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LABOR IS THE NORMAL CONDITION OF MANKIND.

WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG MEN OF SOUTH-WEST TEXAS.

BY M. F. LOWE.

Taken from last week's Pearsall News.

Many years ago the English representative in this country wrote the following to the foreign office: "There are few countries in which the working man is held in such high regard as in the United States of America. The laboring classes may be said to embrace the entire American Nation. Every man works for a living, follows a profession, or is engaged either in merchantile or other industrial pursuits." Perhaps as much could not be said of any other Nation. Labor is honorable here, and only idleness dishonorable. Viewed as a whole we are truly a nation of laborers. The statement, however, that "every man works for a living" is true only in the sense that it is his duty to work, and public sentiment demands that he shall, and at the same time pronounces toil honorable. Labor is the normal condition of Man-kind.

Even nature is one great workshop. Through what countless ages had the sun been at work, storing force in the trees and vegetation of primeval forests, and what earth had the earth been gathering this force and fuel in its bosom ere the hand of man opened the coal mines! Every diamond and every shining ore is an evidence of working nature. Work is written on every flower and tree, every shrub and blade of grass, in every cell of the honeycomb and in every quaint and curious nest, in every star and the sun and moon, in the motion of the planets and in the ripening grain. Work sings and breathes and buds and blossoms through all animate nature. Work! work! exclaim the busy forces of inanimate nature; and work! work! work! floats out from the central power or the universe and echoes throughout illimitable space. "My Father worked hitherto and I work" comes as an example with the impress of the Divine. In activity is found true happiness and the only road to prosperity. The rule is as true of nations as individuals. "This is a working nation," is written of the United States. In that fact is found the secret of our national growth and prosperity. While on the other hand Italy, as an example, has been sitting for many hundreds of years with folded hands, beneath the shadow of her greatness, as in mourning for her departed glory. She grows neither in wealth nor power. Her ruins are her greatest treasure, and her pride. She lives in the past. Nestled at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, the currents of her life run in sluggish streams; as of old the same beautiful waters wash and chafe her shores; the same sunny skies bend above, and the same gentle breezes kiss the cheek. The same earth that "echoed to the tread of either Brutus" is there but her Caesars are gone. Her great leaders gave her great activity and great prosperity. Scholars visit her shores, not to study that which makes her great, but that which made her great. But turn to our own country, "a working nation," and what a contrast. Industry commanded and the earth reveal-

ed her mines as if to reward a "working nation." Activity is seen on every hand and America today even rivals the greatness of the golden eras of antiquity. In that elder day to be a Roman was greater than to be a king, but now to be an American is to command respect throughout the civilized world. Honest toil has made us what we are. This is true of individuals. "The busy world shoves angrily aside the man who stands with arms akimbo, set, until occasion tells him what to do; and he who waits to have his path marked out, shall die and leave his errand unfulfilled." Idleness is the parent of most of our miseries, and honest toil is the panacea for most of human ills. "When I am assailed with tribulations," says Luther, "I rush out among the pigs, rather than remain alone. The human heart is like a millstone in a mill; when you put wheat under it, it turns and grinds and brings the wheat to flour, if you put no wheat in, it still grinds on, but then it is itself that grinds and wears away." Button closed his treatise upon melancholy with the advice: "Be not solitary; be not idle." Goldsmith, having reaped the fruits of idleness in misery and gloom, changed the current of his life by industry, and gathered the golden harvest of toil. His advice about handling the nettle, became his watchword in treading out misfortune. "Grasp it like a man of mettle, and the rogue obeys your will."

What should I learn from the misfortune, but not let them control us. As said by Chas. Lamb "Better that our family should have missed that legacy which old Dorrel cheated us out of than be worth £10,000 and be without the idea of that specious old rogue," "so should we feel that we deserve to be hanged in a hair halter," then, as Carlyle suggests, "we shall feel it a luxury to be hanged with hemp." Goethe made a poem on his griefs and thus got rid of them. Rufus Choate never put off the harness, but when his constitution was gone, he lived on "the by-laws." Oliver Wendell Holmes, the spirit of happiness in American literature, at the meeting of his old college associates, addressed them as "boys." In their hair was no longer folded the midnight as in youth, but grey streaks heralding the dawn of an eternal day rested on their brows. Industry kept "the Fountain of Perpetual Youth" in their bosoms and gave indolence no time to spread his mould over their hearts. The poet exclaims:

"Yes we're boys, always playing with tongue or with pen
And I have sometimes asked if we shall ever be men?
Shall we always be youthful, laughing and gay,
'Till the last dear companion crops smiling away?"

Honest toil never makes us old, but idleness and drugery will bring gray hairs and furrows at an early age.

Now to the question. What is honest toil, or honest labor? It is any employment to which we are adapted, and in which we can use our ability to the best advantage. All cannot be orators, neither can all be artists, all cannot succeed in law, neither can all succeed in farming. Every man of ordinary capacity can succeed at some calling, and a successful farmer is worth more than an unsuccessful lawyer. Then let no occupation appear in a false light. Let no young man be allured by the success of others to enter a calling for which nature has not designed him. All industrial or professional occupations are equally honorable,

the calling can never make you honorable, but you can make yourself so, and win undying fame in any legitimate calling. It is a mistake to think that you can win laurels in a profession more easily than in some industrial occupation. You can win a name in your proper sphere or you can reap failure outside of it. The road to success in life lies through application, through toil, not through occupation. A glance at the picture gallery of the earth's heroic dead, will reveal a long line of poor boys, who through honest toil have gained for themselves thrones and palaces and pinnacles of fame.

Demonsthenes, whose name is the synonym of oratory, was the son of a cutter; Homer, the grace and glory of his age, was the son of a small farmer, Columbus, whom two hemispheres have honored, was a weaver; Franklin, whose genius drew Mar's fiery lance from the clouds and broke it on his philosophic shield, was the son of a tallow candler and soap boiler, and himself an apprenticed printer; Howard, the philanthropist; Virgil, "that well spring from which such copious floods of eloquence have issued out," Whom Dante calls "the glory and light of all the tuneful training," was the son of a porter. So with Horace, Shakespeare and Milton, poverty in youth, and lowly birth were not obstacles; for they mounted far above all outward circumstances and won the highest fame of time.

grandeur names than these? yet what boy among us who commences any nearer the foot of life's ladder than they commenced? There are many others, of whom history speaks, who commenced in poverty and have reaped fame as well as riches, by honest toil. It has been said by a learned judge, "some succeed by great talents, some by high connection, some by miracle, but the majority by commencing without a shilling." If you consider labor a blessing and are willing to begin life in your shirt sleeves you may expect success. "Where there is a will there is a way." There is no royal road to success. "Alike the peer and peasant must climb to his abode." Now if a young man has come to the conclusion that there is no patent on prosperity, that all who will may succeed and that one industrial or professional calling is just as honorable as another, providing it is legitimate, the question of occupation, is the next most important thing. "In what can I best succeed?" is the main question. No one can afford to work at a disadvantage and he who follows a calling, in which he is not contented and successful is stooping to the merest drugery.

You must be interested in your calling and then the work to a success becomes most agreeable. It is the pursuit followed without interest that wears out both body and mind. In other words, working at that in which we find no pleasure always wastes energy and shortens life. Consult your abilities and tastes before selecting your calling. In selecting your calling, let no false colors please your fancy. Let no allurements of profession cheat you of happiness and success in life. A young man makes a sad mistake when he leaves the farm thinking to dignify or ennoble his toil in some lawyer's or doctor's office, or behind some merchant's counter. If farm life is his sphere there he is a free man; and in any other calling he is a mere slave

to a profession. If there is one occupation more noble than any other, it is farming; for we must judge of the dignity of an occupation by its usefulness.

The black clothes worn by a lawyer, while the wearing garb of the farmer may enclose a frank, free and noble man.

The man who enters a profession, and afterwards finds that he is not adapted to it, and that he is hopelessly inferior, either leave it or strangle the noble impulses of his soul. No happiness, and see, he must remain at the foot of the ladder, (so to speak) the distinct self preservation (the first law of nature) asserts and he undertakes to gain a living and secure a competency for old age, and a helpless family grinding money out of the pockets of his fellow men. Those persons might have been eminently useful behind the plow. True life and happiness are worth more than profession. Sydney Smith says: "If you choose the various parts of life by holes in a square and some oblong, and persons acting these parts by bits of wood of similar shape, we generally find that the triangular person has got into the square hole; the oblong into the square hole; and the square person has got himself into the

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We understand the bridge will be repaired as soon as the water will admit of work being done. About half of the trestle work is gone.

Regardless of the fact that the water was several feet higher, than ever before recorded, we can hear of some who "have seen it much higher." We predict that if it should ever rise high enough to cover the flagstaff on the courthouse cupola, someone would remember when "it was a little higher."

The attention of the readers of this paper is called to the advertisement of Mr. Chas. P. Scrivener of Austin, Texas, which appears in this issue. There is no subject in which the people in this section of the state are more deeply interested than that of the sale of Public Free school land. The present Legislature which has just adjourned has passed an act placing upon the market 3,000,000 acres more of the Public Domain in the State, no matter where situated, as school land. This act will take effect 90 days from date of adjournment of the Legislature. In addition to this the forfeitures of former sales will now soon occur, so that at an early day there will be a great deal of school land on the mar-

our exchanges, we cannot sit back and calmly allow such gross misrepresentations as this pass unchallenged. The News man must surely have been suffering from a very bilious liver, or some thing similar when writing that unjust article. That there are peculiar difficulties to be surmounted in La Salle, we freely admit, but that the field is more dangerous than any other we do not emphatically deny. No editor was ever killed in La Salle county, and if the law says: "it was only an editor killed;" it on crime has been committed," it was not a La Salle county jury that rendered the verdict. As for life insurance companies, we don't deal in them and can't say. We notice, however, the agents are willing to take our applications. The editors of this paper have lived in La Salle county since early boyhood; in the past fifteen years, all of which time we called Cotulla, home, we have viewed many disturbances, and known of some killings, but in every instance they were caused by taking too large a dish in other people's private affairs, or else were precipitated by someone whose residence was outside of the county. In that time our business has called us to all parts of the county, and our dealings have been with all classes of her citizenship under all conditions of life. We were compelled in that time to take long journeys alone, going to and from our work; at all hours of the day or night, we have traversed the public highways or chosen the nearer and lonelier by ways. More than once have we camped on the broad prairies or in the wooded hills, with no one save our horse for a companion, and nothing but our pocket knife for defense. In all the shifting scenes of life on the frontier we have had our share and never once have we called into requisition the dead-end road.

Dear, why do I think of you? It seems as though you must be near. It is because it is springtime, and my heart is full of yellow daffodils. I am writing water to you, one that you will never receive for all I know you may be dead or even married. It does not seem so long since I met, though I know it is years ago. If you would be glad to know that I am thinking of you—that out of the blue gray comes a vague, sweet thought that brings you near to me. To-morrow it will be winter again—winter in my heart—and I shall tear up this letter, but only if I hear the whisper of spring that bathes death in chill my lips—no silence thunders pounding with its words as pain. I hear the whisper of spring that bathes hope, I feel the touch of clinging hands—your hair against my cheek. Oh, whom I might not know were I to meet you now—do you doubt my love, that you lose out of your life without a word a sign that you care?

Here the writing terminated abruptly. The reader stood as in a dream, gazing straight before him into the dimly lighted room. Her handwriting! It was as though she had risen to confront him. A knock at the door aroused him. He opened the door and the lady burst in; her quick eyes fell on the paper in his hand. "What is that?" she asked, "a love letter?" "Yes," he replied, "a love letter."

DO YOU KNOW that the Supreme Court of Texas has decided that all the public domain in Texas belongs to the Free School Fund, and that the legislature has just passed an act placing 3,000,000 acres more of the Public Domain on the market for sale as school land on 40 years time at only 3 per cent interest, which act will take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature.

DO YOU KNOW what counties in this State Public Free School Lands are on the market for sale?

DO YOU WANT a book giving the full text of the State law in regard to the purchase of Public Free School Lands, together with the reasons of the various sections of the State and statistics in regard to them of great value to you.

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AFTER MANY YEARS.

HE HAD just moved into a new house, and had endeavored to have cheerful rooms a la mode, but though the rooms were scattered about, his pipe was under the mantle shelf, surrounded by a neat and effective border of unpaid bills, sundry writs and county court notices, he was yet unsatisfied with the general effect.

This time, however, the current had been too strong, and he found himself at last stranded with a beggarly allowance of a thousand a year, the last remnant of the handsome fortune that had once been his.

He, also, had been to blame. She was poor, and he made love to her for false colors—had led her to believe he was a poor government clerk at a salary of \$9 a year. His object at first had been pure for his own amusement, and she was the kind of woman fated to be a man's plaything, and the game had ended in dead earnest.

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Today's northbound train arrived about 5 hours late.

S. G. McMains and wife were in town trading Thursday.

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Jos. Cotulla boarded Wednesday's train going south.

Fresh candies and fruits at Simon Cotulla's.

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Cotulla is building up right along. Especially Center street.

Mr. A. Jordan is in the city from San Antonio, on business.

Orange, Blackberry and Grape ciders at S. Cotulla's.

Mr. J. W. Elkins and daughter are down from the Puddin today.

Keck Bros. have a Wonder Pump Jack for sale cheap.

For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.

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S. H. Miller of Escinal passed up the road Tuesday enroute to San Antonio.

W. N. Young of the Cochina ranch was a visitor in the city Thursday.

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If you want a Wonder Pump Jack cheap, call on Keck Bros.

Mr. Martin Wilkins was down town from his ranch in the Puddin Thursday.

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Mr. P. A. Kerr made a flying trip to the Alamo City yesterday; returning today.

If you want a clean shave, and a first-class hair cut, don't pass Jacinto Lopez' barber shop.

Messrs. Thos. Gardner and C. L. Howard were among the Puddin people in town this week.

Mr. J. A. Burwell and his two little girls were arrivals on Wednesday's train from San Antonio.

Finest water in the world for bathing purposes at the Cotulla Bath House.

Mr. Tim Conlan was up from his sheep ranch in the lower part of the county Wednesday.

Mrs. E. M. Dubose and children arrived here from Alice yesterday, and will reside here in the future.

For fresh, cheap sorghum hay, call on Claunch, the Saddler, and buy a saddle or set of harness with the hay.

A complete line of ladies driving gloves is now shown at Henrichson & Co's. Give them a call if in need.

M. V. Mills, of Oakville, came in on Sunday's train to visit his uncle, the Cotulla Saddler. He returned Wednesday.

Agent H. B. Miller went up to San Antonio Thursday. Operator H. T. Henry 'held down' the depot while he was away.

The I. & G. N. passenger trains transferred at the river Monday and Tuesday on account of the water being so high that it was dangerous to cross.

Messrs. N. A. Swink and J. H. Gates left Thursday evening on a short business trip to Monterey.

Mr. Jno. Robuek, who has been boring a well on the May ranch struck Artesian water Thursday, at the depth of 150 feet.

IF YOU ARE THINKING of going anywhere, consult the I & N Excursion Rate List in another column of this paper.

Born: Saturday morning, a baby boy, to Mr and Mrs M. T. Allen. The RECORD extends a welcome to the new comer.

Miss Willie Baylor of the La-Motte ranch has been in the city the greater part of the week visiting Miss Lizzie Gilmer.

Miss Demetra Stanfield, of Prairie Lea arrived here this week on a visit to relatives. She will remain for some time.

Any one desiring tin work done will please let me know at once. I will be here only a few weeks longer.

J. A. Burwell.

Some of the boys are having a boat built. It will probably be finished by the time the river goes down; anyhow by the close of the century.

C. Herring of the Puddin came in yesterday evening to be treated for the bite of a centipede. It is very painful, but is not considered dangerous.

Mr. Sam Sloan of San Antonio, came down Thursday to spend a few weeks hunting and fishing. Sam is an old Cotulla boy and his many young friends are glad to see him again.

Quite an amusing little incident occurred on top of the hill this side of the river last Wednesday afternoon, in which Attorney C. C. Thomas played an important part. Ask him about it; he'll tell you.

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The protracted meeting which was to begin last night was postponed until Monday night, Children's Day services will be held at the Baptist Church tomorrow night. All are welcome, and cordially invited to attend.

W. C. Irvin was in the city yesterday circulating among the stockmen. Mr. Irvin says he has fine grass in some parts of his pasture, but in the vicinity of his farm very little rain has fallen, and as a consequence his corn crop will be cut short.

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Mr. P. C. Conway, our enterprising bee man, was in town immediately after high water began to subside with another "tale of woe." He says, and is willing to vouch for the truth of his assertion, that while busy with his bees, moving them back as the water rose higher, he neglected to move his grind stone, (which weighs only a fraction over 25 pounds) but supposing it would maintain its position, unaided allowed the angry waters to engulf it. Desiring to know of the success or failure of his experiment he hurried to the site as soon as practicable, but found only the wooden stand left, the stone having floated off. Mr. Conway offers a reward for its recovery.

LATER.—He informs us, as we go to press, that the stone has been found somewhat less than several miles below his apiary.

DENTIST. Dr. Clement Branham will locate permanently in this city. Crown and Bridge work, set of teeth. At present at Dunham Hotel.

MONEY! MONEY!

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S. V. EDWARDS, LAREDO, TEXAS.

On the first page of this issue is an article written by Judge M. F. Lowe. It is full of wholesome advice, and breathes a true spirit of love for America, her institutions and future prospects. The writer is one who has attained his present high position by labor, the subject of his remarks, and having practiced, is competent to preach this doctrine. He is one of the great majority who commenced without a shilling, and worked his way up from a cowboy through long and tedious application, to one of the most important positions of trust and power within the gift of the people. A careful perusal of the article will do no one harm, but will, if acted upon, redound to the honor of Texas, some day.

Cotulla is soon to have another drugstore, which will be owned by Dr. McGarrity & Son, who lately came here from Leesville to locate. Active work was begun on the foundations Tuesday, and the frame work is now nearly completed. The new building faces Center street, just west of Farver and Hall's grocery and dry goods store. Saddler B. F. Claunch is also having a new shop built in connection with this building. He expects to move into it at an early date. With every new business opened, Cotulla gains in prestige as a central distributing point. The RECORD most heartily welcomes the new comers, and wishes for their success.

The Nueces river took another unaccountable desire to break all former records, this week and as a consequence, a large share of the county bridge, taking advantage of the exceedingly low (or rather high) excursion rates, started on a pleasure jaunt to the gulf. Early Sunday morning the river began to rise rapidly, continuing throughout the day. At sundown the high water mark of a few days since was reached, and by ten o'clock that night, the whole of the south end of the bridge broke partly loose from its moorings and floated around against the bank. The water yet continued to rise and when Monday morning had dawned upon scene, bringing with it large crowds of sight seers, was running over the hub guards, several feet above the floor of the span. During the morning large sections of the bridge, breaking wholly free from the piling, floated down stream and collided with the rail road bridge, causing some damage before it could be cut loose and allowed to continue its course. The highest of authentic high water marks were nowhere visible, the rise being several feet "straight water" above them all. Trains were delayed several hours, and then were compelled to transfer their passengers, baggage etc. The water, showing no signs of abatement, the trestle on the south side of the river, over that part where the stream is most swift, was cut free from the iron span early that night; loaded freight cars were run out on the bridge to hold it down, and every precaution was taken to reduce the danger to the minimum degree. The water began to fall however early in the night, and all danger was soon over. Trains resumed regular schedules Thursday. The river is still high, but is falling fast, and will doubtless be fordable early next week.

Laundry shipped to the San Antonio Steam Laundry next Wednesday. Leave your orders early. Emmett C. Stevens, Agent.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davenport departed this life yesterday evening. In his infinite wisdom the heavenly Father spared this frail blossom only a few weeks on earth ere he plucked it from the bosom of its fond mother to transplant it above. The funeral took place this evening at three o'clock, Rev. Bruce Roberts conducting the services. In this, their sad hour of affliction we extend our sincere sympathy to the heart-broken family.

I. & G. N. EXCURSIONS.

Between all I. & G. N. Stations. One and a third fares for 4th of July. On sale July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th; limit 6th.

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The following poem, written by a Ranger was dedicated to the Sheriff of Menard county. It was handed to us by one of the boys who had just returned from that part of the country.

He's a quiet, easy fellow, with his

He wears a big revolver which he seldom ever shoots.

He has served his time as a Ranger on the reckless Rio Grande, And he has the reputation for great marksmanship and sand; He has strung up several horse-thieves in rustler days gone by, And although he seems so pleasant, there's a devil in his eye.

When he goes to take a prisoner, he calls him by his name, In that confidential manner, which suggests the bunco game; If the culprit is not willing, takes exception to the plan; Our Sheriff gets the drop, sir, and likewise gets his man.

Oh! it's "powerful persuasion," is a pistol 'neath your nose, 'Hands up, you've got to go Sam,' and Sam he up's and goes.

In the fall at "county elections," when the candidates appear, The Sheriff's awful friendly, for he likes to 'electioneer;' Then he takes the honest granger and ye stockmen by the hand, And he augers them for votes sir, in a manner smooth and bland. He is generous, brave and courtly, but a dangerous man to sass, For his manner is suggestive of that sign "KEEP OFF THE GRASS."

He may run a livery stable, or perchance he keeps hotel, He may own a bunch of cattle or may have some lots to sell; He is full of go and travel, for he's paid so much per mile, And his little bills for "extras," make County Judges smile. "Hy'ars lookin' at yer, Sheriff;" come boys, lets drink her down, To the most important man, sir, of every Texas town.

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