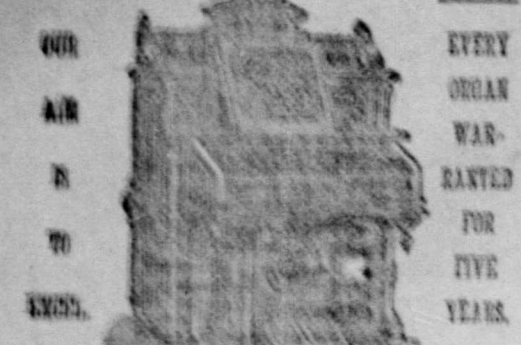


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BURRY THE BLOODY SHIRT.

Remarks of W. L. Cabell at the Fort Worth Re-Union-The next Re-Union.

On August 6th at the reunion of Confederate veterans held at Fort Worth, General W. L. Cabell introduced Master Lee Patrick, son of G. W. Patrick, of Dallas. The lad read a poem entitled "The Conquered Banner." Gen. Cabell said:
Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor, with the greatest pleasure, of introducing to you on this occasion, my talented and youthful friend, Master Lee Patrick, son of G. W. Patrick, of Dallas, who is prevented by severe illness from participating in the ceremonies of this occasion.

While we have met here as friends and associates, in the past struggle and awful conflict which transpired between the sections of our common country, this youth who now stands by my side, his father more than thirty-five years ago engaged in the memorable conflict on the battle field of Buena Vista, Mexico, for the honor and maintenance of the flag of our common country. Now, ladies and gentlemen, let me only add to these few introductory remarks that I am certain I only express all of your sentiments when I say that we desire the "bloody shirt" buried deep forever and that the gray and blue may grasp hands of friendship that shall be everlasting.

After the programme had been finished, delegates from the various companies met and selected the next place for the reunion. Lancaster, Waco and Bryan were in nomination. Waco was chosen as the place, and the first Wednesday in August, 1885, continuing three days, the time agreed upon. All the organizations present held meetings and elected officers, all of them retaining former officials.

SCENES IN NEW YORK.
How the Union and Confederate Soldiers met in the Presence of the Dead General.
Said a New York dispatch of Aug. 7: Great crowds of strangers arrive in New York and boat in anticipation of Saturday's funeral pageant. In the hotel lobbies the most extraordinary assemblages of gathered friends of twenty years ago, who were made enemies by war, shook hands and made friends. Some of the scenes between the soldiers of the north and south were heart-stirring, and there were groups of grand old figures on all sides. In the midst of such a scene stood Gen. Paul Sheridan. Suddenly a red-faced man advanced leading Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia, towards the Union soldier. Then he introduced them and the two old warriors seized hands in firm grip and looked each other squarely in the eyes; their hands trembled, but they did not relax their friendly grasp, but stood there looking at each other with sparkling eyes. General Bolkamp, ex-secretary of war, came up with General Curtis. He then eyed the conqueror of Fort Fisher and then formed part of the group. It was a picture worthy of a painter as the southern General, tall, black eyed, long haired and scarred, pressed the hand of the famous soldier of the north.

"This is how the soldiers of the north and south meet to-day," said General Curtis, "and grant that it is only an emblem of what is coming to the whole country."

Johnson on Grant.
The Gallant ex-Confederate Pays Tribute to the Dead Hero.
Gen. Joseph E. Johnson, who officiated as one of the pall bearers at General Grant's funeral, is reported as having said while at Chicago, Illinois, on his way to New York:
"The first time I ever saw General Grant was during the Mexican war. He was a lieutenant then, and, of course, no one saw in him the great General which he proved to be. I know the southern people feel kindly and have always felt kindly toward General Grant. They never forgot his kindness, the promptings of a good heart in making the favorable conditions of surrender. I don't speak from official information, but it was generally believed in the South that Mr. Johnson, the president, determined to make an example of some of the southern general. Gen. Lee was selected by him as one of the men to be sacrificed. Gen. Grant resisted such a proceeding. He said the nation's honor was at stake, as by the conditions of the surrender, General Lee could not be sacrificed. In short, General Grant stood in the way of Johnson's scheme and saved many a Confederate from death. The Southern people remembered that they knew he had a soldier's heart, and they respected him living and honored him dead."

Military Movements in Afghan.
Dispatches sent from Meshed, in Persia, near the Afghan frontier, say the British forces in Herat are well treated by the inhabitants, and that their health is excellent despite the torrid weather prevailing. The work of fortifying Herat against a possible Russian advance is making rapid progress. The ameer is preparing another large force of Afghan troops for the protection of Herat. The ameer's son will be placed in nominal command. The same dispatches state that the Turcomans of Merv are greatly delighted against the Russian soldier.

Revolution Imminent.
Five governors of the Northern States of Mexico have been holding a conference for some days past at La Jarra, Nuevo Leon. The object and results of the conference are not positively known. Political secrets in Mexico are secrets indeed, but an intimate friend of Governor Cuellar, of Nuevo Leon, said after the conference that it would be advisable for the Northern States to send in a body if the English ship was forced on the coast by the air force with a rumor of a coming revolution.

The Central Texas Live Stock association has passed resolutions denouncing the course of W. A. Jackson, the fugitive ex-convict, who was president of the association. His place is considered vacated and will be filled by one of the vice presidents.

MAZEY ON GRANT.

United States Senator S. B. Mazey, who was a close associate of General Grant, has written the following letter to Col. Hays of Galveston:

"When the bill for placing General Grant on the retired list was before the Senate, I said all that I deemed appropriate at that time. I do not know that I could add anything which has not been better said by others. I have always kept General Grant's military career apart from his civil administration. So far as I know, or believe, he conducted the war upon enlightened principles of warfare. His conduct towards Lee at Appomattox went down to history as the most magnanimous act of a victorious general, the more especially as a harsher course would have been commanded, but by the administration and politicians of the adhering States of the Union. Time and facts have convinced them of his policy. General Grant's strongest character was his absolute courage of conviction. I do not believe from the surrender at Appomattox he had any other feeling against the brave men of the South, who so often gave him battle. My frequent intercourse with him has convinced me of this. General Grant was a manly man, and in recognition of the fact the Southern people with him during his brave struggle with a fatal disease speak volumes for their gallantry, chivalry and manhood."
S. B. MAZEY.

Intended and the Railroad.
The governor has written the following letter to the attorney general:
I call your attention to the late act of the legislature denouncing action against railroad companies to prevent and break up consolidations of competing lines. I also call your attention to the late conference in Galveston in which the owners of main lines in Texas are now meeting to discuss the main offices of some of the principal roads are to be, or are being, removed out of the state. There can be no doubt that each main road in Texas is a competing line to every other road in this state, and that no consolidation can take place without violating the provisions of the constitution and laws. I hope you will not delay action in these matters, and that the railroad companies may be required to conform to the act of the constitution and laws. I am, sir, your obedient servant.
JOHN BRIDLAND, GOVERNOR.

Almost Home.
A recent dispatch from El Paso says: The Mexican editors arrived in El Paso this evening on their return to Mexico. They were received by the committee of the Mexican press and a large number of citizens. Carriages were waiting for them at the depot and they were carried to the Grand Central hotel, where they sat down to a grand wine supper, which had been prepared for them by the citizens of El Paso. The editors declared themselves as being more than pleased with their trip and the American people, who they said treated them with every attention possible. The editors predicted a more pleasant relationship between the United States and Mexico than ever before. They said the support the citizens were accorded over the river to the Mexican side, whereas their farewells was given and as they set foot on their native land they sang "Home, sweet Home."

Our Mary to be Married.
A letter has been received at Long Branch from abroad, in which the writer asserts that Miss Mary Anderson is to be married after the close of her coming tour in the south of the American people, who they said treated them with every attention possible. The editors predicted a more pleasant relationship between the United States and Mexico than ever before. They said the support the citizens were accorded over the river to the Mexican side, whereas their farewells was given and as they set foot on their native land they sang "Home, sweet Home."

Two Aerial Annals.
A balloon race between Prof. Smith, of Chicago, and Prof. Talbert, of Kansas, came off at the first named city the other day. Both balloons after having reached an altitude of about 1,500 feet, collapsed. The men held on to the trapeze bars, as their ships descended with frightful rapidity, and both were seriously injured. In each case the cotton balloons were caught by interfering objects before they struck the earth. But for this both men would have been killed outright. Talbert, it is thought, will die.

Need a Hempen Necktie.
A horrible case of fratricide has been brought to light in San Antonio. Pedro Gerino, an Italian, has a young and very beautiful wife, to whom he was, up to a short time ago, passionately devoted. Some days back she gave birth to a child. It is alleged by credible American residents of the city that he lost her unceremoniously, with a razor shaved off her fine black hair, tied her to the bed, hand and feet, and sold the child to her parents for four cents. The woman had not arisen from her confinement. Gerino had been arrested. The woman is at the county poor house, awaiting lunacy.

Attempt at Assassination.
The San Antonio Light, of recent date, states that an attempt was made some days past to assassinate Mr. W. H. Sims by stabbing him with a dirk or other sharp dagger. The attempt, but no mention was made of it at the time from the hope of discovering the would-be assassin. A hole was cut in the middle of the very handle of a pistol in his pocket, but it seems that Mr. Sims was not conscious of the blow being dealt him and did not feel the blow when he dealt. The man kept the knife in his pocket at the time that he was arrested and King Fisher were killed at last year.

A Mail Robber.
A theft of the United States mail was committed recently between the postoffices at Camp San Saba and Brady City. The mail-carrier, James DeMarron, by some means, it is stated by officers of the court, extracted from the mail sacks a registered letter containing \$20. The theft was discovered and he was arrested and put in jail. It is further stated he confessed the crime, and that \$17.50 of the money was secured. This was on Monday, August 3, 1885. Officers have been dispatched to take the mail-carrier to Austin for trial the present term of federal court.

Smuggler Captured.
A recent dispatch from El Paso says: William Luna, a well-known Mexican smuggler, was captured last week by Deputy Marshal James and taken before Commissioner Bertram. Mexican commissioners from and other ending Mexicans went on Luna's bond, and was released to await the action of the federal court. Luna has smuggled thousands of dollars worth of goods both ways across the river and has long been wanted.

LONDON, Aug. 7. The rumors of a conflict between the Afghans and Russians at Mervahak are untrue.

Weather and Traps as Reported to Merchants' Exchange of Dallas last of the August.
The Merchants' exchange of Dallas has been sending out inquiries to the farmers of the State relative to the condition of crops. The average cotton crop since last report is as follows: improved, fruiting

well, good crop. Oats fifty-one and a half bushels; wheat twenty and a fourth.
Upshear county: The weather continues very warm. The thermometer ranges from 99 to 102 degrees. Corn crop fair; cotton very fair and if nothing happens the yield will be immense.
Bell county: The weather is still hot and dry.
Hamilton county: Cotton is beginning to need rain. Threshing is going on all around, and in several instances there have been reported yields of thirty bushels and upwards.
Hunt county: Copious rains have fallen during the past week and the crops are as fine now as ever grew in this county.
Ellis county: The grain crop is turning out amazingly well. Wheat is yielding from twenty-eight to thirty five bushels per acre and oats from sixty to seventy-five. Wheat is worth from 65 to 70 cents per bushel and oats from 18 to 20 cents, on account of being damaged, though, all in all, the crops are much better than were anticipated. The corn crop is made, and, beyond a doubt, is the finest ever harvested here. Cotton must have rain and at once. It is fine and promises an abundant yield though it is suffering now for rain.
Wilbarger county: The last eight days have been very warm, but we have had no hot winds this summer. A rain fell Saturday night in the southeast part of the county. The corn crop is assured, and a good one, too. Holmes & Hensley are doing a good work with their threshers. This is the first threshing machine ever in the county. It will be kept busy for a long time threshing the good crops of our farmers.
Lampasas County: Another light shower fell here this evening.
Johnson county: Some farmers claim they will make three-fourths of a bale of cotton to the acre. The mercury stood at 101 degrees at 4 o'clock this afternoon.
Houston county: The weather is very warm and dry. No rain has fallen for four weeks.
Cooke county: Our correspondent at Dexter writes us that the crops in that section are very promising, but if it does not soon rain a great deal of damage may still be done. The cotton suffered from the worm, but it is estimated that two-thirds of a crop will be raised.

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A small line of light weight at very low prices. Froquet sets, balls, and fishing tackle at Meigs store.

When you go to Weatherford, Dean's drug store is the place. L. Crutchefield is having dinner torn away preparing a new one.

B. Leach has just received a lot of clothing and will sell at the cheapest.

L. Patton of Antelope is here this week. He reports visitors at that place.

New drug store on east side, Weatherford, Texas, to get pure drugs, etc. New calicoes, white goods, and other dry goods, sold up at D. C. Brown.

The old court house is sold to G. W. Latimer to be removed in 20 days.

W. Knox has sold about two year old steers a ones and \$17 for two years.

L. J. W. Harris will preach at Christian church, Thursday, August 13th, 1885, at 8 o'clock.

Bargain in ladies' and men's, low shoes, and clothing. R. S. Swinburn has been bargaining at the new court house.

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The State Alliance.
The annual session of the Farmers' Grand State Alliance of Texas convened in the Court House in Decatur.

An informal meeting was held on the evening of the 3rd in the district court room, no presiding officer being present, W. L. Garvin was called to the chair, when he made an appropriate address. After which W. W. Jackson of Jack-

Smith, Eld. J. R. Masters, Prather of Fannin made appropriate speeches to the audience.

The Alliance convened in the district court room and promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. the President, J. A. Culwell, called the meeting to order, in due form. C. M. Wilcox, Grand Secy. at his desk. The Alliance was opened in due form.

A committee on credentials was appointed and while they were making their report, the Alliance stood at ease with open doors when an address of welcome in behalf of the city was made by

MAYOR T. J. MURRAY, in behalf of Mayor City Alliance by G. B. PICKET, of Wise county, which was responded to by Lect. S. O. Daws of Wise.

When the committee on credentials made their first report, there were found to be represented about 250 Alliances by over 500 delegates, many more were reported afterwards.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are, Pres., A. Dunlap of Wise; Vice-Pres., J. S. Morris of Tarrant; Secy., C. M. Wilcox of Palo Pinto; Treas., J. A. Landers of Johnson; Lect., G. W. Belcher of Hill; Asst. Lect., Z. S. Lee, of Erath; Chaplain, J. W. Jackson of Cooke; D. K. — Acker, Asst. D. K. — Lyons; Sergeant-at-Arms, L. S. Adair of Wise; Traveling Lecturer for the State, S. O. Daws, Wise.

There was much important business transacted. Several amendments were made to the Constitution. A new section was added to the Declaration of Purposes. The report was read down to three delegates from one County Alliance and Subordinate Alliances have representation only when there are less than four in a county. Among the resolutions passed was one in regard to unity of action with the Knights of Labor, and one declaring the report that the Farmers' Alliance was opposed to internal improvements was false, and further that labor and capital should be allies and not enemies. I had a copy of these, but have lost them. Strong resolutions encouraging education was passed which I did not get. The more the farmer thinks the more he sees the necessity of a thorough practical education in all the departments of the farmers' life.

On Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m. W. E. Farmer of Vanlandi, representing the Knights of Labor, addressed the body. He made a telling speech, which was frequently applauded loud and long.

A resolution was almost unanimously adopted denouncing the whiskey traffic and boldly placing the Alliance on record as an organic friend of prohibition.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:
Decatur, Aug. 6,
Whereas it has come to the knowledge of this body that the Fort Worth & Denver City railway through the kindness of Gen. Supt. C. L. Frost and many others have extended great favors to many of our delegates both in coming to and returning from this place, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand State Farmers' Alliance most cordially tender its thanks to the Fort Worth & Denver City, and more particularly Supt. C. L. Frost for courtesies and favors thus shown. And that a copy of these resolutions be tendered C. L. Frost.

J. S. MORRIS, Chair. of Com.
Resolved, That we the Grand State Farmers' Alliance of Texas, while in session, most cordially tender our thanks to the citizens of Decatur, and the brethren of Wise county for courtesies and hospitalities shown us during our stay with them while in session.

J. S. MORRIS, V. P.
It was ordered that 1000 copies of the minutes of this meeting be published in pamphlet form and one copy sent to each Subordinate Alliance.

Cleburne was selected as the place of the next meeting of the Grand State Alliance, which will convene on the 1st Tuesday in August, 1888.
The Rural Citizen was retained as the official journal during the succeeding year.
Decatur is a very neat little city, the streets are rather narrow, but are remarkably clean and are

adorned by many beautiful cottages. While there we had the pleasure of taking supper with our friend Col. Bob Collins editor of the Post and his genial family.

To Members of the Alliance and People of Texas.
As reports have gone to the people that the Southern Gem Nurseries of Dallas, Texas owned by Mr. J. R. Johnson do not raise the trees they sell and are not reliable, at the request of Mr. Johnson we were appointed a committee of the Grand State Alliance of Texas, in session at Decatur, Texas, August 4, 5, 6, and 7, 1885, to visit and examine said nursery and report thereon.

We therefore state we have examined the grounds and the growing stock of said nurseries and find there growing many hundred thousand trees of all the kinds usually found in first class nurseries and we find the Southern Gem Nurseries in splendid condition. Trees are of fine growth and of clean cultivation.

We find ample quantities of growing apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries, grapes, and many kinds of berries, ornamental trees, shrubbery &c. Also, bearing trees of all kinds from which to procure buds for budding, and ample testing grounds under the care of a foreman of 12 years experience in propagating all worthy fruits. We, the committee, both have much experience in raising trees and fruit and we are thoroughly convinced the above Nurseries are conducted fairly and honorably, and we know from evidence given us that Mr. Johnson stands in the front rank of nurserymen in the State of Texas, both as to character and responsibility as well as in the United States Association of Nurserymen of which he is Vice-President for Texas, which body is doing a noble work for the planting public and the elevation of the profession. We know that he furnishes trees and shrubbery to the people of Texas and other States and is endorsed by the leading banks and merchants of Dallas. We also find careful specifications of the stock ordered on his books prepared for his fall digging. Of his packing we know of personal knowledge it is properly and correctly done. We believe the reports against these nurseries were caused by tree peddlers who purchase trees in bulk and label them to suit themselves. All authorized agents of these nurseries will have certificates of agency we advise the people, in all cases, to call for the salesman authority to sell.

Jacob Brown, late Treasurer Grand State Alliance and Pres. Wise County Alliance, C. M. WILCOX, Secretary Grand State Alliance.

All papers friend to the Alliance please copy.

Waco Bend, Young County.
Some time since while living in Tonk Valley we were visited by Bros. W. J. Womack and Jackson. A meeting was called and after a very happy presentation of the Farmers' Alliance with its objects and aims by Bro. Jackson, the good people of the neighborhood were asked to assist in organizing an Alliance. Eleven names responded and after a very impressive lecture by Bro. Womack they were duly initiated.

The Alliance is composed of five men and farmers to be a live body. Though young in the work they are all sanguine of success and willing to make any sacrifice the cause demands. At the organization your worthy servant was elected secretary but my continued absence together with my family's sickness has prevented active service on my part. There are a half dozen communities along the Brazos river to be organized whenever our worthy lecturer can come and help us. The Macedonian cry is, "Come over and help us." The continued hard times has set the people to thinking, which is sure to do good.

May God spare the noble band of men and women enrolled in the great work of organizing the farmers. They are God's nobility. Organization of the farmers means success. D. H. CARRAKER, Waco Bend, Young Co., July 11.

Studies from Nature No. 8.
BY A. F. ALLEN.
We have noticed briefly seed dissemination, germination, and the various offices of the roots, noticing only the most important, or those most likely to interest the readers of the CITIZEN.

An exhaustive treatise would lead to an almost indefinite length, we shall therefore limit these studies to a cursory view of the subject. The stem or ascending axis comes next in order whether of tree or plant we will find this a study of much interest. Cellulose the material which constitutes the bulk of the stem growth is composed out of the four simple elements, carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen; what a boundless diversity of form and color spring from the various combinations of the four elements. Whether the towering oak that resists

time and storm or some tender-flowing that sways and bends before every passing breeze they are alike the results of these elements which the great King has called in to life and action to deck our world with forms of beauty. The stems of trees or plants appear to the eye as solid, but by the aid of the microscope we are astonished at the revelation in this seemingly unpromised field; instead of a solid compact body we behold every tree trunk every stem of weed vine or grass, every twig, a mass cells and fibre. These cells are the storehouse of the sap after it has undergone chemical changes by light and heat in the leafy laboratory. These cells assume almost as many forms as there are varieties of plants, in the pith of the elder these cells are easily seen piled together like so many dice, in mesh they cross each other continuously leaving between them triangular spaces filled with air; in oak we find them piled over each other not unlike a pile of eggs. In some oaks the cells are stacked above each like cigars, and tiny round boxes fitting together so perfectly it is difficult to tell where they meet. In the potato these appear as a heap of oyster shells, in the cactus we see them assuming the shape of a many pointed star. We behold them appearing in hundreds of beautiful forms every form in perfect harmony with its surroundings we also see them changing as the plant becomes older many cells merging into one by the disappearance of all the division walls. Now cells develop keeping pace with the growing plant, multiplying by million till the wood of the tree or plant appears to be a mixed mass of cells and fibre, the first glance through the glass gives us the impression that for once nature has missed her wasted harmony, but after a moment's inspection this intricate combination assumes a harmony and symmetry that excites our wonder and admiration for the power that could thus perfect such minute organism. Sugar, gum, sugar, salts and acids are held in solution in these cells for the future use of the tree or plant, some cells contain only air or grass, the matter also which gives to the fruits and flowers their various and rich coloring is stored, here which undergo a further and final change in the bud, bloom, forth a thing of beauty after their kind. In the sap wood the cells are larger and more numerous decreasing in size as they approach the centre where they assume a long tubular form, and seemingly performing a different office in this intricate organism, from the cells in the sap wood. That office doubtless consists in transmitting oxygenized sap from the leaves or lungs of the plant down to the lower cells, where it is taken up as needed by the plant. As the prepared sap descends down the interior, so it ascends in a crude state through the bark and sap wood. This constitutes the siphonal system, a wise provision of nature this system may be limited to the bark and surface of the wood as in cases where the heart decays here the descending system turns aside and occupies a portion of the sap wood. We often see the heart of a tree entirely decayed and yet the tree flourishes; if the internal organism of inanimate nature was limited and fixed to certain parts as in inanimate life, our forests would present a sad appearance. We may liken the religious hypocrite to these trees, rot at heart, yet to the sight of men he flourishes. But when the axe is laid to the root of the tree and reveals its rottenness within it is condemned as unfit for the fire, so with the hypocrite. When the bark is removed the entire circuit of the tree the ascending system is mainly destroyed, if the finer and weaker part of the system now limited to the sap wood fails to respond to the demand, the tree dies; when the sap wood is also destroyed by deep girdling the tree dies at once.

To The Farmers' Alliance.
Brothers of the Alliance: While I express some of my thoughts, I would talk to you face to face but that cannot be, and since such is the case we should exchange our views with each other for our common good, let us express ourselves boldly and honestly on all points touching the good of the order, no matter how they may conflict with the opinions of others, I wish to touch on many points therefore I shall not dwell long on any one thought, first I will say that I am pleased to note the rapid growth of our order in this state, proving beyond a doubt that the laboring classes are becoming aroused and interested in their own welfare and have already organized to such an extent that their power is being felt by Monopoly already, we are reaping the benefits of our labor, we are buying of fairer prices, selling at better prices. We of Dye Mound Alliance of Montague county have reduced rates in milling and ginning as well as reduced rates in many other departments of trade, just so long as we continue to work together in harmony just so long we will flourish and increase in strength, and as surely as the quivering needle settles to the poles just so surely will we be able to cope successfully with the giant Monopoly that opposes us; then let us stand firm as the everlasting hills whose tops have been painted by the sunlight for centuries, no matter how much we may differ in religious or political opinions, let us lose sight of that, and love each other as brothers, banded together for our mutual welfare. Some say that other classes are not organized, but here is one instance to prove the contrary, a farmer can not go with the cash to a wholesale house and buy goods, and why because the wholesale merchant knows he must protect his trade to retail merchants and should he sell to retail merchants and should he sell to retail merchant customers then the retail merchant could not make a living out of the business and if he could he would not buy of the wholesale merchant that sold to the consumer, but go to one who did not; however, they understand each other too well to do this. So you see we are forced to support the middle man this one instance out of a thousand. Our cotton goes off to other places to be manufactured and is returned to us in dry goods, for which we pay dear, so it is with our hogs or beef, and wheat, they go north, come back in canned goods, bacon, flour etc., and we pay for them while we are anxious that all the laboring class should join us, we should be careful that none unworthy, should pass the portals of the Alliance, we want no idlers in this work, and if we find that there are drones in the hive, let us root them out, let us try to elevate our fellow man morally and socially, let us give our aid to officers in maintaining and enforcing the civil law of our land, let us not only dwell together in unity, but let us be peace-makers, and subduers of troubles and quarrels between our fellowmen, let us prove to those who oppose us that we are firm in our purposes, and that our principles are good, let our works be such, that they may judge the tree to be good, by its fruits. GOOSE QUILL, Montague county.

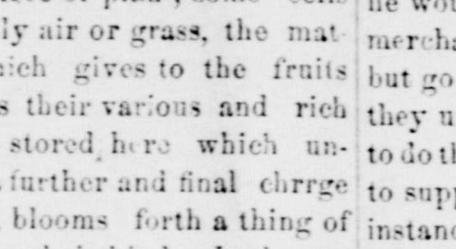
There is much truth in the following from the National Review: "Parents often make grave mistakes by sending their children to school in cities. There are large numbers of country colleges which afford better advantages for education, without half the temptations to become dissipated. At the country colleges there is nearly always less 'red tape' ceremonies, and more substantial instruction than in the cities. The air is fresher, the water more pure, the surroundings more healthful, the expenses not half so great and attractions which take a boy's mind from his books are not nearly so numerous. In the cities a boy sees a very little of practical life. He beholds fashion, displayed and money-spending. He sees dram-shops and drunkenness. If he has a genial adaptable disposition he learns to be a spendthrift and a user of all the current slang. He also gets the ruinous opinion that physical labor is beneath the dignity of educated men and women. In the country he gets acquainted with the customs and character of the people who furnish the staple products of the land, learns to respect and honor their vocation and becomes appreciative of their lofty pursuits. When parents turn the tide of patronage more from the crowded, rushing city colleges, and towards the quiet healthful country seats of learning, there will be more educated, useful young men in the land, and fewer fine-haired loafers and well-dressed beggars and dead-beats.

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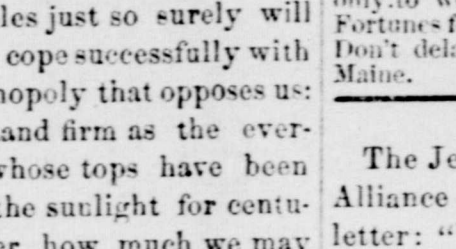
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