

Texas Christian Advocate

Improvements in Galveston.

Notwithstanding the seemingly dull days of summer, our "Gem of the Gulf" is pushing right forward in erecting new and stately brick stores, business blocks, handsome dwellings and beautiful churches.

The Cotton Exchange is rapidly taking on its magnificent finish, and will be the grandest building of its kind in the southwest.

The walls of Bethel Chapel are up to the eaves.

Work on the new jail will begin next week.

All our new brick stores now going up are very substantial.

The colored people have about completed their church improvement on Broadway, near Centre street.

The Texas Cotton Compress improvement will make it equal to anything in its line in the United States.

The work of Christian missions was never more active than now.

Religious toleration in Russia is on the increase. Bibles are being circulated by the Tract and Bible societies throughout the empire.

The Spanish minister of public worship tells the Cortes that the government view of the clause in the constitution on religious liberty permits liberty within the walls of churches and cemeteries only.

The latest news from the Nyanza Mission of the Church Missionary Society is of an unfavorable tenor.

General Sherman is putting the axe at the root of some veteran remnants of fogymism relating to the equipment of troops.

The divisibility of gold almost surpasses belief. Mr. A. E. Outerbridge, Jr., of the Philadelphia Assay office, recently exhibited before the Franklin Institute, some thin films of gold obtained by electric deposition upon copper and afterward detached.

George Thompson, an Englishman, started from Grindelwald, in Switzerland, intending to ascend the Faulhorn without a guide.

The longer I was in finding whom I sought, the more earnestly I beheld Him, being found.

The glass mirrors belonging to sextants are apt to become bent and dim with use, so as to greatly lessen the accuracy of the instrument.

Never despair; but if you do, work on in despair.—Burke.

Household.

A Sand Spring, Iowa, clergyman has invented a churn which is worked by sitting down and rocking as in a rocking-chair.

Mr. A. Latter, of King, Canada, has half a dozen white Brahma hens that laid one thousand and fifty eggs, hatched and raised three broods of chickens, from January 13, 1877, to January 13, 1878.

HONEY CAKE.—One cupful honey, one and one-half cupfuls sugar, one of butter, five of flour, three eggs, one teaspoonful soda.

APPLE JELLY.—A very clear apple jelly can be made from the cores and parings of nice apples; cover with cold water and stew gently; strain, add a pound of white sugar to a pint of liquor; boil half an hour.

TO MAKE BOOTS WATERPROOF.—Yellow beeswax, Burgundy pitch, and turpentine of each two ounces; boiled linseed oil, one pint. Apply to the boot with the hand before fire till well saturated.

Army and Herd.

CATS, and, where the case requires it, a good many cats, are the best and safest cure-all and end-all for rats.

From fully-grown, well-matured birds, a larger number of chicks are produced than from older birds.

Scientific and Sanitary.

Scott Russell, the English architect, proposes to put a tin roof on the Coliseum at Rome, at a cost of \$1,200,000, so that the building can be used for an International Exhibition in 1880 or 1881—a better display than a gladiatorial fight or a massacre of Christian martyrs.

A SELF-WINDING CLOCK.—A German has invented a clock in which the winding machinery is operated by the alternate expansion and contraction of glycerine, or some other suitable liquid.

The Children's Corner.

Clean Hands, Pure Lips.

BY MARY D. BRINE.

"Why didn't you strike back, you goose?" I paused in my sewing and looked out unobserved upon a group of little folks playing near my window.

save that, since by manners we usually judge, she was a lady in every respect, gentle, quiet, and refined.

What could be the trouble now, I wondered, seeing Amy's flushed face and catching the scowl on the face of the questioner, who asked, "Why didn't you strike back again?"

"Cause—'cause—my mamma wouldn't kiss my hands—if I—struck anybody!" sobbed the injured little one, rubbing the red hand with the other white one, evidently quite hurt both in flesh and feelings.

"Wouldn't kiss your hands!" exclaimed her listeners wondering. "What do you mean, Amy? What a queer idea!"

I was as much interested as either of the children, and, peeping through the vines clustering about the window, quite safe from childish observation, I listened for Amy's explanation.

"Mamma always kisses my hands when they haven't been naughty, and it's naughty to strike. That little girl's mamma wont kiss her hands to-night, will she?" Amy's blue eyes looked up into the faces around her, and full of wonderment at her words, the sympathetic children kissed and pitied her to her heart's content.

Then I went out and talked to the little one, with a new respect for the pure mother whom more than ever I desired to know.

"O! Mrs.—" cried the children in chorus, "what do you think! That Sallie Jones struck Amy real hard on her arm and hand just because—because Amy didn't want to walk with her! Wasn't it the meanest thing?"

I agreed rather indignantly that it was the meanest thing, and then we walked along the pleasant road to where Amy's mother lived.

"Maybe I am foolish, Mrs.—" but ever since my little one was given me I have loved to kiss the little baby hands as well as the baby lips.

"As she grew older I still kept up the custom, and when night came and, undressing her, I failed to kiss the little hands, Amy knew that it was because they were not quite clean from naughtiness.

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My own eyes were tearful when Mrs. Horton's sweet voice ceased, and I envied little Amy her beautiful mother's companionship.

Of Mrs. Horton, we, the people of R—, knew, as yet, nothing.

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Agreeably to the above, arrangements have been consummated and an advance payment of royalty made, as per the following order and receipt, and besides which the Bishop's family is to be paid a certain royalty on each volume sold after the sales reach a certain number.

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REV. J. S. WOOLS.—We learn with deep regret the death of Bro. Wools, of the West Texas Conference and in charge of the San Antonio City Mission. The Herald pays his memory the following just tribute:

"Scarcely a man in this city could be taken away who would be more missed by the poor or by a larger circle of warm personal friends. Educated and refined in his tastes, he added to his qualifications as a loving and energetic pastor the utmost liberality for the views of others, and won victories in the church all the more glorious from the fact that while many were led into the fold, the feelings and convictions of none were outraged. Truly, a good man has gone before."

## REPORTORIAL PREROGATIVES.

In the Galveston News of July 21st, under the head of "A Stormy Interview," a report appeared of "high words between Dr. Trowbridge and Rev. William Howard," pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, respecting the exclusion of the former from the Baptist Church for heterodoxy. The report placed Dr. H. in an unpleasant attitude, representing him as exchanging the lie with the other party, who ordered him to leave his office and threatened to kick him out, when the doctor drew a knife and said, "Put your hand upon me and I will cut your throat from ear to ear."

In the News of the 23d the following explanatory statement appears:

The visit of Dr. Howard to Dr. Trowbridge's office on Friday evening was in the most friendly spirit, and with no other intention than that of preserving the most kindly personal relations. The time of the visit may be thought inopportune, being the day after his exclusion; and it might naturally be supposed that Dr. T. ought to have been allowed time to get over his excitement. This was Dr. Howard's own opinion. But unfortunately Rev. Jos. Mitchell, who presided at the trial, met Dr. Howard and stated that he had seen Dr. T. and he believed he was considerably softened and could be much more easily reached than at any previous time. Under this impression, and for no other purpose than that of doing good, and assuring Dr. T. of the kindest personal feelings, the visit was unfortunately made. No one regrets the visit more than Dr. Howard.

Ordered by Dr. Trowbridge in the most insulting manner, and with the language stated by himself to the reporter, Dr. Howard at once complied. It is a considerable distance from the office door to the head of the stairs. Dr. Trowbridge followed Dr. Howard from the office to the head of the stairs in the most threatening manner. When near the head of the stairs Dr. Trowbridge placed one hand on the person of Dr. Howard, with the other hand drawn back, his whole manner and language conveying the impression that he in-

tended to execute his threat either to knock or kick Dr. Howard down stairs. Fully believing that personal physical violence was threatened, and simply and alone for self-protection, Dr. Howard took a very small pen-knife from his pocket and uttered the language imputed to him. No one deprecates the use of such language more than Dr. Howard. He sincerely regrets it and the whole occurrence. Let all those disposed to condemn Dr. Howard put themselves in his place and ask what they would have done

As this statement has not been contradicted, we presume it is the correct rendering of the affair. We are not acquainted with Dr. Trowbridge; but the spirit manifest in the explanation accords with our personal knowledge of Dr. Howard's character. We can realize how keenly he regrets any participation in such a scene. We are not hasty to condemn another, who, under strong pressure, loses for a moment his self command, when we recall the infirmities common to us all. There have been moments in the lives of many of us when feelings were experienced, or words were uttered, or actions performed which we would gladly forget. Ere we pronounce judgment we should be well assured that under like trial our own spirit would have been more meek or our action wiser and more Christ-like.

There is another view of this matter that deserves mention. We have been told that the reporter of the Galveston News roused Dr. Howard at midnight to interview him respecting this affair, and that Dr. H. protested against its publication. This feeling was natural and the request was a reasonable one. He regarded the matter as a private affair and felt that a sensational report would benefit no one, while it would be painful to himself and friends.

If papers justify the freedom of their reports by the plea that it is their business to chronicle every event that may interest public curiosity, they should treat all alike. It is possible the readers of the Galveston News may recall the reports of unpleasant collisions between citizens, in which the names were carefully suppressed. A pleasant, breezy reference to the fact that two Strand merchants were on their muscle, or something in that style, is sufficient to satisfy the sense of obligation on the part of these conscientious chroniclers of every passing event. The scion of some respectable family finds himself in the station-house when the morning air begins to fan away the effects of a midnight spree. Out of respect for his family, his name does not appear with the rowdies and roughs, whose names are faithfully recorded; but he is dismissed with a gentle warning respecting the future. A minister of the gospel is unexpectedly involved in an unpleasant scene, and under strong excitement uses unguarded words, and the affair is clothed in sensational dress and paraded before the public regardless of the feelings of the individual or the pain it may occasion his family or congregation. We question whether a reader of the News can be found who believes that, had a prominent business man occupied the preacher's position in this affair, his protest against being dragged before the public in a damaging statement would have encountered like contempt.

We are aware that the minister is judged by a more rigid rule than is applied to other men. This possibly is right. It may be considered a compliment to his religion and profession. It sometimes subjects him to severe judgment. We doubt whether there is a man in Galveston, who is not a poltroon, who would listen to a threat from another party to kick him down stairs, especially when that party laid one hand on his person, and lifted the other in a threatening manner, without giving evidence of some feeling or answering to the impulse of self-protection. Had the preacher submitted to the indignity it would have furnished the reporter a richer nut to crack at the expense of the clergy. In

dealing with men, preachers have often a difficult task to perform, and it is their misfortune that no difference how unreasonable or violent other men may be, the preacher is held responsible for the whole affair, in which he is often an unwilling participant.

We recognize the right of the press respecting its work of reporting accurately events of interest to the public; but it is an unsettled question how far the prerogatives of newspaper reporters extend. Individuals have rights as well as papers and the public. In the judgment of many right-minded men the coolness with which reporters sometimes obtrude into other men's matters smacks strongly of impertinence, and the recklessness with which they rush the incidents of private life into print is an outrage which demands abatement. The espionage which is often exercised over the conduct of citizens is not only offensive to sensitive men, but this self-constituted censorship over words and actions, which the reporter may disapprove, is often a violation of sacred private rights. Men of but little character of their own, can handle carelessly the characters of other men, but every man of genuine moral worth will be exceedingly careful how he wounds the reputation of a good man, or plants a poisoned fang in the peace of a family or congregation. A spy article may help to build up a paper and may add to the reputation of the reporter as a racy writer, but it may be at the cost of character in others, which neither money nor popularity can repay. It will react with fearful force against the paper which seeks the sensational at the expense of truth and right.

## POOR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

It was to be hoped that good Dr. Summers, having issued one long, loud grunt expressive of his dissatisfaction with the late General Conference, would feel easy and let the matter rest, especially as some of the Advocates of the M. E. Church echoed him so heartily, making his plaint to stand as part of the proof which they attempt to make that the Church, South, is a failure. They had been trying to make it appear all the time that we, the Church, South, are a failure and a reproach to Methodist Christianity, but were met with insuperable difficulty, and had almost concluded to abandon the attempt until—happily for them—the Doctor supplied the missing link, and now their argument is completed and they are happy. But, lo! the Doctor is not satisfied still, but goes on to repeat substantially the same things, and to refer to the very great gratification, expressed by the church at large, because of his said editorial moan.

I wonder if the Doctor was ever a candidate for an office. If he has ever been a candidate, he surely cannot have forgotten how many came, after the election was over, and told him that they voted for him, and how few came and reported that they voted against him. I imagine that, could the Doctor hear the things that are said on the other side, he would think it thundered. And it may be that a suspicion of this, and certain doubts in his own mind, whether he has not imparted personal feelings into the discussion of this subject, is the reason why he still keeps the matter alive, and continues to bolster himself by reference to the many who thank and praise him. Boys are not timid—not they, but they love to whistle when they go by a graveyard.

After more than a column of malignant matter uttered against the Church, South, "the Methodist Advocate" concludes thus:

"The Church South started out wrong. It did not separate because its members were persecuted and deprived of their rights, but in the interest of slavery, at the dictate of public opinion, and to gain popularity with the worldly. It thought itself strong and invulnerable, and like Jeshurun, 'waxed fat and kicked.' When it ought to have been educating the poor and raising up the lowly, it was earnestly defending slavery. When

it ought to have been spreading Scriptural holiness, it was absorbed in supporting the Southern Confederacy. These are some of the reasons to be added to those given by Dr. Summers why the late General Conference was so nearly a failure."

And then the saintly editor concludes:

"We write this in sorrow and from a sense of duty to that church as well as our own, alike to Methodism and to Christianity. We should be glad to see the M. E. Church, South, arise from the graves of 1844 and 1861, where it has been so long sitting in lamentation, and add its power to the front ranks of the aggressive force of evangelical Christendom."

This conclusion reminds me of the sprightly youth, who, moved thereto by the aspirations of a genius which refused the curb, made a picture, which, being finished, he could see at a glance no living man could interpret according to the design of the artist, and so he wrote under it, "THIS IS A HORSE." I undertake to say that the man does not live who would have even remotely suspected that the editor of the Methodist Advocate wrote the column and a half of which the above is part, "in sorrow and from a sense of duty to the church."

And the man does not live, I judge, who, on reading this editorial would suspect that the editorial eye was fixed on the ninth commandment while he was writing it, and least of all when he says "we should be glad to see the M. E. Church, South, arise from the graves of 1844 and 1861."

## PARIS LETTER.

Something About French Newspapers—In What Respect They are Inferior—The Yell of the Newsboy Silent in Paris—As Also the Yell of Other Boys—A Very Small Number of Children—Decreasing Population, Causes and Effects.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
 A few days since I bought an illustrated French journal, and before I had half done reading it, my hands were black from the imperfect, filthy ink with which it was printed. In quality of paper and typography, the French papers are far inferior to ours. Certainly not in Paris, and it may be presumed, not in France, is there a newspaper that in material and mechanism will compare with hundreds that are printed in the cities and towns of the United States. The same inferiority may be seen in the French circulars and business cards, which look like those uncanny, dirty little scraps that some tradesmen, with a false theory of economy, print for themselves with rubber stamps.

The number of newspapers published in Paris is very large, but few of them are of much use or interest to the stranger. All the numerous parties, shades of parties, and cliques, have, as with us, their special organ. The Legitimists have the *Union*; the Orleanists, the *Soleil*; the Catholics, the *Univers*. The Bonapartists daily burn incense to the Empire in three journals; *L'Ordre*, which is the organ of the ex-Prime minister, M. Rouher; the *Pays*, edited by the duclit, M. Paul de Cassagnac; and the *Gaulois*, a paper largely devoted to dramatic and Parisian news. Republican and Radical organs are too numerous to mention. Perhaps the best paper in France, both in style, matter, and management is "*Le Temps*," which has on its staff some of the most distinguished scholars and *litterateurs* of modern times, M. Sarcy is its dramatic critic, and his articles, which are published each Monday, are the *dicta* from which there is no appeal. The political writers of the "*Le Temps*" contend with those of the *Journal des Debats* in their influence upon European politics. During the recent war the articles of the latter paper were telegraphed and discussed in every European capital, and if any decision shall be arrived at by the present Congress at Berlin, it will, no doubt, be influenced and shaped by those writers, who wield a weapon more powerful than the sword for the columns of the "*Debats*." The organ of M. Gambetta is the "*Republique Francaise*;" but there are many other journals of pretty much the same shade. The Radical organs are the "*Bien Public*," the "*Rappel*," the "*Marseillaise*," and a number of other journals that soon succumb to the censorship of the government, through the fines imposed for seditious language. The paper that is read most by the stranger who comes to Paris to see life, to enjoy himself, and who wants to know what is going on in society, whether high or half toned, who is interested in literary novelties, and in

the sayings and doings of the world that lives in the *cafes*, is undoubtedly the "*Figaro*." I have mentioned above only a few of the leading papers that are to be found at the kiosks. Papers here are usually sold in little news stands that look like sentry boxes. The yell of the newsboy is seldom heard, except about the gates of the Exposition, when the jaded visitor comes out in the afternoon; and then the newsboy here is a man or woman, not a boy, as on our side of the Atlantic. Boys appear to be very scarce. The *gamin*, so graphically described by Victor Hugo, no longer swarms in the Faubourgs. Statistics tell us that the population of France is decreasing, and the scarcity of young children in this country is so marked that Americans seldom omit to speak of it with surprise. Few families have more than two children, which is perhaps double the usual number, and many families have no children. I have met but one family in France which had as many as five. As the father mentioned the number he evidently expected me to be overwhelmed with surprise, and as it seemed to me that he had done comparatively well, I did not wound his vanity by telling him that twice that number was not uncommon for the teeming shores of the new world. The effect of this condition of things on the future military strength of France, it is not difficult to foretell. The populations of other European powers are slowly but steadily increasing; and, although France loses less than any from the drain of emigration, she is certainly falling off in population. Silent, unavertable causes are at work to this end. A European military necessity which the warlike attitude of France has chiefly produced, is inimical to those fecund energies that are prolific only in an atmosphere of peace. The reaction has, with a stern retribution, been first felt by this nation, the chief offender.

Frenchmen are patriotic in their vain way. They are ambitious to maintain and transmit their heritage of military glory unimpaired to the future. They would be proud to add new trophies to their columns of vendome and arches of triumph. They are courageous in war and not afraid of blood-letting; but in antagonism with their narrow patriotism and public courage, is their personal selfishness and prudence. The way they avert the orphan and widow dilemma involved in war is by avoidance of marriage. In the conceit of the individual Frenchman this is shrewd and provident; but from a national point of view it is fatally short-sighted. It is that false economy that we illustrate in America by the nauseous metaphor of the spigot and bung.

French statesmen prate about eras of peace, and next week a grand fete of international amenity is to be given; but the grim, warlike wrinkles of centuries can not be effaced by festivals and rhetoric. "This people worship me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." In spite of epigrams like "the Republic is peace;" in spite of the Exposition and fetes like the one proposed, France has no policy but to maintain her place in the armed camp that insane thirst for *gloire* has made of Europe. CARR.

A SHIP LOAD of colored emigrants recently sailed from Charleston, S. C., for Liberia. One of every ten died on the passage. The rest landed so enfeebled that but few were in fit condition to meet the labors of the settlement of a home in a new land impose. This will be a sample of other expeditions in that direction. No doubt the Africans in the country have a mission to work out in their fatherland, but it will be as missionaries, when trained for their work. To precipitate a swarm of colored people on those shores who are unfit for self-government here, is to add to the sum of human misery without hope of any return. This country can get along without the African, but the African needs the training of more than one generation before as a people he is fit for the work of redeeming Africa.

WHENEVER a snake crosses our path we try to kill it. It may not bite us if we keep at secure distance, but it may bite somebody else. It is a common enemy, and every man is in duty bound to kill venomous snakes. So it is with many vicious evils in society. We may be secure from their venom; others are not, and it is our duty to destroy them if we can.

THE DISCIPLINE.—We are in receipt of a copy of the new Discipline, a very neat edition. Single copies forty cents. To preachers by express, \$3.60; by mail, \$4.00.

## THE NIGHT PATROL.

A magazine was lying in a seat of the cars near us the other day, and on opening its pages our eyes were arrested by two pictures, representing the perils encountered in that branch of the marine service engaged in saving the lives of men, women and children from vessels wrecked along our stormy Atlantic coast. The first picture represented a strip of sandy beach, dimly lighted by the rays of a storm lamp flung aloft by the night patrol whose business it is to watch the shore each stormy night. The masses of black clouds above were revealed by the lightning's flash, which furnished at the same moment a glimpse of the billowy ocean, with its breakers rolling in on that rock-bound shore. The faint outline of a vessel, broadside to the beach, was visible, with shattered masts, foam-washed decks, and groups of men and women clinging to railings or ropes. A faint flash from the vessel told that the signal gun of distress was sending out its plea for help. The central figure was the night patrol, on whose ear that signal of distress had fallen. The light of the lamp which he swung high above his head fell on his face and brought out in full relief features roughened in the spray of many storms. There was in that face something that was as soft as a woman's tender sympathy; and yet there was something in its hard lines and the earnest look of the eyes, which had just then caught the flash of the signal from that ill-fated bark, that told of a stern resolve which the terrors of death could not turn aside.

On the next page was the companion picture. The coast guard had answered the signal, and with life-boats brought swiftly to the spot by horses driven at full speed, they were working with trained rapidity for the relief of the people crowding the deck of the vessel now plainly visible as rockets were sent out over those angry waves. The life-boat was being rushed right into the breakers, and the oarsmen were bending to the stroke which would drive it into the seething waves. We looked again for the night patrol. He was lost in that throng of brave men, each in his place at helm or oar; but we felt he was there. That purpose written on his face as he rushed with swinging lamp along that shore was visible in every movement of these men, as they shouted out commands which rose above the roar of the billows, or bent firmly to the stroke of the oar which would send them and their boat into those stormy waters.

A third picture represented the boat on its return from its last visit to the ship with its freight of shivering yet grateful men and women, to whom that storm-drenched beach had looked as attractive as the gates of heaven.

We thought of other shores swept by the storms of passion and vice and covered with the wreck of many noble vessels once freighted with human life. Other men may rest, but the patrol sent out by the Master may not desert his post, no matter how wild the storm nor how cutting the sleet that meets him at every step. Signals are blazing out from ill-fated barques now on the waters. Could we hear it, along every shore of human life the cry of perishing humanity is rising. It comes to us across the waters like the voice from Macedonia that so deeply moved the heart of the Apostle.

Does the lofty purpose of that night patrol move the heart of those whom God has stationed all along the shores of life's great ocean, to save men from their doom? Does the cry of "souls ready to perish" awaken the Christian from his sleep and send him forth moved by the high resolve, to "go or send" the life-boat to their rescue? We felt humbled as we looked on that rugged yet heroic face, splashed with spray on that stormy beach, and prayed to God that a like spirit might animate those men of God set apart to the work of saving souls. We had found a sermon in the cars.



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NOTICE.—Col. Jno. G. James, writing from Austin, July 19, says: "Please change, in advertisement of Texas Military Institute, the figures from \$6.25 to \$5.00 per quarter."

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The Centaur Liniments are of two kinds. The White is for the human family.

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In directing the attention of the readers of the ADVOCATE to our new annual advertisement, we ask special consideration of the rates of charges.

It has been asserted by some from the foundation of the institution that our charges were so high as to prevent the patronage of our people and consequently they sent their sons to secular or distant schools.

Our people are too often misled by mere novelty of phraseology. There lies before me now a catalogue of a deservedly popular institution.

So, also, in the matter of board. The same institution offers board at \$12 per month, with the use of a room, bedstead, table, etc., free.

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Miscellaneous. The population of London is now 3,266,987.

Gen. Garfield is making hay on his Ohio farm.

Ohio farmers are organizing against the tramps.

The school population of this country is said to be 14,306,000.

Maine farmers are now picking potato bugs by the quart.

Funds are wanted in Dublin to found a home for destitute dogs.

A recent fire in Maudelay, India, destroyed 4200 houses.

A champion swimmer has been drowned in New Orleans.

Virginia has established the whipping-post for the punishment of petty larceny.

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BERLIN, July 21.—The Emperor will go to Babelsburg soon, but it is undecided as yet whether he will make his usual visit to Gaste-Toplitz. He has entirely recovered from his wounds.

The approaching elections absorb public attention. The canvass is becoming bitterly personal and acrimonious.

LONDON, July 22.—A Berlin dispatch to the Daily News says: The National Liberals admit they expect to suffer more losses in the approaching election for members of Reichstag, but think they will retain a majority in that body.

A Times Frankfort dispatch says the National Liberals are losing ground.

MADRID, July 17.—The obsequies of Queen Mercedes were celebrated in the church of San Francisco to-day with great pomp.

BERGRADE, July 19.—There is much excitement in Old Serbia against the Austrian occupation of Bosnia.

AGRAM, July 21.—The latest news from Bosnia is unsatisfactory. It is feared the orthodox Slavs and Mussulmans will forcibly resist the Austrians.

MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK, July 21.—To-day this village was visited by the severest wind and rain storm ever known.

NEW ORLEANS, July 24.—The Piasque publishes a statement that fourteen cases of yellow fever have occurred, seven of which were fatal.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Captain Fulton, of the bark Maria Dunan, which arrived to-day from Matanzas, Cuba, died of yellow fever on the passage.

LONDON, July 22.—The Standard's Vienna correspondent telegraphs that he can vouch for the accuracy of the statement that Bismarck not long since emphatically informed the Italian ambassador that it was of paramount interest to the German race that the Trintino and city of Trieste should never become Italian.

ROME, July 22.—The ministerial journal, the Delfino, disavows any connection of the government with the present agitation for the annexation of the Tyrol.

BERLIN, July 22.—An imperial order is published revoking prohibition of the export of horses.

LONDON, July 23.—In the Commons this evening, Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the betrothal of the Duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's third son, with Princess Marie Louise, of Prussia, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles.

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Selections.

The Horizon at Sea.

When we look down from a neighboring hill upon an inland pond a dozen miles in diameter, the view of the water may be lovely, but it does not strike us as sublime, for we know that the entire liquid area is little more than a hundred square miles. But it is just as large as the expanse of ocean seen from the deck of an ocean steamer, if the eye is twenty-four feet above the water. The horizon, the boundary of the "boundless" ocean visible from the ship, is under these circumstances only six miles off, and the vessel is virtually sailing through a circular pond twelve miles in diameter. If we climb the mast the circle enlarges, but when we get a hundred feet above the water we have barely doubled its diameter and quadrupled its area.

The "depression of the horizon" can be readily calculated by this simple rule: two-thirds of the square of the distance in miles is the depression in feet. For one mile, the depression is eight inches; that is, if the eye is just eight inches above the water, the horizon or limit of vision is a mile off. To see two miles in any direction across the water, the eye must be two-thirds of four feet or thirty-two inches above the surface; to see three miles, it must be at a height of six feet; and so on. The rule is accurate for all distances within the range of vision.

It is hardly necessary to say that the horizon is not the limit of vision at sea, so far as ships, icebergs, and other objects rising much above the water are concerned. The masts and sails of a vessel may be seen in clear weather when she is several miles beyond the horizon; and we can roughly estimate her distance by the depth to which she seems sunk in the water. If we assume this to be twenty-four feet, she is, of course, six miles beyond the line that divides sea and sky, or twelve miles from the observer; if she is apparently fifty feet under water, she is nearly fifteen miles off. The reader will have no difficulty in applying the rule already given to these and all similar cases.—Journal of Chemistry.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Constantinople consists of three cities, Stamboul, or Constantinople proper, Pera, or Galata, and Scutari. The first two are on the European side, the last on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. Stamboul and Pera are divided by the Golden Horn and connected by two bridges. The Bosphorus connects the city with the Black Sea, the Hellespont connects it with the Mediterranean. Both banks of the Bosphorus and the Hellespont are a succession of hills which constitute the finest scenery of any capital in the world. Naples and Palermo come nearest to it. You see the magnificent panorama best from the top of the tower of Galata, or from the heights of Scutari, or from Robert College in Bebek. Stamboul is cosmopolitan, Pera predominately European, Scutari almost exclusively Asiatic. Stamboul is by far the largest city and the center of business and commerce. Pera is the home of the foreign ambassadors and most of the Franks; it has the only hotels that are fit for European travelers. Scutari is occupied by Turks and Armenians, and has the largest Moslem cemeteries and the beautiful English cemetery on the lovely shores of the Mare di Marmora in commemoration of the heroes of the Crimean war. The inside of these cities is by no means equal to the outside, and presents, with its Oriental filth and misery, a striking contrast to the magnificent surroundings of nature.—Leslie's Sunday Magazine.

Two persons equally honest and truthful have a different recollection of something in which they both have a hand, and their statements respecting it are precisely opposite. Such being the case, they have an excellent opportunity of securing for themselves a heated discussion, with the accompanying result of wounded sensibilities and unpleasant recollections. But the better way is to speak cautiously under the natural convictions that one must be wrong, letting the future decide the matter by its inevitable revelations. It is astonishing how mistaken we may be in little things about which we are as certain as we are of our own identity. Many a time men suspect their brethren, impeach their honesty and truthfulness, pervert the law and injure persons in character and property; simply because they have defective memories.

Wherever God has a church, the devil builds a temple by the side of it.—Henry.

Grappling for a Lost Cable.

The Great Eastern was fitted out with apparatus which may be likened to an enormous fishing-hook and line, and was sent to the spot where the treasure had been lost. The line was of hemp, interwoven with wire. Twice the cable was seized and brought almost to the surface. Twice it slipped from the disappointed fishermen, but the third time it was secured. It was then united with the cable on board, which was "paid out" until the great steamer again reached Newfoundland, and a second telegraph-wire united the two continents.

The scene on board as the black line appeared above the water was exciting beyond description. It was first taken to the testing-room, and a signal intended for Valentia was sent over it to prove whether or not it was perfect throughout its whole length. If it had proved to be imperfect, all the labor spent upon it would have been lost. The electricians waited breathlessly for an answer. The clerk in the signal-house at Valentia was drowsy when their message came and disbelieved his ears. Many disinterested people, and even some of the promoters of the cable, did not think it possible to recover a wire that had sunk in thousands of fathoms of water. But the clerk in the little station connected with the shore-end of the cable of 1865 suddenly found himself in communication with a vessel situated in the middle of the Atlantic. The delay aggravated the anxious watchers on the ship, and a second signal was sent. How astonished that simple-minded Irish telegraph operator was! Five minutes passed, and then the answer came. The chief electrician gave a loud cheer, which was repeated by every man on board, from the captain down to his servant.—St. Nicholas.

PETER COOPER to a reporter of the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer: "About thirty years ago a seedy-looking man came into my office and offered to sell me a great secret for thirty dollars. He was so persistent and his condition so pitiful that I finally concluded to buy it. I paid him the money and he told me the secret." Mr. Cooper then proceeded to relate that it was a process for treating seed corn which would double its productive power. The corn should be covered with glue and rolled successively in lime, guano, etc., and planted with the accumulation thus gathered around it. "I gave the recipe," continued he, "to a man in New York State, and he reported that the yield of corn so treated was double that of corn planted in the usual way. I have a barrel of glue with me and I intend to try the experiment."

THE TERM "PORTE."—The term Porte, which is used to denote the administrative government of the Ottoman Empire, and includes the Sultan, the Grand Vizier, and the great Council of State, had its origin in this way: In the famous institutes established by the warrior Sultan, Mohamed II.; the Turkish body politic was described by the metaphor of a statey tent whose dome rested on four pillars. "The viziers formed the first pillar, the judges the second, the treasurers the third, and the secretaries the fourth." The chief seat of government was figuratively named "The Lofty Gate of the Royal Tent," in allusion to the practice of earlier times, when the Ottoman rulers sat at the tent door to administer justice. The Italian translation of this name was "La Porto Sublima." This phrase was modified in English to the "Sublime Porte," and finally the adjective has been dropped, leaving it simply "The Porte."—The Record.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN.—Show us the young man who can quit the society of the young and take pleasure in listening to the kindly voice of the aged; show us a man who is ever ready to pity and help the deformed; show us a man who covers the faults of others with a mantle of charity; show us a man who bows as politely and gives the street as freely to the poor sewing girl as to the millionaire; who values virtue, not clothes; who shuns the company of such as gather at public places to gaze at the fair sex, or make unkind remarks of the passing girl; show us a man who abhors a libertine, who scorns the ridicule of a mother's sex; and the exposure of womanly reputation; show us a man who never forgets for an instant the deicacy due woman as a woman, in any condition or class—and you show us a true gentleman.

Works of love are more acceptable than lofty contemplation; art thou engaged in devout prayer, and God will that thou go out and carry broth to a sick brother, thou shouldst do it with joy.—Tauler.

A Wonderful Pair of Twins.

TWO LITTLE GIRLS STRANGELY JOINED TOGETHER.

A pair of twins is now on exhibition at the Aquarium, and is attracting much attention from physicians and others. The two children are girls, and were born on December 28, 1877, at San Benoit, a town about forty miles north of Montreal, Canada. From their heads to the first lumbar vertebrae, the children are possessed of perfectly formed and entirely distinct members, but below that point the bodies become one. There is not the slightest deformity about any of their organs. They have two distinct sets of internal organs and four arms, but only one abdomen and two legs. Each child controls one set of organs, but only one leg. Piercing one leg with a pin will produce signs of pain in the face of one child, while the other will be perfectly free from any sensation. They do not act in unison. While one laughs and plays, the other sleeps or cries from hunger. Sometimes they both sleep together, and when both are awake they have the greatest desire to play with each other's hands. The features are very regular, and the face of each child is very pretty for a baby only seven months old. The limbs are as large as those of an ordinary child. Where the two bodies grow into one, the bulk is not increased, but gradually decreases into the usual size. They were exhibited to a number of physicians on Saturday, who pronounced the pair to be one of the greatest freaks of nature they had ever seen. They thought the two bodies were merged into one most naturally, and believed the children would live to the average age. The children have been named Rose and Marie. The parents are Sinn and Anne Drouin, who were born in Marseilles, France. Their grandparents are still living there. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Drouin immigrated to San Benoit and engaged in farming. They are both twenty-six years old, the husband being four days older than his wife. They have only one other child, a girl who is two years old, and who enjoys the best of health and suffers from no deformity. The father is tall and stout. He weighs 180 pounds, is six feet high, and has the appearance of a farmer. The mother is short and stout, and weighs about thirty pounds less than her husband. Both parents are of dark complexion. They speak no English. One child looks very much like its mother, while the other bears a striking resemblance to its father.—N. Y. Tribune.

FAILURE OF THE HOWLAND ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—The Florence, the pioneer vessel of Captain H. W. Howgate's expedition for Arctic exploration, will be at Disco Bay on the 15th of August next, and will leave about that time for home. This will be in accordance with the instructions given Captain Tyson, her commander, by Captain Howgate, previous to the departure of the Florence from New London, Conn., last summer. These instructions were that if the second vessel did not arrive at Disco Bay by August 15th, the Captain of the Florence was to return. The Florence was sent out at her own expense, with some assistance from the merchants of several of the larger cities of this country. She was dispatched from New London with the expectation that Congress would, by an appropriation, provide for the completion of the expedition. As all know, the appropriation failed to pass. Upon leaving Disco Bay about the 15th of August, the Florence will go to the head of Cumberland Bay and land the Esquimaux whom she had taken aboard at that point to assist in the expedition. She will also load with the bone of the whale, which will be an item in defraying her expenses. She will arrive at home in October or November next.

Dr. Parsons, of Kerville, furnishes the following for the cure of snake bite: "First, in all cases where the bite is recent the wound should be opened thoroughly with a knife, so as to make the blood flow freely, as it prevents the poison from getting into general circulation. Second, apply equal parts of common salt and soda (moistened enough to be a little damp) directly to the wound. Third, drink equal parts whisky and sweet milk, and to each glassfull add ten to fifteen drops ammonia. The above is a dose for grown person, and should be repeated every twenty minutes. The sting of the centipede should be treated the same as snake bite. For spider bites take one half glass of sweet milk and ten drops of ammonia at a dose, every ten to fifteen minutes."

Have the courage to be ignorant of a great number of things in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything.—Sydney Smith.

Do not criticise your preacher in the presence of your children or strangers, or those who are not Christians. You will see many things in his manner which are not according to your ideas. You will disagree with some of his sentiments, and it is proper that you should, and that you should express your opinion to him or to a discrete brother; but remember he is the pastor of your children and of your church, and is seeking to win souls about you to Christ, and you have a common interest in the work with him. The professing Christian who criticises his pastor thus, is like the bird who soils her own nest.—Rev. Smith Baker.

MISSIONARY.—Here is the business aspect of the missions as it was presented by the Rev. Mr. Whitmee at the anniversary of the London Missionary Society: "A shrewd man of business told me, a little while before I left the Pacific, he had been advised to send a vessel and open a trading station in New Guinea. 'But' said he 'your mission has not been long enough established there to make it worth while for us to go at present.' He looked at the matter purely from a business standpoint, and he knew what he was talking about. He meant, of course, that Christianity had not exerted a sufficient influence to create wants in the people—the want of clothing for example—and the trader must wait until the pioneer of commerce had done more."

What missions have done for the South Sea Islands was told by Rev. S. J. Whitmee at the late anniversary of the London Missionary Society. One whole race, the Malayo Polynesian, had to a great extent become Christians. Heathenism, as usually understood, had not only disappeared from Samoa, but also from most of the islands in Eastern and Central Polynesia. The youth of those islands had never seen an idol, except as a strange curiosity. The number of church members in this portion of the Pacific, in connection with the London, the Wesleyan and the American Missionary Societies, was about 40,000, and this represented a population of nominal Christians amounting to between 200,000 and 300,000.

O, that we had spent one day in this world thoroughly well.—Thomas a Kempis.

Temperance. Matured Temperance Views.

We excerpt the following from the published report of the proceedings of the recent session of the Presbyterian General Assembly. The committee appointed to meet similar committees from other evangelical churches at Xenia, Ohio, to consult in reference to a plan of united effort in the cause of temperance, report the following, which the committee recommends to all evangelical churches of the land for their adoption as the combined testimony of the church of Christ on the subject of temperance.

First—That drunkenness is an evil of great proportions, having inherent and appalling malignity. It is strongly entrenched by custom, cupidity and appetite. It works wide-spread ruin in society and destroys men's souls and bodies.

Second—The manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes, are evils dishonoring to God and destructive to man.

Third—To aid either of these great evils by selling grain or hops to brewers or distillers, by making machinery for brewing or distilling, or casks to contain liquor, by leasing property on which intoxicating liquor may be made or sold or drunk, or by any other way is to criminally participate in this most abhorrent sin.

Fourth—While in certain instances it results from inherited infirmity, drunkenness may be regarded as a misfortune; it is at the same time a sin against God and one's own body and also a crime against society.

Fifth—Human power alone, whether as a pledge, an organization, a profession or otherwise, is entirely inadequate to the complete and permanent reformation of the drunkard. Reformation from drunkenness, or any other immorality, to be effectual must combine human effort and divine influence.

Sixth—The Christian church sympathizes, and should sympathize, heartily and actively with all the best intelligent efforts to reform inebriates and prevent and suppress intemperance.

tion, moral suasion and the practice of total abstinence are demanded. Eighth—The church of Jesus Christ is an adequate agency, if faithfully consecrated to the endeavor, for the reformation of inebriates and the suppression of intemperance.

After some discussion, the report was referred to a committee. We presume that further action was taken by the Assembly. Probably the report was adopted. We most earnestly commend the propositions embraced in the above report to the thoughtful consideration of all Christian people.

The Cincinnati Times mentions a recent wedding incident in that city which conveys an important lesson. A very respectable and intelligent young lady was engaged to be married, and learned subsequently that her affianced was in the habit of drinking. Remonstrating with him, he promised not to drink again; she forgave him, and the wedding day was appointed. In the interval he failed to keep his promise, but drank so cautiously that she did not become aware of it till, standing together at the altar, as he turned toward her his breath betrayed him. In a moment, as the minister pronounced the usual question to her, the response was faintly "No." With surprise the question was again asked, and this time the response was clear and decisive "No." She then reminded her lover of his promise, said that a man who would break a promise so solemnly made could not be relied upon, and that she feared to trust her future to him. Expostulations and entreaties made to her were all in vain. If more women would deal with the social aspect of drinking in that spirit a powerful restraining influence would be exerted, and a vast amount of domestic suffering saved.

The Hartford Current says: "The figures of drink are among the most amazing of statistics. At a little gathering of lager beer drinkers and makers, in New York and of New York, the other night, the facts as to the consumption of this product were brought out. The leading New York and Staten Island breweries sold in New York between May 1, 1877, and May 1, 1878, the total amount of 5,771,896 kegs of beer. There are 115 glasses in a keg, so that for that year New York drank the modest sum of 663,767,040 glasses of beer. At 5 cents a glass, this would cost about \$33,000,000.

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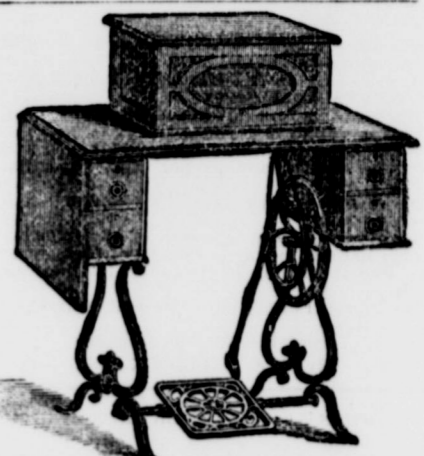
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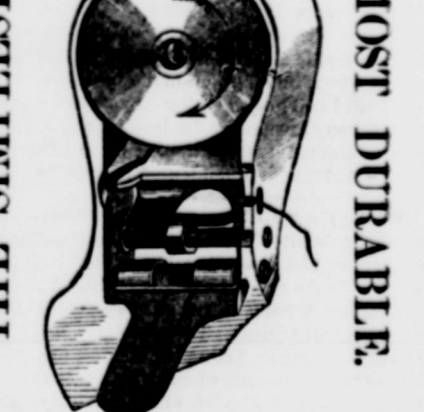
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BOURLAND—Eugene K. Bourland, infant son of Rev. H. A. and Mrs. P. F. Bourland, died in Dallas, Texas, July 12, 1878; aged four months. This baby was a bright-eyed and happy-hearted boy...

LOVE—Mrs. F. C. Love, wife of A. A. Love, departed this life in Denton county, June 18th, 1878. The deceased was born in Davie county, North Carolina...

SCOTT—Died, Samuel Young Scott, aged four years, eleven months and ten days, son of H. R. and Elizabeth Scott. Little Sammy was dedicated to God in holy baptism when but three months old...

COTLSON—Louisa J. Cotlson, wife of W. H. Cotlson, was born in England, and was a devoted Christian, an affectionate wife and kind mother...

MAYNE—James M. Mayne was born in 1819; died January 11, 1878. Mayne professed religion at the age of seventeen and joined the Methodist Church...

JOHNSON—Willie T. Johnson was killed by lightning in Brazoria county, Texas, two miles north of Bayou Creek Sunday morning, August 13th of 1878. His horse, on which he was riding, was struck by lightning...

MANSON—Arthur Manson was born in North Carolina, October 6th, 1811, and died in Coryell county, Texas, June 17th, 1878. Had formerly lived in Talbot county, Georgia...

MAYNE—Elizabeth C. Mayne was born April 27, 1824; departed this life June 24, 1878. Sister Mayne was converted when young and joined the Methodist Church...

BROWN—Sallie Bet Brown, daughter of F. J. Brown, was born in Marshall county, Mississippi, on the 16th of November, 1852, and died in Burleson county, Texas, on July 8, 1878...

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VALDE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Upper Honda, camp-meeting, August 3, 4. Sabinal circuit, Sabinal, District Conference and camp-meeting on the 24th of August. Mendary mission, at Johnson Creek, camp-meeting, August 17, 18. South Concho, at Tom Green, camp-meeting, August 24, 25. Branda City mission, at Pettes Prairies, camp-meeting, August 31 to Sept. 1. W. T. THOMPSON, P. E.

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THE TRAIN ROBBER'S END.

On the 18th Sam Bass, Barnes and Johnson, train robbers, went into Round Rock to make arrangements to rob a bank. They went into a store and were purchasing tobacco, when Sheriff Grimes attempted to arrest them for carrying arms. They drew their pistols and shot him. He fell in the street with his pistol in his hand. Maurice Moore, deputy sheriff of Travis county, who was in town with Maj. Jones, came up and fired several shots, and was himself shot through or near the lungs. He is seriously but not dangerously wounded. Three of Jones' men, all he had with him, came running up and fired on Bass and party, who retreated, firing back. Maj. Jones also reached the ground and fired several shots. Capt. Lee Hall, who was at the hotel, came up. Barnes was shot through the head and killed. Bass was seriously wounded, but reached his horse and fled with Jackson, closely pursued by Hall and men, aided by citizens. The corn crop in Wise county will yield from 60 to 75 bushels to the acre this year. Less than a bale of cotton to the acre will be considered a light yield in central Texas this year. Considerable quantities of wheat are going to waste in San Saba county for the want of threshers. A. J. Cope, an old citizen of Lee county, was struck by lightning on the evening of July 22, during the storm, killing him and his horse. A party of four sportsmen went out from Dallas a few days ago and in two days succeeded in bagging two hundred and twenty-five prairie chickens. Fifteen hundred pounds of hair, trimmed from horses at branding, was shipped from Beaumont, Texas, last week. It is worth 12 1/2 cents per pound in New York. The shipment of vegetables and fruit from Denison to Kansas city and other points is being vigorously prosecuted and the shippers are well satisfied with their returns. The Camp county Magnet says: two hundred and sixty-five convicts are now at work on the East Line. Fifty more convicts arrived here last Sunday to work on the East Line. The Empire says: several immigrant wagons went through Erath county this week bound for Stephens county. This is the season for prospectors, and they are pouring in by the hundreds. Probably the oldest married couple in this country is Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, of Mountain City, Texas, who have lived together eighty-two years. They are 103 and 102 years old respectively. During the absence of the Rev. M. A. Black, pastor of the M. E. church of Rockport, West Texas Conference, his house was entered by petty thieves and a large proportion of his household goods stolen. San Antonio is entitled to the palm as the beer drinking city of Texas. It is estimated that 8000 gallons of beer were drunk in that city on the 4th of July. This is a little over three pints of beer to each man, woman and child. Miss Hannah Kneigs, living near her brother's farm, four miles northwest of Brookston, made use of coal oil in building a fire recently with the usual result, living barely long enough to detail the particulars. The following from San Antonio is under date of the 23d: The capture of Escobedo is fully confirmed by official dispatches to the Mexican consul. He was captured near Cuatro Ciengas, about 150 miles from Piedras Negras, on the 20th inst. Waxahachie Enterprise: We have heard it remarked that any quantity of new corn can be engaged at from 10 to 15 cents a bushel. Peaches and melons can be had almost anywhere for the asking, and we also notice a considerable sprinkling of pears and apples. There is a fair prospect that the Texas and Pacific railroad will be completed to Weatherford during the present summer and coming fall. The people of Weatherford propose to grade and tie the road, and the T. P. company will lay the rails and put on the rolling stock. In New York, on the 17th, wool was quoted firm. 5000 pounds Western Texas sold at 17c; 2000 pounds medium at 23c. There is a better assortment here than for the past two years. The high prices paid in Texas prevents consignees from selling here except at a loss to consignors.

Texas Items.

Corn is 15 cents a bushel in Bell county. The town of Denton contains 2000 inhabitants. Ice is only a cent and a half a pound at Austin. A man in Goliad county has a pasture of 45,000 acres. Nearly all our exchanges complain of too much rain. Wheat is selling at fifty cents per bushel at Hamilton. Jefferson county prohibits the sale of liquor by one vote. There is a negro man living near Marlin who is 102 years old. There is not a vacant store or dwelling-house in Stephenville. The corner stone of a new Odd Fellows' hall has been laid in Paris. The Banner denies that worms have appeared in Washington county. A negro man with white legs is the latest sensation in Honey Grove. Five thousand boxes of peaches have been shipped from Brenham already. A thick stratum of good stone coal has been discovered in Brown county. The corn crop in Wise county will yield from 60 to 75 bushels to the acre this year. Less than a bale of cotton to the acre will be considered a light yield in central Texas this year. Considerable quantities of wheat are going to waste in San Saba county for the want of threshers. A. J. Cope, an old citizen of Lee county, was struck by lightning on the evening of July 22, during the storm, killing him and his horse. A party of four sportsmen went out from Dallas a few days ago and in two days succeeded in bagging two hundred and twenty-five prairie chickens. Fifteen hundred pounds of hair, trimmed from horses at branding, was shipped from Beaumont, Texas, last week. It is worth 12 1/2 cents per pound in New York. The shipment of vegetables and fruit from Denison to Kansas city and other points is being vigorously prosecuted and the shippers are well satisfied with their returns. The Camp county Magnet says: two hundred and sixty-five convicts are now at work on the East Line. Fifty more convicts arrived here last Sunday to work on the East Line. The Empire says: several immigrant wagons went through Erath county this week bound for Stephens county. This is the season for prospectors, and they are pouring in by the hundreds. Probably the oldest married couple in this country is Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, of Mountain City, Texas, who have lived together eighty-two years. They are 103 and 102 years old respectively. During the absence of the Rev. M. A. Black, pastor of the M. E. church of Rockport, West Texas Conference, his house was entered by petty thieves and a large proportion of his household goods stolen. San Antonio is entitled to the palm as the beer drinking city of Texas. It is estimated that 8000 gallons of beer were drunk in that city on the 4th of July. This is a little over three pints of beer to each man, woman and child. Miss Hannah Kneigs, living near her brother's farm, four miles northwest of Brookston, made use of coal oil in building a fire recently with the usual result, living barely long enough to detail the particulars. The following from San Antonio is under date of the 23d: The capture of Escobedo is fully confirmed by official dispatches to the Mexican consul. He was captured near Cuatro Ciengas, about 150 miles from Piedras Negras, on the 20th inst. Waxahachie Enterprise: We have heard it remarked that any quantity of new corn can be engaged at from 10 to 15 cents a bushel. Peaches and melons can be had almost anywhere for the asking, and we also notice a considerable sprinkling of pears and apples. There is a fair prospect that the Texas and Pacific railroad will be completed to Weatherford during the present summer and coming fall. The people of Weatherford propose to grade and tie the road, and the T. P. company will lay the rails and put on the rolling stock. In New York, on the 17th, wool was quoted firm. 5000 pounds Western Texas sold at 17c; 2000 pounds medium at 23c. There is a better assortment here than for the past two years. The high prices paid in Texas prevents consignees from selling here except at a loss to consignors.

Denison Herald says: six hundred tons of iron (enough to lay 8 miles) for the Denison and Pacific railroad is en route here. A party of astronomers arrived Friday to establish a point of observation at Ft. Worth for the coming total solar eclipse. The party consists of Leonard Waldo and R. M. Wilson, of Harvard College; Prof. J. K. Rees, of Washington University, St. Louis, and F. E. Seagrave, of Providence R. I. The Denison News says: Fourteen wagons with immigrants from Missouri passed through this city Tuesday. The shipping of vegetables and fruit from this point to Kansas city and other places, continues unabated. Forty cars of cattle went north from this station from Saturday night until Thursday. Oakwood, Leon county, is now beginning to move one mile south to a location where the International and Great Northern railroad has in construction a depot, which will be finished in a few days. The railroad company is exchanging deeds with the business men and citizens. All are in good spirits and are expecting to build a town. The Brenham Banner: We have never seen finer crops grown than are now in the fields. But it is feared that our farmers will experience some difficulty in getting the crops gathered. The negroes, as a general thing, have turned politicians, and are out canvassing for their favorite candidates, and consequently, will not have time to pick their cotton. Some fields are almost taken by grass and weeds. The Chief says: Mr. Joseph Reeves who resides in the western portion of Comanche county, brought in two bushels of California seven-headed wheat, and the grains are nearly twice as large as the common wheat, yielding from thirty-five to forty bushels to the acre, and is free from smut and rust. Farmers are invited to call at our office and examine this wheat. The contract for building the new Methodist church has been let. The crops of San Saba county have never been surpassed during any season since the settlement of the county. Wheat will average at least twenty-five bushels, corn fifty, and cotton bids fair to average at least one bale, though the crop is not yet grown. The rich black lands this season have produced equally as well, if not better, than the red sandy lands of Colorado. With such seasons we need have no fears as to the productivity of our soils; in fact, with our low latitude and warm soil, we can, with such seasons, grow successfully two crops on the same land. The fourth annual exhibition of the State Horticultural and Pomological Association held last week in Houston, was well represented, and exhibited a fine display of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Apples, peaches, pears, grapes and figs of the finest varieties demonstrate what Texas can do in the fruit line. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. Whitaker, Houston; vice president, Dr. B. F. Yoakam, Cherokee county; secretary, Dr. N. Fielding, Houston; treasurer, Jas. Bate, Houston; directors: E. W. Keuse, Waco; T. W. Eckman, Richmond; D. Danforth, Jefferson; C. E. Douglass, Crockett, and Dr. D. S. H. Smith, Harris county. The State Gazette says: A rock blast set off in the bed of Waller on the 4th instant produced a subterranean effect which is deserving of mention. A well about 40 feet deep, about a block distant from the scene of the blast, was fissured by the concussion in its rock bottom, and has leaked dry. This well is but a few feet from the Waller, and, though fed by a pipe only, has never failed hitherto, notwithstanding several drouths, severe in duration, have marked the seasons since it was dug. A Gazette reporter descended into the well and found that the inflow of the pipe is continuous, but not equal to the waste through the fissure. Where the water disappears there is a little whirlpool, and the strong rhythm of the outlet is suggestive of a great cavern underneath the locality.

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LIVE STOCK MARKET. Receipts-Bees and cows, 143; Calves and yearlings, 115; Sheep, 11; Hogs, 190. Sales-Bees and cows, 191; Calves and yearlings, 239; Sheep, 11; Hogs, 190.

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