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### NOW IS THE TIME, SAYS VOORHEES, FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECLARE

#### Themselves on Silver—He is for Both Metals Equally.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 1.—Senator Voorhees in a talk to-day with a Sentinel Washington correspondent made this statement in regard to his views on the free coinage of silver:

"I do not regret the agitation of the silver question. Sooner or later it is to be definitely settled, whether the laboring, producing people of this country can be bullied out of one-half of their debt-paying money or whether they will stand up like free men and protect and defend the money named and provided in the constitution—gold and silver both—not one of the precious metals alone, but both, and on terms and conditions as to coinage and use of absolute equality. This is the question immediately before us, and no better time than now will ever be found for its settlement.

"The tariff will not return to plague us again for years to come. It has been so wisely and equitably adjusted that no attempt at a general revision is now in contemplation in any quarter. There is no longer any issue in regard to Federal election laws and the threat of the bayonet at the ballot box. No national question is at this time before us, except that of the way of a full, free, fair basis of money, currency, metals, standards, Gees, units on account and payment and the bearing which all things have on the general welfare of the great body of the American people. The silver question itself is also plainer to the view, less obscured by the craft of its enemies than at any time since the assassination of silver money took place in 1873. There are no legislative switches now in existence to lead the people away from the main track. No cowardly makeshifts, no insincere sham, can any longer darken discussion or betray honest counsels.

"The Sherman act which was conceived in rancorous hostility to silver and brought forth into a law by an iniquitous betrayal of free silver coinage has been buried in an unpopulated grave over which no lament will ever be heard. "I have never been willing to admit our system of currency should be dictated by England and other foreign countries and I repel that idea now. The real and vital issue now presented to the American people is the proposed elimination of silver from our currency, its total overthrow and destruction as a money metal and the use of gold alone. This is what is now meant by the government against the free coinage of silver, whatever disclaimers may be made to the contrary. This movement means the destruction of one-half of the debt-paying money of the United States and the world. If it should be successful it will double the burdens of every debt (and multiply the gains and incomes of every creditor wherever the sun shines).

"The debts of the American people at this time, both public and private, are appalling in amount. They have been contracted on a bimetallic basis and it is now proposed to make them payable on the basis of gold alone. The two metals also constitute the specie basis for such paper money as may be put in circulation. If silver money is destroyed paper circulation must be contracted in that proportion. Every form and kind of money must become that much scarcer and harder to get in exchange for labor and the products of labor. Such a policy is to my mind simply horrible. I have not a particle of doubt as to the result of the contest now going on. The enemies of silver will be driven to the wall. Silver money will not only survive, but will be fully restored to its old place as a leading and controlling factor in the development and progress of the country.

"Nor have I any fear for the future strength and harmony of the democratic party. Some men may discard its principles and abandon its organization, but others will take their places. I have been in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio fixed by Jefferson all my life, and whatever others may do I shall never abandon my principles nor my party. I am not unmindful of the vague cry now raised about 'sound money,' 'honest money,' and it causes me to glance back over the career of silver in American history. I discover that Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, John Marshal and Monroe indorsed silver money as sound and honest, and that the same view was entertained throughout the most important epochs of our country's trials, growth and glory by Jackson, Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Silas Wright, Marcy, Horatio Seymour, Benton, Douglas, Hendricks, Morton, Chase and Abraham Lincoln.

"The truth is that danger from the coin and the use of silver as money in this country never occurred to a sane man until greed, avarice, unholly speculation, reared its serpent head and aimed a vicious and deadly blow at the honored dollar of the fathers in 1873. Since that time we have had nothing but financial vexation, distrust, business depression and ruinous panics. The five years which immediately followed the demonetization of silver in 1873 were freighted with more calamity and suffering on the part of laboring and producing people than was ever before known on this continent in the same length of time. A wave of confiscation swept over the country annihilating values, depriving labor of its reward, destroying all market prices for property except such as were bid at sheriff sales. Nor did this wretched condition of affairs show any signs of improvement until the partial restoration of silver to its money function took place in 1878.

"If I am told in this connection that silver bullion as a marketable commodity at this time commands a low price my answer is that if gold had been conspired against persistently, assailed by foul means as well as fair, stabbed in the back, in the daylight, and in the back in the right rib and wherever else dagger could be planted, for nearly a quarter of a century past, it would be in a far worse crippled condition than silver. No other form of money on the face of the earth could have withstood as silver has done such a malignant unsparring crusade as the last twenty-two years have witnessed in this country. It still holds its place in the affections and confidence of the people. Battered and bruised as it has been, yet it will buy to-day all that gold will buy and pay all the debts that gold will pay, unless a special contract has been made for gold. The American people will never give it up and the sooner the ministrations of aggressive, insolent, consolidated wealth and the arrogant apostles of gold monometalism realize and act upon this fact the better and safer it will be for them in the future of this country. In every state and territory silver has been known and endorsed by people for three-quarters of a century, not merely as sound money, not merely as honest money, but as land office money besides. With it their homes were bought and paid for, and not much patience now remains with them or their descendants for those who stand and dignitate the great white metal which has done its work so well.

"And the need of the white metal in the hands of the people is even greater now than before. There is scarcely a speck of gold in sight of the laboring class. In round numbers, there are nearly four thousand millions of gold money in the world, and about the same amount of silver. With silver demonetized the plain people, the wage workers and those who raise and sell the produce of the soil will handle specie money no more forever, and will catch even a glimpse of it but seldom. Gold will be hoarded and

hid away in the vaults of the great magnates of wealth and the people in their business will be put on the half rations of paper money, to which the shrinkage and contraction from basis of bi-metalism to a basis of mono-metalism will reduce.

"I wish to impugn the motives of no one, and avoid hard words in discussion as far as possible, but the time has come when speech, though temperate, should be very plain. Party platforms from this time forward will not be framed to cheat on this subject, whatever may have been done before. No dubious phraseology nor straddling planks on the question of silver will be tolerated in the next national conventions that are to take place in this country. Words will mean what they say and men will be nominated whose lives and records will constitute a guarantee that the principles declared will be carried out. Nor are the people to be imposed on any further by the ominous air with which the money lords and money lenders prate about the terrors and disasters of being put on a silver basis by the free coinage of silver.

"If the tree and unlimited coinage of silver as full legal tender money and as the standard of values and the unit of account and payment without a word of international agreement on the subject will put this country on a silver basis, then we were on such a basis every day and hour from the passage of the first coinage act in April 1792, until the demonetization act of February, 1873; a period of 81 years, during which we arose from weakness to the foremost rank among the nations of the earth. I commend to all croakers in regard to a silver basis a careful reading of the act of April 2, 1792, formulated by Hamilton and Jefferson and approved by Washington."

#### The Ratio is Wrong.

Only the fairest echoes of the calamity howl which, but a few months ago, burst upon the ear with resounding din, can be heard in any part of the land at the present time. The occupation of a large number of newspapers with whom the calamity howl was the entire stock in trade has departed; business is adjusting itself to newly created laws and conditions and confidence in the future is being restored all over the country. If politics and politicians could be dispensed with the industries of the country would be able to get upon their feet, resulting in renewed and lasting prosperity. If the ratio between the eras of politics and prosperity should be once reversed so there should be 16 eras of prosperity to one of politics the country would then be all right. At present the ratio is the wrong way.—Greenville Herald.

Memphis Commercial Appeal: Gov. Matthews of Indiana very frankly acknowledges that he would accept the democratic presidential nomination if it should be tendered him. But the governor evaded when asked his views as to the currency. The day is coming when every man must declare himself as to this question, and when no politician will dare to dodge.

It is in order for the people to make it very clear to the greedy trimmers that now is the accepted time. Shove up under their noses the living fact that cowardly evasion for campaign purposes will be no longer tolerated. Let both sides unite in a lasting determination to crowd out the skulking followers of the commissary department.—Dallas News.

Representative Ragsdale's bill defining a lawful fence passed the house. In counties or districts where the stock law has been adopted a lawful fence is one four feet high, consisting of three wires with posts not more than thirty feet apart; provided that when posts are 30 feet apart there shall be two stays between them.

Gov. Brown of Kentucky declares himself in favor of free, unlimited and arbitrary coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

#### He Forgot to Come Back.

Alexander, the home or sensations, may well be called the Kansas of Erath county. Something ridiculous or amusing, or both, is always cropping out in the quiet little burg on the Central and she is never without matter of interest to pour into the ear of the chance traveler. The latest has to do with a matter which created an extensive sensation in the land of Erath only a short time since, and in which a certain citizen of this place was implicated. It seems that a number of enterprising gentlemen who reside in the precinct in which Alexander is situated grew weary of the old style of growing rich, and desired with a great desire to amass "stuff" in an easier and more rapid way. With this end in view, they laid their heads and pocketbooks together, and formed a syndicate whose object was the purchase of that most deceptive of the products of man's ingenuity, counterfeit greenbacks, also known as green goods, and occasionally alluded to by the vulgar as bogus "dough."

A bold spirit was enlisted who claimed he was afraid neither of man or devil, the pot was placed in his willing hands, and he departed, presumably to make the investment. Future developments, however, showed this presumption to be an erroneous one. The parties whom he left behind lived on the hope of future riches for many days, their dreams at night and their fancies by day being filled with visions of chinking coin of the realm in place of the base currency whose spuriousness even the sharpest eye could not detect. The days grew into weeks, however, and still the envoy came not with his burden of riches. At last an investigation was started, and he was discovered in the peaceful possession of a tract of east Texas "black waxy," which he had purchased with the cash entrusted to him by the would-be "green gooders." Of course the plucked ones failed to relish this outcome of their well-laid plans, and they requested the gentleman to refund the sum he had misappropriated. Upon his refusal of this very reasonable request, the injured parties filed suit to recover in the justice court at Alexander, and the very day it is to pay in consequence. Men who were supposed to be totally above suspicion have been implicated in the matter, and their number is legion. The trial is said to have brought out some very amusing testimony. Mr. C. H. Young, who achieved some reputation in this line a short while back, was one of the most prominent witnesses. He was asked if he had any practical knowledge of the green goods business, and after a little pressing admitted that he had. He qualified the statement, however, by saying he had a sufficiency, and knew it. The end is not yet, and it is rumored that quite a number of the interested parties may yet "do time" as a result of their keenness for contraband investment. At last accounts the man who bought the farm was still holding the fort. The individual sums lost range from \$50 to \$250.—Stephenville Journal.

The Corpus Christi Caller says that "It is no wonder that money is tight in Texas with the millions of dollars leaving it every year that should be kept at home." Millions go out every year for life, fire and other insurance premiums. It takes over \$14,000,000 to pay the annual interest on railroad bonds owned out of the state. Some \$30,000,000 go out to buy bacon, lard and butter. As the Caller says, "If this money were paid out in Texas the state would fairly bulge out with its fatness and we would have money to throw at the birds."—Houston Post.

Austin, Tex., April 30.—The house of lords permitted to die the death of the innocent the redistributing bill, the labor lien bill and the bill taxing insurance companies. These were pledges of the party and the governor to the people. The house responded and redeemed the pledges; the senate repudiated them.

#### GOVERNOR GIBBS' VIEWS.

##### He Thinks Taxation is the Cause of All Our Troubles.

Dallas, April 30.—Hon. Barnett Gibbs takes the following gloomy view of the condition of the country: "Suppose the national, state county and city governments keep up their present extravagant pace, and continue to issue bonds, what good will silver do us? If they will, on the basis of present expenses, accept whetstones for taxes, it will not be five years until you can't find whetstones enough in the country to carry it.

"The present legislature was pledged to return the present expensive, outrageous and demoralizing fee system, and refused to do it, preferring to discuss and go before the people on the abstract question of silver coinage. "The truth is, the official class have got this country and gone with it, and even when they talk reform they don't mean it. When did you ever know the leaders in either wing of the new movements to provide over or call a meeting to reduce government expenses? A large majority of the voters of Dallas county are opposed to the official fee system, yet their members voted to perpetuate it.

"Three-fourths of the people of the United States are opposed to paying a pension to every man who received a bounty to induce him to go into the Federal army, yet both democrats and republicans have pensioned these bounty men on the same basis as the men who received no bounty, but joined the army from patriotic motives. "It is anything to keep the people from discovering the true cause of money pressure. "The official class will get up a foreign war here, just as they did in Japan, if the masses show a disposition to revolt against tax burdens. The silver question and the Monroe doctrine will be brought before the people to make them forget their tax burdens.

"The populists have made no headway as a revolutionary or reform party, as they propose, not to reduce pensions and expenses, but merely to give the people cheaper money to pay them with. "The professional tax-eaters and gatherers, whether temporarily in or out of office, are for high salaries and more of them. Official salaries haven't followed the general decline, and high salaried officers are most corrupt, as shown by the records. They are out for the stuff."

#### "Yankee Doodle."

A queer character seen on the streets of Boston a few years since was nicknamed "Yankee Doodle." He went about cobbling shoes, although he lived in a mansion that cost twenty thousand dollars. He received his title from the habit of continually whistling that famous tune while going his rounds. It was said that no one ever whistled or cobbled as well as he. Although famous for his peculiarities he would never allow his picture taken and was angry when an ambitious newspaper man secured one by a trick. He cobbled and whistled until very old and died worth nearly a hundred thousand dollars.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas extension from Henrietta to Wichita Falls has been completed. The first through train to St. Louis left the Falls on the 1st inst.

The legislature adjourned sine die on the 30th ult. One thousand bills were introduced, 141 of which became laws.

#### Farm Notes.

In Germany over forty tons of potatoes are often made from an acre of ground. But the German farmer does not plant more than he can cultivate.

Keeping a lot of idle horses on the farm is poor economy. Many a beast eats his head off while waiting for spring to open so he can be put to work for his feed.

Heavy yields are not the work of Providence. Providence is not farming this year. He may furnish the "natural advantages" but he neither prepares the soil, plants the crop nor cultivates it.

Pigs should be raised out of doors as far as possible. Like boys and girls, they need abundant exercise to develop bone and muscle—just what is needed for the growing period. Turn them loose in a green pasture with instructions to "run, pig, or die," and they will root and live.

The question of artichokes as a food for hogs and other stock, divides those interested into two portions—a large majority which declare they are good, and a small minority, who say they are not. On the face of the returns the artichoke is fairly elected to a prominent place among food products.

On most Texas soils one deep plowing is all a corn crop requires, and this should be done before planting. After this, frequent shallow stirring of the soil is all that is needed; and the frequency is of as much importance as the shallowness. Once a week for a month is not too often to stir the surface, and this can be easily done with implements that enable one to go over several acres a day. It is an instructive experiment to take a few rows through the field and give them one or two workings more than the rest and note the result.

#### Cheaper Mirrors.

A new application of cellulose has been found in the manufacture of unbreakable mirrors. Cotton stuffs, treated with nitric acid and camphor, give splendid smooth surfaces, which can be easily silvered over and then covered with a very thin layer of transparent cellulose. It is said that excellent and durable mirrors are obtained in this way, and it is promised that we shall soon have cheap curved mirrors for astronomical instruments. If so, they will be useful in condensing the rays of the sun, and in serving many other purposes.

A man is going around the country, says an exchange, claiming to be John the Baptist. He has light hair and chin whiskers and looks like a farmer. The editor goes on in a friendly adjuration: "We desire to warn our readers if he should make them a call not to trust him, as he is not what he purports to be. We have taken pains to look the matter up and find as a result of our investigation that John the Baptist is dead."

A sensational tragedy occurred in Louisville, Ky., one day last week, in which Arch. D. Brown, son and private secretary of Kentucky's governor, and Mrs. F. Gordon were killed by the irate husband of the latter. He caught the guilty pair in flagrant delinquency in his assignment house and stopped or game by shooting Brown six times, and his false wife three times.

Woman never takes the middle ground. She is always better or worse than man.—Harpoon.

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Wichita county is soon to vote in local option. It is thought the vote will be very close.

A South Carolina farmer made last year twenty-one bales of cotton on twelve acres of land.

The Henrietta people are somewhat excited over the matter of sugar beet culture in Clay county, and Mr. B. Singer is agitating the question of erecting a manufactory in Henrietta to make beet sugar.

Another evidence that weather damages are generally overestimated is furnished by the latest reports from Florida. A great many orange trees in that state may have been killed in February, but there are enough left to keep the markets of the country filled with Florida oranges all next winter.

Most of the farmers west of Hardeman and Ford counties will give up the school land they have purchased from the state, as it will be cheaper, under the Goss land law, to have it re-classified and then lease it for a term of years at three cents an acre, as they will not then pay any state and county tax on it.

Despatches from Berlin, Germany, say an American physician there is believed to have discovered a cure for consumption, lupus and perhaps cancer. It is attracting much attention in European medical circles, and some marvelous cures are reported. The treatment consists of successive injections of minute doses of succinylacetone, a newly discovered remedy.

John's Financial School says: "You increase the value of all prosperity by adding to the number of money units in the land. You make it possible for the debtor to pay his debts, business to start anew, and revivify all the industry of the country, which must be a gain for all."

There seems to be no ebb in the silver tide. The rise is steady. Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, California, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Carolina and South Carolina have expressed a partiality for the white metal. Lately Michigan followed suit, and now the silver democrats of Illinois have called for a state convention to take action on the question.

The following love letter was picked up on the street. It is evidently a genuine warm blooded love that moves the author—at least \$3 worth, and it is safe to say that she is a widow:

"Dearest one on earth to me—my dear, dear, darling hubby, thousand thanks for the \$3. I come to you as an inspiration, a blessing, a guiding star, a guardian angel; I send you lots of kisses; I love you, I worship you; I love only you, you, you! Send me some more money and I will surely come. I love more than life."

Time for action is at hand. In political affairs the line has been drawn upon which the next campaign, and perhaps many following ones, will be fought. That line is silver—whether or not it shall be longer as money. Those who opposed to cutting the wealth of the nation half in two will naturally be in the aid of the free silver unless by specious arguments they are humbugged and lured away. Then let us get to work to prevent humbuggery. Put on your paint, feathers and all, and take part in this "campaign of education" that has its beginning at the white house in Washington, but let the course of study be "free silver 16 to 1 without international cement."

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**Practical Bimetallism.**  
**A Detroit Journal Favors a Dollar Composed of Proportionate Parts of Gold and Silver.**

Detroit, Mich., April 28.—The Tribune (Rep.) will tomorrow publish an editorial leader which will declare in favor of the solution of the present monetary question by the creation of a new dollar to be composed of proportionate parts of gold and silver. The article quotes the declaration of the Republican national platform of 1888 and 1892 in favor of bimetallism and points out the danger of a practical silver monometallism through the throwing open of the mints to unlimited coinage. It calls attention to the difficulties and delays which would attend the negotiation of any interparty compact and questions the successful maintenance of a parity between gold and silver by that means in any event. It calls on the party to fulfill its platform pledges by formulating without delay a practical scheme for bimetallism, and especially in view of the threatened disintegration and the drawing of new party lines with gold monometallism on one side and silver monometallism on the other.

Continuing, the Tribune advocates the composite dollar as a measure easiest to effect and with the least disturbance to business of any plan suggested. It proposes: "That all existing coinage laws be repealed and that there be enacted a law creating a new American dollar, which would be the sole standard coin of the nation, the dollar to be composed of 206 1-4 grains of standard silver and 12 9-110 grains of standard gold fused together and stuck together in a handsome coin about the size of the present half dollar.

"The coin would be absolutely stable in value, for in case of disparity in either the value of the gold or silver, what was lost by the depreciation of one metal would be made up by exactly corresponding appreciation of the other.

"If at any time it became necessary to separate the gold from the silver it could be done at the United States mint at a cost of less than 1 per cent. This very cost would be a protection against the exportation of coin while uncoined bullion was obtainable.

**Death in the Wind.**  
 OMAHA, Neb., May 2.—A special to the Bee from Sioux City, Iowa, says a dispatch was received here by the Sioux City and Northern Railroad company this evening from their agent from Sioux Center, forty five miles north, telling of a terrible cyclone near there in which many people were killed and injured and in which much property was destroyed.

The wires where the storm is were blown down and telegraph reports are consequently very meager. The first dispatch received said the cyclone passed three miles northeast of there at 5 p. m. A school house near town was destroyed and the teachers and a number of children killed.

The whole country in the track of the storm is devastated. The Sioux City and Northern tracks between Perkins and Doone are washed out for several miles.

Dispatches from Sioux Center at 9:30 p. m. say three school houses and at least twenty residences and barns are swept away. At the school house two teachers and three pupils were killed and many injured.

Two women were found dead about 6 o'clock not far from where one of the school buildings stood.

The Knoxville Tribune makes a strong point in the following comment: "Cotton goes up simply because business is resuming and factories are starting up again. So wheat goes up and wages go up. Other causes are but little ripples and eddies on the face and outskirts of the current. Restoration of public confidence means an upward movement in all products."

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**BUILDING NOVELS.**  
**Mrs. Southworth Describes Her Methods.**

"My stories always have a foundation in fact," Mrs. Southworth says. "To show you how they are evolved from small beginnings I will give you a history of the manner in which the 'Hidden Hand' was produced. I was in wretched health at the time, my sister was dying of consumption, and yet in the midst of these depressing circumstances the brightest and gayest of my novels came to me. One day in the year 1857 my eye chanced to fall upon a paragraph in a New York paper, which stated that a little 9-year-old girl, dressed in boy's clothing and selling newspapers, had been arrested in that city. This item fell like a seed into my mind and being sown there. The little seller of newspapers was Capitola, but I must find an origin in her.

"Suddenly an incident which occurred in my childhood just across Benning's bridge came back to me. An old nurse met an blindfolded and two naked men and carried into a house, where a few hours later a child was born. 'Bribes were offered the woman to destroy this child, but she refused them. The young mother was also bent upon the preservation of her infant, the result being that, having the pleasure of her family and being discarded by them, she brought up her child. It lived and thrived, and was afterward well known in Washington.

"This was the fact upon which Capitola's birth was founded, and almost every adventure of her life was similarly obtained. Her sparkling speeches to Old Hurricane were taken from the conversations which occurred between my sister and a Mississippi planter. Her duel was suggested by a like adventure of a Mississippi girl who was visiting in England and being a British officer. The girl appealed to her brothers to avenge the insult which she had received. They treated the matter lightly and she challenged the officer to a duel. Her challenge was received with contempt, and meeting him later and being armed, she fired at him—not with dried peas, as Capitola did, but with bullets. He was severely wounded and the girl gave herself up to the authorities, but when her case was investigated she was released.

"As to old Hurricane—a liberal, kind-hearted, but blustering and overbearing in manner—you might meet him any time among Maryland and Virginia planters. It was when at work upon the 'Hidden Hand' that I contracted the habit of writing at night. My invalid sister lived in the extreme east end of Washington, I in the western part of Georgetown. My visits to her were made in the morning, so that I never got to my desk until noon, and I generally remained at it until midnight. Anxious as I was about my sister, when I took up my pen I became possessed of the Capitol, and care and sorrow left me. Although I have been such an indefatigable worker, writing every day for many years from 12 o'clock in the morning until the same hour at night, and scarcely taking any time for my meals, I have never had a moment of pen paralysis. I have avoided it by increasing the size of my holder every year."

**PICTURE HANGING.**  
**Rules for Arranging Them in Galleries Do Not Apply in Homes.**

People who go to a picture gallery have an idea that the same rules of arrangement should prevail at home. It is all wrong. Give a picture the best position as to light. They frequently have to be skayed in galleries, but they need never undergo this humiliating treatment in the drawing-room. The middle of the picture should be on a level with, or a trifle above the eyes that look upon it. In a beautiful room great variety may be displayed in the disposition of the various pictures. Family pictures should not be on exhibition in those rooms of the house which are set apart for the occasions of ceremony. They may be appropriately used in bedrooms, or even in little studios or dens which people have to themselves.

Many of our walls are very trying to pictures, and it not infrequently happens that a really beautiful engraving or water color is lost because of an ineffective and discordant background, says a writer in the Upholsterer. One may receive hints and suggestions as to the proper hanging of pictures by an occasional visit to studios and galleries, where frequently the tones of the walls are effectively treated so as to bring out the best points in the picture.

There are two or three points that are essential. Large, massive pictures can be put up against almost any wall. The huge frame will accentuate the background of the picture, but little pictures should never be put upon a wall that is covered with a striking design. If you have enough pictures to make a room interesting by their exhibition, by all means have a plain wall. It only adds confusion to have an elaborate wall overhung with a lot of pictures; over-dressing is always vulgar. Again, never gather your pictures together into a room and start out to make a design of their arrangement, hanging a big picture in the center and grouping a lot of others around it in pyramids and clusters. You will find that the best effect is ever obtained by an apparently unstudied arrangement.

**A Reminder.**  
 "I do not hesitate, Mr. Staylate," she remarked gently, "to say that you are a young man of excellent habits, but I am very much afraid that you would spend too much of your time away from home."

"Why do you think so?"  
 "Because," she said, "you find a little—'you spend so much time away from home now.'"

**Every Want Assisted.**  
 "More persistent travelers than I may have seen toothbrushes in the toilet-room of a sleeping car," said a woman a day or two ago, "but until I took an all-night ride last week they were unknown to me. They were stacked in a rack and were of a cheap variety, as suited their brief use. Beneath them was a second rack, with a card appended. 'Please throw away here after using,' and I wondered what further consideration managerial generosity and foresight could contrive."

The world is full of people who are anxious to die happy, who are not trying very hard to help anybody live happy.

**Relief in Six Hours.**  
 Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "NEW GREAT AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by R. G. Graham, Druggist, Graham, Tex.

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**Stray Notice.**  
 Reported by M. K. Graham, Commissioner of precinct No. 1, and left with W. C. Cooley, one brown horse, 10 years old, 16 hands high, branded C on left hip. He is also saddle-marked.

REPORTED BY M. K. Graham, Com'r Prec. No. 1, and left with C. P. Maupin on B. H. Payne's place, one sorrel mare, 8 or 9 years old, 15 hand high, branded FS on left shoulder and on left hip, NS and J on left thigh, a rick with white spot in forehead and has right fore and hind feet white.

A. C. T. GAY,  
 C. C. Y. CAY,  
 Mch. 30 1895.

**STOLEN.**  
 From my farm, 11 miles S. E. of Graham, one black mare five years old, 14 1-2 hands high, branded on left thigh; broke to work and ride. Liberal reward for her recovery.  
 J. H. NEWBY.

**See, See, See.**  
 E. W. Johnson will keep constantly on hand a supply of ice during the summer which he will furnish at the lowest possible price. Send him your order, keep cool and he will do the rest.

Parents, have your children's teeth examined. It costs nothing and may save them trouble and you expense.  
 W. A. MORRIS, D. D. S.

Examine the claims of the S. H. B. & L. A strictly southern institution. It loans money at 6 per cent to improve and build homes.  
 P. A. MARTIN,  
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**Doctors Say;**  
 Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels. The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

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This map shows a modern "up-to-date railroad," and how it has its own lines to the principal large cities of the west. It is the "Great Rock Island Route" and has double daily fast express train service from Texas as follows:

No. 4 Lt. Fort Worth	10:40 a. m.
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At Chicago	9:55 next a. m.
At Denver	7:25 a. m.

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Don't overlook the fact that Train No. 2 gives you a whole business day enroute to Denver or Colorado Springs.

Your local ticket agent will probably want to sell you a ticket via the Rock Island, but if he don't—instant until he does!

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WITH EVERY ONE POUND OF



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Every pipe stamped DUKES MIXTURE or

2 oz. PACKAGES 5¢

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The First National Bank located at Graham, in the State of Texas, is closing up its affairs. All note holders and others, creditors of said Association, are therefore, hereby notified to present the notes and other claims against the Association for payment.

W. D. CRAIG, Pres't.  
 March 5th, 1895.

**Stuttering Cured.**  
 I want every stutterm in the world to write me at once. Will cure you for a trifle. Orphans under 15 years and widows, half price. Proachers and editors, gratis. Cure by mail if desired. Refer you to J. M. Stone, Governor of Mississippi. Write me at once. Send stamp for reply.

W. RANDOLPH,  
 339 1/2 Main St., Memphis, Tenn.

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 Is offered for any case of chronic sore eyes, granulated sore lids, red and inflamed eyes, weak, watery eyes, Scrofulous sore eyes, pointed eyes, scum over eye-ball, wild hairs, &c., that cannot be cured by Narcissa Waterman's Eye Remedy. Call on or address JAMES M. WOOD, Agent, Graham, Texas.

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 J. H. Norman, Asst. Cashier.

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 Keep Constantly on Hand a Good Supply of  
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 Which they are offering a 'low as the lowest.  
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**The J. B. Norris Hardware Co.**  
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 IN FACT, EVERYTHING FOUND IN A FIRST CLASS HARDWARE HOUSE.

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# THE LEADER.

W. L. GRAVES,  
Local Editor & Business Manager.

## LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

It is not too late to plant cotton. Grandma Crain is reported quite sick.

The choicest fruit grows on the highest limbs.

Judge H. D. Williams was in town this week.

J. C. Casburn and family have moved to the country.

Prof. W. P. Stinson of Eliasville was in the city yesterday.

W. E. Moore and wife of Briar Bend, were in the city Monday.

T. C. Jarnagin (Jolly Uncle Tom) was in town one day last week.

Ed Terrell of Belknap was among the boys in town on picnic day.

Sunday was a pleasant day and the churches were well attended.

W. C. Blakey and wife of Lacey were in town one day last week.

Give the devil his due and he comes back for compound interest.

Every reader can get a handsome briar pipe free. See ad. "Use of Duke's Mixture."

S. H. Moore and wife of Goose Neck Bend were in town Monday.

R. E. Mabry has sold his stock of dry goods to S. B. Street & Co.

An interesting letter from Bryson is unavoidably crowded out of this issue.

J. H. McCan and wife of Fish creek prairie were in town one day last week.

Mayor J. S. Starrett has been quite sick but is now on the road to recovery.

Carl Benedict of Clear Lake, trading in town.

Wallace is visiting in the vicinity of Mineral Wells.

Hall is still confined to his home of sickness, but we hope to see him up soon.

W. J. Wadley and wife of Tonk Valley were buying goods from our ants last Friday.

The Graham and Throckmorton base ball clubs will cross bats at this place on the 18th inst.

Dave McCoy and his show was here a few nights ago but was too well known to get a crowd.

Lacy Mayes of Fish Creek, accompanied by his sister, Miss Viola, was in Graham one day last week.

A few Brown Leghorn chickens for sale. Mrs. J. W. GRAVES.

Aubry and Earl Wilkinson came down from Profit to the picnic and remained with friends until Monday.

Uncle Burrell Holley was in town Saturday. He was just up from a severe spell of sickness and looked quite feeble.

Judge Woods was seen carrying a post-hole auger Monday morning and convinced several persons that he was going to work.

A good rain Saturday morning and another one Sunday night. They were not trash-movers but hog and hominy makers.

V. E. Eddleman and wife returned from Collin county last Thursday. Virgo says there is no end to the mud down there.

Jordan Brown has retired from driving on the Graham and Mineral Wells stage line and Messrs. Dewey and Schlittler are now doing their own driving.

Frank and James Girard, the former located at Mineral Wells and the latter at Bowie, have been visiting their father, Maj. F. W. Girard, in this city.

Crops continue to grow rapidly and the prospect for a large harvest is so flattering that the farmers are now wondering how they will be able to handle and take care of so much stuff.

Best Clothing at lowest prices. S. B. STREET & CO.

The Graham postoffice has issued about 1800 money orders since last July. This is far ahead of the number of orders issued at Seymour, Jacksboro or Mineral Wells and indicates that Graham is a leader as a business point.

Best men of our town are in the B. & L. station, and it is putting money here at 6 per cent. Are you in it? P. A. MARTIN, Agent & Local Att'y.

Rev. M. L. Moody left Monday on a business trip to Fort Worth.

W. J. Blount and wife of Bryson were visiting in town the other day.

Uncle Bob Sneed and wife of Tonk Valley were in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Evans Mabry of Duncan, I. T., has been visiting relatives in Graham.

R. M. Summers and wife, accompanied by Miss Annie, were in town Saturday.

S. H. James of Ming Bend visited relatives and friends in town this week.

W. L. and W. F. Grubbs of Indian Mound were trading in town one day last week.

J. A. Caidill of Randall's Store was buying goods by the wagon load here this week.

E. T. Higgins has moved to town and occupies one of Mr. Tidwell's houses in the east end.

The Eliasville brass band will give a concert in Graham on the evening of the 17th inst.

The cisterns and tanks are all full and a full supply of water during the summer is assured.

Dr. Terrell of Farmer came in on Friday night's stage from a visit to Dallas and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Johnson of the Belknap community were transacting business in town Saturday.

The rain Sunday night seemed to be general, and so far as we have heard every part of the county was visited.

W. T. Walker was in town last Saturday. He says he has fifteen acres in corn that will average waist high.

Henry Frie was down from Indian Mound buying candy at wholesale. When questioned he said they were going to have a sweet old time.

Bargains in all departments. S. B. STREET & CO.

Geo. Terrell and C. E. Leffell were down from True last week. They say they have not had as much rain as some other sections, but were not suffering. Guess they got plenty Sunday night.

"Farmer" Geo. W. Black wants to corner the market on sweet potatoes this year. He has planted a quarter of an acre and wishes the other farmers to know that he expects to raise enough to supply the demand.

P. A. Martin and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a son, who made his appearance last Thursday. Immediately after which the proud father was seeking a painter to have his sign changed to read "P. A. Martin & Son."

The Young county ex-confederates met at the court house Saturday afternoon to agree upon details in the matter of attending the ex-confederate re-union at Houston on the 22nd inst. About twenty-five of those present signified their intention of attending.

The proof of the pudding is in the "chewing of the bag." There are men in Graham who have got 6 per cent. money to improve and build homes. See P. A. Martin.

Allan Horner, brother of J. W. Horner, and an old time Young county man, now representing the H. S. Thacker Medicine Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn., was in town visiting friends and taking orders last Monday.

A pie party will be given at the residence of Mr. J. W. Graves next Friday night. Each lady is requested to bring or send a pie. The receipts will be appropriated to the fund for seating the new Methodist church. All are invited.

Be loyal to your town and county. Never buy anything from other places that can be purchased at home. Whenever you need anything look over the advertising columns of THE LEADER and buy of those who invite you to trade.

A full stock of dress goods. Prices Reduced. S. B. STREET & CO.

Mrs. E. J. Norman died at the residence of her son, Mr. E. B. Norman, yesterday morning after an illness of several days. In the death of this good lady a loving mother, a true friend and a devout christian is removed from earth to heaven. The remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery yesterday evening in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. THE LEADER joins the many friends of the bereaved family in extending condolence.

J. W. Taylor came in to the picnic Friday and saw in the Radiator where he had "entertained the Epworth League." He says he would not know an Epworth League if he met it in the road, and if he ever, at any time, entertained one he did it unawares.

Perhaps your business is in need of a prescription. Here it is: Mix a little brains with a little ink. That done, take a little cash with you and inject the mixture into the local newspaper. Repeat the dose as often as necessary, which is always. —Printer's Ink.

Prof. A. E. Davis and Kirtley will give a public singing at Putman's school house on the second Sunday in May. Dinner on the ground. Everybody invited, especially those who wish to build up the community in morals, intelligence and social virtue.

Newspapers are run by human beings and therefore are subject to errors. Getting out a paper fifty-two weeks in the year without making some mistakes is one of the unaccomplished feats, and the man who can do it will be amply rewarded in the world to come.

There came very nearly being a conflagration at W. T. Stewart's residence Monday. A pan of grease was ignited and Mrs. Stewart, in removing it from the stove dropped it. The blaze created considerable excitement but was extinguished before any serious damage resulted.

Do you want to build or improve a home? Have you got the money to do it? If not do you want it at 6 per cent on seven years time, payable in easy installments. If so call on P. A. Martin.

The Sunday school picnic last Friday was a success in every particular and the young folks had a day of frolic and recreation. The ice cream, lemonade, phonograph and base ball features were fully up to the standard. The Graham ball team defeated the Tonk valley nine.

It has been fully demonstrated that our soil and climate are adapted to the successful raising of broom corn and it is always a sure money crop. The farmers might find a ready market for this product at home, for if it is raised in sufficient quantities a broom factory will be started in Graham.

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kisinger, residing in the southern part of the county, was found dead in his father's tank last Sunday evening. He was missed, and upon search being instituted the body was found as above. THE LEADER tenders sincere condolence to the grief-stricken parents in their affliction.

Jno. E. Morrison & Co. will receive this week a large addition to their stock of dry goods, comprising a fine selection of summer dress goods, notions, clothing, etc., which will be sold at astonishingly low prices. If you want the latest and best goods give them a call before buying. Remember the place, next door to R. G. Graham & Co's. I

TRUE, TEXAS, May 6, 1895.

EDITOR LEADER: Through the columns of your worthy paper I desire to thank all who so liberally donated to the relief of the family of our deceased friend and neighbor, R. A. McDonald. I assure you that your kindness will ever be remembered. Very respectfully,  
S. M. STRINGER.

"You can't tell," remarked a young man the other day, "when a fellow is a mere boy in school what he will eventually make. I think it is a rule that the brightest boys in the colleges and schools usually do not make the most decided successes; they win all their laurels in getting an education, and are not forced to make a real, stubborn, sturdy fight in real life-work. They rely too much on their talents and their medals and honors and not enough upon earnest, persistent, dogged perseverance. I have seen the statement somewhere that of the acknowledged great men of the past century nine-tenths of them stood low in their classes while in school. I have a friend that I used to go to school with, and some how or other I always considered him an awfully dull boy, and I thought he never would make anything but an ordinary man. To-day he gets a salary of \$6,000 annually, representing one of the largest syndicates in America, while his classmates who boasted of excelling him in brightness and class-standing are fooling along on \$400 or \$500 a year. No, sir, I almost wish I had been a dull boy at school myself."

THE GRAHAM LEADER, one of the oldest papers in the Panhandle, being now in its nineteenth volume, seems to improve with age. It has a fine selection of type, a clear print, a crisp lot of editorial and a bright local page, beside much well selected miscellaneous reading. Such papers deserve success.—Memphis Herald.

The newspaper that has labored for your prosperity and the prosperity of your town through years of sunshine and shadow is entitled to a hearty support, for through its influence, in a large measure, has the town been brought up to its present standard of excellence. THE LEADER has always been in Graham and Young county and is pleased with the encouraging outlook for more business in all lines of trade.

Some people are so anxious to avoid paying the home merchant a legitimate margin that they readily believe any fairy tale told them by slick-tongued traveling fellows who are entire strangers to them. Ninety-nine out of a hundred of the soft snaps offered by these fellows are swindles. The best plan is to patronize home merchants who help support the city and schools. They are responsible for what they sell and can be found at any time if the goods are not as represented. They buy and sell at fair prices, and should have the support of the people.

Did you ever consider, in recounting the good features (and they are numerous) which go to make the Gem City an excellent home town, the fact that her people are more generally church members and church goers than the people of very many other good towns? There is a larger percentage of our population which is composed of persons who are members of some religious denomination and who are habitual attendants upon divine worship than of the population of any town of like size in Texas. There are in our city say from 1000 to 1200 souls and there are five churches.

A few days ago we met a Pessimist and an Optimist and it was amusing not to say instructive to listen to them discuss the condition of the times. The Pessimist lives in a little town not far from Graham, a dull sort of a place where there isn't much life and bustle, and probably his surroundings have moulded his gloomy, despondent views. He was blue, and said: "I've heard of 'hard times' all my life, and I've 'flowed all along that there was a heap in talk, but blame if we haven't got shore enough hard times now. It's simply terrible. You can't get regular work, and if you do get a job it must be done on a credit. Everybody is out of money and out of heart and the whole country is getting worse and worse. And in spite of your cheerful talk I tell you times are going to get worse still." Confidentially, we believe this fellow is a "pop" and that he didn't know it had rained.

The Optimist came along in the person of a jolly commercial drummer, who at once began to unroll a string of breezy anecdotes and to tell how business is looking up all over the country, and the outlook is growing brighter and brighter every day, especially for Texas. "Yes, sir," he went on, "seriously, things are assuming a really promising and rosy aspect. Business is improving perceptibly all over the country in all lines. I've been about some and I know what I am talking about—I know from my own business and from what my acquaintances are doing and the firms with which we are connected. I really believe that the next fall season will bring with it the brightest promise of returning prosperity and better times than we have had for years."

W. I. Tidwell's iced drinks are "fine, very fine; one for a nickle, two for a dime."

Salt creek has been up and the persistent fishermen are in luck. A good haul was made last night.

The population of Graham is constantly increasing, as the "little cherubs" are arriving continually.

A. H. Crawford who has been visiting his uncle, S. R. Crawford, here for the last month, left this morning for Waco.

EDITOR LEADER: I offer my sincere thanks to the good people of Graham for having a well dog for me. Especially the liberal subscription of the drillers, Messrs. Tip-on & Walker.

Mrs. N. L. Sibley.

Prospectors and strangers may be seen on our streets nearly every day. The fame of the Gem City as one of the most pleasant and attractive towns in the state is well known, and its rapid and substantial progress is attracting home-seekers and capitalists.

When it comes to groceries, and lots of groceries, at lowest prices, Jno. E. Morrison & Co's is the place to find them. The best goods, low prices and courteous attention to their customers are their three cardinal principles of success. Whether your bill be large or small let them figure with you before you buy and they will save you money.

20 yards for \$1.00 of all the best Prints at SHUMAKER BROS.

F. A. Mays was down from Olney last week doing some work on his farm east of town. On Friday when he saw all the good looking people going the picnic he turned his wagon around and drove to town, donned a new suit of clothes and joined the happy throng on the island. THE LEADER representative kept an eye on him and has several things to impart to Mrs. Mays when he sees her.

**A Sad Death.**

The happy home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kisinger was intensely saddened by the tragical death of their eldest boy, Sunday evening, May 5th. He obtained permission to spend the day with a neighbor boy. On his way, some two hundred yards from his father's house, he passed by the large tank. It is supposed that in stepping from one large rock to another his foot slipped and he fell on the rocks, so bruising and frightening him that he fell into the tank. His absence did not cause any uneasiness until late in the evening, as the sun was fast sinking. When he did not return they all went in search of him and found his mangled corpse about three feet under water, where it had been lying during the day, and near the edge of which his father, in company with Mr. Clay Anderson, had been standing in the evening, not knowing that his darling boy was drowned.

James Ross Kisinger was born Jan. 15, 1885. He was a sweet, noble and energetic son, loved and admired by all who knew him. His remains were carried to the cemetery at Finis where they were interred at 6:30 p. m., May 6th, in the presence of a vast number of friends.

May the good Lord comfort and bless the bereaved parents. May they realize that in God so calling this beloved child for his own there is another face shining around the great white throne. A FRIEND.

**Card of Thanks.**

Please allow me space in THE LEADER to express my thanks to the many kind friends in Young and Archer counties for their liberal donations towards refurbishing my house which was recently destroyed by fire. May God reward each one an hundred fold for every deed of kindness.  
Mrs. WILLIAMSON.  
Farmer, Texas.

Review special branches. Learn book-keeping. Make yourself a better teacher. Prepare for the high school by taking a course of study in the special summer session of Graham High School, Graham, Texas. Begins June 3rd, 1895, and continues ten weeks. For terms, board, particulars of course of study, etc., apply to  
J. N. JOHNSTON or  
H. FOWLER.

**The Eliasville Picnic.**

On last Wednesday morning, in spite of the threatening clouds, the writer secured a team and drove over to Eliasville to spend the day with the jolly picnicers, who had prepared to have a gala day.

The picnic was given by the Peach creek and Eliasville Sunday schools, and in the crowd were a number of representatives from the former place. The gathering was delayed some two hours by the continued threatenings of Jupiter Pluvius, but a clear spot in the west began to grow larger and the hopes of many boys and girls rose several degrees and by 11 o'clock there was a good crowd present.

The Sunday schools met down at the village and formed a line, headed by the Eliasville cornet band, and marched to the grounds a quarter of a mile up the river to the strains of "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," "Sweet By and By" and other melodies of like character. After the boys had rendered several choice pieces of music, Prof. Richardson made a short but pointed address on the subject of Sunday schools. The crowd then broke up for dinner. And such a dinner! We won't attempt to describe it further than to say that "Eliasville just 'did over'" what she has done dozens of times.

After locating our better half and the baby in the most favorable position we could find, we commenced to prowl and soon located a loaf of what Dr. Newell said was "third party" corn bread and a big pan of fish, and there we stopped—how long we don't know—as we have only a faint recollection of getting away.

The dinner was "bigger" than the crowd and not near all of it was eaten. The crowd was called together again and after the band rendered several choice pieces.

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