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To The Public?

At the close of the Summer Seasons' Trade I wish to thank you kindly for the liberal patronage given me. My stock of Seasonable Merchandise is in fine shape for fall stock. I will go East in a short time to purchase an up-to-date stock of Fall goods. We BUY for CASH, so you can rest assured that your interests in Prices will be protected in the future as in the past, as to prices and quality of goods. We are receiving now our Line of Fall Shoes. Come and buy them, you will find them up-to-date styles for Men, Women and Children.

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Yours to Please,

T. J. Noland.

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Resolutions of Respect.

The following resolutions on the death of Miss Daisy White were adopted by the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday:

Whereas, God in the dispensation of Providence has called from this life to the life beyond our Sunday School Teacher, Miss Daisy White, therefore be it resolved, by the Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Clarendon, Texas, that we bow in humble submission to the will of Him, who is too wise to err, and whose afflictions are always in mercy sent; yet we realize the great loss that has come unto us in the death of our faithful and efficient teacher, therefore

Be it resolved, that we will endeavor so to live as to emulate her noble, sweet, Christian life, and example, before us as a school and as a class in addition to the wholesome instruction she so wisely and patiently bestowed upon us so striving to profit thereby, that as a whole class and school we may be able to dwell again with her in the beautiful, never ending home, "Over there."

Resolved, that we hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the grief stricken family and relatives and while we fully realize that no words of ours can fill the aching void of their sorrowing hearts, but we do commend them to the blessed Savior in whom she trusted from a little child even unto the last and who has promised, "I will never leave or forsake thee," and whose love is a balm for every sorrow of this life.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a page of the records of this Sunday school in memory of her, whom we loved in life and mourn in death, and that a copy also be furnished the family of the deceased, as a testimonial of the love and esteem in which she was held by the whole school and especially by all the members of the class of which she was so long the faithful teacher.

Committee: HELEN GRAHAM, KATIE TWOMBLY, NELLIE BAKER, JOHN MCLEAN, CLYDE CALDWELL.

"Brooks give the Agitator editor a roast this week. We would enjoy reading a war of words between these two champions. We will wager a quart of Sacramental wine that Brooks wins." —Panhandle Herald.

We beg the pardon of our readers for stopping to even note the above fact. It was not even necessary for him to come out in his little sheet and mention which side of this question he was on for anybody that ever saw a copy of it, would know at once that the saloons and bawdy houses had a warm friend in him. But since the Champion announces that it is out of it, we wonder if the Herald has the manhood to correct its former statement, or perhaps he would like to immortalize himself by becoming a champion. At any event, we don't believe that Sacramental wine or even Hostetters Bitters would be safe if placed too near the Herald office. Can you stand Bill or not?

Lock up the Saloon.

A poor woman stood near the magistrate who was hearing the case. "Drunk; third arrest," against her husband. It was quickly decided, but somehow the pathetic face of the woman touched the judge, and he said to her: "I am sorry, but I must lock up your husband." She did not seem one who would be a deep thinker, but was here not deep wisdom in her sad and quick reply. "Your honor, wouldn't it be better for me and the children if you locked up the saloon and let my husband go to work?" —Temperance Cause.

Young reader, keep your mouth free from all impurity and your "tongue from evil;" but, in order to do this, ask Jesus to cleanse your heart and keep it clean, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." —The Olive Leaf.

★5★ This Mark Means QUALITY. For Sale by T. J. Noland.

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To The Agitator.

WHITEFISH, TEX., July 14.

I like the AGITATOR very much, especially the position it occupies for right against wrong in denouncing the horse race, base ball, Sabbath desecrations and gambling of every sort. I do not understand why, nor how, any Christian man or woman can endorse such things. Church members may, but not Christians. Hurrah for the 'Agitator,' its working force and all its friends! Hurrah! Hurrah!! Hurrah!!! for Wooley and Metcalf. Hurrah for prohibition in Donley county and all over the U. S. Let every Christian vote as he prays and this fall's election will surprise the world. Every Protestant Christian must stand square on his feet, for right against wrong, irrespective of denominational lines, or else, whisky with all of its auxiliaries, (Rome included, of course) will ruin our "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

Stand square and all around, Yours, for Truth, Morality and Virtue. A. C. EPPER.

The billiard table in the Amarillo club room cost \$300. We wonder if the Methodist steward, the Baptist deacon and the Presbyterian elder that helped to buy it (and they did) ever read 1st. Cor, 10-31, where it says: "Whether, therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Instead of buying billiard tables to learn the young to gamble, would it not have been more to the glory of God to have given it to the starving mothers and children of India. These are questions that will have to be met in the day of judgment.

We wonder if that Baptist deacon that belongs to the Amarillo club participates in the hugging matches. If not, he is missing the best part of it so some of the young men and ladies think. Try it deacon and see.

If drunkenness is a disease, what right has the State to license saloons and propagate the disease? If drunkenness is a sin, what right has the Church to support a license party.—Epworth Era.


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CLUBS AND CLUBS,

Last week we promised to give some experience of our own concerning the club, and what we have said and may yet say on this subject is not for the sake of controversy, but from a sense of duty to the public and the interest we feel in the welfare of the young; and we have not come to these conclusions without some experience on the subject. The only argument that can be made in their defense, is that young people are young people and that they must have some sort of amusement, and if the church does not furnish something of the sort they will turn to the vicious. Now, all this sounds well and often catches innocent people. Such was the argument put to me many years ago in a town where we were pastor and we assisted in organizing a young mens' club. A nice up stairs hall was rented and books and papers in abundance were furnished, also innocent games, etc., but no billiard table was allowed. For awhile things went well and we congratulated ourselves that we had done a wise thing, but we noticed these same young men were absent

from the League Sabbath afternoon and from church at night. The club room had more attraction and we tried to remedy this by appointing some young men to hold prayer meetings for the club Sunday evenings, but they wanted to have a good social time and that no prayer meeting was desired. Some irreligious young men got at the head of affairs and they soon got to playing cards and other evils so that it did far more harm than good and we said when we saw that one disband that we had enough of clubs. We saw an effort made in a town where we were pastor once more to run a club; this time a building was nicely furnished and young ladies were admitted, it was said to furnish the the young people some where to spend their evenings, besides the saloons. Young men quit these places and came over and joined the club. It was respectable but soon the young men spent most of their time there and many that had hitherto spent their evenings at home now went regular to the club. It also had a charm for the girls and they soon lost interest in the church, in home, and mother and the church and the club and the boys was all they thought of. They soon got to dancing and many drifted away and openly antagonized the preacher and church. Now, this is one effort to do what is claimed for the club under the most favorable circumstances and there is not one in the state that is conducive to religion. They are dangerous to the best interests of the church and good society. Now, what we have said on the club has been from a religious standpoint and this is the guise under which they run it, "no harm." It's harm, and while it may be a little better than the saloon and above the dance hall, yet its influence is more hurtful and we had rather have three saloons than one club room where the billiard and card tables and dancing are allowed.

J. S. MORRIS,
Division Surgeon, F. W. and D. C. Ry.
CLARENDON, - TEXAS.

THE RACES AGAIN.
Last week we wrote an article on the violation of law by the recent running of the horse races along the public road. Some are trying to get out by saying there is no public roads in this county; but if they will take the pains to investigate they will find out their mistake. The track was along and within a few feet of the public road to Silverton and the mail hack passed along while they were running; not only this but the track crossed three of the streets of the town, viz. 5th, 6th and 7th, Jefferson Parks and Taylor streets with their alleys. This was a positive violation of the law. If any of these gamblers or their friends doubt what we say, both as to the law and the position of the track, let them investigate and see and they will find out we are correct. Many are saying that the law was violated but the grandjury will be such as not to indict them. We have this to say, that if the men who gambled on the public highway or the horse racers on the 4th are not indicted, then we had just as well quit talking about enforcing the law and we will not believe that twelve men can be found in this county that will perjure themselves in this way until we see it done. What is the use to investigate one kind of violations of law and excuse another? It is a question in favor and against the law, it is up, that does not excuse the grand jury from their oath. Let everybody watch this case.

S. J. WHITE,
Physician and Surgeon.
CLARENDON, TEXAS.
Graduate Tulane University.
Post Graduate New Orleans Polyclinic.

"We wish to state that the Amarillo Commercial club is not a bawdy house."—Times.
No one said it was and we never intimated such a thing and we have no doubt that many nice young men and ladies belong to it but we don't believe that it is any place for Christians. The Times is only trying to prejudice the minds of the people by intimating that some one has said such. There is one rule, however, that should be adopted by the club and that is that no young man that gets drunk, gambles and goes to bawdy houses can be a member, for such characters often belong and the Amarillo club is no exception.

The Champion says Amarillo is as "clean as any Panhandle town," and yet the editor of the Champion has to pass in going from home to his office several public bawdy houses. Do you call that clean? while gambling runs rampant. We are pretty well acquainted with every town in the Panhandle and we don't know one that has the record of Amarillo along this line.

We would like to ask some one that knows if it is a fact that some young men members of the club on two different occasions did get drunk and remained in the club room all night?

Some fool is evidently fooling with the ink bottle in the Times office at Amarillo who is too pusillanimous to sign his name but we suspect he is the same fellow that used to take a prominent part and pray in the Young Men's Christian Association in the evening and then spend the remainder of the night in the saloons and bawdy houses. The last we heard of him he was very enthusiastic over the club.

Last week in our attack upon the club, we knocked the lid off the thing and the Champion being on the ground comes out in an article this week and says the senech is such that no further notice can be given by that paper. She must be rotten sure enough when the Champion gives up from weak stomach.

"So far as the support of this paper is concerned it is patronized by the best people in the city, and at regular rates—payable monthly—no collection boxes passed for our benefit. We believe this is all for this time."—Morning Times.

It would be better for some of our Clarendon merchants if the collection box was passed in behalf of the Times; then it might be able to pay them what it owes.

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For the past five weeks we have been kept at home night and day with a child sick with Typhoid fever and he is very low at this writing and we would ask all praying people to assist us with your prayers that if it is Gods will he may be spared to us.

Once we heard of a fellow that would pray in church and go to the saloon, and gamble and get so drunk he would have to be hauled home; also a member of a noted club. How does that strike you?

Don't fail to attend church during the hot days as well as the cold. Help to encourage the worship of God by your presence.

Amarillo is a growing town and a great many good people live there but instead of the Champion fighting us over the old club it should be making war on the officers for allowing public prostitutes and gamblers and Sunday base ball as it is being carried on up there.

It has made towns out of side and planted school houses among the sage brush.
Let the cattlemen patronize an industry that adds energy and success to his enterprise.
The great plains should foster an undertaking that makes their products valuable and their cattle available to the market.
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Local News Notes.
A. M. BEVILLE, Editor.

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For District and County Clerk,
GEO. F. MORGAN,
J. E. MOORE.

For Tax Assessor,
G. W. BAKER,
LEE S. SMITH.

For County Treasurer,
H. D. RAMSEY.

Don't forget the services at the Methodist church Sunday.

M. W. Easum spent the past week on his ranch.

Fruit jars at bottom prices at Stocking's drug store.

Mrs. G. S. Hardy and children went Wednesday to Childress on a visit.

For the latest styles, shades and patterns in wall paper, see HILL & DECKER.

Mrs. Gerock returned last Friday from a visit to relatives at Fort Worth.

Mrs. James E. Moore is quite sick with fever.

County Judge W. H. Brummet, of Claude, was in the city today.

R. N. Halbut of Glen Elder Kansas, is visiting his half brother T. J. Noland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pope of Pope's ranch in Hall county are visiting friends in Clarendon this week.

The new dwelling of T. P. Davis, in the South part of town, is now about complete.

Hill & Decker will buy 2 goods, and pay you all they are worth. Give them a call.

Percy Morris come in from the Morris ranch a week ago sick but is up now.

Wm. Cross will move his family into town by early fall for the benefit of the school.

Miss Dona Saye returned the first of the week from a 10 days visit to friends at Memphis.

FOUND—One pocket book. Owner can get same by calling at this office and describing property.

John Martin has completed all but the painting of his handsome new residence in the West part of town.

You Need no search warrant to find cool drinks if you call at August Williams place.

Mrs. Beverly still continues very sick, not yet being able to sit up, but is thought to be slowly recovering.

Rev. W. B. McKeown is spending the week at Wellington and country in the interest of Clarendon College.

W. D. Harper the photographer who makes his headquarters at Clayton N. M. is here on a social visit.

It is reported that Messrs. Hill & Decker have bought from Mr. Brannon the city telephone system.

Work has begun on the brick wall which will be put in on the South of the Jones & Trent Building.

Two new threshers went out into the country this week from Clarendon. They go for business strictly.

D. J. Calvery is building a 3 room addition to his already large and handsome residence in the West part of town.

For hardware, singletrees, doubletrees, chains, collars, pads &c., see Anderson. He will give you a hard times price.

County Attorney White is confined to his bed this week with sickness at the residence of his brother, Dr. White.

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Dr. Morris is expecting his brother C. S. Morris and children of Breckenridge Texas here this week. Mr. Morris is moving a stock of horses to this country.

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The revival services at the Christian church closed Monday night. During the meeting there were over 20 additions to the church.

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Houston Griffin returned the first of the week from a visit to his old home near Quanah, and has resumed his position in the Globe Confectionery.

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Mrs. Warner, of Arkansas City, Kansas, who is spending the summer with her daughters Mrs. Jefferies and Mrs. Kent is spending the week with Mrs. Kent at the J. J. ranch.

Anderson carries a larger line of high grade cheese than is carried between Fort Worth and Trinidad. When you want something that is nectar for the Gods see Anderson.

Prof. B. W. Hudgins and family, of Merkel, Tex., are visiting his father and family, B. Hudgins of Briscoe county, South of here, and will spend most of the summer.

Prof. Blankenship left Wednesday for Austin to act on the State Board of educational examiners to which place he was recently appointed. It will take 4 to 6 weeks to complete the work.

There were two fights in town last Tuesday morning. The first one was between two dogs, the other between two prominent men, owners of said dogs.

I have customers to buy 3 or 4 small 3 to 4 room dwellings, preferred in the West or South part of town. If you have any of the kind for sale, see me.
A. M. BEVILLE, Agent.

A letter this week from Rev. W. A. Allan says he is now at Evanston Ill. He is still much interested in the prosperity of Clarendon and her people and especially so with regard to Clarendon College.

W. S. Boone the genial manager of the English Photo Co., left the first of the week for Canyon City. He still insists that Clarendon is the best town on the Denver road and expects to return at some future time.

Sheriff Oliver, arrested a white man over in Wheeler county the first of the week that was wanted over in the Indian Territory on a grave charge before the United States court.

C. A. Wright returned last week from a very "pleasant visit" to see "his people" (?) in Wise county. Charlie is a royal, good fellow, but he still persists in being an old bachelor, though he modestly says, "Barkis is willing," but it don't look that way to us. One of his little nephews returned with him and will spend the summer at the ranch.

We call special attention to an article this week on our 4th page—headed "saloons awful work." Read every word of it. It is a very strong refutation of the saying that if you will let whiskey alone it will let you alone.

Two young negroes by some means opened some lock boxes at the Post Office and took a good many letters, some of which contained checks. They tried to cash the checks at the bank and were apprehended and will both likely get jobs in one of Uncle Sams penitentiaries.

Rev. J. N. Kendall, wife and little son John, passed through Clarendon the first of the week en-route home from Mulberry Flat where they had been visiting for a few days and attending a meeting. They had some of the first home-grown watermelons that we have seen this year. They were grown on Will Gramms place, and though not very large, the one we got to sample was well flavored.

On last Saturday evening the editor and manager of the AGITATOR took a drive out to the pleasant home of G. W. Antrobus East of town. Mr. Antrobus has some 16 acres in fruit trees of various kinds besides a number of shade trees, and has practically demonstrated that thrifty trees can be grown on high ground if they are properly cultivated. We had an opportunity to test some peaches which were exceptionally large and well flavored. Nothing adds so much to the beauty and value of a place as fruit and shade trees and in this respect G. W. is one of our most enterprising citizens.

Slot Machine Case.

Galveston, Tex., July 9.—Clerk Allen of the Criminal Court today received a mandate from the Court of Criminal Appeals affirming the decision of the lower court in the case of James Prendergast, charged with exhibiting a slot machine. The case against Prendergast was tried March 10, 1899 in the Criminal District Court, and Prendergast was fined \$100. The case went to higher court on appeal. At the time of Prendergast trial there were a number of other cases of the same kind to be tried, which have been pending awaiting the action of the Criminal Court of Appeals on the subject. The Prendergast case was in the nature of a test case. The other cases, which have been held up, are set for trial Thursday.—Dallas News.

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A large and vicious dog which is kept tied by its owner, but with a rope long enough to reach the street sprang upon Dr. Westbrook as he was passing on the street one day this week knocking him down and tearing his clothes

badly. He made a rush and got beyond reach of the dog's rope and saved himself. If it had been a small child it would likely have been killed. Dogs that are vicious should be killed before they do serious injury to some one.

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An Eloquent Minister Tells Some Plain Facts.

Rev. J. W. Hill, of Greenville, broke the record last week in his funeral oration by convincing the world that it is possible for a minister to tell the truth even at an open grave.—Sulphur Springs Gazette.

Following is the sermon:

"Neighbors, fellow-townsmen and friends: I am called upon this afternoon to discharge a duty of the saddest and most melancholy character that has ever fallen to my lot since I have been a minister of the gospel. One man and perhaps two has been hurled into eternity; unbidden, unwarned, unbidden, and unprepared, and how the audit stands is known to Him alone who seeth not as man seeth, and to whose judgment bar both speaker and hearer are hastening on as fast as the wheels of time can move.

The awful tragedy that has shocked our city and stabbed the hearts of so many innocent victims is not the result of Jesus' power; it is the legitimate work of sin. The gaping wounds of him who lies before me and of him who is dying in his bed near by are eloquent—more eloquent than any other human orator could be in support of that eternal principle expressed in the words of the Apostle: "Whatsoever a man soweth; that shall he also reap."

But alas for the work of sin! Its effects touch not alone the guilty perpetrator; it inflicts like the foul breath of the pestilence the innocent as well. That aged mother whose heart is bleeding for her ruined boy; that poor young wife whose hopes are crushed; and these fatherless children whose eyes are clouded by this awful tragedy—these, all these are victims of transgression which they took no part in, which they nevertheless suffer. Sometimes men are led to the liquor saloon alone." The

statement is false! Did not this gray haired mother, this good old woman, who with prayers and entreaties, tried to thwart the purpose of her prodigal boy—did she not let it alone? Did not this poor wife and these weeping children here—did they not let it alone? Did not this sister who pours her heart's blood out today—did she not let it alone? Yea, verily! But it did not let them alone! The shot that took Bob Bolton's life brought down his family in sorrow to the dust.

I have just come from the bedside of the dying officer who lies there in his delirium, calling for his mother; and as I looked upon his bleeding wounds and saw his weeping wife kissing his cold fingers and raining tears upon his purple face, in my heart of hearts I cursed the liquor traffic and heaved afresh a prayer to God that its awful work of blood and tears might cease to blight the homes and hearts of the people of this fair land!

For the men engaged in this nefarious business I have the kindest of feelings. If these cold lips could speak, they'd bear me out in this assertion. Because of this same sympathy, I am called upon today to speak at this open grave. These weeping mourners—this stricken family—let me witness how tenderly and how kindly myself and my wife dealt with the dead and with his. He was my near neighbor; his children were in my Sunday school, and I spared no pains to make him feel that I was a brotherman in sympathy with brothermen. I have also watched by his bedside in his sickness and at the dead hour of midnight, my wife and I have ministered to his afflicted family. I was not his enemy, but his friend and as his friend I stand beside his grave today and denounce that infernal traffic, that child of hell that spawn of the devil that has dragged him down to a premature death and left a cloud forever and forever upon what might have been a happy and peaceful home.

I speak unto the living; with the dead the tale is, Flattery could

not soothe the cold, dull ear nor the voice of censure stir to vengeance. With him the die is cast, the Rubicon is crossed, the balance sheet is struck, the books are closed. But to you, ye living men who view the ground where you must shortly lie—to you, my neighbors and my friends—to you who with me are hastening to the judgment bar of God, I speak out of my heart today and I ask of you how long is this deadly work to continue? How long is this cruel curse to be allowed to crush and destroy our homes? If this double tragedy wake not our sleeping fears and move us to defense against this awful tide of tears and blood and death and hell, what bolt of wrath from a God of justice must yet descend to break the spell of our awful lethargy and open our eyes to the fearful situation? Whose darling boy will next be slain? What parent here will be the next to furnish a victim for this fiery Moloch—this crushing juggernaut? That little fair haired boy of yours about whose young life the tendrils of your heart are trellised and upon whom you lavish all the wealth of doting parents' love—what spiders web, what bloody man-trap, what sink of hell shall catch and ruin his life?

Now what more can I say? How feeble, how important, how helpless I stand in the midst of this sad wreck, in view of this awful ruin. But man's extremity is God's opportunity; and I pray to God, in Jesus' name, for grace and mercy upon the living. I pray for the mother whose heart strings are untied and whose heart's blood is falling on this coffin, I pray for the stricken wife whose heart is in the grave with her husband. I pray for these little boys and for this little baby girl left orphans in this cold-unfriendly world. I pray for this weeping sister whose brother has gone down to bloody death. I pray for the kind neighbors who have mingled their tears with

those who weep and have done the best they could to soothe the stricken heart and to lift up the drooping head. I pray for the whiskey men and for their families. May God avert a like disaster from their heart and homes. I pray for all of you & myself that He who loves us even in sin may save from self, from sin from death and hell.—Greenville Banner.

The facts in the above case were that officers had been watching Bolton's saloon for some time knowing that he was violating the Sunday law. On the Sunday night of the killing the officers raided his saloon

and Bolton shot the officer through the glass door, the officer returning the fire killing Bolton. The officer died, thus two lives were sacrificed. This is the outgrowth of the saloon business. Relatives of Bolton's wife live in Clarendon and they say that he was a noble man, intelligent young man, but went into the degrading saloon business over the protests of his family, because there was "money in it" not heeding the warning that "The wages of sin is death" which to him was death to body as well as the soul.

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