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If there is an English money-lender, or a New York bond shaver, who is not satisfied with that declaration, he must be exacting, indeed.

They are unalterably opposed to the issue of unsecured paper currency either by the government or by the banks, and to the free coinage of silver. This means the gold standard and national bank notes, "secured" by bonds.

A greenback issued by the government, which has the entire wealth of the country behind it, is no good, according to the Connecticut idea; but a national bank note secured by a bond which itself has no value except what it gets from the credit of the government, is just the thing.

The government issues a bond for \$100,000 bearing 4 per cent interest. A bank gets possession of it, deposits it in the United States treasury as security; continues to draw \$4,000 a year interest, and receives from the government \$90,000 in national bank notes, which are in turn loaned out, for interest, to the people as money. This makes good money, according to the advanced Connecticut idea, but if the government had not issued the bonds, had not loaded itself down with an interest charge of \$4,000 a year, but had issued the same identical paper in the form of treasury notes—that would have ruined the country.

It may be true that the credit of the government can be improved by increasing its debt; it may be true that a United States bond is better security than the government itself; it may be that the note of a private individual is better than the note of the greatest government on earth. All of these things are possible, because Connecticut says so, but the American people will prefer to believe that Connecticut is mistaken, until some more satisfactory evidence is produced than has yet been laid before the public.—National Bimetallist.

The St. Joseph Gazette puts the question thusly: "If you want more money and less taxation, vote for Bryan and Sewall. If you want less money and more taxation, vote for McKinley and Hobart."

The single gold standard means confiscation, the renomination of silver emancipation.

Indications are that Texas will not make a fourth of a cotton crop this year.

An Impromptu Jewel.

After the official notification of Bryan and Sewall last Wednesday, Mr. Bryan retired to his hotel, and being besieged by a crowd of about ten thousand people demanding a speech stepped to the balcony and spoke as follows:

Fellow citizens: I can not do more than to express to those who are assembled here our deep appreciation of the interest which the people of New York are taking in the campaign which is now so formally opened. When I left home I told the people at the depot that I was coming to open the campaign in what was thought to be the heart of the enemy's country, but which I hoped before the campaign was over would be our country.

Our hopes have been realized sooner than we expected and whenever the enemy goes after this he will be in our country, no matter where he is. Some of your financiers have boasted that they were in favor of gold, but you shall teach them they must carry their ideas far enough to believe not only in gold but in the golden rule that treats all men alike. I commission you all as soldiers to fight and as missionaries to preach, wherever you go from now until election. Our opponents in the Democratic party have been threatening to organize a gold standard Democratic party, but be not afraid; you will seek the pages of history in vain to find a battle ever won by an army of generals. They have not a private in their whole ranks. Now my friends, I want you to set to your opponents an example which they have not set to you. They have said that they represent the respectable element of society. Teach them that respectability can not be manifested by slandering every man who differs from them in opinion. And now, my friends, I leave you with one injunction: In this Government every citizen is a sovereign and those upon whom the responsibility of citizenship rests owe it to themselves, to their country and their God to exercise the right of suffrage for the benefit of their country. I bid you to do it not only to investigate but find out what is right, and I beg you every one to have courage to vote your sentiments and let your ballot register a free man's will. I thank you for your attention.

A Georgia editor concentrates some ideas thus: "Gold is found in thirty-six counties in this state, silver in three, diamonds in twenty-six, and whiskey in all of them and the last gets away with all the rest."

E. C. Wall, the Wisconsin member of the Democratic National Committee, says he knows whereof he speaks, and that Bryan and Sewall electors will carry Wisconsin next November. He says more men will desert the Republican party this year than did in 1890, when the Democrats carried the state.

A Bad Mistake.

For four years the Populists of Texas have been clamoring for a free coinage of silver law, and making all the proselytes they made at all, on the charge that the Democrats would never adopt a free coinage platform, and that all of the latter party who pretended to favor that measure were insincere, etc. When the Democratic party spoke on the subject, it manifested a unanimity seldom, if ever, seen before in favor of a measure, and spoke unequivocally and positively for free coinage, and put up a ticket on such a platform against which no one can urge any objection. This satisfied the rank and file of the Populist party that they had gone to the Populists on a false assumption, and they are ready and willing to come back to their old affiliations, because it is the only way that promises success to what they so much desire. Their patriotism and good sense make them do right. But the leaders have shown by their actions that there is no patriotism in their hearts, when there is danger of losing their trade of leading and they propose to still keep up as much discord as possible to try to gain a selfish profit from it. But the leaders don't count for much after following has deserted them, and it is safe to estimate that not ten per cent of the men who have voted with the Populists for the past four years approve or will follow the Cyclone Davis methods of party election.—Weatherford News.

A valuable exchange explains the position of a newspaper as follows: Suppose that a farmer raises 1,000 bushels of wheat a year, and also sells this to 1,000 persons in all parts of the country a greater portion of them saying, "I will hand you a dollar in a short time." The farmer does not want to be small and says, "All right!" Soon the 1,000 bushels are gone, but he has nothing to show for it and then he realizes that he has fooled away his whole crop and its value to him is due in a thousand little dribbles, consequently he is seriously embarrassed in business because his debtor, each owing him one dollar, treat it as a small matter and think it would not help much. Continue this kind of business year in and year out, as the publisher does, how long will he stand it? A moment's thought would convince any one that a publisher has cause for persistent dunning.

A misanthropic father one time brought up a son in entire seclusion from all womanhood. When manhood approached he led the boy out through the world on a tour of observation and described to him the various creatures they met. As they went, there came tripping along the path a sweet young girl, swinging her hat and smiling from the very glee of existence. "Father," said the startled youth, "what animal is that?" "My son," said his father, "that is a very silly and dangerous creature called a goose." When this mythical tour was completed the father was curious to know which creature the boy would like to have for a pet. He instantly blurted out, "Father, buy me a goose!"—Ex.

Mary E. Lease, the most noted woman politician of the day, says it is settled to her satisfaction that Hon. Wm. J. Bryan will be the next President of the United States. Speaking of Mrs. Lease, it may be a matter of news to some of our readers to know that she is 42 years old, five feet eleven inches high, weighs 170 pounds, wears a 6-1-2 glove, No. 4 shoe, and measures twenty-six inches around the waist and thirty-six around the bust.

Labor Crucified.

"If the single gold standard be forced upon South America and Asia, as it has been since 1873 forced on North America and Europe, gold must inevitably appreciate to at least four times its present absurd value; or to put it otherwise, commodities must decline to one-fourth of its present price, and labor all the world over, crucified as it was never crucified before—in days of mediaval serfdom or even chattel slavery. Such is the contest. If the money lords can force gold monometallism upon the whole world, they will succeed in establishing the most gigantic moneyed aristocracy among the rich, and the worst system of peonage serfdom among the 'masses' that has ever cursed the hapless sons of men."—London Times.

According to the unquestioned authority of the director of the mint we could not coin more than 30,000,000 silver dollars a year, or about a half dollar per capita.—Galveston Tribune.

Then what are you kicking up such a row about? If this amount, about half a dollar per capita per annum, is all that could be turned out where is the danger of "flooding" the country with a depreciated currency? Mr. John Sherman said not long ago in a public speech that this country needs the expansion of the currency to the extent of about \$50,000,000 a year.—Houston Post.

If you will note the grateful satisfaction expressed by your barnyard fowls over a dish of fresh water during this hot weather, you will never afterward fail to keep them supplied with a good fresh drink, which is as essential to their comfort as water is to your own.

Over in Georgia the people do not regard Tom Watson as seriously being a candidate for vice president. They look upon it as a joke and are disposed to laugh at Texans for mentioning the matter. But really, Tom is not seriously thought of in Texas, either.

The honest populist—and the rank and file of that party is as honest and as patriotic as the rank and file of any party, will vote for Bryan and Sewall. The place hunter, the spolieman, and the fellow whose job will be gone when democratic principles triumph, will hang out for a bolt from the national party and the nomination of another ticket.

There is bound to be a better demand for all kinds of food products in the near future. This is too big and too great and too rich a nation to forever stop in the dumps. All that is needed now is a little courage, but with so many calamity howlers it is a wonder that business is as good as it is. A thousand or more howling prophets do more injury than ten thousand conservative men can undo, but these "bread or blood" shouters can accomplish but little. The country is all right and we believe we are on the eve of general prosperity.—Stockman and Farmer.

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- FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,**
ARTHUR SEWALL, Of Maine.
- Presidential Electors,**
State at Large.
N. BURR FIERCK, of Bell County.
E. S. SMITH, of Hill County.
- DISTRICTS.**
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2nd. W. M. IMBODEN.
3rd. NED MORRIS.
4th. H. F. O'NEAL.
5th. E. L. AGNEW.
6th. H. POWELL.
7th. D. H. HARDY.
8th. M. M. SCOTT.
9th. T. B. COCHRAN.
10th. S. B. HO-KINS.
11th. A. M. THURMOND.
12th. MILTON MAYES.
13th. S. F. HUFF.
- County Judge,**
JOHN H. STEPHENS.
- Representative 104th District,**
T. H. C. PERRY.
- County Judge,**
O. E. FINLAY.
- County and District Clerk,**
CHAS. GAY.
- County Attorney,**
JOHN C. KAY.
- County Treasurer,**
J. A. DIXON.
- Sheriff,**
H. C. WILLIAMS.
- Tax Assessor,**
S. E. JAMES.
- County Surveyor,**
ELISHA T. HIGGINS.
- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1,**
A. J. WHEAT.
- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2,**
G. W. HUNT.
- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3,**
H. L. LEBERMAN.
- County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4,**
ALLEN C. CASEY.

The hot weather has been very fatal in New York and other northern cities. In New York 140 persons died in one day from the effects of the heat, and a large number of others were seriously affected.

Mark Hanna's attempt to form an alliance with Whitney was a failure.

Mr. Cleveland says that he has not given advice concerning the Indianapolis conference.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that the average daily use of water in St. Louis during the summer month is 62,000,000 gallons, but that during the very hot days this week and last the average consumption of water daily amounted to 74,000,000 gallons.

The gold standard men claiming to be democrats who are too good to support their party, met through representatives, in Indianapolis last week and called a convention to meet in Indianapolis September 2nd to put out another ticket for president. The new political party calls itself the "National Democracy."

It is said that in Kansas farmers are willing to sell corn at 8 or 10 cents per bushel. The freight on a bushel to Ft. Worth is calculated at about 12 cents making the price at, say, about 20 or 22 cents laid down at Fort Worth. At that rate Texas ought to be able to buy Kansas corn at about 35 cents per bushel at retail.

McKinley believes that silence and gold will accomplish more for his cause than all the speeches he could make. He supplies the oil and the syndicate supplies the other.

It has been charged that Mr. Bryan is and has been in the employ of the silver mine owners of the northwest, and that this accounts for his enthusiasm on the silver question. Mr. Bryan's friends have written to the principal silver mine owners of the United States and they indignantly deny the charge. "So here goes another falsehood caught on the fly."

The Drouth in Louisiana.

Shreveport, La., Aug. 15.—The great drouth that has prevailed over north Louisiana for the past four months has been relieved in spots during the last ten days by showers. But the rains came too late. The corn crop has been entirely ruined and the cotton crop has been cut off from 50 to 75 per cent.

Over in Union and Franklin parishes there has been no precipitation since April 12. Streams and ponds have gone dry that were never known to fail before. Squirrels and birds have been found dead in the woods. Deer, possums and coons have wandered into the yards of outlying residences in search of water.

Near Haughton one negro has been particularly fortunate in bagging two deer and a possum that came to his house. The possum was killed in one corner of his shanty with a club, one of the deer got its head caught in the picket of his fence and was hit in the head, while the other came into his yard and was caught by his numerous herd of "yaller" dogs.

A deer came into the village of Marthville, down on the Texas and Pacific, a day or two ago, and all the storekeepers and residents turned out and gave it a chase through the town's principal streets. It was finally caught and killed.

Over at Minden, in Webster parish, the different Protestant congregations held union prayer services for rain. They were answered after three or four days.

In Ouachita the D'Arbonne went dry, something it never did before, and all negroes in the vicinity are living on fish. They dig the fish out of the mud with hoes.

Col. W. C. Brackenridge, of San Antonio, has made a present of \$30,000 to the state university of Texas. The gift is to be used in erecting a new dormitory and mess building to be devoted to the woman students. Mrs. A. G. Smith and Mrs. E. Randall of Galveston, have been appointed by the donor to supervise the construction of the building and disburse the money. The building will be three stories high, of pressed brick and will be located adjoining the medical department of the university in Galveston. Col. Brackenridge built a building of similar kind at Austin and gave it to the state.

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BRYAN'S NEW YORK SPEECH.

Chairman Faulkner, of the Democratic congressional committee, who was in New York says: "It was the most remarkable outpouring I have ever seen. The people were not drawn by fire works or any of the accessories which usually attract a crowd. They came to hear Bryan and his cause. It was notable that when the candidate laid aside his manuscript and addressed the open air meeting there was a wave of that same enthusiasm shown at Chicago. The speech of acceptance is an able and scholarly treatment of the subject, and it will prove one of the most valuable campaign documents. It is a document which regulates itself and need not a frank, for the press of the press of the entire country prints it. The demand for the Bryan-Chicago speech has unprecedented. I received a telegraphic request from San Francisco for 300,000 copies. It was impossible to supply them, so I sent a revised copy of the speech and notified them to print the 300,000 in San Francisco, saving the freight. I anticipate quite as heavy a demand for the speech of last night."

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Cured

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The financial issue rages, but it is not so burtrifing a subject as the weather.

Jefferson is said to have been the first American statesman to suggest the dollar as the financial unit of our currency.

It is not a theory but a condition that confronts the country at this time and the democracy propose to handle it in a practical manner without waiting for the consent of any other nation.

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PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Twenty-fourth Legislature, at its late regular biennial session, which adjourned the 30th day of April, A. D. 1895, passed the following Joint Resolutions, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this State to-wit: Joint resolution in amend section 4, of article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That section 4, of article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to read hereafter as follows: Section 4. The lands hereof set apart to the public free school fund shall be sold under such regulations, at such times, and in such

terms, as may be prescribed by law; and the Legislature shall not have power to grant any relief to purchasers thereof. The Comptroller shall invest the proceeds of such sales, and of those heretofore made, as may be directed by the Board of Education, herein provided for, in the bonds of the United States, or in such other securities as may be prescribed by law, or in agricultural lands, for the benefit of the penitentiary system of the State, under such restrictions as may be prescribed by law, and the Comptroller shall be responsible for such investments.

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election. Those favoring its adoption shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to section 4, article 7, of the Constitution," and those opposed to its adoption shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to section 4, article 7, of the Constitution;" and the Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation of said election and have the same published, as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Approved April 27, 1896.

Joint resolution amending article 6, section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring persons of foreign birth to declare their intention to become citizens of the United States six months before any election at which such persons may offer to vote.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That article 6, section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 2. Every male person subject to the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector. And every male person of foreign birth subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who, not less than six months before any election at which he offers to vote, shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and shall have filed in this State one year next preceding an election, and the last six months in the county in which he offers to vote, shall also be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence. Provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election. Passed April 30, 1896.

And whereas, the State Constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendments once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election. And whereas, each of said joint resolutions requires the Governor to issue his proclamation ordering an election for the submission of said joint resolutions to the qualified electors of the State, and such election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1896, which shall be the 3d day of said month.

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culbertson, Governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said joint resolutions, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Texas, do hereby issue this my proclamation ordering that an election, as required by said joint resolutions, be held on the day designated therein, to-wit, on Tuesday, the 3d day of November, A. D. 1896, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas, said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this State, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and the ordinance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my hand and cause the seal of State to be [L. S.] affixed, at the City of Austin, this 14th day of July, A. D. 1896.

(Signed) C. A. CULBERTSON, Governor of Texas.

By the Governor: (Signed) ALLISON MAYFIELD, Secretary of State.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Mrs. Dr. Burns left Wednesday on a visit to relatives at Memphis.
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. O'Falg have returned from a prolonged visit at Spokane, Wash. and elsewhere.
Since the adjournment of District court everything has been very dull—nobody in town.
Mrs. S. B. Wadley, of Mineral Wells, is visiting relatives in Graham and vicinity.
Misses Lizzie LeGrand and Maggie Starrett are visiting in Throckmorton this week.
A. F. Hogue left this week on a visit to relatives in the Indian Territory.
A protracted meeting is in progress this week at Center Ridge, conducted by Rev. B. R. Wagner. He is assisted by Rev. M. L. Moody.
Elder Parker is conducting a protracted meeting at Brier Branch.
Great sales prove the great merit of Hood's Sassafras, and great merit enable it to accomplish wonderful cures.
Dr. W. A. Morris returned last Friday from a professional trip in the west.
The dry hot weather continues. Local showers in portions of the county last week, making some stock water. But the weather is as hot and dry as before the rain.
Uncle Dick Adams and wife, of Johnson county, stopped over in Graham one day this week to visit his sister-in-law. They had been to Oklahoma to visit relatives and were on their way home.

Ice Cream Supper.

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give an ice cream supper in the court house yard on Wednesday evening, 26th inst. Cream will be served after 6 o'clock. Let all attend and help in a good cause.

Miss Bettie Taylor returned Wednesday from a lengthy visit to relatives at Senador. She was accompanied by her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor, and her cousin, Mr. F. H. Taylor, who will visit in our city a short time.

Frank W. Girard, of Palo Pinto, has been attending our district court and visiting his family and friends here. He is the democratic nominee for county attorney of Palo Pinto county and is quite sanguine of success in the election. The LEADER has a most friendly feeling for Frank—he was once a type of this office—and we sincerely hope he will succeed, and believe he will make an honest and fearless prosecutor.

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The August number of The Cosmopolitan is at hand. This is an illustrated monthly magazine, which contains besides a number of interesting stories and poems, some examples of Recent Art, an article on "The World of Art and Letters," and "The Progress of Science." It is always a welcome visitor and should be read by every one who is interested in the world's progress. It is now in its twenty-first year, and its long publication speaks its merit. It is published in New York, edited by John Brisson Walker, \$1.00 per year.

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World's Fair.

District Court Notes.

The case of the State vs Collins, on trial as we went to press last week, resulted in a verdict of guilty and five years sentence in the penitentiary. This is the second boy sent to the pen from Young county over the six-shooter and it should be a lesson to all young men, first, to refrain from carrying pistols and second, to tell the truth if placed upon the witness stand.
The civil case of Merrill et al. vs Median resulted in a verdict for P. H. Merrill for half the land in controversy.
On Friday the case of Jno. Best vs Burch Bros. was taken up and proved to be one of the most interesting cases of the term. It was a suit for damages for malicious prosecution and was hotly contested from start to finish. It resulted in a verdict for Best in the sum of \$260.00. Defendants gave notice of Appeal.
The case of Hodges vs Willis resulted in a judgment for Plaintiff. Several minor judgments were rendered and on Saturday evening the court adjourned. The grand jury after four days labor adjourned, finding only two bills—both being misdemeanors—a good showing for the county.

A juror in the district court last week, remarked that his experience had a tendency to make him lose confidence in the human race. He referred to the prevalence of perjury on the witness stand. It is indeed fearful to contemplate. There seems to be a growing tendency to regard not lightly the sanctity and the obligation of an oath. In case after case the juror is called upon to decide the issue of truth and falsity between parties and witnesses whose evidence cannot be reconciled and the presumption of good faith and honest intention on both sides. They are confronted with statements on the one hand, the very antithesis of statements on the other falling from the mouths of witnesses whose brazen effrontery is such that the most rigid cross-examination cannot disclose the guilty party, nor lead the mind to a correct judgment as to who really did tell the truth. In such conditions a few prosecutions for perjury can but have a wholesome effect upon the public mind. The purity of the courts of justice must be maintained at all hazards for otherwise no man's life, liberty or property is safe from the inroads of perjured testimony.

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Our old time friend M. K. Irvin is editor and publisher of the ANSOR Western. Mr. Irvin's first type in THE LEADER office, and of course knows how to run a newspaper. The Western is a red-hot free silver democratic paper. Success to you, Mitt.

Charley Woods and Mrs. Minnie Chandler were married last week in the Indian Territory, where the bride was temporarily residing. The happy couple arrived in Graham Tuesday.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a "Lemonade and Cake" festival in the court park Friday evening 21st inst. All are invited to attend.

Dental Announcement.
Dr. W. A. Morris respectfully announces to the citizens of Graham and vicinity, that he has returned to Graham and will resume his practice at his old office over Bigham & Cain's.
W. A. MORRIS.

Permission to marry was issued this week to Mr. A. W. Jones and Miss Mary Sharp.
Ed. W. G. Caperton, of Albany, began a protracted meeting at Ming Bend today (Thursday).

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From Jerry.

Spritz, Wood Co., Tex. Aug. 12.
Dear Editor: As per agreement I will give you an incomplete account of the crops and their condition along the dirt road from Young county to this. Along the road from Caddo by Palo Pinto to Mineral Wells there are no crops at all for there are no fields and no places for fields. From Mineral Wells to Weatherford there are plenty of fields but crops are the poorest of any section along the route. From Weatherford to Ft. Worth is principally a stock and hay region. Stock generally poor for the season of the year. From Ft. Worth to Wills Point the crops are better than in any other section. West of Wills Point the timber and sand sets in and the crops are poor so are the hogs which are of the original and typical razor-back variety. These hogs with their hand saw heads and humped and notched backs, their slight waists and slender trotters, looked funny to us after an absence of seven or eight years. The woods, road and fields are full of them. Every farmer has too many. There is no summer range on account of dry weather, and no mast for fall and winter. No old corn in the cribbs and very little in the fields. Of course it is useless to say it is dry. Water is scarce all along the road. We have had to beg drinking water all the way. Stock water will exist when it rains again. One day after we had been on the road long enough to get good and dirty we camped down below a house for dinner; it fell to our duty to go up to the house and beg a jug of water. The wagon could not be seen from the house and the idea popped into our head to carry out the full program of the tramp just for experiment. So after being allowed to get the water we asked the lady if she had a cold biscuit or anything she could give a fellow who had seen better days, who was no tramp; but an honest laboring man with the misfortune to be out of work. We got a liberal invitation and went on our way rejoicing with the timid gaze of the children; either through fear or admiration.
But we had had the experience all the same. They say practice makes perfect, and who knows what a decade will bring forth.
JERRY S. MIAH.

P. S. Young county is the best county in the state.
J. S. M.

Salt Creek Items.

We are having a picnic up here. Everything so dry you can't do nothing but stand around with your hands in your pockets and have the sun-grins.
Politics have dried up on the stalk; not much talk only on the presidents; all a ryan men except two or three of our best neighbors, who are probably not.
Messrs Myers and Grubbs and families have returned from a short visit to Farrent county.
Mr. John Baker of Salt creek has bought the Boss place near Red Top and rented the same to Mr. Jim Hammond of Bosque co.
Mr. Kindley got only six cents for his wool we understand, which is very low.
Married at the residence of the bride's father last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. Albert Averitt to Miss Marie Johnson. They invited a host of friends and after the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. J. C. McHale of Jankaburo, all were ushered into the dining-room and partook of a splendid supper. We wish the couple a long and happy life.
We predict another wedding pretty soon, a little further up the creek. Hope we'll get an invite.
How is that for chicken.
A popular young man from up the creek still now have 18 get a violin and go to teaching music or else get him a barrel of molasses and some brushes and go to painting buggies, at this is leap year and this spring chickens are getting wild and scarce.
We understand E. M. Summers is going to enter suit in the county court for judgment against J. M. Hughes, calling for charges sustained by plaintiff being deprived of certain chickens by said Hughes, which, according to contract have not yet been paid for.
If you wish our correspondents published this and don't discourage us, we are in it for the good of our community.
BRIGGS & McGARY.

South Bend.

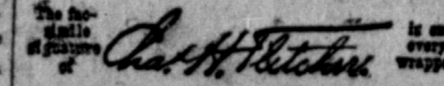
The Methodist people will begin a big meeting here next Friday, 28 inst.
The young people were "out" on the streets last Sunday evening en masse.
Bob Harrell moved to Henrietta Friday, where he goes to take charge of a mail line sublet by W. A. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell leave many friends who regret their departure.
Martin McBrayer, with his mother and Miss Clara, returned last Wednesday from a trip to Comanche and Frath county. They report a pleasant trip and "drytimes."
Some cotton will be brought in the first of next week.
Joe Harrell left last week for New Mexico where he will work on the rail road.
They continue to come and go—the "sprairie stoner" we mean.
Mr. Halford family left last week for Oklahoma, where they have gone to visit a son, Joe Ford and family, of Graham, who have been visiting at Will Brittain's returned home Tuesday.
There will be a fifth fry at the Keller grove on the Clear Fork to-day (Friday).
Elder W. M. Goods of this place will begin a protracted meeting at Brier Branch to-morrow.
G. K. A. G. K.

Facts From Farmer.

The Baptist Association adjourned Sunday night to meet with the California church at True on Friday before the first Sunday in Aug. 1897.
The meeting seemed to be in every way a success. Reports from fifteen churches showed more than a hundred baptisms during the year while the increase by letter and otherwise was still greater. A general good feeling seemed to prevail among the brotherhood and all discussions were carried on in an earnest though friendly manner.
C. K. Stribling, of Fort Griffin, who has been Moderator since 1887, was re-elected, and makes a splendid presiding officer.
James M. Wood of Graham, was elected Clerk, and D. A. Ford, Tr.
There was some splendid preaching during the meeting, but perhaps no sermon was better received than that preached by grand father Farmer on Saturday. This venerable man has been preaching the Word for more than fifty years.
Luther Davis, who has recently been visiting his brother, Prof. W. A. Davis, returned to his home in Throckmorton.
Cotton picking is the order of the day. G. W. Huffman and Steve Hazard brought a bale each to the gin Monday, the first that has been ginned here this season. We think cotton picking will be a thing of the past here in a few days.
Mrs. P. P. Cady and Master Frank were visiting Mrs. J. D. Wilson last week.
Messrs Willis and Joe Lemmons, who have been visiting Mr. Peery, returned to their home in Parker county last Monday.
Our Methodist brethren will begin a series of meetings here the last of this month. Some improvements are being made on the arbor.
The protracted meeting at Olney closed last Monday night. The meeting was conducted by Bro. Harris.
Miss Vernie Hefner is visiting at J. B. Wear's this week—"Where are you Charlie?"
Prof. W. A. Davis is thinking of moving to Erath county where he will teach during the schoolastic year, the last of this week. We wish the Prof. much success, and trust he will have a large school. Prof. Aynesworth will take his place here—Children "get right" school time is about here.
W. M. Hayter has gone to Wichita Falls this week.
Mr. P. Hayter, a prominent druggist of Decatur, was visiting his brother W. M. Hayter, last week. SOMETIMES.

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J. R. HARRIS, Reporter.

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" Arrives Weatherford	8:37 "
No. 3 Leaves Weatherford	5:15 p. m.
" Arrives at Mineral Wells	6:35 p. m.
No. 4 Leaves	3:30 p. m.
" Arrives at Weatherford	4:30 p. m.
SUNDAY O.K.L.	
No. 5 Leaves Weatherford	10:35 a. m.
" Arrives Mineral Wells	11:58 a. m.
No. 6 Leaves Mineral Wells	8:30 a. m.
" Arrives at Weatherford	9:00 a. m.
" 4 Leaves Mineral Wells	3:30 p. m.
" Arrive Weatherford	4:30 p. m.
" 3 Leaves Weatherford	5:15 p. m.
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Reported by J. T. Hunt, Com. Precinct No. 3, and left with G. M. Izahary, One dark blaze faced stocking leg horse about 10 or 12 years old branded A X on left thigh, collar with saddle marks. This Aug. 10, 1896.
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Dr. Sommer's Theory of Sleep.

Dr. E. Sommer has contributed a paper to a well-known and widely circulated medical journal in which he promulgates the theory that sleep is the result of de-oxygenation of the organism in which it occurs. According to his theory, the blood and tissues possess the property of storing up the oxygen inhaled, and then supplying it in proportion to the requirements of economy. When this store of oxygen is exhausted or become too small to longer sustain the vital activity of the brain, nervous system, muscles, etc., the body falls into that particular state which we call sleep. During the continuance of this deep repose fresh quantities of oxygen are being stored up in the blood to act as a supply to the awakened vital powers. Rest without sleep produces the same effect, though in a less degree.

Split \$5 bills are being circulated in some sections of the state, and the swindle is hard to detect. The bills show that a \$5 bill and a \$1 bill were split edgewise, and half of the five and half of the one pasted together. The \$1 side was then blurred, and the whole was the appearance of being an \$5 bill. The deception would hardly be detected in ordinary business.

Secretary Carlisle started to make the treasury department a treasury for distributing "sound money" literature. An examination of his documents made his hair stand on end. By some mistake he was sending out as sound money literature one of Senator Stewart's silver speeches. It was a great joke.

Do You Know.

That a self-mad man generally has a good opinion of the job?

That the difference between a beer and water is just five cents?

That all men are not homeless but some are more homeless than others?

That a dude is a gentleman that tries to act in a lady like manner?

That it is peculiar low sound a man sleeps when his wife is over him on her way to the kitchen to make a fire?

That many a man who claims to be looking for work wouldn't recognize a job if it should step up and tap him on the shoulder?

That it don't stagger a man when he learns that he can get a drink in a prohibition town?

That a man who thinks the world owes him a living, and will call around and pay it, gets left?

That there are too many people who preach and too few who practice?

That the man who is afraid of public opinion will never set the world on fire?

That it wouldn't take much of a hypnotist to make monkeys out of some men?

That the bitterest enemy of Mr. Cleveland must admit that he has made a fine record in the White House in the role of pater familias? He entered the White House as a bachelor, but just look what he steps out with!—St. Louis Humorist.

Democrats must either stand on the national platform or join the McKinley forces. There are no safe middle grounds, gentlemen. You must either be a man or a mouse.

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The editor of a backwoods paper in Kentucky has lost faith in Second Adventism. He says: "We got fooled on this very thing once before; some crank made us believe the end of the world was coming in February, 1881. We sold our overcoats and bought a lot of thin linen stuff and had it made up into what the prophet called 'ascension robes.' We got on one of these robes and looked every minute for 'the end' to come, jobbing us into eternity. We even climbed upon the house top and to be nearer the skies when it did come. We looked in vain for the end. We are on earth yet. We were fined \$50 for wearing such cloths in daytime in public. We caught a cold and had a case of pneumonia, which cost \$50 for doctor's bill. No, Mr. Prophet, We've done with the end of the world."—Ex.

The St. Louis Republic says certain circulars are being sent over here from England by English gentlemen, suggesting that if free coinage is adopted it will be the means of England declaring war against the United States to protect her investors in this country. The Republic aptly says that if these gentlemen can succeed in making Americans believe this is true, they will be doing the cause of free silver a great help. That free silver would sweep every State in the Union. This is true beyond a doubt. Let England, or all Europe for that matter, once say the United States should or should not adopt a certain financial measure and that would settle it. The United States would do the very thing she was bidden not to do. The majority of the American people would do almost anything to provoke a declaration of war from England anyhow.

The following from the speech of Bryan of Nebraska, advocating the majority platform report at Chicago is the truth elegantly told:

"There are two ideas of government. There are those who believe that if you just legislate to make the well to do prosperous, their prosperity will leak through on those below. The democratic idea has been that if you legislate to make the masses prosperous, their prosperity will find its way up and through every class and rest upon it. You come to us the great cities are in favor of the gold standard. I tell you the great cities rest upon those broad and fertile prairies. Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic. But destroy our farms, and grass will grow in the streets of every city in this country (loud applause).

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"What kind of money are you in favor of?" asked one populist of another, "gold or silver?" "Neither," said the other, "as long as beer is a nickle a glass nickle is good enough for me.

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The horror of 2,000 lives crushed out in Russia, in a struggle for free food furnished by the czar on the occasion of his coronation, makes pertinent a startling comparison between the moral and social condition of the "common people" in Russia, ruled by the sword, and the same class in the United States, ruled by themselves.

At the dedication ceremonies of the world's fair in Chicago, in 1893, a "free lunch" was spread in the Electricity building, sufficient to feed 100,000. Nearly 300,000 people entered the fair grounds on dedication day, and half that number were seated in the Manufacturers building, witnessing the ceremonies. After the ceremonies, the Electricity building was thrown open, the crowd was admitted, it helped itself to food and departed. There was no extra police precaution, nobody was hurt, no property was destroyed, and much of the food and all of the dishes were left on the tables. Of course, no comment was made on these facts. It was nothing but the ordinary. It was what naturally should be.

A few weeks later I met in Chicago a German—a man of wealth and education, who was on his first trip abroad. He talked of the wonders he had seen in America, and said: "The most interesting and instructive experience I have had was at the dedication ceremonies of the fair. I had just arrived from Berlin, and this was my first encounter with an American crowd. On dedication day I went to the grounds early. Passing the Electricity building, I saw such a vast spread of linen and dishes and stacks of cold food that I inquired of an attendant what it meant. I was informed that a 'free lunch' would be served to 100,000 people after the ceremonies. I inquired how it would be served, and was astonished to learn that the crowd would be admitted without restriction, and that everyone would help himself. My experience with the populace was confined to Berlin, and I made up my mind that the 'free lunch' under such conditions, would be the feature of the day, and I determined to get into a safe place and see the riot when the people were admitted.

"I did not see the ceremony at the main building. I waited near the door of the Electricity building and slipped in at the first opportunity. I stayed there for over an hour, and until I was thoroughly disappointed and astonished. The people thronged in smiling and begging pardon of one another for being compelled to crowd and push at the entrance. They took what food they wanted, and got out of the way of the crowd behind. I saw men who were certainly workmen take a handful of bread and meat and retire, allowing other men to take their places at the tables.

"It was the greatest object lesson in the advance of Christianity I had ever experienced. It gave me a glimpse of a social condition I did not think existed. Why, in Berlin, under the same conditions, the first rush of humanity would have swept those tables clean of food, cloths and dishes."

I met this same gentleman in the rotunda of the Administration building on Chicago day at the fair, when the greatest multitude in the history of the world assembled, when 700,000 people gathered together, restrained only by their desires, and not one was seriously injured through the selfishness or ignorance of the others. My German friend was interested to the point of excitement. He had been watching in wonder the great mass of humanity. "What a sight!" he exclaimed. "You say there are above half a million of people here, and there must be more than that. And they come and go as they please, and do as they please, and not a soldier visible. But I expect the secret of it is that every man out there is a soldier in the sense of preserving order. You are a great people in America. This day has been a mighty sermon to me. It proves that mankind is getting better and higher morally, and that your people, more than any other, have arrived at an understanding of the great truth that the only way to be happy is to make everybody around you happy. I never thought that a commercial community like this could, even for a day, so universally obey the law of 'love your neighbor as yourself,' but this crowd is a wonderful proof of it. Here is the lion protecting the lamb, and I believe the millennium is beginning in America."—N. Y. Mail and Express.

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