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An Old-Fashioned Love Story.

"I do wish," said Mrs. Priscilla Hastings, holding her darling needle in mid-air for a moment over the book she was reading, "I do wish you could find it in your heart to marry Bob Judson. He wants you and I know he'd be a splendid provider."

"But I don't love him well enough, Priscilla, and I want something besides meat and bread and two dresses a year."

"There are two kinds of love in this world," said Mrs. Hastings, after a pause, in which she had been taking counsel with herself, whether Dorothy was old enough to be talked to on such matters at all, and it flashed upon her that "the child" was nearly twenty years old. "Perhaps you like Bob well enough to marry him, only you don't know it."

"Tell me about the two kinds of love," said Dorothy innocently. "I thought love was love the world over."

"I have never known but one kind, I think, Dorothy. When I married John Hastings he was the most well-to-do young man in those parts, and we never had a quarrel while he lived. He was a good practical sort of a man and never asked me to do anything unreasonable."

"What if he had?" asked Dorothy.

"Well, I suppose I should have had my own way, after a woman's fashion. But there is a kind of love that will draw a woman through fire and water. It makes them throw themselves away to poor shiftless men that will never provide for them nor their children, and they know it as well as anybody else does. It is a wonder to me why such a love could exist under such circumstances."

Dorothy had bent her head low over her work to hide her roguish smiles at her sister's discourse; women usually discuss love in such a cold, calculating, logical way, and act so altogether different when under the spell of the magick wooer; but at this point she fixed her deep blue eyes on Priscilla not smiling, but simply earnest.

"Such love brings happiness sometimes, I suppose," said Dorothy.

"Next to never," said Priscilla, with a positive shake of her head. "We are not made to be happy, and anything that's too good always leaves a bad taste in the mouth. Comfort is a bird in hand and you don't gain anything by letting it fly on the chance of happiness."

"Did you ever know any one about here, Priscilla, that threw herself away for love? It seems to me they would look at a man unless he has a house and a farm all ready for them."

"There's where you are right," said Priscilla. "You are given to high-flying and romantic notions and it is about time you found out that bread doesn't grow ready buttered. Yes, I knew one girl, who was pretty and smart and had no end of chances to get married, (I think my John courted her a spell, though he never would own it), and she would have that shiftless fellow Aleck Judson, who never could make one hand wash the other. Even when she lay a-dying, she pretended that she had been happy and wouldn't have done any other way if she had it to do over again."

"Was she Richard's mother?" asked Dorothy quickly.

"Yes, to be sure; and when she died—we, my John took him with the intention of making a farmer out of him, and while he's more than paid his way, he will never make a practical farmer, for he thinks too much of books and pictures and poring over science journals, as he calls them, and he's a rolling stone just like his father and he won't ever come to anything. I forgot to tell you, he is going tomorrow."

"Going to-morrow?" cried Dorothy with a start. "I thought his time wasn't out for another month."

"Well, it ain't out rightly till he is twenty-one, but he was so crazy to be off that I told him he might go a month earlier."

Silence fell between them. These two women had the same father and mother, though a score of years lay between them. Priscilla had been born in the early married life of her parents, when they were struggling with poverty, and her baby life had even tasted of hardships. The lines of duty and patience were deeply graved in her plain face, which yet beamed with kindly common sense. Dorothy had come to her mother late in life, and as an old tree sometimes blossoms into loveliness, so this beautiful child had come as a blessing of rare loveliness to warm and cheer the world-tired hearts of her mother and father. Her little feet, as she walked in easy paths, and Priscilla had yearned over her like a mother.

She sat now by the fire, bending her graceful head over some delicate work that Priscilla would never have found time for; her red dress and the flickering fire light made a picture too beautiful for the quiet, ugly room.

"Priscilla," she said suddenly, "as this is Richard's last night, I think I'll go down and say good-by to him."

"You might call him up here."

"No; I think I will go down myself."

"I believe I haven't ever told you, Dorothy, how much you pleased me by giving up that child's way of going on with him that you used to have. It did very well for you to be fond of each other when you were little, but of course it is out of the question now."

It might have been the red dress and the fire-light that brought such a vivid flash to Dorothy's cheek, as she listened and turned away.

She ran lightly down the stairs and opened the door of the sitting-room.

A young man sat by the dull fire,

an open book was on his knee, but he was looking into the eyes of an enemy before the light. He was a stalwart young fellow with heavy brows and dark eyes that had a determined expression in them, a large firmly set mouth, the whole making up the face more of grave sadate man rather than a youth not yet reached his majority. He was too intent on his own thoughts to notice her, till she swiftly crossed the room, and taking his hand between her soft hands, turned his face to hers. "Richard, my fellow, were going away without letting me know."

The hard lines of his face softened and brightened under her gaze till one would not have known him for the same man.

"I thought I should not see you tonight," he said.

"You know better; you know I would have crept through the key-hole for one last little minute with you."

"How long will you wait for me Dorothy?" he asked with a little tremor in his voice.

"If it were seven years think how long it would be."

"If you love me as you say," said Dorothy, "you would stay here and work yourself up, I'm willing to rough it with you"—heroically, she added.

"No, little Dorothy, that is not my kind of love! My mother tried that and she lived a slave's life."

"Dorothy, Dorothy!" called Priscilla from upstairs. "What on earth are you doing down there?"

"I must go now," said Dorothy, as she felt herself locked in arms that would not give away. "If I live without you for seven years I shall be a lonely old maid, but if you will not thank me for waiting."

He put her away then and looked at her curiously, as if he had never thought of her prettiness before.

"Do you know what your name means?" he asked, earnestly. "It is 'Gift of God,' and you have been that to me. If I had never seen you, I would never have had an ambition above a day's work and a night's sleep. I will write whenever luck comes to me and when I'm worthy of your great love I shall come to claim you and if you will wear this red dress I shall know you have waited. I will come home on New Year's eve."

"I think I shall live to wear it when you come home, if it is seven times seven years. Richard, for women are hard to kill while life and hope lives in the heart," said Dorothy, slowly disappearing from the room.

"What have you been doing all this time, Dorothy?" asked Priscilla, severely.

"I was only giving Richard good advice."

"Well, I hope he'll profit by it."

"So do I," replied Dorothy, heartily.

"'Tis as easy to say seven years as one, and we read of Jacob's seven years' service for Rachel, which seemed but as a day for the love he bore her. Rachel's feelings are not thought worthy to be mentioned in Holy Writ, but if her love was like Dorothy's every day seemed like years. And here in a nut-shell lies the difference between a man's love and a woman's."

Jacob had his sheep to mind and he did mind them uncommonly well. Richard went to seek his fortunes in new scenes and only thought of Dorothy when he had nothing else to do. The poet thought he had set a hard task to men when he said, "Learn to labor and to wait," but it is immeasurably harder to be idle and wait.

Till her lover went away Dorothy had never cared to ask herself whether she were a child or a woman. Sunshine had been plenty; she had sugared and gilded the plain things that a quiet farm offered her.

But before the first year was at an end she felt she had arrived at a patriarchal age and time was so heavy on her hands she must be doing something to kill the weary waiting.

"Teach school!" said her father when she associated her plan to him. "What for? I've enough to keep you in all you want."

"I don't want anything, father. I want employment. I'm tired of doing nothing."

"Nonsense, girl. Can't you make sheets and pillow-cases and the like or the fancy fixings most girls follow."

"I'd rather teach school, father."

"Well, well! What a queer girl! Have your notions then, but I think you'd better settle down and marry one of these likely bachelors around here—that's more sensible."

But this was the end of it and Dorothy easily obtained her school and settled into the most disciplined pedagogy, developing a governing talent that delighted the committee-men beyond measure. "Born to it," they said as they watched her growing love for her work and the warm attachment of the children she gathered about her in the school-room.

Every week she walked to the post-office flushed and eager, and trudged back sad and disappointed. How strange that people are so anxious to be postmasters; if they only knew it they are actors in more tragedies than any member of a stock theatrical company. Much sealed happiness passes through their hands—so much wretchedness—so many weary women and miserable men reach out of their dull lives for a letter and draw it back empty.

It was nearly two years before a

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FLOODS IN THE EAST.

Excessive rains and heavy wind-storms prevailed throughout New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Maryland coast last Friday and Saturday.

At Patterson, N. J., which lies on both sides of the Passaic River, the low lying portions of the city on both sides were flooded and much damage done to buildings and stocks of goods. Boatmen worked Friday, Friday night and Saturday reeking hundreds of people from perilous positions in the flooded districts. Many residences of the smaller kind were destroyed and many others rendered untenable. It is said that five hundred families are out of their homes and are being cared for. Seven of the bridges connecting the two parts of the city were washed away. The total damage is estimated at two million dollars.

At Duttonville, N. J., a railroad embankment behind which fifteen feet of water had accumulated gave way and the water rushed over the town wrecking a hundred houses.

At Lewis, Del., the wind drove the waves on shore flooding many houses and destroying some of the piers.

At Port Jervis, N. Y., the suspension bridge connecting that place and Matamoras, Pa., was swept away and two men were drowned, and 200 houses along the Delaware river were flooded.

The tide and overflow of the Delaware at Philadelphia destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property on the docks.

The valley of the Lackawanna River in Pennsylvania was overflowed, mines flooded, railroads submerged, entailing much damage and delay.

At Atlantic City, N. J., the gale drove the breaker ashore, flooding the basements stores and residences. The wind also did considerable damage in wrecking buildings.

Newport News, Va., suffered in about the same way that Atlantic City did.

At Ocean City, Md., many houses were washed off their foundations and one large hotel collapsed.

The towns of Pittson, Nanticoke, Brookside, Mill Creek and others along the Susquehanna River, as well as hundreds of trank farms in the valley, were flooded and sustained heavy damage.

The foregoing are samples of what occurred at scores of other places.

A Lovable Old Woman.

You sometimes see a woman whose old age is as exquisite as was the perfect bloom of her youth. You wonder how this has come about; you wonder how it is her life has been a long and happy one. Here are some of the reasons:

She knew how to forget disagreeable things.

She kept her nerves well in hand and inflicted them on no one.

She mastered the art of saying pleasant things.

She did not expect too much from her friends.

She made whatever work came to her congenial.

She retained her illusions and did not believe all the world wicked and unkind.

She relieved the miserable and sympathized with the sorrowful.

She never forgot that kind words and a smile cost nothing, but are priceless treasures to the discouraged.

She did not outdo others as she would be done by, and now that old age has come to her and there is a halo of white hair about her head she is loved and considered. This is the secret of a long life and a happy one.—Richard Palladium.

When I once reconstrued with one of my "Pennsylvania Dutch" relatives for building a great, handy barn, while his family were yet living in the hewed log house, he said: "The barn will soon save enough to build the house," and so it did. These old Pennsylvania farmers were the farmers who set the pace for all practical farmers since. Good buildings kept in well painted order do not always prove the land surrounding them of extra quality, but this is the exception; the rule is that they do prove it. But whether the land is of the best quality or not they will add to its value. Many a good farm in our garden spots of Texas and elsewhere has sold low because the buildings were either in bad condition or looked that way by reason of needing a few dollars' worth of paint and nails.—Exchange.

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THE TURKISH TROUBLES.

Not only Little Peterkins in future but well informed men of the present may ask what all the trouble in Turkey is about. It is a complicated matter, involving every essential feature of the once-called "Eastern question," since the tribe of Othman first crossed the Hellespont, but it ought to be made intelligible to all. Turkey in Europe, as it remains since the partitioning of 1878, consists of seven provinces—Constantinople and Adrianople, which form much of ancient Thrace; Salonica, Kosovo and Monastir, which largely comprise the region vaguely known as Macedonia, and Scutari and Janina, which form the bulk of Albania, or old Illyria. The inhabitants are varied. There are many Turks, descendants of the tribe of Othman, which invaded Europe and overthrew the Byzantine empire. There are Greeks, descendants of the Greeks of classic days. There are Albanians, or Arnauts, a strange remnant of forgotten peoples descended from the Pelasgians, who occupied all that part of Europe before the Dorian migration founded ancient Greece. There are many Jews. There are Wallachs, or Vlachs, descended from the Autochthons, mingled with Greeks, with a language derived from the Latin. There are Romanians, akin to the Wallachs, but of mixed Roman instead of Greek blood. There are Bulgars, a Slavic people forming an inferior branch of the Finnish stock. There are Serbs, also a Slavic people. There are Gipsies, a few Magyars, and some other folk, all differing in race, language and religion.

FOR THE FARMERS.

Clipped from Texas Farm and Ranch.

Crop rotation is largely a local question. Owing to differences in climate, soils and other conditions, what may be the best rotation for one farmer may not be best for another near by farmer. A disregard of this fact leads to many partial failures.

On the 12th of September a blizzard visited a portion of Manitoba, during which many farmers lost from one-third to one-half their cattle. And still there are American farmers, and some of them from the Southern states every year emigrating to that frigid land, where blizzards are common occurrences from September 10 to May 10.

The Houston Post publishes, September 28, a supplementary report on the cotton crop, being answers to questions mailed to correspondents. An analysis of the reports show that sixty-five counties suffered more or less from boll weevil; twenty-three counties had to contend with both the boll weevil and boll worm, and twenty-two counties the boll worm, but not the weevil.

Farmers are pushing their cotton to market and are selling nine to nine and a half cents for it. This rush has convinced buyers that the crop has been underestimated. After a while it will bring about twelve cents, and perhaps more, then farmers who have sold out and spent the money received will wish they hadn't been in such a hurry.

It is not too late to plant tardy garden vegetables. Collards, onions, celery, lettuce, carrots, kale and many other vegetables, including beets, may be grown, if planted now. It would have been better to have planted earlier, but in this section that could only be done where irrigation could be used to bring seeds up and give the plants a start. It has been too dry.

First the railways; then the bicycle; and more recently the automobile, were each and every one charged with the duty of introducing the "horseless age." When these onslaughts on the horse began, a good draft horse, or a first-class saddle, could be bought for sixty dollars, and a good pair of carriage horses for \$160 to \$180. Now the same horses are worth on the market nearly twice as much. This does not look much like the age will soon become horseless.

The frosts of the 16th, 16th and 17th of Sept. over damaged the corn crops of the Northwest considerably, especially in the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Minnesota, Western Nebraska, and Western Kansas. In the last mentioned sections, however, but little corn is produced, being too dry. Wheat in the frosted section was seriously affected by the continued rains and a slight frost damaging the grain in the stubble, and much of it was standing in the field, and was seriously injured.

At the Arkansas experiment station the highest yield of merchantable potatoes was secured with ridges three inches high. The same method also gave the smallest per cent of culms. Expert potato growers no longer pile the earth up to the plants in ridges six inches above the bottom of the furrow above the side of it. It is held by the fact that level culture is even better than three-inch ridges. The land should be deeply plowed, and deep furrows should be made in the level ground and the mud deposited at the bottom of the furrow. Then, when covered, the ground will be level and the seed covered to a sufficient depth. After this frequent shallow cultivation is all that's needed, as it retains moisture and destroys the weeds.

Recently a car load of rams-hogs were shipped from Arkansas to Kansas City and brought the average price on the market. Prof. C. C. of the Wisconsin Experiment Station has been crossing the Southern rippers with the best highlanders and Paland Co. says the results have been satisfactory. He claims that crosses are much less liable to disease than the inbred pure breeds, and that the sows are much more prolific, and that their milk is much more abundant. The results in a typical bacon hog are primitive rams-hogs are numerous in Arkansas. It is said that a few of them can be found in far away places in Tennessee and are abundant among the farmers as a little bit of assistance as to dates. It is said to reason and to breed, the breeding involves a crossing, extent that impairs hardiness and resistance to disease, and the resulting habits has a contempt for any and that muscle and fat characteristic of the rams-hogs, they develop more than neutral hogs.

The American farmer has gone to his live stock money in them. Loss of United States imperial worth of good stock by manufacturers of these animals. Most of them come from East India, France and West Africa. China and other countries have been importing them. Some showed that they were worth more than \$2,000,000 worth of United States money. Some \$2,000,000 worth of the product of domestic stock.—Dallas News.

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Weather Prophet Foster predicts rather an open warm fall.

There is more success in seeing a thing and going after it than there is in sitting down and waiting for it to come to you.

They are having some trouble up in Kansas trying to force some people to send their children to school, under the new compulsory educational law, where negroes attend the schools. Some people say they will leave the state before they will be forced to send their children to school.

A news item from Austin states that the comptroller's department has been informed that the people of Ochiltree county have held an election to determine whether or not school lands (held under contract to purchase) shall be taxed, and the result was that they should not. As the State law says otherwise, the Ochiltree people will have trouble in making their action stick.

The government has established a special experiment station at Amarillo for the purpose of testing varieties of wheat. Varieties that have given best results under similar climatic conditions and in similar latitudes will be used in the test. Land is now being prepared for sowing. Amarillo is so near us that what succeeds best there will probably succeed best here, and our farmers should keep posted on results.

An item sent out from Fort Worth states: "The construction of the Denton, Deatur and Western Railroad, and the North Texas and Louisiana Railroad will be commenced in a short time. The officials of these two corporations are beginning to correspond with railroad contractors for the construction of the same. One of the routes will run from Roswell, N.M., to Denton, and the other will extend as far east, perhaps, as Mansfield, or Alexandria, La.

Step by step the war crisis seems narrowing between Japan and Russia. Figuratively speaking, every sword in Japan is ground to a razor edge and every gun lock is set on a hair trigger, and the people are in the humor to pull the trigger. Russia is moving slowly, stubbornly, strengthening her position at every step, seeming to feel conscious of her ability to catch Japan on the hip and squeeze her to death when she makes her spring. She may do it, and she may not. The Japs seem thoroughly determined to make it a desperate conflict and they may succeed in putting one of those swords between bruin's ribs.

The Thurber coal miners' strike reached an amicable adjustment at the conference of the Union leaders and mine owners held at Fort Worth last Saturday. A contract was entered into in which the mining company recognized the Miners' Union and agreed to pay an advance in wages amounting to 10 per cent. The miners accepted this as satisfactory and on their part agreed "that no person shall be refused employment or in any way discriminated against on account of membership or non-membership in any labor organization, and that there shall be no discrimination or interference with any employee who is not a member of any labor organization by members of such organizations."

This is a new departure and, we think, one in the right direction, by labor organizations, as they have heretofore objected to the employment of any but union men on the same work with them, and in several instances have gone on strikes because of the employment of a single non union laborer, and the instances are numerous where they have driven out by force non union men. As we view the matter, labor has the right to organize and cooperate in seeking employment and making terms and conditions as to same, but has no right to interfere with the employer's business or property or to interfere with any other person who offers to do the work on terms which the Union labor has refused.

PURIFICATION OF PUBLIC OFFICES

Texas has been remarkably free from the operations of the political grafter and boodler, as he is known in most of the states. This is the more remarkable in view of her one sided politics and the "bribe" majority with which her dominant party is upheld, leaving little or no fear of party defeat as a punishment for misdeeds. This lack of a wholesome fear leads to carelessness in the discharge of official duties in some instances and to little peculations in others, if we are to believe the very positive statements of some newspapers and individuals, and the characters of some of these are so well known that we believe they would not make the statements if they did not have substantial basis for them.

The things charged are not very great in themselves, but some of them are bordering on the booting principle—as the private use by legislators and other officials of stationery and postage at state expense, the appropriation of costly penknives under the designation of "pens," the lavish use of expensive pencils, etc. It is true, as said, these are little things, but they involve a wrong principle, and it is a habit that will grow if left unchecked, especially so as there are some dishonest men in the democratic party as well as in all other organizations, religious and secular. Other things charged have an evil tendency. They put legislators and other officials in a receptive attitude, an attitude to be approached by the corporations of whom they accept favors for favors in return—favors not at the expense of the state and people, but there will be a tendency to grant such favors. It may be almost imperceptible to the otherwise honest legislator, but it is there nevertheless. Perhaps without seriously thinking on the matter the mind will run something like this: "Well, they have been very nice to me and I am doing this for them; it will amount to little or nothing to the state or the people, anyway." And perhaps the individual act doesn't, but it is a tendency that will grow if indulged or practiced.

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The welfare of the people, the masses particularly, is at stake in these matters, and every man should know what he is doing when he casts a ballot. He should see to it that the man whom he is commissioning to look after his political and, in a sense, material welfare, is of such well established integrity that he will be impervious to little temptations, for the man who does not start on the wrong road in little things rarely ever makes a plunge into big ones. Wrong doing, like everything else, is a thing of cultivation and growth.

As we said at the outset, a good many newspapers are taking up this question and trying to present it to the people in a way to inform them of the situation and its evils and to arouse a public sentiment that will result in a reformation. In this connection we quote the following from the Fort Worth Telegram:

The Telegram proposes, however, to get on one watch tower and invites the Courier and the Waco Times-Herald to get a tower each and help in the good work. Legislators who will not be guilty of extravagance must be elected. These "courtesies" must be prohibited:

- Free passes.
- Free telegrams and telephone messages.
- Free express franks.
- Free Pullman berths.
- Newspapers for members of the legislature at state expense.
- These privileges should be withdrawn:
- Payment of political obligations with clerkships at maximum pay.
- Postage at state expense for private correspondence.
- Idle days during a session for junketing trips.
- The legislature should be composed of men who will work longer hours and get through as soon as possible.

THE STREET FAIR.

So far the members of the committee appointed to arrange the Haskell Street Fair have been too much occupied with their private affairs to give the matter sufficient attention to get it in shape for publication this week. Several members of the committee had a consultation a few days ago and decided for the above reasons that it would be best to have the fair come a week later, that is, the latter part of the fourth week in this month. They have promised to get to work and see what can be done in the way of premiums, make out the list and publishing next week, so look out for your next paper.

Meantime every farmer is urged to be getting some of everything he has that will do to show in readiness, with a determination to make a creditable showing for the farms of Haskell county.

Mr. D. W. Fields and family of Marcy were in Haskell the first of the week visiting relatives and attending the meeting which is in progress at the Christian church.

Clay Park was on Wednesday evening for the second time the victim of a rather serious base ball accident. The school boys were playing during the afternoon recess, with Clay catching behind the bat, when a foul ball took him square on the bridge of the nose, knocking him senseless for several minutes and causing profuse bleeding. A physician was called and he found that the bone was broken but he succeeded in straightening it up and holding it in place with plasters. Clay was out next day apparently all right physically but appearing somewhat disfigured with the plasters.

Mr. T. D. Whitford, one of the enterprising and "get there" farmers of the Cliff neighborhood, was in town Thursday with a load of corn which he disposed of at 45 cts a bushel. In reply to questions about crops, Mr. Whitford said the cotton in his section would turn out from one-fourth to one-half bale per acre, perhaps most of the yield of corn was fairly good and all foreign crops excellent. His corn crop was 100 bushels off forty-five acres, or 24 bushels per acre, besides he will get eight bales of cotton and has an abundance of hay stacks. He has been posting up on macaroni wheat and is going to order seed and sow ten acres for a trial.

Up to date the administration at Washington has vouchsafed no answer to the oft repeated questions: "Why is it that up in Delaware United States Senator Alceus could have the postmaster general discharge a young lady postmistress because she became obnoxious to him and some of his henchmen, although a large majority of the people in the town where she served desired her continuance in office? And, why is it that down in Mississippi the people were summarily punished because they requested a negro postmistress who was obnoxious to a large majority of the people to resign and all of the Southern senators combined could not prevail upon the postmaster general to appoint a new postmaster or to restore the mail service in any form?" These are questions which the people of a republic have a right to ask and which their servants, the president and the postmaster general, are in duty bound to answer in a respectful and lucid manner. But things seem to have come to the pass where the tail wags the dog and seems not to consider itself accountable to the dog for its conduct.

Senator Hanna came through a street car wreck the other day uninjured, but when he comes in contact with Mr. Clarke's logic and Mr. Johnson's "Red Devil" he will know that something has happened.

Two counties in Texas, Uvalde and Wilson, produce more than a million pounds of honey a year—and there are other, but we haven't seen their figures.

MARCY NOTES.

We have had some good rains lately, and the grass is looking green, and the late feed stuff is growing nicely.

Cotton picking was at a stand still for a few days, but for the past few days it has been coming to the gin in a rush.

A good number of Marcy farmers were at Stamford last Sunday night when the big rain came, and, on account of the bad roads, had to stay there several days.

Mr. Editor, I think you Haskell people had better get your railroad in operation, so you will not have to go so far to a railroad town.

Mr. D. W. Fields and family visited relatives in Haskell the first of this week.

The Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mansell on October 1 and took from them their little babe. But they should weep not as they who have no hope, for the Good Book says: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." Prepare yourselves to meet your dear little one in a better world.

We have quite a brisk norther blowing today, guess the rain has gone for a few days.

Mrs. Philip Lovely is quite sick at her father's, Mr. Lofler's.

My home place on North Main Street is for sale. If you want a good residence come and see what I have.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Following are some of the recent utterances of prominent ministers of various denominations, culled from their sermons and writings:

THE ATONEMENT.
Rev. Rankin, Presbyterian.—In the incarnation and death of Christ there are depths of mystery which we cannot fathom. We do not pretend to explain the mystery of the atonement. We only assert the fact. The Scriptures tell us that God "laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

IGNORANCE.
Rev. Sears, Episcopalian.—There are today millions of poor, weak, helpless, struggling men and women in ignorance suffering from sin and don't know how to reject it. If they would give themselves to God and follow His teachings, they would throw the shackles of sin from themselves.

SEEKING TRUTH.
Rev. Case, Evangelist.—A man who is in earnest pays little attention to exterior. The man who seeks for truth with the idea of profiting by it is going to find time to hunt it. If you are not going to obey God's higher commands, don't read the Bible.

FIGHTING SIN.
Rev. Hunter, Presbyterian.—We must hate sin everywhere. It is not the person we detest, but the principle; not the sinner, but the sin. Don't trifle with sin; crush it at once. We don't want the devil to say anything good about us, because if we live right that is impossible.

NOTHING NEW.
Rev. Clark, Presbyterian.—As fast as developing civilization reaches any conclusion that seems to be new, it discovers it to be as old as Jesus of Nazareth. The statement may be new, the application of it may be novel, but the inherent and fundamental spirit of it is, without exception, His.

THE FATHER OF GOD.
Rev. Henry, Congregationalist.—The doctrine of the Fatherhood of God is designed to teach us our dependence upon Him for our daily needs, both common and spiritual. We are all beneficiaries of His general blessings. We all move, live, and have our being in Him.

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Mr. Carney is NOW READY for a tremendous business during the FALL and WINTER Seasons. His Immense Stock is complete in every department of the popular establishment. He is holding the old customers and gaining new ones with Superior Goods and "OLD TIME" Prices. The invitation is extended to everybody and their friends—COME, Please Come!

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Of the best quality to be had in the market. Our plan is to keep New Goods coming as fast as the old ones go out, thus keeping our stock fresh all the time—no over-stock on anything to become stale or lose flavor.

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TUESDAY: Opening Day.
WEDNESDAY: Cattle Roping Contest.
THURSDAY: Confederate and Woodman Day.
FRIDAY: School Childrens Day & Cattle Roping.
SATURDAY: Cattle Sales Day.

There will be three Balloon Ascensions during the entertainment. The horse racing each afternoon will be the best ever witnessed in the west. The Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and many other attractions have been secured. The farm, orchard, and garden exhibits will excel any former efforts, and the ladies department will be attractive as usual. In fact the management is pleased to announce that the prospects are bright for the best and largest fair ever held in Abilene.

Special trains will be run from the east and west at low rates will be given. Ask your nearest ticket agent for particulars. MAX R. ANDREWS, Sec.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

If you have hidden for sale go to J. N. Ellis at the City Meat market, and get the highest market price for them.

Mr. Willis Buchanan has resigned his position with the Telephone company and accepted a situation with Mr. T. G. Carney.

Just received a big line of men's hats, new and up-to-date. Prices lower than the lowest. T. G. Carney.

Mrs. I. N. Winfree and daughter, Miss Nannie, of Colorado City, visited the family of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald this week.

Get your share of the bargains on the 5 and 10 cent counters at the Racket Store.

Messrs. W. M. Stephens, H. H. Nisbett and M. E. Park are building a nice frame residence for Mr. J. W. Johnson on his ranch a few miles north of town.

The best Fort Worth bread constantly on hand at Ellis' meat market.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. York of the Mid neighborhood were in town Thursday trading. Mr. York sold three bales of cotton and said his crop this year would turn out twelve or fifteen bales.

Just received an elegant line of ladies' misses' and children's cloaks by Alexander Mercantile Co.

Judge H. G. McConnell and family and Misses Hassie Hudson and Ora Buchanan returned on Sunday night from a visit to the Dallas fair. Judge McConnell says the most enjoyable feature of the trip to him was the meeting of the Mystic Shriner.

Any one having horses or mules for sale should see C. M. Brown, as he is buying to ship on the 30th instant.

Mr. J. N. Ellis of the popular City Meat Market, is having a new barn built at his residence on the east side.

A new lot of latest style stationery and writing tablets at the Racket Store.

Judge P. D. Sanders spent several days this week inspecting lands on which he is arranging to place loans.

Mr. R. E. Martin, our former citizen, has accepted a position as prescription clerk at Mat S. Blanton's drug store, Fort Worth, Cor. Main and 3rd Streets, and he invites his friends to call and see him when they are in Fort Worth.

Messrs. Ed. Whitaker and Willis Buchanan met some of the returning fair visitors at Stamford Sunday evening. The point of this paragraph centers on the word "fair."

MONEY TO LOAN—I am loaning money on land at a low rate of interest. I took \$11,000 worth of applications Monday and Tuesday. See me if you want money. T. G. Carney.

Mr. E. A. Rose, an old time citizen of this county, but now located in the Del Rio country, was here this week looking after some interests he still has here.

To our lady trade we wish to say, \$5.00 will buy the best ready-to-wear skirt to be found on any market, at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Owing to sickness the Cemetery Association failed to hold its regular meeting last Tuesday, so will meet with Mrs. Abel Jones next Tuesday, October 13. We urge a goodly attendance. On account of the rains much work is needed to be done. Secretary.

We invite all economical buyers, that are interested in making their money go as far as possible, in the purchase of fall goods, to call at our store. The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

Mr. M. S. Pierson, president of the Haskell National bank, returned last Saturday from Emory, where he had been looking after his mercantile business.

The Alexander Mercantile Co. will take your measure and get you a suit in ten days.

Mr. C. B. Renselman of Santa Anna was here this week looking after the interest of a harvesting machine company.

The Alexander Mercantile Co. are showing the latest line of tailor samples ever shown in the town.

Mr. W. A. Winfree of Colorado City was a visitor in Haskell this week.

Alexander Mercantile Co. guarantee every tailor made suit to fit perfectly.

Mr. J. F. Vernon took Mr. M. Pierson's place in the bank this week while the latter was off to see the Dallas fair.

F. D. Sanders is prepared to make loans on farms and ranches, and take up and extend Vouchers Lien notes. See, or write him at his office in Court House, Haskell, Texas.

Miss Meda Clayton and brother, Sumner, left for Dallas Tuesday to see the big State Fair.

The Alexander Mercantile Co. are making a speciality of tailor made suits.

Miss Eva Coker is now manipulating the switchboard for the Telephone company.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

Mr. A. F. Smith and W. G. Tanner of the Fairview neighborhood brought cotton to the Haskell gin Thursday and marketed it here.

Great big tablets at the Racket Store for a nickel.

For first class hot tamales go to Fred Niemann, northwest corner of square.

Mrs. J. F. Collier of Aspermont is visiting the family of Mr. W. G. Williams at this place.

Alexander Mercantile Co., are making very special prices on a large line of slippers.

Mrs. J. B. Baker and little daughter returned Wednesday evening after an absence of two or three weeks, during which they visited friends in Dallas, Dublin, Hico and Stephenville.

Pens, pencils, ink and tablets at the Racket Store for school children.

Mr. A. C. Foster returned Sunday from Dallas, where he saw the big fair and attended the meeting of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Goggles and eye shields at the Racket Store.

At a regular meeting of the Haskell Chapter No. 181, Royal Arch Masons on Tuesday night, W. A. Ernest of Munday, J. F. Posey, A. D. English, W. D. Dickenson and Henry Alexander of this place, had all the degrees of the Chapter conferred on them.

The best line of novelty dress trimmings, consisting of braids in all shades and weaves, the new wood fibre lace, a full line of pendants and cards, a line of cut steel buttons which are now taking the lead. We know this to be the best and most up to date line ever brought to Haskell. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Capt. W. W. Fields left Thursday morning for Dallas, where he will visit the fair and will meet his mother, Mrs. M. A. Fields, who has been at Sherman during the summer with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Harrison, and who will return to Haskell with him.

The latest and best styles in ladies' under skirts are to be found at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Miss Eva Browning, who spent the past summer here with the family of Mr. J. H. Cunningham and taught a class in music, left Thursday morning for Lockney, Floyd county, where she will teach music. Miss Browning is an accomplished young lady and made many friends while in Haskell, who regret her departure.

Three store buildings, two residences, and several vacant lots in Haskell for sale at bargain prices. See or write to, T. G. Carney, Haskell, Texas.

The protracted meeting that has been in progress at the Christian church since Wednesday night of last week has developed much interest and is proving a success in every way. Eld J. T. McKissick of Weatherford is assisting the pastor and they have had overflowing congregations, who have been edified with excellent music and impressive and forceful sermons. The members also have been zealous in their work for the Master, and as a result of these combined forces, twenty-seven have been added to the church, and the interest being manifested indicates that more are to follow.

John Couch says: If a man is in love—that's his business. If a girl is in love—that's her business. If they get married—that's their business.

But it's his business to fit them up with dry goods and groceries out of the handsome new stock just received at S. L. Robertson's.

Prof. Burt, the old reliable pebble spectacle man who was with us two years ago, will be with us again in the near future. He is now at Stamford; ask your doctor who he is. He will make any of his work good, done two years ago. Look for him and get honest work! He carries the largest stock of any one ever in this part of the country and has all the necessary instruments for testing and fitting glasses to the eyes. Examinations free of charge. (39 1f)

Farmers will find a supply of 8 and 10 ounce ducking for making cotton sacks at S. L. Robertson's.

Mr. N. C. Smith and family returned Wednesday from a three or four weeks' trip through the north-eastern portion of the state. Mr. Smith visited the oil fields in Clay county. He says the oil is of a very superior quality, yielding about 70 per cent. of refined oil. The wells are only about 200 feet deep.

Pastoreum can get fire notices at THE FARM PRESS office.

Mr. J. A. Wier, who recently came here from Oklahoma and has been stopping in town temporarily while he looked over the country, has purchased Mr. B. T. McCulloh's farm near Cliff and is preparing to move out on it.

Mr. J. M. Blakemore dropped in yesterday and plunked down a 16 to 1 dollar for the renewal of his subscription. Mr. Blakemore expressed his interest in the coming Street Fair and hoped that his brother farmer would do all they could to make it a success.

Mr. T. J. Gross was in to see us one day this week and renewed his subscription. Mr. Gross said he had twenty acres of wheat already up, and wants to try the macaroni wheat if he can get the seed. He is also going to sow several acres to alfalfa. He said that some alfalfa that he sowed last March came up and grew for a while but came to a stand still during the drought and he thought it would die, but it did not and since the fall rains set in it is growing nicely again.

Mr. Walter Hicks, who has been "sticking" type for THE FARM PRESS for two or three years, left us last week to take a rest and visit other country. Walter knows his business at a type case and is a pretty fair job printer, and we can recommend him to the favorable consideration of the craft, should he in his travels run out of the oil of commerce, as printers often do, and apply for a "sett."

I have good winter turf coal for sale, price 40 cents a bushel at my graineds near CHE. M. A. Gilton. (43)

I have for sale a good milk cow. W. G. Young.

LIGHTNING, THUNDER AND RAIN.

On last Sunday night this section was visited by such an electrical storm as is rarely seen outside of tropical regions. The lightning played over the entire heavens in great sheets of flame and in ribbons and zig zag tongues of fire, whose intensity and brilliance lighted up the earth at times like the noonday sun, and the rumbling, rolling thunder was incessant, with ever and anon a peal as sharp and shrill as the explosion of a rifled cannon. This continued for several hours and was sublime and awe inspiring, admonishing the beholder of the infinity of Him who holds the lightnings in his hands and hurls the thunder bolts as a child would a toy. Accompanying this grand display of supernal power there were dashing showers of rain at intervals, finally settling down to a steady downpour and outlasting the pyrotechnical display. We failed to learn what the rainfall measured in inches, but the earth was thoroughly wetted and every ravine and creek in the country overflowed its banks. A small barn and shed at the A. W. Springer old place in the southwest part of town was struck by lightning some time after midnight, set on fire and burned down in spite of the rain.

Mr. Baldwin's mail hack which left for Stamford Monday morning found the roads flooded with water and on arriving at Paint creek valley stopped on account of the overflow, which covered a bridge that spanned a slough in the valley, not deeming it safe to attempt to strike the bridge. While the driver of the mail hack was hesitating the passenger hack from Mr. Odell's livery stable, driven by John Hogan, came up, having on board Mr. and Mrs. E. Bivins, who were starting on a visit to their old home in Missouri. Being a new driver and not so well acquainted with the place as the other driver, or, being more venturesome, he attempted to drive across and partly missing the bridge, his hack was overturned and Mr. and Mrs. Bivins thrown into the water, from which, with some assistance and considerable effort, they escaped without serious personal injury. Their trunk was washed away but was subsequently recovered, the contents being considerably damaged by water, however. One of the horses attached to the hack was drowned and some minor damage was sustained by the hack and harness.

We are informed that when Mr. Odell, proprietor of the hack, was apprised of the mishap and the damage sustained by Mr. Bivins, he promptly paid him \$75, entirely satisfying him.

While the driver may have been a little rash in going into the danger, Mr. Odell's action in the matter will commend him to public favor as a man ready and prompt to do all that is right.

Bring Us Your Cotton.

Bring along your cotton and don't fear having to wait long for your ginning, for we refuse to be crowded as we have five 80-haw gins and can turn out fifty bales a day. We are paying \$10.50 a ton, or 10¢ cents per bushel, for seed. Bring your corn along with your cotton and if we can grind it we will give you meal in exchange.

We want your patronage and will do you good work.

Respectfully,
EARNST & SANDERS.

Any one wanting a residence in Haskell should investigate Capt. R. H. Dodson's offer to sell his place, as it is one of the handsomest and most conveniently arranged homes in this country. The house is a large one-story frame building presenting a nice appearance from the exterior view, and the interior is conveniently arranged as to the location and communication between the various rooms, all of which are neatly finished up, and the entire building is substantially built and rests on a solid brick and rock foundation. The well furnishes an abundance of good water, which is raised by a windmill on an elevated tank, from which it is piped to all parts of the house and to the lot or barn in the rear, besides furnishing a supply to water a lot of nice fruit trees and shrubbery in the yard and irrigate a vegetable garden. Besides the improvements mentioned there is a conveniently located storm house 12x16 feet, nicely celled and fitted up inside. While this place as it stands is a commodious and comfortable home, it can, with its water facilities and advantageous location on the main street of the town, be made an ideally beautiful one by some family with taste and leisure to devote to the adornment of its ample grounds.

I have good winter turf coal for sale, price 40 cents a bushel at my graineds near CHE. M. A. Gilton. (43)

I have for sale a good milk cow. W. G. Young.

NOTICE.

The way some people are denouncing the Telephone company for local service is growing well nigh intolerable. We are glad and willing that you use our phones for doctors, and emergency calls, but when it comes to twelve or fifteen non subscribers calling for from three to six connections each, daily, it is too much. The time it takes for our operator to wait on you is that much time taken from our patrons who pay for it and to whom it justly belongs. It is not a matter of accommodation from your neighbor but it is how much you are willing to take for nothing, and how much we are willing to give. Respectfully,
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Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

30 pounds sugar for \$1.00—see me for other low prices. T. G. Carney.

Children, get your school tablets, pencils, pens, ink, etc at the Racket Store.

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A complete line of embroidery silks in the American Beauty rose, Maracual Neil rose, poppy, violets, wild rose and other shades. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Notice is hereby given to all persons not to haul wood from or otherwise trespass on the premises known as the McConnell pasture, four miles east of Haskell. L. A. Pitchford, owner.

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Now is the time to make your purchases for the Fall and Winter, and we respectfully ask your careful inspection of our up-to-date goods at an early date.

Dress Goods.

Ladies desiring something choice in new dress goods should not fail to see our Special Patterns in this line. They are the best Haskell has ever shown. In fact, all through our Dress Goods Department will be found bargains and patterns to suit all.

The special cuts in Shirt Waist patterns are exquisite, and you should see them very soon. Our line of Trimmings, Linings, etc., is fully in keeping with and suited to our line of dress fabrics. In Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, etc., you will find our stock very complete. Come and see for yourself.

Another Thing

To interest the ladies particularly is an improvement in OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT!

The equal of which cannot be found west of Fort Worth. Miss McMill will be found at her post here to assist and please you in your selection and choice from the very latest imported styles to be found in the best millinery market in the United States. Her taste and ability are acknowledged to be unsurpassed by all who know her, and she has given the selection of this department particular attention this season.

CROUSE & BRANDIGEE CLOTHING.

We are handling this standard line of custom made clothing, and that is all that is necessary to say to those who are acquainted with it; for the name carries with it a guarantee of the best clothing made. You should not fail to wear a suit of the C. & B. make and be well dressed.....

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

This department will be found filled with an up-to-date line of underwear of the best makes and the latest styles in Collars, Cuffs, Ties, Etc. Our Dress Shirts are made to order, and will be found the latest in style and best in material.

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We are neither afraid nor ashamed to head our Shoe Department with this name, as, in the case of C. & B. clothing, the name is a guarantee of the best—so acknowledged the country over. The stock is complete in all lines for men, women, and children, and a special line for school wear.

Your trade is asked for, and we will try our best to show you that we appreciate it. Come, inspect our goods.....

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NOTICE.

All parties who owe me accounts for blacksmithing are requested to come forward and settle. I have worked for you when you needed it, and now I need my money and I trust you will not forget me, but will come in and pay up. Respectfully,
J. F. STEPHENS.
(39 1f)

A PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

I have sold my interest in the Wright & Williams Blacksmith Shop to C. H. Mooneyham. Parties indebted to the firm of Wright & Williams are requested to call and settle their indebtedness with Mr. Wright or myself. I have the accounts and Mr. Wright has the books, and either of us will receipt you in the name of Wright & Williams. Respectfully,
E. A. WILLIAMS.

Rag Carpets.
Now is the time to see about getting your rag carpet woven. I have a first-class loom and can make you a neat carpet.
MRS. G. J. MILLER.

DRESS MAKING.

Mesdames Hubbard & Choate have formed a partnership in the dress making business and will have their sewing room in the east end of Dr. Neathery's office at the southwest corner of the square. They will be pleased to have the ladies or any one desiring sewing done call on them there. They guarantee their work to give satisfaction in fit and workmanship.

Glanders in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Ok., Oct. 5.—A. W. Sanders, Territorial Veterinarian, today notified the Territorial Live Stock Sanitary Board that he had ordered shot three horses, afflicted with glanders, two at Gage and one at Alva. The board announces the disease has been more prevalent this year than formerly, and every effort is being made to stamp it out.

Turnip seed by the ounce of pound at the Racket Store.

S. L. ROBERTSON'S NEW Dry Goods!

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See this Space NEXT WEEK for Complete Announcement.

