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OLD DOMINION LETTER.

CAPT. RICHARD IRBY.

Hail new year, with three like numerals in it—which the world will not see again for 111 years—year 1888! We parted with the old year at midnight last night. Its record is closed—for good or ill its acts are all adjudicated, and the verdict will be read in due time. The past was a beautiful year. The farmer had good crops, and good health was general over the State. Trade has been more than usually satisfactory with the merchants, and the factories have been busy. Still, though the snow is on the ground, and rain is falling, and the sun is darkened by thick clouds, let the people rejoice and be glad!

Not only in material things have we cause for gratitude, but in other matters also. Peace is general throughout our borders. The efforts of the church have been crowned with success, and new fields have been tilled and fruit to the glory of God been brought forth. Two examples will show this:

At the terminus of the Newport News and Mississippi Valley Railway is the new town of Newport News—a point heretofore made historic. First, when Lord Newport's fleet was signalled at this place, bringing anchor to the colonists at James' own, as they were about to abandon the colony in despair. Hence the name. Second, here was fought the first battle between ironclad vessels in 1862. For several years after this town sprang up with its immense coal pits and grain elevators, where ocean ships burdened or unburdened themselves, there was no Methodist Church nor regular minister. The railway company, which owned all the land, had no title of lots for God's service, and held all real estate at high price. But such a place must not be left out. So the Conference Mission Board sent a young minister, young in years but full of zeal, to start a church movement. He worked wisely and well. Existing the co-operation of Methodist, and other Christians, he built a church costing over \$2000, which is to be dedicated this new year's first Sabbath. His salary was paid by the congregation, and most of the collections raised. So our young Bro. Bismarck opens the new year with every prospect of success. So may he prove another Lord Newport, bringing success and success where all seemed to be hopeless or lost.

One other, on another historic spot, Roanoke Island, at the mouth of Roanoke river, in North Carolina, was the spot on which the first white child was born in North America. His name, Virginia Dare, gave the name in after years to Dare county, North Carolina. Here, on Roanoke Island, was one of the first successful advances made by the Federals in the late civil war. From some cause, this section had been neglected for many years—it being quite out of the way and hard to reach. A few years ago a missionary was sent to this field, and before the year was out he left it, heartless of support and success. Two years ago the Mission Board renewed the effort to reach this field and fortunately secured the services of Rev. J. G. Lennon—a man who, like the apostles, would be classed among the "ignorant and unlearned;" but, like them, full of zeal and courage. The first year he did wonderfully well, bringing a large number into the church and starting several church buildings. Last year he raised \$3,400 for building churches, \$500 for his own salary, and exceeded the assessments on all the church enterprises, making a report at conference of over \$4,300. Besides, he had a prosperous year in bringing many into the church, establishing and improving Sunday-schools, etc. The church cannot afford to ignore such "ignorant and unlearned" men as Lennon, for many a field is waiting for such a wary scribe. It must raise up more like Bismarck, educated here in our college, and graceful and accomplished, but like his successful co-laborer, Lennon, full of the Holy Ghost and in labors abundant. It takes all sorts of people to make a world and all sorts of preachers to reach these varied peoples.

The mind of the church is now interested in solving the problem how to reach the masses of the cities. Every church of our denomination in Richmond has been made "free seat" but one. Still there are many empty seats in all or well-nigh all of them every Sunday. There is something repellent to the mind of the poorer classes in the stylish city church, as it has always been, for did not multitudes flock to hear John the Baptist in the wilderness who would not hear the priests and rabbis in the temple? Dr. Hoge, of Richmond, has hundreds of such people to hear him every Sunday night at the Old Market Hall, where one such attends his other services at his Gothic church on Fifth street.

The traveling evangelists can gather crowds every night in tents and at street corners. The latter come and go, and great results are reported, but the fruits do not appear. Few ever are folded, and the wolf soon catches the unfolded.

The Layman's Union which grew out of the effort in Richmond to endow Randolph-Macon College is now tackling this

problem. It has arranged to employ an evangelist to preach, teach, and fold the people who will not go to the churches to hear the gospel. He will visit such at their homes—read, pray, and exhort from house to house, as St. Paul said he did; distribute Bibles, tracts, establish Sunday schools, and head a movement for reaching these people who eschew the regular means of grace.

And here comes the query: Why will not these people go to well warmed churches and sit on comfortable cushions, with music from grand organs pealing forth—all free? Does the stiff formality of the city pastor with his faultless white neck-tie and sleek, priestly frock coat, all in perfect trim as to the latest Methodistic-Anglican style, (not the regular shd-belly style of McKendree and the fathers, nor of the fisher-coats or jackets of Peter and John) say to them: we are not of your or? Or do the fine dresses of church members as they file up the aisles with jeweled fingers, holding velvet-bound hymn books, taking the best and highest seats (not the amen corners) in the synagogue, make these people think that the churches are places for the display of fine clothes, and not places where men's souls are the things sought after and valued?

It may be one thing—it may be many things—that is keeping the light from the people, or the people from coming to the light, but woe to the offenders, be they priests or be they people, Sadducees or Pharisees. A millstone is ready for their necks and the rope is in the hands of Him who came to succor and save the lost.

I hope to chronicle great success resulting from the efforts of the Layman's Union. I have little space left for news.

Uncle Larry, Rev. J. B. Laurens, the successful originator and leader of the Ross-Bishop missionary movement in the Virginia Conference, which has brought through the children over \$4,000 of missionary funds for the last several years, is on an expedition to Mexico. He thinks of establishing a Central School at the City of Mexico for the education of natives, so as to get a corps of native teachers and preachers. If he goes, he will go with Bishop Hargrove. He has been to Mexico before. He went with Gen. Scott when he stormed the city. For conspicuous gallantry he was promoted from the ranks. Should he succeed in the present attack, a far higher and grander promotion will be awarded him. Success attend him. His health is better but his long illness has left him feeble.

Rev. S. T. Moorman, one of the oldest and most useful superannuates of the Virginia Conference died a few days since.

A happy New Year to you and your readers.

ASHLAND, VA.

KENTUCKY LETTER.

REV. JOSEPH B. COTTELL, D. D.

The TEXAS ADVOCATE, with brief editorial announcement of the death of Rev. A. J. Briggs, of the Alabama Conference, reached me on Sunday (Christmas) morning, as I was on the eve of going to the pulpit to preach on the occasion of the reopening of our church at Franklin, Ky., and operated a very material qualification of the sermon. Ah! yes; we were boys together! We were comrades together in the Alabama Conference! How he loved me and how I loved him I may not write. The TEXAS ADVOCATE is edited by his son. Through other channels I've spoken of him. I simply wish in this to say that in imagination I've hung over the grave of my friend—my brother! I mourn as one of the family. Whenever it is practicable I'll go to his grave. It is not a time for personal criticism. Briggs is dead! I had never thought of him in connection with death. Right royally will his face beam upon me in the resurrection (probably before) as he greets me, "How are you, Joe?" Rest, my brother! Sweet the song of birds and beautiful the flowers over that grave in Alabama.

1888.

Hail the advent of the year! It enters through sabatic portal. Sunday—the first day of the week!—the first day of the month!—the first day of the year! It will be easier to write 1888 than it has been to write 1887. That seven hindered the smooth rounding of the writing, as we have had to give the date. There is nothing zigzag in writing 1888, and from rounding off from the final eight the pen presses to the line below without obstruction, as thought is phrased in relief of mind in trivial conception, as other thinkers have begotten, through their word, what must have birth from us.

Hail the new year! All the years are indissolubly linked. Past and future meet in the present, constituting a continuous now. This ever-abiding, never-biting now is explicable only through the unfoldings of the interminable future, the counterpart of the infinite past. Such solidarity of time—such condensation of millenniums into this immediate now—renders our feeblest doing—yes, success from doing—when ventured on behalf of right, quite as vital and as potent as what seems our mightiest. The Apostle of the Gentiles dis-

covered mightiness through weakness. It is thus by opposite definition is had of each and every—of all—that finite mind describes. Experiences comes of contrasts—comes through transitions. Heights are dependent upon depths. The great and the greater are such only through difference from the small and the smaller. Death is background shading that life may be in perspective, and affliction is the rasp that sharpens and keenly points the delights of health and wholeness. Wordsworth touched the chord which unites all tones into optimistic harmony:

"One adequate support
For the calamities of mortal life
Exists—no only an assured belief
That the procession of our fate, how'er
Sad and disorder'd, is order'd by a Being
Of infinite benevolence and power
Whose availing purposes embrace
All accidents, converting them to good."

Love and life, which are one, are the soul of all things, and that they may have expression, they masquerade as contradictions to themselves. Hate and death are but shores of the channel for the flow of the current of life—love—of love life; and many names have been invented for the mere foamings and swirls and backflows of this tide, although these incidents and accidents contradict or defeat the ultimate renaissance of all being into its original source. Devils and hells and lies and hates; all pride and folly, with deceit and arrogance and presumption—these are merest punctuation points—not terms at all—of the one ever widening, deepening, heightening discourse of wisdom—lay into day articulating speech in cumulative utterance, proclaiming truth and life and love as one, and as omnipotent and eternal. But does not time grow old? Not I grow forward perennially, not backward. Do not people grow old? No! Such as get old have never grown. The idea of growth and life are inseparable and such as grow intensely life; in growing they make room in themselves for retention of youth, and their ripening is but the varying of expression of the same declared in the budding and blossoming of their conscious being. Responsibility and renewal are the order of nature. Harvestings and the harvests and sublimities of the earth and the heavens are that to which we are appointed—that to which we are, by the complex constitution of our being, adapted and adjusted. What we appropriate through mastication, digestion and assimilation in sustenance and increment of bodily strength, types aesthetic potencies whereby all forms of beauty and all harmonies of sound and all expressions of power and discoveries of wisdom may be drawn into the experience of our life and made to subsist, as reality, transcendently above their objective actuality. As is the aesthetic in comparison of the grosser, sensuous, substratum of our nature, the spiritual is in comparison of the material. The spiritual pertains to the personal, and is predicated altogether of reciprocities of thought and sentiment whereof are terms innumerable that signify obligation, benevolence, authority, allegiance, and the like. What varied shadings of the moral—of the spiritual! The terms which denote these gleam along the pages of literature and sparkle in verbal discourse, as gems and jewels in the realms of the physical give charm to nature. Our furnishing for advance as the year opens to us, is as ample as infinite benevolence, wisdom and power can provide. Leaving behind us all grudges, and casting aside every practice and habit which may be in abatement of most sacred, hallowed and enriching manhood and womanhood, with enravishment of soul we may meet the spring-time as it hastens forward with its burden of beauties and melodies, prophetic of the bounties of another summer and another autumn, and be glad again to witness a crystallization of the days and weeks and months into glorious winter. Circling time displays to mortal eyes, as in a joyous dance, manifold varieties of that beauty which is one with truth and love. Exaggeration is impossible as language essays a portraiture of this star-gemmed gallery and which our world is hung, curtained and cushioned, draped and decked and jeweled off in such queenly majesty. Under inspiration of the ministries of the beautiful so beautifully and benevolently appointed to us, what hindereth but that this new year be fully redeemed, and that all our services be rendered in genuine manliness and truth and honor?

FRANKLIN, KY.

THE FUND FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—A NEW PLAN.

REV. I. S. AINSWORTH.

The author of the above named plan, Rev. John R. Allen, is an earnest, productive and honored son of the church. This writer has had the pleasure of endorsing much that has come from his pen, but finds himself forced to take issue with him on almost every point in his article setting forth his new plan. Is a new plan needed? We answer, no. How, then, are we to account for this ancient "consciousness" he speaks of—"the presence of the feeling that the present system is defective?" There are, doubtless, some defects in the present system, but they are not "inseparable

from it." It would be easier to alter and perfect the present plan than to adopt a new one. Can we hope to get a perfect system? Does not the author of the new plan "manifest" a like consciousness of the defectiveness of his new plan? Else why invite "something better?"

Adopt what system you may and still there will be "articles in the papers," "elaborate plans suggested," and the "organization of various societies." If we have not misread history and men there have ever been those who seem to think much may be done by whereas, resolving and organizing. They are always getting ready to do things systematically, while others take a nearer route and do it. The world, this age, is suffering from over organization. Individuality, spirit and spontaneity, are too nearly sacrificed to machinery, paraphernalia and perfunctory officialdom. My opinion has been that the main difficulty was not to be found in the system, but in our failure to properly work it. My work with the Finance Board has convinced me in the opinion. If due caution were exercised by the board and energy employed by the pastors, it would do for us what it does for many conferences in the East—all we could reasonably expect or demand.

There is a general and true sympathy for the cause it represents. There may be opposition here and there caused by some fault in the application of the system. The general verdict is that it is easier to get money for this cause than for any other. I unhesitatingly give it as my opinion that there is no necessity for "Conference Insurance Societies." Nor do we need a new plan. Nor does the old plan need a secular ally, partly based on a monetary consideration. There will be a thorn in the flesh of the old plan, and greatly hinder it as did the ancient belief in the ability of the Publishing House to support the superannuates. What we do need is sympathy with the old plan—to emphasize it and work it. I confess to a consciousness of having failed in these respects in former days. I am satisfied that the author of the new plan has no such consciousness. His name, from the beginning, has been *Phidias' Pocket*.

The old system has many advantages. It is understood, in operation, has a sacred history, has many marks of being a providential plan, and has the following special claims upon our attention. 1. It is simple. Can as much be said for the new plan? It impresses us as being complicated and perplex. Will its author pardon us for characterizing it? It is four legged in basis, double-action in application, and attenuated into the sixtines in differentiation.

More than a good "Book of Forms" will be needed if we do not pause in departure from former simplicity. Our future sons may need special schools for imparting a knowledge of the labyrinthian mazes of our august machinery.

Let us be careful lest we needlessly make broad our phylacteries and enlarge the borders of our garments. Simplicity is a prime virtue.

2. It is well based. Necessity is the true and recognized basis. One of the duties of a traveling preacher is to make a written report as to the condition of each claimant in his charge. The joint board is required to distribute the moneys collected "according to the several necessities" of each claimant. This basis conforms to our theory of a non-secular ministry and secures the continuity of our usages. The effective ministry is supported on the same basis. The law provides for nothing more. The new plan offers us a fourfold basis. Necessity, time, fidelity, and partly a "monetary consideration." Wonder why he didn't think of another prime-quality—ability. I submit that it is too secular—too much like bartering for an equivalent. It would look very strange in Methodism. Will the church adopt his method for curing unfaithfulness—be faithful, or else when you get too old to squander your Lord's time, or when you leave your wife and children to us, we'll "cut off your rations." It would be better to apply it in the days of effectiveness.

Can the church adopt the time factor? Not until she abandons her theory of a non-secular ministry. She proclaims her readiness to enter into solemn compact with her ministers.

The preacher, the itinerant, must renounce all claim to secular parents and "give himself wholly" to the work of the ministry. The church on her part will give him work, a living, and take care of him and his when disabled. She cannot afford to do less. We should not require more.

The claim then is valid as soon as this compact is entered into. This is celebrated when he is taken into full communion. Should swift misfortune overtake him the church must respect her obligation and honor his claim. He has complied with the conditions, at least in spirit, and she must comply with those assumed. Make time of service, or kind of service, in the concrete, essential factors, and good men will be slow to enter the itinerant ranks. It would be a serious barrier. It would be unjust. He has borne enough. He has been tried two years.

Do any of our honored claimants feel the need of a "monetary" stimulus in accepting what the church offers toward their support? It does not argue an absence of modesty to do so. It is but carrying out the original agreement. It seems that one would be cured of that kind of bashfulness in the days of effectiveness. There are those who decline any support, because they do not need it, or perhaps do not need it sufficiently to justify a call upon the church. It once secures a good living and more he might save it. If he has good for use and finds himself or herself able to get along without help it is certainly honorable and religious to do so. I doubt whether it would be honorable or religious for a Methodist to accept an "annuity to pensioners" even if they did not need it.

How shall we account for such language as this—"gratuity to paupers?" This phrase places us in a dilemma. We have too much respect for the purity of the author's taste to believe that he created it, and our admiration for his ability and originality will not allow us to suppose that he borrowed it. My "his shocking!" Can the gentleman represent that as the sentiment of the church? This would be to make the church befall and dishonor herself. Can this be the feeling of any claimant? Then he should be ashamed for so dishonoring his brethren. Such a feeling were a morbid sentimentality worthy of rebuke.

3. Again, the old plan places the burden where it ought to be—on the whole church. The new plan put it mainly on the ministry. This is fatal to it.

This would disrupt the compact, violate our law of sympathy, and work an intolerable burden on our ministry. How many preachers could spare two per cent. of their salary annually for this one cause, when

"Oh! 'tis a difficult task
To make tongue and buckle meet."

without this annual contribution. That would be to make the contribution "voluntary." Then might it be said, with the preacher, this "grasshopper shall be a burden." But you see if he didn't bear it, he and his wouldn't be there at the drawing.

The old plan is truly flexible. It provides for "scanning" every man's claim every year. His "condition" is inquired into—"his several necessities" are considered. If there were no flux in the tide of human affairs—if conditions did not vary, a pensioner's annuity might cover the case.

What then can be done to insure better results—larger satisfaction? A few things can be done now. 1. Keep practical men on the joint board by annual reappointment. 2. Make no complimentary appropriations. It were miserable to suppose the church's sympathy and esteem had to thus be purchased for every year. 3. Let the preacher ask the advice of the Board of Stewards as to what representation he shall make of each claimant. Let them agree as to the amount each one needs, and let him report the amount to the joint board in his written representation. This can be attended to under the head of miscellaneous business. The joint board can then make its assessment for the conference upon the basis thus obtained; and when the church was assured that the assessment represented the real necessities of her claimants, she would pay it. If you doubt it, put it on its merits and take the collection separate, and see what the result would be. 4. Be as generous to this cause as you are to the other interests—give it a hearing at conference. Why make an exception of it and exclude it? It has done very well under neglect and untoward treatment; give it a good chance and it will do wonders.

Finally, this might be done by the general conference:

1. Add this to the duty of the Board of Stewards: To make an estimate as to the amount necessary for each claimant upon the conference collection within their charge.

2. Add this question to the business of the fourth quarterly conference. Who are the claimants upon the conference collection within this charge, and what is necessary for their support?

3. Make it the preacher's duty to report this amount to the joint board in his report of each.

4. Make the term of office for members of the joint board four years. This would give greater confidence and insure better results. The joint board would then have a definite basis for their assessment. A slight excess might be called to meet the necessities of new claimants, and in case it was not needed, it could be carried to the next year.

CLARESVILLE, TEXAS.

THE FUND FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—A NEW PLAN.

REV. W. A. EDWARDS.

There are two features of the above article that commend themselves favorably to any impartial reader. One is the recognition by the author of the defects and inoperativeness of the present system. The other is the honest effort to improve on the present, or rather inau-

gurate a plan that is better. But to my mind the brother is groping in darkness. I will as briefly as possible review and point out the objections to the "New Plan."

1. It is in itself complicated; at least more so than the present system. In the first place it requires additional work by the secretary of the Board, in keeping separate two per cent. accounts with each preacher that pays the two per cent., which would make quite a list, and does not dispense with the present public collection; hence two collections and funds to be administered where there is now but one.

The administration of the fund, it seems to me, is quite complicated, and too discriminating to ever become effective. The amount to be paid is graded up from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars in its uninterrupted course. But if one pays a part he receives a pro rata, and article fourth provides for another class to receive fifty per cent. of what they would be entitled to under this law. So the plan would put five grades of claimants on the Board in addition to those that are provided for in article first of his plan. Article fifth of the "new plan" provides that "If any claimant needs more than this plan will allow him or her, 1. A petition to the annual conference is allowed for more. 2. It is then referred to the quarterly conference for approval or disapproval. 3. It is still contingent on the vote of the annual conference as to whether or not it will be allowed." This would cause sufficient delay to starve a very needy applicant before the aid could be reached; and, besides, the applicant might be unduly affected one way or the other by local influences that might exist in the vicinity where the applicant resides.

2. This new plan will throw the burden of supporting the superannuates' widows and orphans on the preachers. The people will consider that about sufficient for their support, and at best they will treat the public collection only as a supplement to the two per cent. collection, and hence the amount raised will not much, if any, exceed the present collections.

3. It places it where the advantages mainly accrue to those that are least needy. Those who always pay the two per cent., of course, are able to do it, but there are many that are not able to pay anything at all, and all this state of things continues with many worthy men for a lifetime. Some seem to be uniformly unfortunate and others uniformly fortunate in appointments, yet under section two it is only those who have paid in full that receive full pay. We cannot discriminate, be it ever so legitimate, in favor of our better-to-do preachers. Nor can we maintain our itinerancy without special arrangements to meet the wants of a certain condition of our ministers.

While I see an honest effort to meet a want felt and acknowledged by all, a simple desire to do good, yet I think the brother has missed the plan for the new plan, in addition to the above stated objection, impresses me as a whole as cumbersome and rather hard to understand. It looks as if it was hardly clear in the author's own mind.

MY PLAN.

Let the Board estimate as at present and then assess the different charges, and each pastor be required to bring up "his assessment in full or as large a per cent. of it as he receives of his own salary.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Queen of England showed her good sense in sending to the Prince of Wales a drastic and severe letter, rebuking him for giving a reception to the pacifist Sullivan, who is simply a low and vulgar brute. It is to be hoped that the Prince will profit by this rebuke from his royal mother.

SENATOR BLAIR makes this statement in the last Chautauquan: "Preceding the presidential election of 1864, there were held, in New York City, 1902 political conventions. Two hundred and eighty-three were held apart from saloons, ninety-six next-door to saloons, and six hundred and thirty-three in saloons."

The Christian Intelligencer in a recent sketch of Benjamin Franklin, says: "There never was a more perfect specimen of an Episcopalian, both in theory and practice. He lived confessedly to have a good time in life, and he inculcated this upon his generation as the chief end of man. And he taught and practiced those rules of moderation and thrift and worldly wisdom which should secure the largest and longest measure of earthly success and self-gratification. There is no reason to suppose that he ever believed in a future life, or its remunerations, or in religion as anything more than a sentiment or a phantasm."

DR. EDMUND DE PRESSENSE in his correspondence in the Christian World has this to say of the new French president: "Ajart from the great historic names which he bears, he has a stainless reputation alike in public and private life. His home circle seems to belong to the good old times. He has sons serving their country, some in the army, some in higher branches of industry; he has a daughter, worthy of her mother, married to one of our most esteemed magistrates, and a group of young children. M. Sadi-Carnot has always been a firm and moderate Republican, holding aloof from Radicalism, and simply doing his duty. Above all, his election is a grand triumph of political honesty, such as does honor to France and to the Republic."

He Was Greatly Mistaken.

A Maryland Chemist Reckoned Without His Host.

I live in the midst of the malarial districts of Maryland, near the city of Washington, and am exposed to all the dangerous influences of the impure air and water of that region.

Being naturally of a strong constitution, I had frequently boasted that no chills and fever or other malarious complaint would ever trouble me.

This was my experience and the condition in which I found myself six months ago. I first noticed that I did not feel so sprightly and vigorous as was my wont to do. I felt tired and enervated. Soon I noticed a distinct and distressing backache would make its appearance in the afternoon, increasing in severity if the exercise was more than usually violent.

The cold stage was marked with chattering of the teeth, severe rigors passed over me, and no amount of clothing could keep me warm. The chill succeeded in turn by the fever, in which I seemed to be burning up.

I drugged myself with quinine, and obtained some relief. But my respite was of brief duration.

I was now so much reduced that I could hardly walk or stand upright. My disease soon culminated in a continued malarial fever which kept me closely confined for about a week. I became exceedingly depressed and melancholy, so much so that I lost interest in my work, and, indeed, scarcely cared what happened to me.

During all this time, it must be understood that I did not neglect medical treatment. All the most powerful remedies were tried, such as liquid arsenate of potash, valeriante of iron, mercury, bromide of potassium, chloride of bismuth, chinoidin, chinchonidin, quinine and several others.

It was while I was in this deplorable condition that the claims made for Kaskine, the new quinine, as a specific for malaria, were first brought to my attention. I knew nothing of its value to justify my having any confidence in it, but as everything else had failed I deemed it my duty to try it, so I began its use, and its prompt and radical effects were of the nature of a revelation to me.

This was about the first of January, and since then I have experienced no recurrence of the malarial symptoms in any form. A remedy of such exceptional virtue for the cure of malaria ought to be commended and universally made known. I have therefore urged it upon the attention of my friends, several of whom have used it with like good results in every case, and it is with the greatest pleasure and sincerity that I commend Kaskine to sufferers from malaria everywhere.

Respectfully yours, J. D. HIRD, B. A., Assistant Chemist Maryland Agricultural College.

P. S.—Should any one wish to address me as to the genuineness of the above letter, I will cheerfully respond. Other letters of a similar character from prominent individuals, which stamp Kaskine as a remedy of undoubted merit, will be sent on application. Price \$1.00, or six bottles, \$5.00. Sold by Druggists, or sent by mail on receipt of price.

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Correspondence.

FLORIDA—AS SEEN BY A TEXAN.

I have been in this State twelve days, coming in by Jacksonville. I took the F. R. and N. R. and ran down to Leesburg, Lake county, where the conference was held by Bishop Key. There was a full attendance of clerical and lay delegates. The conference is a body of noble looking men. It is fully an average conference, having increased in members very much the last few years.

It was a pleasant session, Bishop Key having them well in hand. Business was well dispatched, and the appointments were read out Monday night. Two very important measures were disposed of, much to the pleasure of the brethren—the Florida Advocate and their college. Rev. Dr. Josephus Anderson was elected editor of their paper, which will go far to give it success. And the zeal and liberality of the conference did much to give confidence that their college enterprise would now succeed, which is located at Leesburg. Several visitors from abroad—Bro. Burke, Dunlap, Dodge and President Key, of Georgia, and the lecturer from Texas. We were most cordially received by the live men of the conference and royally entertained by the citizens of Leesburg and vicinity.

Leesburg is located near Lake Harris. Across the Lake, seven miles from Leesburg—is the village of Ya-la-ha (sweet orange). A party of twelve or fifteen ministers, with Bishop Key heading the list, took the boat bound for the lovely village. The rain came down in heavy showers. We landed at the wharf and walked up to Capt. Pharris' lovely home—no mud, a beautiful sandy road—and what an Eden! The house and grounds beautiful for situation; orange trees in all directions; bananas, many of the rarest flowers and every variety of evergreens. What a garden, middle of December—peas, cabbage, cauliflower, egg plant, beans and many others too numerous to name in this letter; fish pond with hundreds of fish. Raising vegetables is quite a business in Florida; on the rich hammock lands. They are greatly relied upon when the orange crop fails. I find I am more than delighted with the orange groves of Florida.

This letter is written in Orange county, South Florida. I was at Apopka City last night, a young city of magnificent distances and wide avenues. But few houses, but almost covered with beautiful orange groves. Maj. Sharpe, formerly of Van Alstyne, Grayson county, Texas, very kindly drove me over Apopka, and out three miles to see Apopka Lake, a lovely sheet of water, and thousands of orange trees along its borders. This is a State with more lakes than any State I have ever visited.

The people, however, assure me that the health is good. And many tell me that the summers in Florida are delightful. This State is being developed very rapidly; railroads almost to every town, and still building. I have felt no winter yet. Am having a very pleasant time.

J. V. ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LETTERS FROM THE POST-OAKS.

NUMBER NINE.

While the ceaseless hymn of the seasons rolls forth in tribute to winter we are reminded that summer reigned supreme when last we gave greeting to our dear ADVOCATE friends.

I believe that the great earth feels the gladness and the quiet of the time, and a deep murmur of thanksgiving goes up from many hearts. How full of contrasts is this life of ours! The dark season of distress and sadness through which we were groping when we wrote our last Post Oak letter seems like a sad dream of agony now. Then we feared our six-year-old man-child, Jim, Jr., was a cripple for life, and our hearts ached with a pain that we could not voice as we thought of his young life with this affliction falling upon his entire future career here like a mighty blight; but the cloud went over. The sunlight of joy and thankfulness is shining and making our sylvan world gloriously beautiful despite the gray mists and cold winds of mid-winter. Today our little boy leaps in glad health and strength. The physicians decided he must have fallen from some height and thus injured himself, and time repaired the damage. So thanksgiving came with peculiar appeal to the hearts of Idlewild Home this year. Ah, truly, we all can realize that we have many, many reasons why we should in reverent joy and humility lift the heart and bend the knee to Him who leads us always. Blessed thought!

Sometimes thro' scenes of deepest gloom: Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom: By waters still, o'er troubled sea. Still 's His hand that leadeth me.

We are thankful! Even when we look back upon the trials of the year we recognize the love and mercy and wisdom of our Divine Father through all, and in view of renewed obligations would pray for more light and strength as the months roll on. Meanwhile, the yearly flow of revival efforts went by and still no Pentecostal day dawns for us, though, under Bro. Graham's devoted and faithful efforts, several souls were converted, and many were led to higher thought and purer living by his holy example and precept.

We do not complain of the work done by the dear brothers who preceded him, but we think it simply a matter of justice to him to say that, as a pastor, he was more known and loved in the homes

of our people than any of his predecessors. Not only did we know him in the pulpit, but around the humblest firesides he knelt with the families, and thus a man of God brought God into the hearts and lives of the people. O, if there were only some way to get our church and the people closer together! The great world of unrepentant, indifferent children and young people need to know our preachers better, that they may love them, and thereby be led upward. And in these months many changes have come to us. Truly—

Friends have been scattered like roses in bloom— Some at the bridal and some at the tomb.

Yes, Death came, as he will, and took from our midst one of our most prominent men—true and tried—a man God! And many hearts will long remember in tender regret and love the honored name of Major A. W. Moore, of Hills Prairie. Then, too, love has joined fond young hearts, and several new homes are being nestled all about in our quiet world. Ah, sometimes, I think a calm is not to be found in human living, for our human hearts will ever shrink from the constant and inevitable changes. But it is always best to look on the bright side and never try to cross bridges before we get to them. That song of precious promises is sweet, and the very best line to me is, "As thy days may demand shall thy strength ever be."

At Eight Live Oaks the Sunday-school in the evening still flourishes, and I have charge of the day school there, consisting of more than forty pupils. Bro. Graham preached there several times and his sermons were always gladly received; but as yet it is not on any regular work. Slowly "the valley of dry bones" exhibits signs of real life, but the little heaven is certain to do its work, and God's spirit alone must be shed upon these dormant souls. Prayer is needed.

MRS. E. HOLMES JENKINS, HILLS PRAIRIE, TEXAS.

EXPECT SUCCESS.

While looking over the Nashville Christian Advocate of December 10, my attention was attracted by an article entitled "The New Conference Year." I was very forcibly struck with the following sentences which it contained: "Expect success. The Lord hath not called and sent you on any doubtful mission. A dispensation of his gospel has been committed to you. He has called you to preach, and this means that there are souls to be saved by you. There is no provision for doubt where the call is from God and the recipient is heartily obedient." The article from which this is taken was addressed to the preachers who are now entering the new conference year. These words, "expect success," when properly considered, will bring great encouragement to the preachers' heart—especially to the young one who has just enlisted in the cause. As one of this class, who has received so much encouragement by the words of the dear old Nashville Advocate, I write trusting that others may be encouraged by them as I have been. The Texas conferences have all convened. At each we notice that several were admitted on trial into the traveling connection. Six were admitted by our conference—the Northwest Texas. We presume that the greater number of those brethren were young men who are just entering the ministry. Brethren, we have all received our appointments. We have begun with the new conference year, which is, with many of us, the first. We are now separated from fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends and former associates. We are among strangers. We have taken upon ourselves the responsibility of pastors, which is indeed great. Do we realize the greatness of the responsibility which we have assumed? Let us consider. We have been appointed as shepherds to watch over the flocks of Israel. To us have been committed the care of souls. It appears to me that there is no period of our lives at which we need more encouragement than at this. We are just entering the ministry. Of course we desire success. How appropriate, then, are these words, just at this time: "Expect success." There is a great deal of faith implied in this word, "expect," as used here. Our Savior says: "According to your faith be it unto you." Matt., ix:29. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark, xi:24. Why should we expect success? This question is very beautifully answered above: "The Lord has called us to preach. He has not called and sent us on any doubtful mission. There is no provision for doubt: where the call is from God and the recipient is heartily obedient." Brethren, we are the recipients of a call from God. Are we heartily willing to obey it? This is a question of vital importance. Called to a great work, as we are, this question should be closely considered. Let us ever remember that "a dispensation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been committed to us. This means that there are souls to be saved by us." The work belongs to God. We belong to him. He has called us to the work; yet, even sent us to our respective charges. Now, brethren, let us "go forward" in his name, ever remembering the words of our blessed Master: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Let us take the Savior with us as we visit. Let us keep him at our desks while we study. Let us do all we do in thought, word and action for his glory. Under these circumstances we may well expect success.

JAS. D. ODOM, BLUE, TEXAS.

Missions.

MISSIONS AT MARSHALL.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Marshall, Texas, was organized Sunday afternoon, August 28, 1887. The operations of the first meeting were directed by several ladies of the Woman's Society. The by-laws were read, instructions were given as to the general management of the meetings, etc. With occasional kindly, helpful suggestions, we have since been left to mould our society, with God's help, into what must become its own distinctive character. We now number fifteen members. There have been five sessions of the society, each of which has been interesting to the participants, and engaged in with a reverent spirit and encouraging zeal. We have collected \$12.10. Feeling that no inspiration is so sure as that which accrues from education, we have begun a systematic study of the separate fields of missionary work, and of the plans and lives of the individual workers. Brazil has engaged our attention for the past few weeks. Our design is to inform ourselves, as best we can, of all the actions and influences of "Woman's work for woman," as connected with our church. We, in part, owe our origin to the Juvenile Society, which was organized in 1884; our alliance with the children's work inspired our hearts, and developed our powers (to their present capacity) for the devotional and executive control of a society demanding something more of system and dignity. We are now entering into the discipline necessary to our next stage of growth, as a "Woman's Missionary Society." God grant that we may so consecrate our aims, and improve our advantages, that we may reflect honor on our noble, divinely appointed predecessors! In "our time" when God is so mightily, so tangibly revealing himself to "the earth's heathen races," our enthusiasm ought to be even greater than theirs has been. The many earnest, direct appeals that have been made to the young women of the church during the present year could not fail to evoke some response in quickened effort. We are glad that we have not been any more slothful in feeling a sensitiveness to the "needs of the time;" and are thankful that our Heavenly Father bestows upon us the honor of being co-workers with himself in redeeming the world from spiritual darkness, and has given us the desire "to do what we can to hasten the time when "All the ends of the world shall remember and be turned unto the Lord." We hope that we will not betray our duty and our privileges by indifference and neglect, but in all spiritual concerns to do whatever our hands, our hearts, our minds "find to do," "as heartily unto the Lord, and with all our might." We would ask the prayers of the Woman's Missionary Society, that God may magnify our efforts—creating strength out of our very weakness—and that he may give us that spirit for work in his cause without which no service is true service.

MISS PAGE LANE, President Young People's Society, MARSHALL, TEXAS.

Church Extension.

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By request of Miss L. B. Helm, I send the list of life patrons for publication. Our desire is that the wife of every preacher in the whole church shall have her name on the list. Our prospects are brighter now than ever before. If we can secure this fund, our success for all time is assured, as a Loan Fund will stand as a monument of our efforts. Let each District Secretary push the Loan Fund on their district, and do all we can before the end of the constitutional year in March. Please bear in mind that Mrs. L. P. Smith, of Denton, is Conference Treasurer.

MRS. VIOLA HUNT, Secretary North Texas Conference, DALLAS, December, 1887.

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THE CHURCH EXTENSION SECRETARY'S WATCH-NIGHT.

This is the last night of the year, and I have been casting up some accounts and looking over our books, and find that during this year of grace, 1887, we have: 1. Added about thirty-three per cent to our loan funds by donations, notes and

subscriptions secured from our friends, besides the gain from constantly accruing interest.

2. Received from the conferences held since July last an increase over the preceding year of about twenty per cent. on the regular assessment collections.

3. Obtained some special donations, which have enabled us to do some very desirable work in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, and in the Mexico-New and Old.

4. Arranged for some posthumous gifts which, when realized, will embellish the names of the givers in the affections of the church and help to swell the aggregate of those permanent funds which will bless generations yet to come.

5. Helped many churches by gift and loan than ever before.

6. Collected the principal and interest of our outstanding loans more promptly and closely and with less friction than at any previous time.

Official reports from all the conferences of the last round are not yet in, and hence we cannot give the exact figures—these will be found in our next annual report—but enough is known to warrant the above statement. I have not attended as many as usual of the annual conference sessions, but this has only served to elicit from the "home folks" and visitors some of the best speeches ever made on conference floors and at anniversaries in advocacy of our cause.

Good health has been granted, and I have escaped all harm amid the perils of extended travel and come in these closing hours of the old year to renew the covenant "by agreeing to follow with a glad mind and will any suggestions of conscience or Providence that require effort and promise good," and as was my wont in days of yore with friends who are now gone, I say:

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One more year of your life has slipped away, and you are as far from Christ as ever. Alas! it may be further than ever.

THE OLD AND NEW SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES, which separated in 1745 as a result of a difference of opinion on the qualifications necessary to enter the ministry.

THE COMING CONSTITUTIONAL CENTENNIAL will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, on the third Thursday of May.

WHEREAS, We recognize a providential opportunity in the presence of Rev. Dr. Young J. Allen among us at this time when the rapid march of events and the urgent needs of our mission fields demand extraordinary activity and liberality on the part of the church.

RESOLVED, That regarding Dr. Allen's visit to America as providential, and if wisely utilized, calculated to be of great benefit to the cause of missions, we give him a cordial greeting in the name of the church.

THAT a committee of five members of this Board be appointed, consisting of Bishops McTejre and Wilson and the secretary and treasurer, and Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, who shall co-operate with Dr. Allen in determining his schedule of visits and method of operations.

THAT we earnestly commend Dr. Allen to the sympathy, prayers, and hearty practical co-operation of all our people, and especially to the pastors of our churches, upon whose special interest and energetic co-operation so much depends in this matter.

THAT we respectfully request the editors of our Church papers to give publicity to this action of the Board, and to give their efficient co-operation in all available ways to this movement.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Date, Name. Includes Dallas, Texas, Jan. 15; New Orleans, Jan. 22; Charlotte, S. C., Feb. 5; Charleston, N. C., Feb. 12; Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 19; Richmond, Va., Feb. 26; Washington, D. C., March 4; Baltimore, Md., March 11.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CENTENNIAL. The Presbyterians are preparing to celebrate their Constitutional Centennial which will be held in the city of Philadelphia on May 17.

PAINE INSTITUTE. In another place we quote a paragraph from a letter of Bishop Duncan touching the above named institution.

IN RE-ENTERING this field Bro. Dunlap addresses himself to two objects: First, the liquidation of the balance due on the grounds and buildings of Paine Institute; and secondly, the extension of the work by the establishment of at least two other similar insti-

stitutions—the Lane Institute at Jackson, Tenn., and another on this side of the Mississippi river. To accomplish the first there is only need of subscriptions of two years ago be paid.

THE LANE INSTITUTE. The Cumberland Presbyterian church, which was the germ of the present Cumberland Presbyterian church, withdrew in 1811, the origin of the separation being the ordination by the Presbytery of persons not fully qualified to the ministry.

DUNLAP'S LAST FEW WEEKS the church has been shocked by the sudden death of three of her prominent ministers—Burkehead, of North Carolina, being called "suddenly" while in attendance upon his conference at its last session; Briggs, of Alabama, being called "suddenly" a few hours after he had returned home from conference; and Winfield, of Little Rock, called "suddenly" after two days illness with pneumonia.

THE WESLEYAN ADVOCATE. In an article on "Let Us Keep Our Own," Dr. Haygood says: "A big convention was recently held in Dallas, Texas, in the interests of immigration. It is reported by the papers as largely attended; it is said there was 'enthusiasm.' May much good come of it to Texas."

THE HUNTSVILLE MERCURY, Alabama, reports that Dr. A. B. Jones has purchased the Huntsville Female College.

THE WOODROW CASE has been revived, and in a singular way. Since his discharge from the seminary Dr. Woodrow has retained his position of professor in the University of South Carolina.

THE EVANGELIST MOODY is holding a meeting in Louisville, Ky., in a building specially built for the service, and estimated to hold five thousand people.

THE HOME CONFERENCES. Personal.—The postoffice address of Rev. H. S. Anglin, is De Leon, Texas.

THE EDITOR OF THE ADVOCATE acknowledges an invitation from Rev. and Mrs. W. Brown to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Mittie, to Robt H. Bruce, at the Methodist Church, Louisville, Texas, Wednesday, January 5, 1888, at 5:30 p. m.

THE NORTHWESTERN ADVOCATE: In the prosecution of the prohibited saloons in Emmetsburg, Iowa, Rev. George E. Fuller was the only man who took the initiative.

A GOOD BEGINNING. Accompanying a subscription order, Bro. L. F. Palmer says: "This is the beginning of a full harvest of subscribers."

IN ANOTHER COLUMN Dr. Heidt announces that Bishop Wilson has appointed Rev. H. M. Shelton, of the Northwest Texas Conference, adjunct professor in the Southwestern University, leaving Springtown and Goshute to be a trial to Bro. Shelton.

IN A NOTE to the editor Rev. G. C. Stovall, of Bremond, says some things we take the liberty of printing: "I haven't time to write you a letter, but I herewith enclose you a list of eighteen subscribers to our paper, which I think by far beats the best communication I could send you."

THAT THE ADVOCATE AND all its readers. We put in an appearance on the 20th of December, and was at Red Land on the 25th, but the snow and Christmas together kept all the people away. They say they will be there next time, fair or foul.

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every open door. What an opportunity we have in Japan! There, I have one spiritual daughter—a missionary—Miss Adie Gordon. My gifts and prayers follow her, but not to the neglect of Mexico.

Southwestern University. —J. W. Held, Georgetown, Jan. 2: Bishop Wilson has appointed Rev. R. M. Shelton Adjunct Professor in the University, and he enters upon his duties to-day.

Galveston. —G. W. Graves, Gatesville, Dec. 30: Having notified Dr. A. J. Perry of our departure from Georgetown, and probable arrival in Galveston, we rolled out last night and found ourselves in the city. We were met by several friends, and I preached to a large congregation at the Methodist church.

Galveston. —J. H. Chambers, Jan. 3: We were among the number that the Bishop "lifted" at the last session of our conference. But our move was not a long one, and we are here at our work, and trust a good start has been made at least by the people.

Albany. —W. D. Robison, Dec. 28: We reached our appointment the first Sunday after conference. Found the work well organized, and our ministry in good favor with the people.

Grandview. —L. G. Rogers, Dec. 30: We are now at home on the Grandview circuit, in a good house in the new town. Myself and family in fine health.

Onaville. —Marion Mills, Jan. 2: We are now at home, and in the parsonage. After being confined in the cars almost all day, then riding from Temple to Onaville through the cold wind, it was very pleasant to meet the brethren and sisters assembled at the parsonage.

On the "Perpetual List." —An influential layman of Boston writes: My subscription to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE expired without my notice. My wife and I are perfectly lost without our Texas church paper, as no other can fill its place.

"THE METHODIST ARMOR." This book supplies a long-felt want in Methodist literature, and gives good instruction to the less informed Methodist. Many things essential to his zeal and usefulness.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. The Annual Minutes. The minutes of the North Texas Conference will be ready for mailing in a few days. They will be addressed to the preachers to the post-offices, where their charges are called.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. The Annual Minutes. To the Members of the Northwest Texas Conference. DEAR BROTHERS—Some of you have voluntarily sent me stamps to pay postage on the minutes.

UNANSWERED LETTERS. Jan. 5—C. V. Oswalt, sub D Postoffice, sub R N Brown, sub G Frick, sub G T Nichols, sub A A Wagon, sub J W Bowden, sub F B Boone, sub J P Rogers, sub W J Leonard, sub J Woodson, sub W compare, W E Rorer, sub H A Bourland, sub T B Jones, cards sent I N Reeves, sub J.

Jan. 6—R. M. Latson, sub I. F. Palmer, sub I. M. Carter, sub O. P. Thomas, sub J. W. Blackburn, sub P. O. Faver, sub R. A. Hall, sub G. S. Daniel, sub J. L. Angell, sub J.

Jan. 7—T. D. Duncan, sub D. C. Strango, sub G. T. Gilbert, sub D. H. Decker, sub C. Williamson, sub S. Thrall, sub C. H. Maloy, sub E. B. Chappel, sub I. K. Walter, sub J.

Jan. 8—W. M. Robbins, sub C. H. Smith, sub J. L. Johnson, sub G. L. Ellis, sub J. S. McCarver, sub F. M. Whinnor, sub A. P. B. McCall, sub J. R. Rigdon, sub J. C. Sterling, sub J. B. Pastour, sub J.

Jan. 10—L. J. Banks, sub P. O. Miller, sub W. O. Owens, sub W. V. Jones, sub E. I. Roberts, sub J. Porter's Springs, sub J. P. Childers, sub J. T. Browning, sub J.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FIRST QUARTER. Trinity church, Lovejoy, Jan. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1st quarter.

New Forage Plants. The Commissioner of agriculture, Norman J. Colman, issues the following: "The introduction of new plants, known to be desirable for more general cultivation, is always slow."

TEXAS BLUE GRASS. (Poa trichoides.) Reports upon this grass have been uniformly favorable. It originated in Northern Texas, and considerably resembles Kentucky Blue Grass.

ALBUQUERQUE. (Erodium cicutarium.) Also known as Steersbill, Pin-grass, Finerace, etc. A valuable forage plant for the dry regions from Colorado and New Mexico to Southern California.

Live Stock Markets. TEXAS CATTLE. First quality, \$20 to \$25 per head; second quality, \$15 to \$20 per head; third quality, \$10 to \$15 per head.

TEXAS HORSES. First quality, \$50 to \$60 per head; second quality, \$40 to \$50 per head; third quality, \$30 to \$40 per head.

TEXAS SHEEP. First quality, \$10 to \$15 per head; second quality, \$7 to \$10 per head; third quality, \$5 to \$7 per head.

Department, and the reports thus far received regarding it have been quite favorable. It is an annual, and produces a fair crop of hay of excellent quality.

HERMUDA GRASS. (Cynodon dactylon.) The little seed which has been sold in this country of this well known southern grass has all been imported, and has been so high in price, and often so poor in quality, that people have bought it sparingly.

A young lady, fully competent, desires a situation as Assistant Music Teacher in an Educational Institution, at a moderate salary. Address: C. K. Advocate Office, Dallas, Texas.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS. EXCHANGE AT DALLAS. Buying. Selling. New York, sight, 100 par to 101 1/2 dis 1/2 prem.

EXCHANGE AT GALVESTON. Buying. Selling. New York, sight, 100 par to 101 1/2 dis 1/2 prem.

EXCHANGE AT NEW ORLEANS. Buying. Selling. New York, sight, 100 par to 101 1/2 dis 1/2 prem.

Cotton Market. DALLAS. Low middling 9 1/2, middling 9 3/4, good middling 9 7/8.

Chicago Market. Wheat—No. 2 red, 1 1/4; No. 2 hard, 1 1/4; No. 2 white, 1 1/4.

St. Louis Market. Flour—Choice creamery, \$2.00; choice, \$1.90; standard, \$1.80.

POND'S EXTRACT. HEMORRAGES. SORES, SPRAINS, BRUISES. CATARRH. RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA. DIPHTHERIA, SORE THROAT. PILES.

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One Dollar. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, salt rheum, all humors, boils, pimples, general debility, dyspepsia, biliousness, skin headache, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney and liver complaints, and all affections caused by impure blood or low condition of the system.

Dallas Local Markets. Apples—Fancy Ben Davis and Winesap \$4.25 per bush.

Apples—Butter—30 lb pails 60¢ per lb, 50 lb pails \$4.00 per cwt.

Apples—Short crack smoked hogs, short crack cracked, 2 1/2, break fast, bacon, 1 1/2, hams 1 1/2.

Apples—Carrots of wheat bran \$18, corn \$8 per cwt.

Apples—Hacking Powder—Standard goods in the \$2.50 per cwt.

Apples—Flour—Local millers quote various rates.

Apples—Wholesale Grocers' quotations.

Apples—Chicago Market.

Apples—St. Louis Market.

Apples—Live Stock Markets.

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6 The Texas Christian Advocate.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Uncle Rastus—"Yes, sah, I see sobody yar ole ter day."

Unfair Odds: Omaha man (in Salt Lake hotel to new found friend)—"What? Not going yet, I hope? It's only 5:30."

Wind-sucking horses (stump-pullers) can never be effectually cured of the habit.

Mothers, if your baby suffers pain and is rest- less and stupidly cries, give him gum.

Remember that Morley's T-X-S-Ague Tonic costs only 50 cents a bottle and is guaranteed to cure.

Wife (pleadingly)—"I'm afraid, George, you don't love me as well as you used to do."

Do you mean to tell me, she said, "that you are deliberately going to shoot little birds and timid, inoffensive animals?"

A Standard Medical Remedy, Pond's Ex- tract. It cures Pain, Injuries, Bleeding of all kind.

Thirty Assyrians are among the latest im- migrants at New York, and have joined the army of small peddlers in the streets of the city.

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Pocket Phlebotomy: Dr. McGill—"You may thank your stars, sir, that phlebotomy in these days only bleed patients afflicted with your malady as they used to."

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Mixing ground food with cut fodder in feed- ing dairy cows or beef cattle is the wisest remedy for feeding.

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It should be borne in mind that Malaria, or Mississippin, is the cause of milder diseases, such as cholera and typhoid.

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Probably the most expensively dressed man seen in Pittsburgh for many a day was Toy Sun, a Chinese San Francisco merchant.

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What "Peculiar" Means Applied to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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James Longman is a prominent cattle dealer of Belleville, Ill.

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The Duke of Sparta, eldest son of the King and Queen of the Greeks.

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How a queer dream the other night He thought he saw a prize-fighter's ring.

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Consumption Cured. An old physician, and a great practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the cure of Consumption.

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A handful of kainit thrown on the manure in the stable will absorb all the offensive odor, and preserve for future use as much valuable properties that might have been lost.

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Any physician who desires to use that great female remedy and restorer, Dr. Serravallo's English Female Bitters.

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Business is Business: Kansas City Physician (in upper window)—"Who's that?"

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Coughs and Colds: Those who are suffering from Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, etc.

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A new elevated railroad is to be built in Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, New York.

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Gray hair is made to resume its youthful color and beauty by the use of the hair's vegetable Sillian Hair Renewer.

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A business man of Somerset, Ky., wrote to a man in the country.

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How the Matter Was Arranged: "My dear fellow I wanted to meet you."

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Our representatives under the heat of contractions cough, hoarseness and pain in the chest.

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Church Notices.

Table listing church services for various districts including SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT, TERRELL DISTRICT, CHAPPELL HILL, etc.

Special Notices.

DALLAS DENTAL PARLOR. P. CHANEY, D. D. S., PROP. Call, write or telephone.

Dr. B. A. Pope, Practice confined to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

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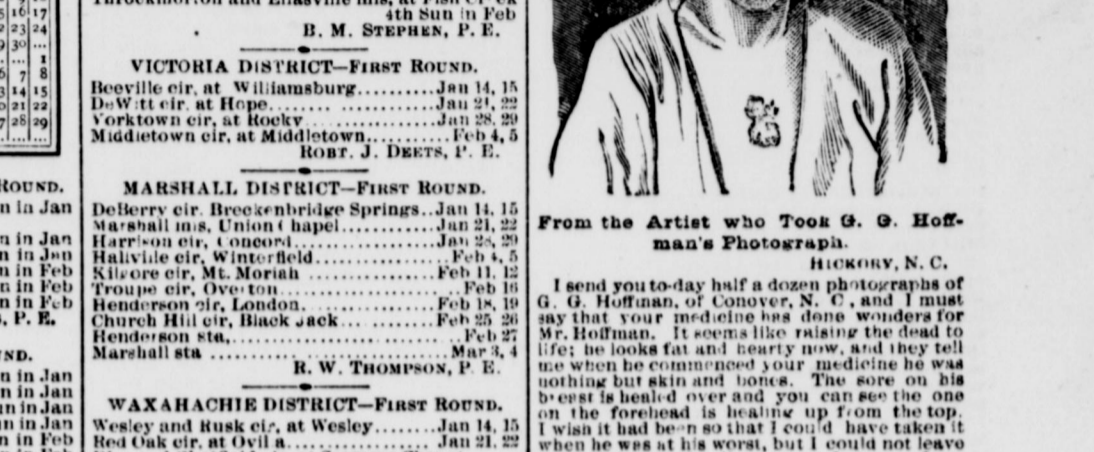
Wanted! To sell a Job Lot of Single and Double Harness, very cheap.

Do Not Buy a Piano or Organ Till you have written to C. H. Edwards at Dallas, for prices.

Unhandicapped Boy: Husband (to wife) "Do you believe in the theory that the greatness of a father often proves a stumbling block to the advancement of his son in life?"

Wife—"Certainly do. Thank heaven, John, our boy will never be handicapped in that way; but what are you looking for, my dear husband? My lit!

A Little Lay: Bachelor B.—"Why, Mary, that's a very small egg." Mary—"Yes, sir, it is; but it was only laid this morning, sir."



From the Artist who Took G. G. Hoffman's Photograph. I send you to-day half a dozen photographs of G. G. Hoffman, of Covener, N. C.

This man, G. G. Hoffman, has risen by the "Old-fashioned" way. He is to his present wonderful height by the use of a short time his boneless forehead will be fully formed, and he will stand a monument of humanity raised from the verge of death.

Not many such desperate cases may be found, but when they are they should not be despised, as in the case of Hoffman, when they are cured, it is not unreasonable that it will cure all cases of boneless forehead, once as it has done in thousands of instances?

The Mayor and doctors of Covener will verify the awful condition in which Mr. Hoffman was raised. B. B. GOUGH.

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That instantly stops the scorching pains, allays the inflammation, and cures Croup, whooping cough, influenza, &c.

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PERFECT DIGESTION. Will be accomplished by taking one of Radway's Pills every morning about ten o'clock, as a dinner pill.

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60,000 and not of these instruments have been sold in the North-west. My invention is simple, inexpensive and easily used.

GUNS. Our \$15 Shot Gun now \$10.

BEAUTY of Skin & Scalp RESTORED by the CUTICURA Remedies.

NOTHING IS KNOWN TO SCIENCE AT all comparable to the CUTICURA REMEDIES in their marvelous power of cleaning, purifying and beautifying the skin, and in curing itching, disfiguring, itching, scaly and pimply diseases of the scalp and head.

Devotional. KNOWLEDGE AND FAITH.

Father, it is not knowledge that I ask Of what Thy wisdom deems it best to hide; I ask Thee, rather, for a perfect faith,

TRUE KNOWLEDGE.

The knowledge of Christ is a power that never fades. Carry it in your bosom, and it will fill your life with fragrance.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

There is one mark of a household in which God is known and loved, which is too often wanting in our day—I mean the practice of family prayer.

OBITUARIES.

I know of one household in which the perplexing question, "What present shall I give?" has been happily disposed of for this year.

ATHER increasing, the happiness of the festive day. Try it, try it.—W. W. Beecher, in New York Evangelist.

"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS."

Jeanie D an says in the Heart of Mid Lothian: "It is in a when we sleep soft and wake merrily, ourselves, that we think on other people's sufferings."

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY.

The only true refuge from doubt is the light of ampler truth.—Rev Peter S. Monist.

Man would be but a vain thing—a toy, in re dust and ashes, a passing vapor—did he not know his nothingness.

NO AMOUNT OF WEALTH SETS ONE FREE FROM THE OBLIGATION TO WORK.

Child of sorrow, do you leave these? Those on whom thy hopes have stayed? Jesus calls and will rescue thee;

FAILURE IS OFTEN GOD'S OWN TOOL FOR CARVING OUT SOME OF THE FINEST OUTLINES IN THE CHARACTER OF HIS CHILDREN.

No amount of wealth sets one free from the obligation to work—in a world of the God which is ever working.

FAITH SPANS THE SPACE BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD OF SENSE AND THE MORE REAL WORLD OF HIDDEN LIFE.

Thou art the spirit of our hearts, the friend of kindly life. Thou wouldst not that our hearts should prove the places of wrath and strife.

SCOTT-ZANTZ.—At the residence of the bride's father, Rev. T. C. Eason, on Dec. 23, 1887, by Rev. T. M. Pyle, Mr. D. Scott, of Coryell county, Texas, and Miss Annie Zant, of Stephens county, Texas.

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PAIKER-EAGAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Rev. M. R. Paker, on Dec. 23, 1887, by Rev. R. S. Gorham, Mr. J. R. Parker and Miss E. M. Kinmons, all of Collin county, Texas.

WATTS-McCLAIN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. McClain, near Fickville, Travis county, Dec. 23, 1887, by Rev. J. W. Whipple, assisted by Rev. M. H. Carter, Rev. H. B. Watts to Miss Julia McClain.

HAUGHMAN-HALL.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Hall, in Coleman county, Texas, Dec. 23, 1887, by Rev. J. H. Haughman, of Bell county, Texas, and Miss Roxie Hall, of Coleman county.

RAUSDALE-LATTIMORE.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Old Jacksonville, Dec. 18, 1887, by Rev. T. Booth, Mr. Dewitt Ragsdale and Miss Lizzie Lattimore, both of Cherokee county.

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FOWLER-FITZVILLIAMS.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Bastrop county, Dec. 24, 1887, by Rev. S. H. Morgan, Dr. T. R. Fowler and Miss Alice Fitzvilliams.

SMITHER-WAGNER.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Dec. 21, 1887, by Rev. J. W. Vest, Mr. C. D. Smither and Miss Nettie Wagner.

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Obituaries.

The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines; or about 120 to 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices.

THOMAS.—N. L. Thomas was born in South Carolina in 1816, and died at his home in Hart county, Texas, Oct. 24, 1887.

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WILSON.—Marvin, infant son of T. H. and Sallie Wilson, was born April 7, 1887, and died Dec. 23, same year.

REDELL, TEXAS. GILLESPIE.—Charles B. Gillespie, Jr., one of our boys born to Charles and Emily Gillespie July 29, 1887, departed this life Oct. 19, 1887.

WOODHOUSE.—Died on Nov. 22, 1887, Little D. Woodhouse, only daughter of the late T. K. Woodhouse. She had been an intense sufferer for three years.

FULTON.—Newborn Anderson, son of Rev. L. D. and S. F. Fulton, was born in Anderson county, on Dec. 3, 1887, by Rev. M. H. Carter, in holy baptism when 1 1/2 weeks old.

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Uncle Rasmus—"Yes, sah, I see seventy yar ole ter day. Gentine-an-Is your hearing good, Uncle Rasmus?"

Three Misses, Oct. 10, 1887. Messrs. A. T. SHALLENBERGER & CO. Rochester, Pa. Genl. The bottle of Shalshenberg's Pills sent me February 1st I gave to W. G. Anderson, of this place.

While living in Eastern Texas, my wife suffered with chills for eighteen months, and after trying several doctors and a host of so-called "chill cures," without effect, I moved my family to this county, where my wife continued to suffer with her chills for nine months more.

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Probably the most extensively dressed man seen in Pittsburg for many a day was Toy Tan, a Chinese, who in his way to Washington, D.C., carried a sack of silk, which he had dressed for a party in his country.

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Don't plant immature potatoes if you expect to raise them to maturity. They will be small and of little value. Select the most perfect ones and fully matured, to get the best results. It is the same with seeds of all kinds.

Cows are said to drink from fifty-one to 180 pounds of water daily, according to size, age, use, breed, etc. Observe the necessity of providing of water to meet their every want.

Ground grain food is better for cows than unground, so much so that it far more than pays for the expense of grinding. Ground food, as cut fodder, saves muscular and digestive effort, and is more readily assimilated.

In purchasing wind mills a Northern journal thinks a common mistake is made in selecting such as have not come from light winds. It thinks it better to have a little more power than necessary, than too little.

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Worked Awaful Hard: First St. Paul Lady—"I gave my husband a splendid present Christmas." Second St. Paul Lady—"Dear you!" "Yes, and I worked awfully hard to get the money to buy it with." "Is that so?" "Yes, I had to ask my husband for it as many as five times."

Workmen who were digging a ditch in Montgomery county, Indiana, struck a stratum of earth resembling white clay, which turned black on being exposed to the air. Pieces of it dropped into the fire were found to burn freely. The substance is supposed to be coal of the first formation.

Each Senator and Representative at Washington is allowed a stationary horse of his own. Those who do not draw their full salary can draw in cash what is their credit. They say that some of the thirty statesmen mentioned in the preceding article are getting honorables, go out, buy cheap writing material, and slip into their pocket-books the nice slick, green \$100 bills.

James Langham is a prominent cattle dealer of Belleville, Ont. Mr. Langham recently received a cable dispatch from Lord Dufferin, vicerey of India, offering him the management of the estate of Prince Nizam at Hyderabad, at a salary of \$15,000 a year. Mr. Langham has accepted the offer. Prince Nizam intends to run his estate on American principles, and has the latest improved agricultural machinery.

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Don't plant immature potatoes if you expect to raise them to maturity. They will be small and of little value. Select the most perfect ones and fully matured, to get the best results. It is the same with seeds of all kinds.

Cows are said to drink from fifty-one to 180 pounds of water daily, according to size, age, use, breed, etc. Observe the necessity of providing of water to meet their every want.

Ground grain food is better for cows than unground, so much so that it far more than pays for the expense of grinding. Ground food, as cut fodder, saves muscular and digestive effort, and is more readily assimilated.

In purchasing wind mills a Northern journal thinks a common mistake is made in selecting such as have not come from light winds. It thinks it better to have a little more power than necessary, than too little.

Pocket Phlebotomy: Dr. Diebill—"You may thank your stars, sir, that physicians in your day don't bleed patients afflicted with your malady as they used to." Patient (dubiously)—"I'm not so sure that they don't."

Mr. Borely Bore-Bore (pausing at the door)—"Ab, beg pardon, you have your hat and cane, I see. I will call again. Buy Editor? Do come in and sit down; I am just going out."

"Do you mean to tell me," she asked, "that you are deliberately going to shoot little birds and kind, beautiful animals, and 'ma'am,' he replied, "I will not go so far as to say that. I have my usual luck I shall shoot nothing but my gun."

Mr. J. A. Little killed a hog of the Berkshire variety last week that measured seven feet eight inches in length, five feet eight inches around the body, and weighed 450 lbs. Who can beat it?—Greenfield News Era.

"And why are you so surprised, Mr. Sampson, she said, drawing herself up with superior air, "I play the piano so well." "Because your hands are so small, Miss Smith, that you must find it difficult to strike an octave." "Then she played some more for them."

Worked Awaful Hard: First St. Paul Lady—"I gave my husband a splendid present Christmas." Second St. Paul Lady—"Dear you!" "Yes, and I worked awfully hard to get the money to buy it with." "Is that so?" "Yes, I had to ask my husband for it as many as five times."

Workmen who were digging a ditch in Montgomery county, Indiana, struck a stratum of earth resembling white clay, which turned black on being exposed to the air. Pieces of it dropped into the fire were found to burn freely. The substance is supposed to be coal of the first formation.

Each Senator and Representative at Washington is allowed a stationary horse of his own. Those who do not draw their full salary can draw in cash what is their credit. They say that some of the thirty statesmen mentioned in the preceding article are getting honorables, go out, buy cheap writing material, and slip into their pocket-books the nice slick, green \$100 bills.

James Langham is a prominent cattle dealer of Belleville, Ont. Mr. Langham recently received a cable dispatch from Lord Dufferin, vicerey of India, offering him the management of the estate of Prince Nizam at Hyderabad, at a salary of \$15,000 a year. Mr. Langham has accepted the offer. Prince Nizam intends to run his estate on American principles, and has the latest improved agricultural machinery.

One of the delicacies of Gov. Hill's Christmas dinner was a frozen watermelon sent by Fish Commissioner Blackford of New York. Last September, while at Mount McGregor, it was suggested to Commissioner Blackford that if fish could be preserved by refrigeration machines could be made.

Jenk's Dream Jenk had a queer dream the other night. He thought he saw a prize-fighters' ring, and in the middle of it stood a doughy little champion who met and deliberately knocked over by one, a score or more of his prize-looking fellows, as they advanced to the attack.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and Throat and other ailments, and to render radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful cures in the most obstinate and long-standing cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men.

A handful of kismet thrown on the manure in the stable who have all the elements of power and preserve for future use as manure valuable properties that might have been lost through atmospheric influences. It would pay to keep a lot of kismet in the stable for daily use.

Any physician who desires to use that great female remedy and regulator, Dr. (Dr. Thompson's) English Female Pills in his practice, can learn the composition of it by applying to the proprietors.

Business is Business: Kansas City Physician in a hurry. Wednesday night, a man can't get out in the middle of a night like this even to save a life! Strange? I hear you've got a corner lot for sale, and I want to see it. Fix your price, and I'll see where you are. I'll be down in a minute."

Coughs and Colds. Those who are suffering from Cough, Croup, Hoarseness, Throat, etc. should try BROWN'S BRONCHIAL THROAT, a simple and effective remedy. They contain nothing poisonous, and may be used at all times with perfect safety.

A new elevated railroad is to be built in Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, New York, running from the East to the North River. Mr. D. D. Conover is president of the company, which has a stock of \$1,200,000. Work will be begun as soon as the weather permits.

Gray hair is made to resume its youthful color and beauty by the use of Hall's Vegetable Sulfur Hair Renewer, the best preparation known to science.

A business man of Somerset, Ky., wrote to a man in the country, and on the envelope that held the letter was the usual "Return in care of,"—Somerset, Ky. A couple of weeks afterward the letter came back accompanied by a note in which the writer said that according to request he returned the letter, though for the life of him he didn't see why he was so particular about having it sent back.

In the State House. Our representatives under the heat of discussion of going out catches cold, contracts a cough, has a cold, and when he returns home he finds that he has a cold, and he takes Dr. (Dr. Thompson's) Sweet Gum and Mullein cures coughs, colds and consumptions.

How the Matter Was Arranged: "My dear friend, I am delighted to meet you. Just the way I wanted to see you. Can you kindly lend me \$20. I unfortunately left my money at home, and haven't a cent on me." "I'm awfully sorry, old chap, but I haven't a cent to lend you just now. I can fix it, though, so that you can get it almost immediately." "Ten thousand thanks, dear boy." "Here's ten cents. Take the street car and go home and get your money."

Church Notices.

Calendar of church notices for 1888, including dates for various churches and districts such as SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT, TERRELL DISTRICT, CHAPPELL HILL, etc.

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An Unhappily Married: Husband (to wife)—"Do you believe in the theory that the greatness of a father often proves a stumbling block to the advancement of his son in life?"

A Little Lay: Bachelor B.—"Why, Mary, that's a very small egg!" Mary—"Yes, sir, it is; but it was only laid this morning, sir."



From the Artist who Took G. G. Hoffman's Photograph. HOFFMAN, N. C. G. G. Hoffman, of Conway, N. C., and must say that your medicine has done wonders for me.

I sent you to-day half a dozen photographs of G. G. Hoffman, of Conway, N. C., and must say that your medicine has done wonders for me. It seems like raising the dead to life, he looked fat and healthy now, and they tell me when he commenced your medicine he was nothing but skin and bones.

This man, G. G. Hoffman, has risen by the use of Hoffman's Blood Purifier. He is in his present wonderful improved condition. In a short time his boneless forehead will be fully restored, and he will stand a monument of humanity raised from the verge of death. Few persons ever recovered under a low state of being on a dying bed from that fell death, over blood-poison, with the bones of his face rotted and falling out, and the doctors, and given out to die. From skin and bones, wretched by blood-poison, to health and sound flesh, in less than six weeks, he has done it.

Not many such desperate cases may be found, but when they are, they should not despair of recovery, as it is in your hands. When this medicine can cure such extreme cases, let it not be thought that it will cure all cases of blood-poison or any disease, as it has done in thousands of instances.

The Mayor and doctors of Conway will verify the awful condition in which Mr. Hoffman was raised. B. B. CO.

BELLS. BUCKEYE BELL FOUNDRY. Sole Agents: KATE & CO., Louisville, Ky. BELLS. McShane Bell Foundry. Finest Grade of Bells. H. McSHANE & Co., Baltimore, Md.

BELLS. Steel Alloy Church and School Bells. Send for Catalogue. C. S. BELL & CO., Hillsboro, Ind.

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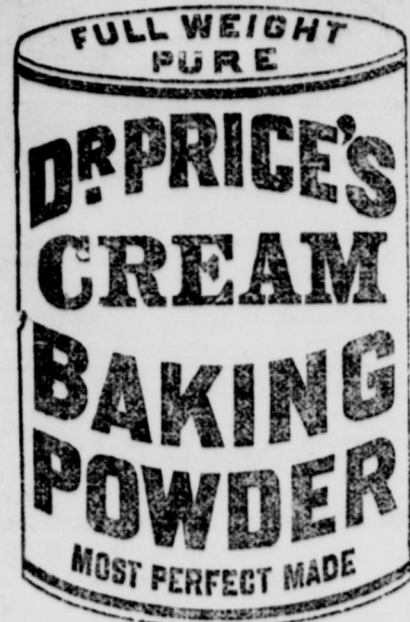
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WAGON DISTRICT—First Round. Mexico cr., at Mexico, 4th Sun in Jan. 15. Grovesdale cr., at Grovesdale, 2d Sun in Jan. 22.

CORPUS CHRIST



Dallas Postoffice.
For the year 1887 the statistics of the Dallas postoffice are suggestive. They show:
Grand total transactions..... \$2,630,407.42
Total pieces mailed, handled by carriers..... 8,613,783
Total pieces mailed handled through boxes..... 781,835
Total pieces mailed handled through general delivery..... 1,115,906
Total pieces mailed handled through registry division..... 98,445
Total pieces mailed handled by mailing division..... 12,875,558
Grand total..... 23,485,227
Number pouches handled..... 25,650
Number paper sacks handled..... 48,275
Total..... 74,925
The following are comparisons with former years and show great increase: For 1877, \$94,745.77; excess of 1887 over 1877, \$12,035.03. For 1886, \$52,010.17; excess of 1886 over 1885, \$10,878.88. For 1885, \$41,736.29; excess of 1887 over 1885, \$23,069.43. Number of registers in 1887, 98,445; number of registers in 1886, 75,409; excess of 1887 over 1886, 23,036. Increase in registry department over 50 per cent in 1887 over 1886.

FALLING FINANCIERS.
Wall Street Leaders Go Down One by One—What Causes Their Fall?
Bank Presidents say that 75 per cent. of the men who go into business, fail. The percentage is much larger among financial operators. Ninety-nine out of a hundred of the "Napoleons of Finance" of Wall street end their careers in failure.
John Tobin, once President of the Hudson River Railroad, and worth \$2,000,000, is now a \$5 bucket shop operator. He gambled, lost money to John Morrissey, refused to pay, was reported to old Commodore Vanderbilt, and turned out of his Presidency.
Henry Smith was a noted operator in Wall street, for a time very successful, and accumulated a fortune of over \$5,000,000. He fought Jay Gould in numerous speculations, and once said, "I'll make Jay Gould earn his living with a hand-organ and monkey." When he failed for \$5,000,000, Gould quietly remarked: "He might now try the hand-organ himself."
John Pondir was once famous as the honest, but one of the most successful men of Wall street. He was worth \$1,000,000, but has at last joined the long procession of "the busted."
These men are said to lose their heads. They first lose, in the grinding processes of speculation, their physical stamina. Mental feebleness naturally follows. With physical weakness also comes lack of nerve. A clear head and nerve are essential requisites to Wall street success; with the primary organs out of gear, neither can be retained.
Derangement of the kidneys is a common result of mental overwork. When they fail to carry off the waste matter of the system, uric acid, that deadly poison, accumulates, and sneaks through all the blood channels. The whole system becomes a sort of cess-pool, and every function is impaired. Unless relief is found, the "general break-up" soon follows.
Mr. E. Evans, President of the Lumber Exchange Bank, of Tonawanda, N. Y., broke down in 1883, and ran down in weight from 185 pounds to 120 pounds. He rallied somewhat, but afterward became very low, with terrible pain in the kidneys. Physicians could not help him, but he finally procured Warner's safe cure, and he writes: "I was relieved of pain within twenty minutes after I had taken the first dose. I began to improve rapidly, and am still improving and gaining in strength and weight."
"If the young 'Napoleons of Finance' would 'call' for fewer cocktails, 'put' an occasional dollar into Warner's safe cure, and keep their kidneys 'at par,' they would retain a longer grip on Wall street.

CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED.
Dr. J. S. Coombs, Owensville, Ohio, says: "I have given Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, in its popular form, to over 100 patients with better results than seemed possible with any remedy. All were hereditary cases of Lung disease, and in that stage when cough, pain in the chest, frequent breathing, frequent pulse, frequent sweats, and all these cases have increased in weight from 10 to 25 lbs, and are now now ready for any medicine."
It was a queer coincidence that the venerable Dr. John D. Ogden, of New York, should have died the night before Christmas. He was twice married, both of his wives being daughters of a General G. Moore, the author of the poem, "The Night Before Christmas."
Large numbers of Christmas presents were sent for foreigners in this country to relatives and friends on the other side of the year. One firm in New York sent over \$500,000 worth.
Among the people of today, there are few in the habit of taking the most efficacious of Peckly Ash Bark and Berries, as a household remedy. Tea and drinks have been made of them for centuries, and in hundreds of families have formed the safe reliance for intimate and kidney diseases. Peckly Ash Bark now takes the place of the old system and is more beneficial in all troubles of this nature.
Dr. P. Whipple, a New York man, has a cow which has yielded the record in yield of milk in 202 days of this year 25,000 pounds of milk, which is easily thirty times her own weight.
Hunt's Cure—"for 'Tetter.'"
Cheatham's Chill Tonic, "the best."
Texas has for several years been making rapid strides in formulating and encouraging public enterprises and to-day is the leading and most public spirited State in the South and now bids fair to be in a few years the sovereign State of the Union. One among its numerous enterprises, and of only a few years growth, is the manufacture of steamships, by A. H. Cheatham, of Cheatham's Chill Tonic, and Hunt's Cure, both of which are now popularly known from the Pacific to the Atlantic Coast. Cheatham's Chill Tonic is of undoubted merit, as it combines all the elements of a strengthener and an appetizer, and is a never failing remedy for the cure of "CHILLS and FLUENTS, and, what, besides to take and contain neither quinine, nor poisons." Hunt's Cure, has gained quite a reputation as a specific in all cutaneous diseases, such as Itch, Ring worm, Tetter, Eczema, Scaly-skin, itching Flock, all skin eruptions, and a very best cure for all sores.
The few words of praise bestowed on the glove preparations is very deserving, and we take pleasure in recommending them to the public at large.
Ben Butler has not sent in his bill yet to the Chicago merchants. Lawyer Tucker writes: "I have heard his bill is still pending. All the money has been spent giving the martyrs funerals."

SANGER BROS.

CLEARING SALE.

REAL BARGAINS

Great Inducements

House Furnishings!

SILK DEPT.

Black Silks.
At 72 1/2c will be sold our regular 95c Black Gros Grain Silk.
At \$1.15 our whole line of \$1.50 Gros Grain Black Silks.
Colored Silks.
At 62 1/2c our 18-inch Colored Gros Grain Silk, actual value \$1.
At \$1.50 our Colored Fausse Francaise Silk, really worth \$2.25.
Silk Velvets.
In Silk Velvets we will offer this week a full line of all colors and black at 65c a yard, worth \$1.
Velveteens.
Our Colored Velveteens will be divided into three lots, at—
25c per yard.....worth 50c
35c per yard.....worth 75c
50c per yard.....worth \$1
All our fancy Brocade Velvets at just one-third the former price.
The remnants of Silk made during the rush in the fall comprises thousands of lengths in all grades and qualities, and are now marked at a mere fraction of their value.
Buttons.
Buttons at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c a dozen, that are marvels of beauty and low prices.
Dress Goods.
40-inch Fancy Chevrons, would be good value at 50c, but will be sold this week for 25c a yard.
Extra quality 50-inch Fine Foulle Cloths at 90c a yard, \$1.50.
25 pieces of 40-inch Black Armures reduced from \$1 a yard to 65c.
30-inch Camels' Hair Serges 30c a yard, worth 50c.
Single width Dress Goods at 10c and 12c a yard, worth double.
All the remnants in this department are now being sold at 40c on the dollar.
Dress Patterns.
We have still a few Paris Dress Patterns in plain and fancy for combination. Not very many left, but if you can find one to suit your fancy you can purchase it for much less than the actual cost of importation.
Trimming, Braid, Etc.
A line of trimming Braids at 10c, 15c and 20c a yard, worth 15c, 25c and 30c.
Colored Silk Passmentarie 50c a yard, reduced from 75c.
Another line at 50c a yard, reduced from 85c. Still finer quality at 50c a yard, reduced from \$1.50.
Tinsel and Silk Novelty Passmentarie \$1.35, worth \$2.50.
Black Jet
Passmentarie at a great reduction from former prices, which were low.
Ladies' Neckwear.
All our Novelties in Neckwear marked to one-half the former price.
Ribbons.
All Silk Sateen and Gros Grain Ribbons, No. 16, our best standard quality in all the new colors, 25c a yard.
Our best quality of all Silk Gros Grain Ribbons, No. 16, in crown, pleat and loop edge, all new colors, 30c a yard.
Assorted lots of standard Ribbons at 5c, 10c and 15c a yard.
Java Canvas,
In white, black and all colors, 5c a yard.
Chemise Ornaments for fancy work, 25c a dozen, worth 75c, and 50c a dozen, worth \$1.25.
Zephyrs and Wools.
Zephyrs in all colors 5c an ounce, for a short time only.
Tinsel Macrame Cord 50c per dozen hanks. Shetland Floss 10c a skein. Shetland Wool 10c a skein.
Stamping Patterns
At 25, 50 and 100 each, being one third less than cost.
Gents' Shoes.
Gents' Calf Button Balmoral and Congress Shoes, Hayden's make, French and London toe, genuine bargains, offered at \$3.50, formerly sold at \$5.
Gents' genuine Calf Hand-sewed Button Shoes in all shapes and sizes \$4.25, formerly sold at \$5.
An assorted lot of Gents' best Hand-made, Calf Button Shoes in broken lots and odd sizes, \$3.50 to \$5, Shoes usually sold at \$5 and \$7.50.

Positive Reductions in Muslins.

44 Bleached Muslin 5c a yard, worth 7 1/2c.
44 Soft Finish Bleached Muslin, standard quality, 7c, worth 10c.
Extra heavy 44 Bleached Muslin, 8 1/2c, worth 11 1/2c.
44 Sea Island Cotton 5 1/4c, worth 7 1/2c.
Extra heavy quality 6 3/4c, worth 9c; still better grade 7 1/4c, worth 10 1/2c.

Lap Robes.

Two special numbers of our \$3 Robes will be closed out at \$2.75.
Our \$3.50 Robes will go for \$2.

Blankets.

Balance of our all wool White Blankets at \$7.50 will be sold out at \$4.95.

Comforts.

50 cases Quilts in 3 numbers must be closed out this month:
\$1.75 quality for \$1.25.
\$2.25 quality for \$1.40.

Flannels.

Heavy Bleached and Unbleached Canton Flannels, worth 10c. Our price for this sale 6 1/2c per yard.
Extra heavy Twilled Bleached and Unbleached Canton Flannels, worth 12 1/2c, will be sold for 9c per yard.
All wool Red Flannel, 25 inches wide, 17c a yard, always sold for 25c.
Extra heavy grade, 27 inches wide, 22 1/2c a yard, sold for 32 1/2c.

Tricsots.

54 inch Tricsots in all colors, 7c a yard, reduced from \$1 a yard.

Extraordinary Values in Gloves.

All the balance of our extra quality 50c Kid Gloves will now be sold for 35c per pair.
All the balance of our extra value Kid Gloves will be sold for 50c per pair.
We have still a few dozen pairs of our fine Red Kid 1/2 Button Gloves, embroidered backs, \$1 per pair, now really worth and good value for \$1.50.

Attractions at the Ho-siery Counter.

Ladies' all wool Black Hose 30c a pair, reduced from 50c.
Ladies' full regular made Cashmere Hose in black and colors 85c, reduced from 90c.
Ladies' Cashmere Hose 50c per pair, reduced from 75c.
Children's Wool Hose at 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c per pair, being just one half of former prices.
It is not a question of cost with us; it is a question of space. Room we must have, and we have marked the prices so low as to effect a speedy clearance.
Ladies' Shoes.
Ladies' genuine French Kid Button Operas, toe and heel, elegantly trimmed and nicely finished, at \$4, formerly sold at \$6.
Ladies' English Waukenhast Button Shoes, hand-sewed, at \$3.50, formerly \$5.
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An assorted lot of Burt's make, Ladies' Shoes for dress and street wear, \$4, former price \$5.

A Proclamation!
Dr. J. G. Lewis, Fulton, Ark., says: "A year ago I had bilious fever; felt that I could not get any more rest; that I used time. Never did medicine give me a happier effect. After a prostration of a couple of years, I proclaim that I am the best."
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medicines are used. "I always prefer Tetter."
Tutt's Pills
Cure All Bilious Diseases.

General News.

Alcoholic and Salt Beverages.
The Commissioner of Agriculture has just issued the third of a series of reports on adulterations of foods, drinks and drugs. This report treats of adulterations of fermented alcoholic beverages, malt liquors, wine and cider. The chemical and analytical notes in the report are made, concludes that beer is generally adulterated with acid, poisonous and injurious to health. Of thirty three samples of beer analyzed five American beers contained salicylic acid, of which two were bottle brand samples of Milwaukee beer, two from St. Louis, one from Alexandria, Va., and one from Philadelphia, which latter was also noted in Philadelphia beer was only top substitute found. Of beer brewed in Washington one contained sulphite and one carbonate of soda, the latter article was also found in Alexandria beer. One foreign beer contained salicylic acid. The use of glucose and sugar in malt adulterations is condemned as injurious to health. The pressed vinegar used by brewers is still more severely condemned as means of putting bad beer on the market. Wines and cider are also reported to be extensively adulterated.

Some Important Bills.
Hon. Jim H. Reagan has introduced a bill in the U. S. Senate making common carriers of all express cars, Pullman, or sleeping cars, and all cars owned by any private citizens, or corporations other than the railroad corporation owning, operating or leasing the roads. Also, one forbidding discrimination in favor of common carriers because of competition between railroads and water-roads.
Mr. Reagan strikes at the grossest of protective robberies in his Bill No. 93, by annulling the laws which prohibit or restrict citizens of the United States from purchasing ships built in other countries to be used in the carrying trade of the United States, or which impose taxes, burdens, or restrictions on such ships when owned by American citizens which are not imposed on ships built in the United States, and it shall be lawful for any citizen of the United States to buy ships built in whole or in part in any foreign country, and have them registered as ships of the United States, and when so purchased and registered such ships shall be entitled to all the rights and subject only to the same regulations as are now provided by law for government and management of ships built wholly within the United States and owned and controlled by citizens thereof.
Mr. Reagan's Senate Bill No. 936 will put it out of the power of monopoly to persecute striking laborers by "getting on the good side" of the courts. It provides that no circuit or district court or judge shall have power to punish any person in such cases for contempt of court other than the officers or agents of the court, parties in interest, or persons who by violence or fraud resist the orders of the court, or resist or hinder the action of the receiver or other appointee of the court, or for contempt committed in the presence of the court; and that mere laborers in the service connected with the business of the insolvent shall not be considered as officers of the court, or subject to punishment as for contempt for peacefully quitting such service, or for peacefully advising others to do so; nor shall they be liable to punishment for merely constructive contempt.

Business Troubles.
J. M. Flenster & Co., attached at Longview. * * * Dr. E. P. Kenper, drugs, assigned at Hempstead. * * * G. W. Wood, restaurant, closed at Rockwall. * * * Chas. Jacobs, an old merchant of Palestine, attached. * * * The Masonic Mutual Benevolent Association of Texas closed by attachment at Fort Worth. * * * J. S. Clark, confectioner, assigned at Fort Worth.

Consolidated.
The Texas Pilot and Texas Blade, of Bryan, have consolidated—or rather the Blade has been merged into the Pilot. A stock company will run the Pilot.

Miscellaneous.
Gov. Edward Bragg, of Wisconsin, is to be minister to Mexico. * * * Hon. John Sherman favors the issue of national bank notes equal to the par value of bonds deposited, and the repeal of one per cent tax on circulation. Mr. Sherman is not the only politician especially friendly to national banks. * * * L. C. Q. Lamar, Secretary of the Interior, submitted his resignation January 7. * * * Gov. Loxry in his message to the Legislature of Mississippi recommends the submission of a constitutional amendment making a receipt for the poll-tax a prerequisite to casting the ballot. * * * Nevada, Mo., has increased saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1200, and the eleven saloons there have closed in consequence. * * * Nashville, Tenn., is rejoicing over the fact that she has regained the position of fifth in the list of the best and shoe-jobbing business of the country. That city last year handled over 65,000 cases of boots and shoes. The business was handled by nine firms. In 1886 Nashville dropped to the sixth place.

About the Negroes.
Lath Longbeard was shot by Ben Stanley, near Bryan. It is thought he will die. San Antonio refused by an overwhelming majority to tax themselves another to erect on the \$100 to build an additional school-house for the negroes.
The body of a negro, badly nunged, was found alongside the railroad track, near Mount Cuba. From an express receipt on his person, it is thought his name is Wm. James. A negro mob in Pickett county, S. C., hung a half-witted white man, whom they accused of mistreating a negro girl.
A Woodville, (Tex.) telegram gives account of an insolent and drunken negro, who fired three shots at two white men because they would not permit him to enter the ladies-car on the Sabine & East Texas railroad. Luckily nobody was hurt. The negro jumped from the train, but it is thought will be caught.
The troops at Jefferson barracks (St. Louis) drew their pay last week. Aided by whiskey and magnified ideas of the social status, a row occurred between white and colored troops. Three white men were perhaps fatally hurt—while fifty or more on either side were bruised and battered.

A Federal Claim to Great Country.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The President has issued the following proclamation:
Whereas, the title to all that territory lying between the north and south forks of Red river and the hundredth degree of longitude and jurisdiction over the same is vested in the United States, it being a part of the Indian Territory, as shown by surveys and investigation made on behalf of the United States which territory the State of Texas also claims title to and jurisdiction over; and whereas, said conflicting claim grows out of a controversy existing between the United States and the State of Texas as to the point where the hundredth degree of longitude crosses the Red river, as described in the treaty of Feb. 22, 1819, between the United States and Spain, fixing the boundary line between the two countries; and whereas, the commissioners appointed on the part of the United States under the act of Jan. 31, 1865, authorizing the appointment of a commission by the President to run and mark the boundary lines between a portion of the Indian Territory and the State of Texas, in connection with a similar commission to be appointed by the State of Texas, have by their report determined that the south fork is the true Red river designated in the treaty; the commissioner on the part of said State refusing to concur in said report.
Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby admonish and warn all persons, whether claiming to act as officers of the court, or otherwise, against selling or disposing of, or attempting to sell or dispose of any said lands, or from exercising or attempting to exercise any authority over said lands. And I also warn and admonish all persons against purchasing any part of said Territory from any person or persons whomsoever.
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington this 30th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1887, and of the Independence of the United States the 119th.

Over the State.

Texas Incidents.
San Angelo has a town clock, and now everybody sets their watches by a uniform time. * * * Jacksonville has a canning factory stock company with a subscribed stock of \$7500. * * * Sleet, snow, rain, ice, numerous cold cars and slip-ups have characterized many parts of Texas the past week. * * * The financial management of the school fund in Texas is such that neither head nor tail can be got at. It is in fact in a muddle. As is usual, some newspapers and politicians are endeavoring to find some one to blame instead of suggesting a remedy. It is to be hoped that the school board may formulate a comprehensive plan that will be adopted by the next legislature. * * * San Antonio is a fast town. A northern streak hit last Saturday, and the mercury dropped fifteen degrees in fifteen seconds. * * * Up to Jan. 1 from July 4 last, when the new Texasians law went into operation, the land commissioner had leased under this law 4,272,022 acres, yielding an annual revenue of \$120,000 and had sold 118,726 acres of agricultural land to actual settlers at about an average of \$1.25 per acre. Now 25 per cent sales are increasing daily and it is expected will reach one hundred sections monthly. * * * The Texas Treasury received \$300,000 from Jan. 1 to Jan. 5. * * * The Central Medical Association met at Waco. * * * J. S. Hingham, of Shell City, Mo., was killed at Alvarado while coupling cars. * * * The Harrison county Farmers Alliance opposes the district school system, and asks its repeal by the next legislature. * * * A. W. Busson, a real estate agent of Austin, accidentally killed himself—his car being by some means discharged while he was running a line in surveying some land near Dripping Springs. * * * The Southern Hotel and two residences burned at Sherman involved a loss of \$12,000. * * * W. M. Jerdone, who will be remembered as a disreputable State Senator from Galveston county, attempted suicide by stabbing himself four times in the abdomen. * * * Geo. McMahon fell from a second story window in Weatherford and killed himself. * * * The supreme and appellate courts are now doing business at Galveston. * * * The Marble Falls Manufacturing Co. is chartered for half a million. Cotton, wool, lard and ramie are among the materials it expects to consume. * * * John Henner, a farmer living near Leonard, was bitten in the jaw by a mad dog. Mr. H. killed the dog with a stick, and left immediately for McKinney to get the use of a mandrake. * * * H. A. Adams was fatally shot by Jas. Britt at East Bernard. Britt acted in self-defense. * * * The people of Madisonville (Texas) and vicinity have determined to rid their section of thugs and thieves. Two men have been killed, and a number have been practised a discretion which is the better part of valor by decapitating. Unenforced law is always provocative of mob-law. * * * Deputy Sheriff Ed. McClosky was accidentally shot and killed by Constable Stevens—all of San Antonio. * * * Sherman claims 10,000 population. * * * Laredo is erecting-smelting works. * * * San Antonio claims 45,000 inhabitants. * * * Pecos City will soon have a bank and newspaper. * * * Overton, East Texas, is on a regular boom on account of the extension of the Overton and Henderson railway. * * * The courthouse at Huntsville was burned; the records were saved. * * * Pleasanton, Atascosa county, wants a tap to the Aransas Pass railroad. * * * The Texas State Association of Architects will meet in Houston on the third Tuesday in January (the 17th) at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance is expected.

Chairmanships.
Mr. Mills is chairman of Ways and Means Committee in Congress; Culberson, of the Judiciary, and Lanham, of Claims.

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March 1st McMahon, ex-President of France, has aged rapidly. His old wounds often inclined to be troublesome, and he has been unable to do anything but resting news as to his condition. His intellectual powers are as strong as ever.

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Ben Butler has not sent in his bill yet to the Chicago merchants. Lawyer Tucker writes: "I have heard his bill is still pending. All the money has been spent giving the martyrs funerals."

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