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Married.
At the residence of
the bride's father, Mr. Almaron Davis,
Feb. 28, by Rev. S. J. Vaughan, Mr.
G. W. Heckard and Miss Lou Olive
Davis. All of Whitt, Parker County,
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A Queer French City.

The ancient little city of Thiers, the "Ville Noire" of George Sand, is built upon the top and sides of a steep mountain spur, which at its base joins a still loftier height, while its projecting point overlooks the broad valley of Liange—one of the most fertile garden spots of central France. The town of to-day is the "modern" Thiers, constructed upon the ashes of the ancient city, which was burned in 532. Its streets are mostly narrow, many of them impassable to carriages; and some of them are veritable stairways. There is one principal thoroughfare, however, a modern boulevard, which is magnificently constructed, climbing the steep flanks of the mountain by zigzags.

In the older parts of the town, it would puzzle a goat to skip in the streets; while the houses are so built into the rocks, and the rocks so encroach into the houses, that one can hardly tell where rock ends and dwelling begins. This makes a most picturesque and artistic pell mell. But these ancient habitations are dark and grimy, and are pervaded by rank smells, which may have lingered there from the days of the old Romans. In revenge, if one turns about now and then, looking away from the dingy dwellings and dirty streets, he will be rewarded by outlooks of such magnificence and beauty, that the memory of his immediate surroundings will be at once effaced. On one side of the city the descent is exceedingly steep, and in the narrow valley below flows the little river Durole, a bustling and busy stream, whose banks afford one of the most picturesque walks of that diversified region.

While one is rambling here, gazing at the towering crags, or at the terraced rows of buildings which rise above him, or while he strolls through the quiet streets and alleys of the town, his ears are saluted on every side by the clink of hammers and the whirr of wheels. Thiers is one of the most characteristic of the old French manufacturing cities, giving support, with its environs to 20,000 workers. It is renowned throughout Europe especially for its cutlery, the manufacture of which has flourished here for over three centuries. No dense clouds of smoke float over the city, for steam power is unknown. The Durole turns the wheels of the little shops. But the most curious feature of the little place is the distribution of labor in the private houses. These houses, built, as has been said, mostly against or into the rocks, have open fronts in the lower stories, like caverns. Within may be seen the glow of the forge fires, and the forms of the swarthy workmen moving mysteriously in the gloom, whence comes the clatter of their tools. Hundreds of these private forges are scattered throughout the city. Before the dwellings sit the women, knitting, and not infrequently guarding a showcase, where the completed wares are exposed. They receive our party with great politeness, and we purchase a few articles as souvenirs—four small, single bladed penknives, with wooden handles, for ten cents; a good pocket-knife with rosewood handle, for the same price; a pruning saw and a hunting knife for a trifle more. Cutlery is certainly cheap in this old-fashioned community.

The town swarms with little dogs and we are at a loss to account for the numerous plenty, till we enter the streets with iron or wood beams. THE SICK, WORN AND DEJECTED should read the advertisement of COLLEGE BEEF TONIC.

position will be by an illustration drawn from the management of our own private business. We have a certain way of doing farm work, and are positively certain that it is the correct way. For instance we plant our corn in the Spring. We know very well that unless we do it then, we shall have no crop. But in securing a hired man we get one, who for one reason or another—perhaps through ignorance or perhaps through the influence of some one who designs to injure us—insists that the Fall is the time to plant corn, and refuses to plant in the Spring. We know very well that he is wrong, and that we shall be injured if we let him have his way. But he is our hired man, and we insist not only upon his having his way, but lose no opportunity to defend him as the best and wisest man in the country, and become insanely angry if any one says a word against him or his methods. Could conduct more ridiculous be imagined? Will not every reader of these lines say without hesitation that none but an insane man would be guilty of such folly.

Very well, but in what do we who pursue precisely in the same course with reference to candidates for office differ from such a man? We have definite ideas as to what government ought to do. We know very well that the very first duty of government is to protect the people, all the people, in the enjoyment of their rights, to guarantee to all equal privileges and to impose upon all equal burdens. We are fully convinced that legislators and the President should put a stop to the reckless expenditure of the public money, to the plundering of the many by the favored few who have secured advantage through virtual monopolies; to a system of taxation that levies the greater part of the taxes upon agriculture and other enriching industries; to gambling in farm products by boards of trade and to all the organized conspiracies against the people. No argument could any more convince us that this is not the proper aim of government than argument could convince us that Spring is not the proper time to plant corn. That is what we sustain government for—the protection of life, liberty and personal rights. If any of these are not secure, government is useless, and we might as well be had better be left to ourselves to protect our own. But is it not a fact that government has been growing weaker as a protector? Have not the most serious and oppressive evils been growing in our midst, in defiance of the fundamental principles of our government, and right in the shadow of our State Houses and the National Capitol, from year to year, until there are powers that are practically superior to the government? Have we not been and are we not we practically helpless before the railroad monopoly, oil monopoly, telegraph monopoly, land monopoly and at the hands of the tax collector? Is it not a fact that we elect Presidents, Governors, Congressmen and State Legislators to do our bidding and that after their election they do just as they continental please, and that we have to beg and buy them to do anything for us? What is the reason of this not only inconvenient but startling state of affairs? Why is it that the men we hire to do our political work are the only servants we employ who occupy the position of masters and force us into the ludicrous position of underlings? It is because we let the man who insists upon planting corn in the Fall have his own way and defend this folly with the greatest display of energy. It is because we allow rings to nominate men for office, who we know will do nothing to reform existing evils or make government what it should be, or do our bidding, but will insist through ignorance or adverse influences, on planting our corn in the Fall, and yet we scream

ourselves hoarse and turn ourselves inside out for them during a campaign, and will knock any man down, who calls us fools or our candidate unworthy of our votes. Say, friend, in what do we differ from the man who thinks that his hired man who will plant corn in the Fall, is a paragon of wisdom? If he deserves a straightjacket, what do we need?

Most of us, it is presumed, have our individual preferences as to a presidential candidate. What do we base our preferences upon? Has our favorite ever done anything toward establishing our rights which have already been encroached upon through the connivance of our officials? And is it not a fact that the most worthy motive that many of us have in the advocacy of a particular man for the presidential or other office is the belief that the government will be safe in his hands, and we mean by that that he will not let anybody kick him out and establish in his place somebody else before the proper time? Is not that about the idea of the safety of government? That is all right enough as far as it goes. But it goes a ridiculously little ways. If a President permits the government to be used by a few, really or virtually, as a means of oppression—if he does not do his part to cause government to fulfill its mission, it makes very little difference whether he is kicked out or kicked in, for government under him is simple mockery. We want a man who will administer government impartially, and not merely to adhere to the presidential chair and keep the flag floating above the dome of the capitol for four years. And is it not true that the motives of many of us in preferring a particular man for President is immeasurably lower than the one that we have noticed; viz: the fact that our favorite is a sort of hero in our estimation. That is not enough to recommend a man for the presidency—Heroes, brilliant men, eloquent men and soldiers are well enough in their places, but a business man for president. If he has the other qualifications, all right, but business is the first qualification. * * * [Western Rural.

Fence Cutting Business.
The quarrel in Texas over fence cutting is a natural and inevitable conflict between the interest which seeks to preserve the areas of vacant land for cattle pasturage, and the other interests which demands them for settlement. The steady immigration into Texas for the last four or five years is causing settlements to press back the cattle range to the western and northwestern portions of the State. Every year the cattle herds are pressed further west and north till the great cattle companies, alarmed at the movements, have attempted to resist it and preserve their herds by purchasing large tracts of State lands at a low price, and enclosing them with fences for their exclusive benefit. This is a limitation of free range which is not acceptable to the other interests. It not only repels settlements, but deprives the smaller stockmen of pasturage—and this is the explanation of the fence cutting which is giving so much trouble in the State.

It might be wished that the plains of the west and southwest could be preserved for cattle breeding; but it is not easy to see how it can be done. The ever flowing tide of immigration pressing against the cattle range in Colorado and Texas, and forcing the herds within smaller limits. Texas cannot always continue to breed vast herds of cattle and supply lands for cultivation to new settlers at the same time. The settlers are encroaching upon the pastures, and in the contest between human beings and cattle for possession of the ground, it would seem the former must prevail.—St. Louis Republican.

The Coming Campaign.
We are coming close upon a presidential campaign which will drive nine-tenths of us into insanity by its halt through. It will then be no sort of use to attempt to reason with each other or with our selves; and whatever we may hope to do in that direction must be done now. The people—and by that we mean all who are not after the loaves and fishes—are patriotically earnest in the desire to elevate government above the dirty whirlpool of tricky, scheming politics. The people utterly despise the hollow mockery which the pretensions and promises of the partisan leaders are; and nineteen-twentieths of our voters would like to see the administration of government based upon business principles and shaped by a strict standard of honor, honesty, and integrity. That is the common feeling now in the midst of the comparative political calm. But when the nominations are made and the band begins to play, we shall be for the candidate. But suppose he represents almost anything except a views as to the administration of government which we now entertain and which have been formed a time when there is comparative little to arouse our prejudices and stir our passions. Is it not true that we shall be for him all the while? And is not now a good time for us to answer the simple question, Why? We may be aided in seeing how perfectly absurd such a

that in national politics the policy shall not be partisan, but as to object is to correct the many wrongs now existing in the State it will be expected and required of the members of the organization that they support the candidates brought out by the organization for the various offices of county and state. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term. Wm. Barker, chairman; W. J. Walker, secretary; T. J. Walker, Treasurer; J. Stitwell, Vice President. By motion the Secretary was ordered to send the proceedings of the meeting to the Rural Citizen for publication. Moved that the society meet on Saturday before the 1st and 3d Sundays in each month. Carried. Society adjourned to meet Saturday March 1, 1884. W. J. WALKER, Secretary.

A NEW ORGANIZATION.
The Commonwealth Immigration Society of Texas.
LIBERTY SCHOOL HOUSE,
Feb. 16, 1884.
RURAL CITIZEN:
A large number of the most prominent men of this community met at Liberty School house Saturday, Feb. 16, for the purpose of organizing a society known as THE COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRATION SOCIETY. The meeting was presided by Wm. Barker, chairman; T. J. Walker acting as secretary. The committee appointed to draft a constitution and by laws for the society reported as follows:
PREAMBLE.
"We the undersigned citizens of the State of Texas do hereby make the following manifesto:
Whereas there exists in the State of Texas such a condition of things in regard to the landed interests of the State, that a few men control large tracts of land, and have them so enclosed as to prevent men of smaller means from occupying said lands, either for stock purposes or for agricultural pursuits, and Whereas we deem it to be the best interests of the State and the citizens that immigration should be encouraged and our fertile lands should be made to yield the greatest good to the greatest number, by maintaining people who will develop its resources;
Therefore, we pledge ourselves to form societies over the state for the purpose of arresting this growing monopoly of landed interest by every legal means in our power, such as electing men to office who will use their influence in changing existing laws, encouraging immigration and populating the lands of the state. We do not countenance the harsh remedies resorted to by some parties in the State against the stockmen, but by every peaceable means do we design using our best efforts to bring about a state of things by which rich and poor alike may enjoy the products of the fertile soil of Texas.
The fees for joining the society shall not exceed the sum of fifty cents per annum.
CONSTITUTION.
Article 1. This society shall be known as The Commonwealth Immigration Society of Texas.
Art. 2. The object of the organization is to secure such legislation as will prevent land monopolies and all other monopolies in the State of Texas.
Art. 3. Any one may become a member of this organization by signing this constitution.
Art. 4. This society shall be non-political, but as its object is to correct the many wrongs now existing in our state it will be expected and required of the members of this society that they support for the various offices of county and state the candidates brought out by the organization.
Art. 5. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the first regular meeting in each year, and who shall perform such duties as is by parliamentary usage usually incumbent upon such officers, and other duties as may be prescribed by the laws of the society.
ORDER OF BUSINESS.
1. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Calling roll of members.
3. Application for membership.
4. Communications, bills &c. read and disposed of.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. New business.
There were some changes made in the constitution as reported by the committee but as it would be claiming too much space in our paper to refer to them we only give the Constitution as adopted by the society. Art. 4 of the constitution does not we think convey exactly the idea intended. The meaning is

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Aspirants for the Presidential Nominations at Work.
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 28.—Two weeks ago there was scarcely any talk about the presidential campaign; now it is the one absorbing theme. Tariff gossip is at an ebb. People have gone into the business of President-making. Mr. Sherman with his little committee, is turning up the dry bones of Eliza Pinkston, but the skeleton makes hardly an audible rattle. Everybody is engrossed in the subject of booms. The air has suddenly grown thick with all manner of speculation. Besides, the aspirants are getting down to active work. Mr. McDonald is here distributing political confectations among senators and members. Mr. Payne has opened a bureau in New York from which he is engaged in issuing "standard" literature. Mr. Morrison is making it appear that he is the only man who can carry Illinois. Flower is posing as a dark horse.
On the other side of the party fence there is the same increased activity. Hogan leads all the boomers. But his far-seeing friends remind him that it is not the early boom that catches the presidential worm. Mr. Arthur is a willing Barkis, and is anxiously looking to his trusty postmasters and collectors. Away up on a rock in New England there sits an intellectual, nursing his boom. It is Edmunds. There is Sherman, like an octopus, with one claw in Copiah county and one in Danville, raking together the sinews of his little boom. And there is Blaine, diplomatically keeping under cover, but with his eye steadily on the main chance. And so it is with all the others.
It is the general opinion at the capital that, though the campaign opens late, it will be the most exciting the country has seen since the war. The tariff issue will inevitably enter into the canvass and this will stimulate both parties. The sectional issue will depend much on the success of Mr. Sherman with his outrage investigation, but thus far this does not promise much. Taking the testimony, pro and con, the result is likely to be a stand off in a political sense. Personal popularity, party conviction and business views are manifestly to decide this fight, and the issues that have divided the North and South are to play only a secondary part. A leading Ohio member said to-night: "The tariff line will divide the two parties this time. That is what the election of Mr. Carlisle meant. He had only two votes from the East, but he had almost the solid vote of the South and West. It will be the same in the presidential fight. Mr. Logan will try to go on his record as a soldier, and Mr. Sherman will try it once more on a bloody-shirt platform. But both will fail. The man who is nominated will be selected more for his tariff views than anything else."
The Payne Literary Bureau, according to all accounts, has been thoroughly organized in New York during the past week. Mr. Wm. C. Whitney, Payne's son-in-law, resides there, and the bureau is to be operated by him with the aid of able assistants. Chairman Paige of the Ohio Democratic State Central Committee, was in New York yesterday in conference with Mr. Whitney, an Mr. John R. McLean is there now. The Payne people in Washington look upon the New York Sun's declaration, that he cannot be nominated, as a good augury.—Houston Post Special.

The remains of General Old arrived at Washington and were buried at Oak Hill Cemetery the 29th.

A London dispatch says the statement is published that the French government has given assurances that it will assist in the discovery of the men engaged in dynamite business and all vessels hereafter arriving at French ports from America will be thoroughly searched.

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ALLIANCE.
Mineral Wells, Feb. 17, '84.

I send you list of Alliances lately organized and list of assistant Lecturers as they now are. Bro. Daw's has had good success in reviving the dormant Alliances in Parker and has gone to Hood. If he succeeds in other counties as well the alliance will soon be stronger than ever and we shall have a rousing meeting in August at Weatherford.

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Last Saturday night, a week ago, W. J. Womack organized a Farmers Alliance at Post Oak, and last Saturday night another on the head of North Creek. Let the good work go on. Bro. Daw's let us hear from you.

Adaptation to Conditions in Farming.
Great Britain is fortunate in having in her prime minister—Mr. Gladstone—a man of so great versatility of talent that he is equally at home and well-informed whether considering important state problems or those which affect only the interests of particular classes. In a recent speech before a meeting of farmers, he showed a complete familiarity with all the conditions affecting British agriculture, and was able to present them to the farmers in a clear and convincing manner, coming down from the discussion of general principles to those of practical detail. His theme was the importance of modifying agricultural production to present existing conditions and in its general scope is as applicable to farmers in the United States as to those of Great Britain. Speaking of the great increase in

THE COMMON FOOD PRODUCTS, TAKING THE WORLD AT LARGE, HE SAID THE MARKETS MAY AT TIMES SEEM OVERSTOCKED AND PRICES BE LOW, YET IT IS CERTAIN THERE WILL BE A RECOVERY, AND THE APPETITE OF MANKIND FOR FOOD NECESSARY FOR HUMAN SUPPORT WILL COME IN TO HELP THE PRODUCER. COMING DOWN TO DETAILS HE SPOKE OF FRUIT FARMING AS OPENING TO THE BRITISH FARMER A PROFITABLE FIELD OF PRODUCTION. WHILE GREAT BRITAIN HAS A CLIMATE ADAPTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF APPLES AND ALL THE SMALL FRUITS, THE MARKETS WERE LARGELY SUPPLIED WITH FRUITS IMPORTED FROM FRANCE, BELGIUM OR OTHER COUNTRIES FROM EUROPE. HE SAID THE HIGH PRICE OF BUTTER HAD COMPELLED THE COMMON PEOPLE TO MAKE USE OF SUBSTITUTES FOR IT, AND THAT FRUIT WAS BEING LARGELY USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

The production of fruit to supply this growing demand will provide a steady and reliable market for fruits, over and above the regular demand for fresh fruits for consumption. In 1871 the importations of fresh fruit into Great Britain amounted to 1,200,000 bushels, but in 1881 they had increased to 4,500,000 bushels. This large increase had by no means glutted the market; on the contrary, it had never been supplied. Speaking of the article of sugar, he said that within his recollection the population of the country had doubled, but the consumption of sugar had increased five fold, and so it would be with fruits. Poultry and egg farming was also dealt upon as furnishing a reliable market for a profitable line of production. In 1855 the production of eggs was 100,000,000 eggs. In 1880 it had increased to 750,000,000 from foreign countries. The consumption of foreign eggs had increased from 3 1/2 per cent of the population in 1855 to 26 1/2 in 1880. Milk and dairy farming was also discussed, showing that while the production had greatly increased, the consumption had kept pace with it, and the demand is to-day no more danger of being over supplied than it was thirty years ago, when the production was small, compared with that of the present day. We have presented these views because the character and standing of the one who presents them gives them weight, and because they open up to the American farmer an important field of inquiry. The question with him is not confined to the simple questions of the production of fruit, milk or eggs and poultry, but to that broader question of how, in view of the changing conditions of American life, due to the increase in density of the population in all the older states and the concentration of population in business and manufacturing centres, he can so modify his methods of farming and the nature of his products as to realize the best possible results from his operations. The changing conditions point unmistakably to a greater density of production. New wants are constantly arising, the supply of which opens up profitable fields of production. The ever-increasing population has no dependence except upon the farmer for the food it consumes, and the demands of the human stomach are enormous and insatiable. [Farmer's Review.

Milk and Infection.

Several years ago intense interest was awakened by the discovery of much presumptive evidence that sundry infectious diseases, prominent among which was scarlet fever, were communicable from person to person and from place to place through the medium of the milkman's can and its contents. Subsequently the simultaneous outbreak of typhoid fever in many families of certain districts in London forced upon physicians and boards of health the conviction that large numbers of such cases were due to a common cause, or at least were of common origin. The most thorough investigation showed that the only thing anywise common among those affected was their milk supply. This led followed up to the discovery of a possible cause in the bad condition of the water in which the milk vessels were washed. Several similar outbreaks have been unmistakably traced to similar causes and there no longer remains any room for reasonable

TO CONTAMINATION OF ONE OR ANOTHER SORT FROM DISEASED PERSONS. AMONG THE MOST PROMINENT OF THESE IS THE CASE OF THE DUNDÉE DAIRYMAN WHO KEPT HIS MILK IN A ROOM WHERE HIS BOY LAY SICK OF SCARLET FEVER, AND BY THE MEANS INTRODUCED THE DISEASE INTO MANY HOUSEHOLDS WHERE HE SOLD THE MILK. THERE WERE SEVERAL WELL-DEFINED CASES DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO THE CAUSE NAMED, FOUR OF WHICH RESULTED FATALLY. BUT THE OBJECTIONS ARE FAR FETTERED AND CANNOT BE SUSTAINED. THE WEAKEST POINT IN THEM IS THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE MILK CANNOT SERVE AS A VEHICLE FOR UNDEVELOPED DISEASE. BUT WITH ALL THAT MAY BE SAID TO THE CONTRARY, EVERY YEAR EVIDENCE ACCUMULATES THAT MILK IS A DANGEROUS VEHICLE FOR THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT SUCH IS LESS OFTEN THE CASE IN THIS THAN IN OTHER SETTLED COUNTRIES, BUT IT IS PROBABLY AS TRUE THAT SUCH CASES OCCUR MORE FREQUENTLY THAN IS KNOWN OR EVEN SUSPECTED.

A recent outbreak of typhoid fever at Port Jervis, in the State of New York, is undoubtedly chargeable to the milk supply. Of the seventy-five lives, not less than fifty-six were of persons who had received their milk from one farm. In this, as in the St. Paneras case, the disease also prevailed upon the farm supplying the milk, opening the case to the same objection—that the disease was carried only from person to person, and not communicated directly from the original source of infection. The public will wait for a report of the investigation of the case with much solicitude. And now there are grave charges, apparently from a responsible party that the water supply on some of the milk-producing farms near New York is of a character to produce infectious diseases, and efforts are being made to stir up an inquiry into the merits of the charges. It is to be hoped that a healthful public sentiment will be aroused, and some proper action be taken, not only there, but in every district supplying milk for family use.—[Breeder's Journal.

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