the mouth of Turtle creek.

J. S. Conn, of the Dos Reales ranch on the head of Turtle creek, was in Kerrville Monday.

Joe Spenrath, Jr., of the Comfort neighborhood, was among the visitors in the city Tuesday.

Alvah Joy, of Rock Springs, was in Kerrville Tuesday. Mr. Joy had been to San Antonio and left Tuesday for his home.

Z. M. Taylor, of Cisco, representing the Spaulding Buggy Co., spent several days in Kerrville the first of the week.

A Japanese tea will be given at the parish room of the Episcopal church on Thursday, February 4, at 4 p. m. Further particulars next week.

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F. S. Ragland has sold his standard bred stallion, Derwood, to J. D. Johns, of the Fairview Stock Farm, Kendall county. The consideration was slightly under \$1000.00.

Capt. R. B. Hale, of Tuff, Bander county, was in Kerrville Tuesday. Mr. Hale reports stock in fine condition and prospects for general prosperity very promising in his bailiwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kapp, of San Antonio, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah B. Davis, at "My Ranch" last Sunday. Mrs. Kapp returned home, but Mr. Kapp will remain several weeks.

47 lots, worth \$3,350.00, in this town, the county seat, to trade for land of equal value, in the neighborhood of Kerrville.

J. C. BERRY,
Sallisa w. Okla

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schreiner left last Friday for St. Louis and Chicago. Mr. Schreiner went to market to purchase the spring and summer stock for the Chas. Schreiner Co's. stores, and Mrs. Schreiner accompanied him for a pleasure trip. They will return in about two weeks.

R. B. Hadden and son, Harvey, and E. B. Lowry, of the Lowry Manufacturing Company, San Antonio, were in Kerrville Tuesday. They left Wednesday for Junction, traveling in Mr. Lowry's automobile.

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A fresh shipment of candy direct from the maker. Call and see it

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Attention Masons.

Notice is hereby given that tonight, (Saturday, Jan. 30) is the regular meeting night of Kerrville Lodge 697, there being two meetings in the month of January. All brethren and visitors are requested to be present.

E. GALBRAITH, W. M.

TIVY HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The High School boys now have an up-to-date basket ball team composed of the following members: Cecil Robinson, captain, Rodger Renschel, business manager, Will Lampkin, Sam Hodge and Roy Brown. Grady Grinstead, referee. The second team holds them to a small score in many games and much enthusiasm is being manifested in the sport. After a little more practice the team expects to arrange a game with some San Antonio team.

Owing to mumps a good many pupils have been absent since the Christmas holidays. Most of them, however, have now returned and there is a very full school.

On Saturday night the 10th grade, Ivy Burney, president, Rosa Pfeuffer, secretary, James Lumpkin, Ethel Peril, Wilbur Deering and Perry Deering, paid the high school a visit for the purpose of performing some experiments in electricity. The Static Machine was in fine order and two hours were very delightfully and profitably spent. Later another trip will be taken for experiments in the subject of Light.

A set of microscopic slides, 25 in number, has just been received for the 7th grade physiology class. A new and up-to-date microscope is also on the way. The physical laboratory has likewise been added to by such instruments as a Senometer, a Photometer, Wave Recording Apparatus, instruments for the refraction and reflection of Light, the maximum density of water, Hypsometer, etc. Prof. Henderson says that we have sufficient apparatus to do all the experiments required for affiliation with the University.

Senator Real Visits Home Folks.

State Senator Julius Real arrived in Kerrville last Saturday and spent Sunday with his family, returning to Austin Monday.

Just before leaving the city Monday, in discussing legislative matters, Mr. Real said:

"Next to the submission matter, the two bills that are attracting greatest attention are the Tuberculosis bill and the compulsory education bill. The first is the same as introduced and passed in the House at the 30th legislature by the editor of the Sun, except that the amount asked for is \$200,000 instead of \$150,000, and one other change of minor importance. I am a member of the Senate committee on public health and heard the bill discussed in committee. The committee report was unanimously favorable.

"The compulsory education bill is an administration measure and will no doubt pass the House; but will have strong opposition in the Senate."

When asked the direct question as to whether he would favor the compulsory education bill, Mr. Real said:

"As matters now stand I shall have to vote for the measure, unless some very strong argument is brought to bear against it, that I have not yet heard."

The Senator thinks there is no doubt of the final passage of the sanitarium bill and that the institution will be established.

Notice to the Public.

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THE ANTI-PASS LAW.

SPOON'S MADE A HIT WITH THE COMMITTEE.

MODIFICATION OF THE LAW

The Proposed Exemptions Were Very Favorably Received—The Committee Seeming Pleased.

Austin, Tex.—In the House Committee on Common Carriers a note of protest and of dissatisfaction against the anti-pass law enacted by the Thirtieth legislature was sounded Tuesday.

Judge Spoon's of Fort Worth, general attorney of the Fort Worth & Denver City railway, advocated a modification of the law. He presented a series of amendments, drafted, he said, merely as suggestive to the committee when they should come to consider the anti-pass law and exceptions thereto. He proposed excepting workmen engaged in contract work on railroads; to allow the express, railroad, telephone and telegraph companies to exchange service; to give free transportation to charitable organizations of all denominations (not only Sisters of Charity); to carry free fish for the stocking of streams and lakes; to allow newspapers to exchange advertising for transportation; to allow free transportation to all peace officers (not sheriffs alone), etc.

Labor Bills Reported.

Austin, Tex.—The House committee on Labor reported favorably the following bills:

By Mr. Strickland, for the creation of a labor commission.

By Mr. Allen, requiring railroads to issue clearances to employes leaving their service.

By Mr. Johnson, providing that workmen, longshoremen, etc., may receive damages if injured when handling defectively baled cotton.

Teaching of Homeopathy.

Austin, Tex.—In regard to his bill introduced Tuesday providing for the teaching of homeopathy in the medical branch of the University of Texas at Galveston, Senator Cofer said he had introduced it by request; that he understood that several universities taught homeopathy as well as allopathy and that he personally believed in both systems of medicine.

Favorable Reports on Court Bills.

Austin, Tex.—The House Committee on Judicial Districts reported favorably the bill of Mr. Crawford, providing for an additional district court for Falls county.

The Senate bill restoring criminal jurisdiction to the county court of Brewster county reported favorably.

A bill by Mr. Rayburn changing the term of the district court of Fannin county from a term of nine weeks to seven weeks was reported favorably.

Penitentiary Bills Favored.

Austin, Tex.—House Committee on Penitentiaries reported favorably bill by Ralston providing that all convicts shall be returned to the penitentiaries to be discharged. The bill requiring lessees of convicts to work the same at least two days upon county roads of that county was also reported favorably.

Fee for Loan Companies.

Austin, Tex.—Senate Committee on Finance Tuesday acted favorably upon Senator Ward's bill providing that \$1,000 shall be the minimum permit fee to be paid by foreign loan companies. The permits of some of these companies are about to expire, and they have signified their intention to quit the state if they have to pay fees under the act passed by the Thirtieth legislature.

Exemptions of Counties.

Austin, Tex.—The House Committee on Counties and County Boundaries reported favorably the bill by Mr. Baljengee exempting Jack county from the provisions of the county road and superintendent law. The bill by Messrs. Bowles and Spradley exempting Collin county from the laws relating to the appointment and qualifications of county auditors was also reported favorably.

Governor Signed a Court Bill.

Gov. Campbell Tuesday signed the bill to change the time for holding district court in the Twenty-eighth district. This is the first House bill to reach his hands and the fourth bill of any sort.

Dixon Becomes Kone's Chief Clerk.

Austin, Tex.—Sam Dixon of Montgomery county has accepted the position of chief clerk in the Department of Agriculture to succeed E. W. Wink-

ler, who will be state librarian. Mr. Dixon at present acts as state nursery inspector.

Reported Adversely.

Austin, Tex.—By a vote of six to four Senate Judiciary Committee No. 1 reported adversely bill by Mayfield providing that nine jurors may render a verdict.

House Public Health.

Considered the bill by McCullum providing for regulation of the practice of optometry. R. S. Terrell and L. E. Whitmore, opticians of Dallas, addressed the committee.

They said the methods of fakirs, itinerant "specialists in the eye disease" and unscrupulous practitioners resulted in the people of Texas expending between \$75,000 and \$125,000 upon their eyes each year, for which they received no benefit whatever.

A duplicate of Mr. McCullum's bill introduced in the senate by Terrell (Bowie) has been reported favorably in the upper house. The committee postponed action.

Dog Theft a Felony.

Austin, Tex.—At a meeting of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence a subcommittee reported favorably on an amendment adding dogs to the list of animals for the stealing of which a felony is made. Highsmith read a humorous letter from a constituent urging the amendment in which he took the position that a \$100 dog had as much consideration and was entitled to as much legislation as a 50c razorback shote.

Refund on Liquor Licenses.

Austin, Tex.—The House Committee on Claims and Accounts considered the bill by Byrne, Rosenberg, Hauxhausen and others, making an appropriation of sufficient money to refund the unearned occupation tax on liquor dealers' licenses, which licenses were canceled on July 12, 1907, by the operation of the Haskin-McGregor law. The committee by unanimous vote recommended its passage.

Crockett to Investigate Prisons.

Austin, Tex.—The subcommittee of the House committee on appropriations, assigned by Chairman Crockett of Washington to investigate the needs of the Texas penitentiaries with reference to appropriations, left for Rusk penitentiary Monday afternoon. Mr. Roberson of Erath is chairman of the subcommittee and Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Nickells are members.

Telephone Connection Bill.

Austin, Tex.—The bill to compel all telephone companies in the state to make interchangeable connections, by Terrell of Bexar and Ray, was considered by House Committee on Private Corporations and referred to a subcommittee, to which committee similar bills will be referred with instructions to harmonize them and report back.

Compulsory Education.

Austin, Tex.—After a three-hour session devoted entirely to a consideration of Mr. Ridgway's bill providing for compulsory education between the ages of 7 and 17, House Committee on Education reported the bill favorably, with amendments. The amendments are that children arrested under the provisions of the act for not attending school may not only be turned over to the school teachers, but to "any properly constituted authority of children," and that the length of the compulsory school term in the rural districts to be made forty instead of sixty days for the first year.

Austin, Tex.—Senate Committee on Mines and Irrigation met Thursday to consider the drainage district bill by Masterson. The bill, which is an amendment to the present law to meet the objections of the attorney general, was reported on favorably.

Austin, Tex.—Representative Moller of Galveston Friday presented to the Houston protest against any change in the present anti-garnishment law of wages.

Austin, Tex.—Except for two proposed amendments relating to the manner in which the election shall be held, the House Committee on Irrigation Thursday made a favorable report on the navigation bill by Mr. Chaney and Mr. Standifer.

Austin, Tex.—The Senate Committee on Public Health Wednesday agreed to favorably report with amendment bill by Senator Stokes establishing a tuberculosis sanitarium, appropriating \$200,000.

Additional House Clerks.

Austin, Tex.—Speaker Kennedy announced the following additional appointments of clerks and stenographers.

Class A.—W. E. Elliott, Tarrant county; J. A. Palmer, Walker county;

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KERRVILLE WOOL

Bumper Spring Clip Predicted--Reports Declare Animals to Be in Prime Condition, and the Promised Big Yield to Be of Unusual Quality.

It is perhaps not generally known that the Wool Interest of the state of Texas ranks among her leading resources. Such is, nevertheless true, and it is also true that no industry yielding so much to the public welfare of this or any other state, is as much neglected as the sheep industry. There are, it is true, some states where the matter of wool production is given fairly close attention, and it is also true that in some communities of Texas

perience in the business covers a term of forty years as wool grower, and as wool sales agent. In addition to this valuable knowledge in the matter of the proper handling of the product, Charles Schreiner, Wool Commission Merchant, is personally known to every wool factor of considerable importance in the eastern wool markets. The record of this establishment, which is one of the chief enterprises of Kerrville, as a sales agent for wools and mohair, is unique, in that the prices secured for their consignors is invariably a few points in advance of the prices secured for the same grade of product in other local markets. In discussing the outlook for the wool business recently Capt. Schreiner said: "Many sheep owners failed to shear last fall on account of the scarcity of labor. Sheep were never in better condition than they are reported to be this year, and we expect a very heavy consignment

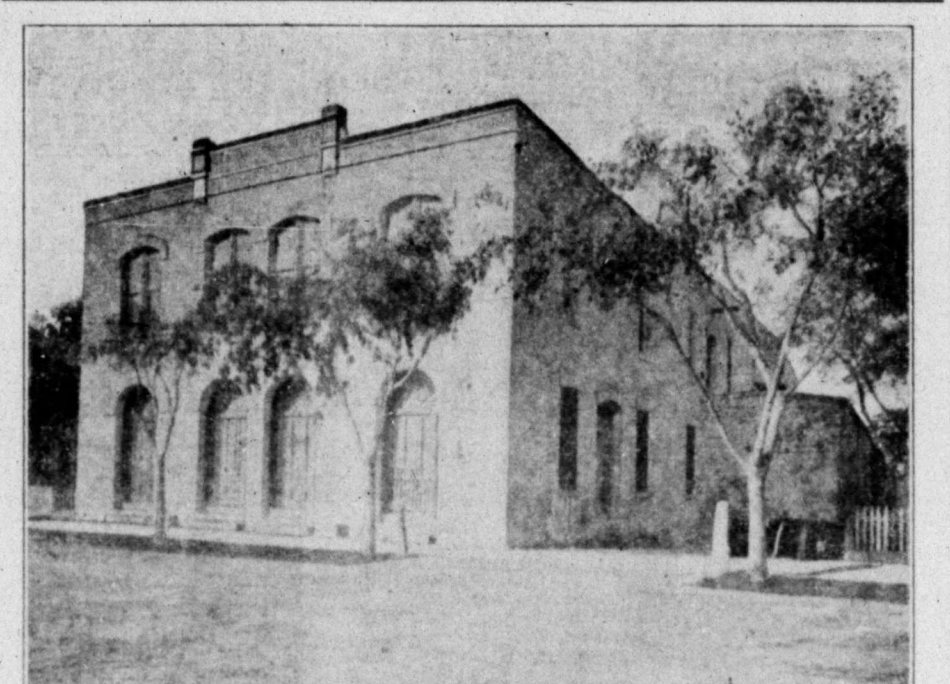
Indeed so great is the amount of wools shipped from this place that a fraction of a cent more on the pound than is received at other local markets, and Captain Schreiner always gets the very best price, amounts in a saving of thousands of dollars to the herds-men.

Much Damage From Wild Animals.

W. P. W. Holmes, whose ranch is on the head of the Frio, in the upper part of Kerr county, was in Kerrville on business Monday, having also brought Mrs. Holmes to the city to spend several weeks with friends here. In discussing the outlook for stock, and general conditions of the ranch business Mr. Holmes said:

"Cattle have stood the winter fine, and are in excellent condition for the time of the year. Goats are also doing well."

Continuing, Mr. Holmes discussed the matter of a scalp bounty law for Texas, and the great loss to stockmen, and indirectly to the state revenues, from the ravages of wild animals. "It is my opinion," said he, "that the loss of taxes on the stock actually killed and destroyed by wild animals, would in an incredibly short time, repay the outlay called for in the scalp bounty bill as passed by the 30th legislature, and vetoed by Governor Campbell. I am pleased to know that there is a strong probability that the present legislature will afford the stock interests of Texas some much needed protection along those lines."



CHARLES SCHREINER'S WOOL WAREHOUSE, KERRVILLE

KERRVILLE is the ranking wool market of the state. With one or two possible exceptions, she handles more Wool and Mohair, direct from the grower, than any other market in America. The above cut represents the big Schreiner Wool Warehouse, which has, in a single season, contained more than two-and-a-half millions pounds of the product. Reports from all sections promise a bumper clip this Spring, and it is expected that the big building will be crowded to its full capacity of more than three million pounds of wool and mohair.

the value of the small flock is held in proper esteem, but after all is said, millions of dollars of resource to this state is wasted each year because of neglect of the wool industry.

This neglect is not altogether on the part of the small ranchman and farmer, who fails to keep a flock of sheep, but as "little leaks, in time, would make a lake," so big leaks, in time, make a very considerable ocean of loss to the wool producer. In this we refer to the failure of the large sheep owner to use proper methods in handling his product.

It is to the interest of the commission man for the wools to be in the very best condition possible, not only that it increases his commission upon sales, but that it helps materially to maintain the standard of prices for which, if he is a live, wideawake, and progressive business man, he is constantly laboring. The commission man who is best qualified for the successful handling of wools is he who has had most experience, not only in markets, but in the matter of growing wools himself, thereby having qualified himself for business, "from the ground up."

In the matter of qualification there is no man in southwest Texas or indeed in the southwest anywhere, who is better qualified for handling a wool commission business, than the men who have charge of the Charles Schreiner warehouse of this city. Every move that is made in this gigantic storehouse of the staple is indirectly under the supervision of Capt. Charles Schreiner, whose ex-

perience in the business covers a term of forty years as wool grower, and as wool sales agent. In addition to this valuable knowledge in the matter of the proper handling of the product, Charles Schreiner, Wool Commission Merchant, is personally known to every wool factor of considerable importance in the eastern wool markets. The record of this establishment, which is one of the chief enterprises of Kerrville, as a sales agent for wools and mohair, is unique, in that the prices secured for their consignors is invariably a few points in advance of the prices secured for the same grade of product in other local markets. In discussing the outlook for the wool business recently Capt. Schreiner said: "Many sheep owners failed to shear last fall on account of the scarcity of labor. Sheep were never in better condition than they are reported to be this year, and we expect a very heavy consignment

of 1909 wools. Last year, the clip was, as stated, light and our consignments reached only about two million pounds of wool, and less than a million pounds of mohair. This year we expect to see the record crowded very closely, and it is probable that the consignments of wools will pass the three million mark, while mohair may go over one million pounds.

"We have been handling the wools produced in this country for many years. We number our consignors by the score, and we feel proud of the fact that we have always been able to secure for them a price that compared very favorably with the prices secured by other commission men. We have for many years made liberal advances upon sheep and wool. The wool producers of south Texas, and this house have long had a mutual interest in the wool industry. Liberal interest has been our policy, and will continue to be. Our customers are scattered over a large territory, reaching from Bexar county to the Rio Grande, and from the Southern Pacific Railroad to New Mexico. Reports from the ranges are favorable for a big clip of fine quality. We are making special efforts, even this early in the season, to be prepared for proper handling of a record crop, and above all, to get in touch with the market and the leading wool factors to such an extent as to secure for our patrons the very highest price possible for product consigned to us."

The money received for Kerrville wools runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

President Real's Appointments.

President Real, following the instruction given him by the Kerr County Good Roads League, has appointed the following committees to solicit membership to the League for the different commissioner's precincts:

- No. 1.—Jno. W. Burney, B. F. Denton, Walter Schaeheim; No. 2.—F. F. Coker, Robert Lange, J. W. Babb; No. 3.—Wm. Nagel, Louis Doebbler, Herman Schulze; No. 4.—Robt. Real, J. M. Webb, Chas. Lemweber.

President Real requests that any of those appointed, who feel that they can not serve upon the committees will please advise him at once.

As stated before in these columns the purpose of the League is not to pledge its members to any definite mode of procedure in its effort to secure good roads for Kerr county, but resolve the citizens of Kerr county into a kind of Ways and Means committee for the purpose of devising some plan by which permanent good roads can best be secured.

OBITUARY.

On the 17th inst., at her home in Center Point, Mrs. Sarah Storms, quietly passed through the gate of death from the earthly to the heavenly home. She was the wife of Mr. Virgil Storms, and the daughter of Capt. S. H. Goodman. She had been in failing health for a number of months and her passing away was not unexpected. She was a consistent member of the Christian church, a loving wife, faithful friend, devoted mother, and her death leaves many sorrowing hearts. She is survived by her husband, little son, Robert, sister, brothers and step-mother. We commend the bereaved ones to Him who can bind up the broken-hearted and give a healing balm to the wounded spirit. The funeral services were held in the Christian church and the interment in the Center Point cemetery.

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BRIDE OF BANDERA PASS (Continued from First Page)

had a top or kite, nor any toy or game. My nurse told me bad little boys ran and romped and mused their clothes. I grew up in the unnatural shade of sorrowful surroundings, and never knew the healthy tan that comes from the bright sunshine of love. By the time I was old enough to take the matter into my own hands, my soul was dwarfed by philosophy and learning, until I did not know there was another kind of childhood than that which I had spent. 'Twas not the fault, perhaps, of any one, that I knew no more of joy, but rather the stern decree of fate. Perhaps the god of my destiny thought to keep the treasures that were justly mine in childhood, and give me all the hoarding when I grew old enough to know their value, just as some people refuse to buy their boys a top or their girls a doll, but save their pennies for them to buy a pony when they're grown. The wise writers who have let their wondrous minds paint pictures of the place of punishment for those who are lax in their duties in this life, have left the scene unfinished. They have made a place for him who piffers gold, who steals his neighbor's honor and good name. He who breaks the laws of God and nature in any way, save one, has a place of punishment to go and expiate his crime. I would that I might add one section to that many chambered house. I'd like to build a place of punishment for these spiritual dwarfs who steal the laughter and the sunshine of love from little children in this world. I'd build a mighty mountain for each one, away from the companionship of even the damed. The top of the mountain should be

flat and of highly polished granite, and not a particle of wholesome dirt should be seen. The battlements around the top should be built of gossamer, and signs up everywhere, "don't lean on this." I'd never let the sunshine in, but always keep it cold and gray, and when they called for sunshine, I'd have the keeper say, "Perhaps, we'll let it shine tomorrow." These souls should wear felt shoes to preserve the polish on the floor, and should wear a robe of snowy white, and on it painted in flaming red should be pictures of little savings banks. In the center of this awful place I'd have a monster image of a towering beast with cold glittering eyes and teeth of red hot iron and claws of writhing snakes. Its malignant breath should hiss through scorching teeth, and its unceasing wail should be, "I am the beast you scared the baby with." For every hour of sunshine stolen from a little child, the soul should dwell here a thousand ages, except in cases where the child was his own, and the sentence should be doubled.

"Yes, my unanswered cry for years has been, Oh, childhood, where have you gone? Innocent joy, why did you not come to me? Love, I have never seen even your image, what are you like?"

"As I ceased speaking I realized that the flame of love that now burned so fiercely in my heart for this girl, whom I had known but a week, was the new-found mirror that reflected all those thoughts from my mind. I must have spoken more fervently than I knew, for after a few moments my companions said:

"Forgive me, Mr. Weldon, I did not mean to touch so sad a chord in your heart. I am a thief

myself, for I have stolen happiness from you. If robbing children of joy is so great a crime, 'tis even worse to steal pleasure from men and women, because they appreciate it more, and after all, we are but children grown old, from the cradle to the grave."

"The regret in her voice, and the deep pathos of her reply, almost drove me insane, and I scarce could keep from falling on my knees before her and begging for one more sweet word of pity to feed my starving soul, as Dives begged for water to cool his parching tongue.

"But doubt, the cruel Nemesis that has pursued the soul of love from Eden to this instant, sealed my lips, and in the moment that I hesitated, caution came upon the scene, and with an icy spear smote Love through the heart, and left him wounded on the field.

"As we sat in silence, discretion perched himself upon my shoulder and whispered in my ear, "Fool, be careful, you are a stranger and only a ranch hand. You have no right to presume upon the kindness of this girl, who saw you sitting sadly in the twilight, and kindly came to drive your lonesome thoughts away."

"I listened to the voice of caution, and thrust my love back to the clogged-up joy cells of my heart where it stayed locked up, but growing for many weary months, until at last, it must, and did break forth, in flames that caution's ice, though melting to a river, could not quench.

"At last Mary arose and said:

"I must bid you good night, Mr. Weldon, I hope your dreams will not be so sad, as my unfortunate remarks have made your con-

versation." And with that she disappeared within the house.

"You will say I was a fool. Perhaps I was. We always think that when we watch another actions when in love. I had not had a drawing-room course in lovemaking, nor had I ever thought until the last few days that I would ever want to tell a woman that I love her. How could I know that young women, as well as young men, even when they are not definitely in the toils of the master passion, love, often feel that strange unrest that nature thrusts upon her creatures to force them to the fulfillment of their mission on this earth? How could I know that with all her wise sophistry, learned from her school-

arly uncle, this girl was but a woman—with the natural instinct that even flowers have of seeking the company of the opposite sex? It is a wise provision of providence that few men learn these things until age has dampened the ardor of their passion.

"With gentle Hope vainly striving to sing a song of patience in my heart, I fell asleep that night in agony of mind to dream that I was a little child, and an angel with the face and form of Mary Hamilton, stood by me giving me toys and sweetmeats.

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