

BY L. H. CARHART.

Our surveying and exploring party left Sherman on Tuesday morning, the 11th, and encamped at this place (Ft. Still, I. T.) on Saturday night, a distance of one hundred and eighty miles; though experiencing on route one first class runaway and several detentions episodes. The roads were good and weather fine. Think of a week in mid-winter, with thermometer from fifty-five to seventy-five, not even a white frost at night, with overcoats a burden and sleeping in the open air a luxury!

Although up to this time we could have found more or less comfortable wayside accommodations, we greatly preferred to spread our own couch and table. Our "outfit" consists of one strong and well loaded ambulance or hack, and five horses—two for the saddle, two for the harness, and one for exchange in case of weariness. Thirty-six miles per day is good driving on prepared roads; most especially is this true over unworked and improvised highways. Staunchness must be prominent in that which successfully endures the strain. Every possible casualty must be thoroughly provided for. Most of our supplies are obtained en route.

Our company is composed of a quartette of select men, to wit: Rev. W. A. Allen, pastor of Tabernacle M. E. church, at Dallas, surnamed "Asaph," or "chief chorister;" Hon. Joseph Kelley, of Osage, Iowa, whom we denominated "chief butler;" J. Summerfield, Esq., a well-bred and educated Englishman, our surveyor, called "chief engineer;" and "that other," for convenience named "chief scribe." Scribo is supposed to chronicle events and shoot the game; Chief Butler serves at the table; Asaph devotes himself to the entertainment, edification, and diversion of the company; while Chief Engineer is to watch the way-marks, study the charts, the stars, and the compass, and see that we do not go astray. The weary hours and miles are relieved and beguiled by the ever changing beauty and diversity of the scenery, passing events, and amusing incidents. Scribo, at the very first encampment, seasons the coffee with salt. "Sam," one of our splendid bays, gets frightened at nothing, break his moorings in a trice, and goes sailing two or three miles across the prairie, while Scribo and Asaph go sailing after them. No serious damage. Chief Butler loses his revolver, and cannot pardon himself for his carelessness. Asaph quotes from Young and calls it Shakespeare. Scribo shoots an opossum, quietly snoozing on a limb but fails to secure the prize by over-confidence, etc.

Nothing can exceed the luxury of such a relaxation and rest from exhausting pastoral work. Our responsibilities are provided for, our families are comfortable, and now, shaking off care and needless anxiety, turn our faces toward a personal and careful examination of the grandest country within our broad domain. This is not simply a pleasure excursion, but involves important business also, in which hundreds, and even thousands are interested. The mature and combined judgment of our party, we think when rendered, will answer many questions and settle all doubt. Real progress in religious life and work is accomplished with the constant use of the two oars, "faith and works"—practical common sense applied to the solution of life's many problems. Doubtless we shall not be less spiritual for this more secular service. Paul's tent-making did not interfere with his apostleship. In pioneer mission work one must turn his hand in many ways to meet emergency. Some of our brethren do not understand this. So inspiring are these scenes—these broad, rich, and changeable landscapes; so delicious these finely tempered

winds; so full of prophecy this immense country; so audible the tramp of coming millions; so visible the guiding pillar, and so conscious the blessing and providence of Our Father, that a succession of doxologies is our only relief. Asaph sometimes wears in leading the song.

Although every "weariness of the flesh" is purposely left behind, yet these hours and days in the saddle and in the camp afford such literary and conversational treats as travelers alone can appreciate. What so constantly refreshing as the good old Word? or more chaste and elegant than Macaulay's "Modern British Essayists?" or more suggestive of thought than Slaughter's "Modern Genesis?" or more befitting the times than Fleaharty's "Social Impurity," or grander than "Cook's Lectures?" Our limited transportation forbade an overstock of books, but these and sundry others give a pleasing variety, and fill to gushing many an hour. Think of ten solid hours of splendid sleeping for forty successive days! Not even an official meeting, nor an evening call from Bro. Talkative, not even a musquete to bore us! And such an appetite! and such coffee and cakes as Chief Butler can make! How I wish a little over ten thousand of our brethren of the saddle-bags, and several besides, were with us!

LETTER FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT.

[Mr. Reckard's letter of late date date was not designed for publication, but as many hints and facts are gathered from it impossible to obtain, we take the liberty of publishing.—Ed.]

CLARENDON, Tex., May 15, 1878.

Rev. L. H. Carhart, DEAR BRO:— Yours of early May, came to hand last Saturday, 11th inst.—was so glad of the mail from you, that I just said "Amen!" right out loud. If you did know how much good it does Mr. Parks and myself when your letters come to us, you would write every day. Well, thanks for letters, for papers, for kind words and encouraging sentiments.

Just here let me say that those lesson leaves were just what we wanted, but I forgot to say so to you. I wish you would send them to us regularly, about what you think we need, and we will raise the money for them in a few days. We elected S. S. officers last Sabbath. Bro. Reed, Supt; Sister Ryers Assistant, Bro. Parks, Sec., Bro. Ryers Treas., Sister Reed Librarian, Mr. Phillips Asst. Librarian, Bro. Howard teacher. And that is the S. S. material, and we will push it through, the Lord being our helper; pray for us.

I am very much lifted to hear you say that my letters gave you some comfort, and I now say, be of good cheer Bro. (I think you will never regret the Donley Co. Enterprise.) I wish you could have been with us last Sabbath in our prayer meeting and S. S., and especially Sabbath night, when the rain began to come down, and such a glorious shower, not much wind, but as heavy a fall of rain as I have seen in Texas; flooding our fields and making all things look cheerful. All day Monday and Monday night it rained hard. Our farm truck looks fine. You can say for me that we have fine rains in Donley Co., and in the words of the old Darkey Preacher, "I am now thoroughly convinced that Jonah did swallow the whale."

I think the best thing you can do is to come and see us as soon as you can it will do you good. Come by Dodge City, by all means, and have some one there attend to Donley County business for you.

We are pushing things. Bro. Ryers' house is about completed. We are hauling stone, have dug a well for public use, at the corner of the square, it is 16 feet deep. Fine water. Dug

it in a day and walled it with rock. You say "Push the Ditch;" let me tell you about the ditch.\*

When I wrote to you about it, I had an idea that Mr. Parks could take a level with his compass, but when we came to it we could not do it with success. We ran over the ground and made an effort to strike a ditchline but we could not do it satisfactorily, so we thought we would let it rest for a while, and for other reasons I will explain to you when you come to Donley.

As soon as the teams get here we will send them back or will set them at work, just as you may think best. We will have plenty of work for Drake's and Hildebrand's teams to do if you think it will pay. You know we can run a plough every day, and must run one if we expect to sow wheat this fall. We'll go to Armstrong for cedar as soon as the teams arrive. We are all in good health and good spirits. No "blues" in Donley Co. I suppose Bro. Allen is in Sherman before this, and will give you all the news. We all feel at home.

Mr. Lunn of Iowa, is still here. I call him "Sheriff," and he likes the title. I think he will invest all he is worth in the cattle business to \$10,000.

Send all the good men you have and we will welcome them. We will be glad to meet Bro. Barnes we need just such a man.

We will put the house upon a lot that is not sold and put it to the best use. We will put rock on the lots you have marked out.

Bills of goods etc. all at hand, have am'ts. recorded in book and bills filed. Will keep inventory of all our material, farm implements etc.

I shall expect you to be frank with me and speak freely concerning "all things," giving full details. I intend to make everything count. I have chosen my farm in section 5, on Carroll Creek. I said to Bro. Allen that when he came back with the May party I would take a team and go to Dallas for my family. I suppose he will tell you all. Send him back soon. Push in your stock and cattle Co. I think Mr. Lunn will go in with you. We have fresh meat and game every meal. (Come if you can.) I shall look for you every day, love to all. I did kiss the baby for you. Shall we pray earnestly, then I know the Lord will hear us. Yours, RECKERD.

\*We are planning to bring the excellent soft water of Carroll Creek by an easily constructed ditch into every street in town, and will soon have it accomplished. Ed.

TEXAS COLONY.

Continued from last month.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES.

Already an endowment fund has been commenced by donations of real estate, amounting to several thousand acres. This with our ample state and county appropriations will give us first class schools as soon as needed. Lots will be given to such as erect dwellings or business houses within certain specifications. The price of residence and business lots is graded from ten to one hundred dollars.

We are on the proposed line of the Dallas & Wichita Railway, now in process of building. Our nearest (present) railway connection is at Dodge City, Kansas, on the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fee Road, two hundred and twenty-five miles northward. The roads are good and heavy hauling is easiest by this route. We advise our friends so to ship heavy merchandise. Sherman, two hundred and sixty miles eastward, is the most convenient place for parties and companies to purchase "outfit," etc. Horses, mules, or oxen, wagons, implements and supplies can be purchased very reasonably. Our party of about twelve will start from here February 20th, and another and much larger company, probably, will leave for

Clarendon on May 6th. Rev. W. A. Allen will accompany the first company and may be addressed for any particulars or business at Clarendon, Donley county, via, Fort Elliott.

People from the north can reach this place by the old Mo., K. & T. Route and those from the southeast via the Transcontinental branch of the Texas & Pacific line connecting with the Iron Mountain Road from St. Louis. It is not wise to ship household and farming effects as ordinary freight, if they can be reasonably sold. Ship everything, including choice stock, by chartered car. Travelling at this early season will be attended with some inconvenience, but the trip in May will be exceedingly pleasant. Parties or individuals will do well to be at Sherman and ready to go at that time. It is the purpose of the management to make this, from the first a

CHRISTIAN COLONY.

not specially exclusively a Methodist, but distinctly and decidedly a Christian enterprise. All the orthodox religious denominations will be heartily welcomed. The balance of power will be firmly held in the hands of such men as will execute judgment righteously, excluding stoutly the sale of rum and those vices which are a disgrace to any people. By the grace of God, the "Destroyer" shall never find an abode within our borders. Preaching and regular Sabbath service will be established without delay. Our people are expected to retain and transport everything pertaining to a Christian civilization. With such men we confidently expect to avoid the usual probation of barbarism and speedily to see the desert blossom as the rose. This is

God's work.

We are greatly moved by the glimpse of coming years and grand results. Situated, as we are, in the midst of fifty counties with an area sufficient for a State, a million of people and an annual conference, at this early and formation period, such a body of intelligent, enterprising and God fearing men, as shall here be gathered, is destined to exert a salutary and powerful influence far and wide. By so much do we herein extend our work and enlarge the place of our tent. Let our wise hearted and strong handed men know surely that we have herein a field for financial and religious effort worthy their capital and strength. Ourselves, our work, and the very ground, is solemnly consecrated to Him for whose honor all things are done, and whose is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.

The lands of the county are all in control and will be sold, as far as possible, only to such as expect soon to settle and occupy. The price is graded from 42 cents to \$1.50 per acre, according to locality or situation and advantages, but of the same quality or intrinsic value. The most of our locations will be made at distances of three to fifteen miles from the town site and center of the county. The early settlement of this county will not only greatly enhance the value of all lands therein but also render much more desirable all lands in adjoining counties. Upon application (including stamp or stamps) a map of the county, town, etc., and giving exact locations, etc., will be sent. We will sell these lands in lots of 320, 160, 80 or 40 acres, from one to ten miles from county seat at prices from 75cts to \$1.50, or more, per acre, from ten miles and beyond, until after July 15, \$266 per section. Parties will be very explicit in stating just how much and on what terms they desire to purchase. Lands in full sections (640 acres) will be patented direct to purchaser. When taken in fractions, the title will be a warranty deed made from patent. Whatever of fraud may have been perpetrated by unscrupu-

lous men in the older portions of the State (concerning which we hear but little here) has been confined mostly to lands of ancient title in the hands of heirs and neglected. No such possibility exists in connection with these newly patented lands. Our friends will remember that these lands are carefully inspected, surveyed and selected in person, at large expense, not generally the case with parties who from maps and charts and for sums at which the work cannot be done, propose to secure lands.

SCHOOL LANDS. Every alternate section in the county is school land, and is purchased by actual settlers only, and in tracts of 160 acres, at not less than \$1.50 per acre (may be appraised by commissioners at higher rates.) this can be bought on time, paying one tenth (\$24 down and the remainder in nine annual payments at 10 per cent. A few homesteads may, (now) also, be found as desired an early choice respond promptly.

CONCLUSIONS.

These lands belong to the State of Texas, and sustain the same relation to the State as do the public lands of the United States to them, and the Patent from the State conveys the fee simple, absolutely and unconditionally to the purchaser forever, so the title is as good as can be made and is perfect. They are situated in a county of natural drainage, and are free from all marsh, slough, swamp and other local causes provocative of disease. The soil is a deep, rich, chocolate colored, sandy loam, producing a luxuriant growth of nutritious grasses ready for the pasturage of immense herds of cattle, horses and sheep, for which they are finely situated. To the practical farmer they are particularly attractive and desirable, being free from all obstructions to the plow. He can proceed at once to cultivate all the staples, or any crop that can be successfully raised north of the State of Florida. The soil is fertile and easy to work; the products raised are valuable; the range extensive; the climate mild and healthy; the taxes very low, being limited by the constitution to one-half of one per cent ad valorem, now not exceeding \$5 per section per annum. The prospects for the building of the Texas and Pacific and other roads is good; the people, largely northern, are generally prosperous; the immigration hither is very large and the many evident advantages of the State over others form a combination of inducements that is bringing thousands here for permanent residence and homes, and soon all the choice desirable portions of these State lands will pass into the hands of actual settlers and capitalists. Now is the time to secure them. Indeed they must be now if at all, at the price stated. Great and special pains are taken in the selection of locations, that as many as possible of the natural and necessary advantages for a practical home may be secured upon each section. As an investment, none is financially safer for a future home. No lands on the continent, as desirable, can be reached at an approximate price. It is the opportunity of to-day, and to receive it we must purchase now. The coming year will absorb all of the more desirable and choice. None but the best are selected, all others are passed and rejected.

Our agent, J. H. Parks, also a surveyor, will be at Clarendon and give personal attention to details. Business will be promptly attended to if addressed to

L. H. CARHART, box 155, Sherman, Texas. SHERMAN, TEXAS, JUNE 15, 1878. THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS.

We having been several weeks in company with Rev. L. H. Carhart in

an extensive tour of observation and survey in Western Texas, and Donley county in particular, and having seen and personally examined lands and localities for colony and town, take pleasure in saying to all interested, that for healthfulness of climate, beauty of scenery, richness of soil, and purity of water, &c., the above published statements are not, and cannot well be over drawn, and we feel sure that those who may invest in, or visit Donley county or Western Texas generally, will record our statements as literally true.

We believe that investments made in these lands, in view of the fact of the early settlement of the county, can but be largely profitable, and further, that no time should be lost in delay.

We believe the raising of stock, grain, cotton, &c., in this part of the State specially worthy the attention of enterprising men.

We regard the planting of a colony and town under the control of enterprising and judicious Christian men as desirable and profitable, and commend the enterprise and all connected therewith to entire confidence.

With spirit, enterprise and adequate means for present use no one can do more to his personal interest than to become identified with the colony in Donley county, Texas.

JOSEPH KELLEY, Osage, Iowa. JOHN SUMMERFIELD, Sherman, Texas. W. A. ALLEN, Dallas, Texas.

We refer to Bishop Peck, Syracuse N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Brush, D. D., Austin, Texas; Alfred Sully, Esq., 61 Broadway, N. Y.; Rev. J. C. Hartzell New Orleans, La.; First National Bank, Dallas, Texas; Merchants' & Planters' Bank, Sherman, Texas; Judge T. S. Underhill, Dallas Texas; Hon. J. W. Throckmorton, M. C., Sherman, Texas.

This work is handled in the interest of our frontier and Missionary work in Texas. For map of county, town of Clarendon, and further particulars, address (inclosing stamps), L. H. Carhart, box 155, Sherman, Texas.

N. B. After July 15, 1878, all lands in this county will sell for \$320 and upwards per section (640 acres), instead of \$266, as formerly.

TESTIMONY.

Clarendon, Texas, March 29, 1878.

We, the undersigned, members of the first company of settlers who have come to Clarendon, hereby express ourselves well pleased with the country so far as we have seen, and think the description of the Messrs. Carhart and Allen present the utilities and beauties of the country quite accurately.

The upland prairies are a dark, rich, sandy loam, which we think fertile and productive. The water is excellent and pure—the climate mild and healthful. We are pleased with the present prospect for the settlement of the county and also with the site of the town of Clarendon.

Jas. H. Parks, Mrs. S. E. Reed, John W. Reckerd, Mrs. E. F. Byers, John F. Byers, J. E. Hildebrand, S. P. Reed, Geo. Drake, Moss McCannell, H. N. Phillips, D. Hefelbower.

"NOT AT HOME." Rest! recreation!! recuperation!!! From July 10th to September 15th I shall be out of my office, off duty, and away from home; and hereby announce a truce to all business, except such as cannot be deferred; and cessation from all laborious application. The necessity is absolute. Ceaseless strain and overwork for years is wearing out the life. We must have a prolonged and undisturbed rest—a physical, mental and moral Sabbath as saith the law. "Oh! for a lodge in some vast wilderness!"

Send fifty cents for the CLARENDON NEWS, and you will get all the facts from month to month. Colonial affairs will move on without check or hindrance.

L. H. CARHART.



Youth's Department.

TIM'S KIT.

It surprised the shiners and newsboys around the Post office the other day to see "Limpy Tim" come among them in a quiet way, and hear him say:

"Boys, I want to sell my kit. Here's two brushes, a hull box of blacking, a good stout box, and the outfit goes for two shillings."

"Goin' away, Tom?" queried one.

"Not 'zactly, boys, but I want a quarter the awfulest kind just now."

"Goin' on a 'scursion?" asked another.

"Not to-day, but I must have a quarter," he answered.

One of the lads passed over the change and took the kit, and Tim walked straight to the counting room of a daily paper, put down his money and said:

"I guess I kin write it if you'll give me a pencil."

With slow-moving fingers he wrote a death notice. It went into the paper almost as he wrote it, but you might not have seen it. He wrote:

"Died—Litul Ted—of scarlet fever; aged three yerres. Funeral to-morrow, gon up to Hevin; left won brother."

"Was it your brother?" asked the cashier.

Tim tried to brace up, but he could not. The big tears came up, his chin quivered, and he pointed to the notice on the counter and gasped:

"I—I had to sell my kit to do it, b—but he had his arms around my neck when he d—died!"

He hurried away home, but the news went to the boys, and they gathered in a group and talked. Tim had not been home an hour before a bare-footed boy left the kit on the doorstep and in the box was a bouquet of flowers.

COURTESY IN BUSINESS.

As we paid our four cents for a paper in the office of one of our large da lies, the other morning, a pleasant "thank you" from the clerk greeted us. We have thought much about it since. We should not have considered it discourteous if our money had been taken mechanically; four cents is a small sum. But it was very much pleasanter as it was; and the little incident set us to thinking on the subject we have put at the head of this article.

Would it not be much better all round if there were more of courtesy introduced into our business dealings. We go into some shops and offices where there seems to be the most utter indifference whether your wants are supplied or not. We sometimes meet officials on railways and steamboats who are almost brutal in their manner, as if a gold band round the cap gave the man right too overbearing and insolent. And, then again, we find the others quite the reverse ready to answer civil questions civilly and to promote the comfort of those who are temporarily under their care. It is needless to say that a little courtesy goes a great way in making things smooth and agreeable.

This lesson of courtesy is one, it seems to us, that all young persons entering in any capacity upon a business life ought to learn. There need be nothing fawning or simpering about it. It is best when thoroughly manly or womanly. But it certainly is most easily acquired in youth and it will stand its possessor in good, stead in all after years. The courteous clerk will rightly be the favorite clerk. We know that the homely old proverb is in one sense true, that "fine words butter no parsnips"—words do not take the place of things or actions. But it is also true, as the Scripture says, that a "soft answer turneth away wrath." This politeness in manner and in word will be like the oil that prevents the friction of the machinery. It makes everything run easy.—Christian Weekly.

A REAL MERMAID.

There is a real live mermaid in the Westminster Aquarium, London, a specimen of the manatee having been recently received from Demarara. This is the little animal that has given rise to the prettiest legend of the sea. The glass tank in which it is placed is entirely above the level of the floor, and the water, which is fresh as the animal, though marine, often

swims far up rivers, is kept very clear.

The depth of water given to the Aquarium specimen hardly allowed of its full display in the mermaid position as the tail ought to be able to get quite free from the bottom of the tank. One flipper slightly thrown up gives the traditional looking-glass, and the gentle paddling of the other, when seen in water, gives the hand holding the comb. The harp introduced in some drawings, however, does not exist. A similar specimen was received a few years ago at the Zoological Gardens, but could not be kept alive, and only afforded a naturalist a fine opportunity for dissection, and the subsequent preparation of a scientific paper.

Temperance.

THE CURSE OF A DRUNKEN MOTHER.

Said a prisert recently: "If there is a curse that God can cast into a family, it is a drunken mother. I have worked among them for ten years, I have tried to shame them, and have never been able to reform a drunken woman. A man never goes as low as a drunken woman; she will go out in the depth of winter to satisfy her thirst. Of all beings I cherish a tear to come in contact with it is a drunken woman. If she was in hell she would be looking around for a rum shop."

THE GREAT CURSES OF THE AGE.

The three great curses of the present age are intemperance, idleness, and the carrying of concealed weapons. The first is parent to the others, and is chief instigator of all arts of indecency and crime. The first is the orbit in infancy, the others are its satellites. The first lays out the work, while others execute. The first is protected by the law and is caressed by the high and the low, while the others are punished by fines, imprisonment, and death. The first, with a bold, defiant man, enters the temple of God, in the halls of legislation and justice, while the others are shunned and despised, their hands being against every man, and every man's hands being against them. These three great evils are building gallows in every section of the country, filling our jails and asylums with paupers and criminals, forcing the widow and orphan to eat the bitter bread of want, and yet it would seem that both the laws of God and man are impotent in banishing them from the land. These evils, like disease, can only be successfully and permanently cured by removing the cause. Destroy the parent curse and the work is accomplished.

A DRUNKARD'S LIABILITY.

The theory that drunkenness does excuse a man for crime seems to apply to liability under a contract made by a drunken man, provided he gets drunk voluntarily. In the case of O'Connor against Rempt, the New Jersey Court of Chancery has decided as follows: "A deed made by a person while in a state of intoxication will be set aside if advantage has been taken of his situation, or his drunkenness was produced by the act or connivance of the person to be benefitted by the deed. Courts cannot protect the rash against the consequences of imprudent contracts, if they enter into them voluntarily, and not through fraud or artifice."

THE MICROPHONE IN THE PULPIT.

The Halifax (England) Guardian gives the following account of an interesting experiment with the microphone: "A microphone was placed in the pulpit of a chapel in this town, on a recent Sunday, and connected by a private telegraph line with the residence of a gentleman over a mile distant. Every part of the service was distinctly heard at the gentleman's house, with the exception of a few words rendered indistinct by the preachers becoming a little excited, and shaking the microphone. So faithfully did the instrument do its work that the chapel-keeper was heard to close the doors after service, walk up the aisle, and up the pulpit steps, in conversation with some one else. The idea is about to be put to practical use the gentleman already referred to having given instructions that his house should be connected with another in the neighborhood, in order that an invalid may hear the service from one of the churches in the town."

There is no one else who has the power to be so much your friend or so much your enemy as yourself.

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDIES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN LUKE'S GOSPEL.

A. D. 27. Aug. 4.

LESSON V.

The Draught of Fishes; or, Obedience to the Lord.

HOME READINGS.

M. Luke 5, 1-11.

T. John 1, 35-51.

W. Mark 1, 14-22.

T. Matt. 9, 1-13.

F. Luke 9, 51-62.

S. Luke 10, 1-16.

S. John 21, 1-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all and followed him. Luke 5, 11.

Each college has its leader of mischief, and so had the one of which Dr. Pleasant was President. One day the regens brought a cow into the building, drove her up the stone steps in the passage, and further in the narrow range of the dormitory until at the very door of the ringleader, it became impossible to move her backward or forward. The President got wind of it; and the next day, having heard of the active leaders in the scheme, he proceeded to lecture on zoology, of which, toward its close, the following is the substance:

"The instinct given by the Creator is wonderful in its various bearings upon the preservation and propagation of the animal kingdom; but the mammalia claim our highest attention. The cow is in my estimation, above all species of her class; for you all recollect the cow, which on yesterday, surmounted every obstacle in order to find her calf!"

The wise woman of Medina went long pilgrimages to find the Lord, but in vain. Despairing, she returned to her daily duties, and when there engaged she found the Lord she had elsewhere sought in vain.

Be not affronted at a jest. If one throw salt at thee, thou wilt receive no harm, unless thou hast sore places.

A lesson from Turkey.—Though the Mohammedan church is an eyesore to the Christian world, all other churches can go to Turkey and learn a lesson most important: Its members are forbidden to use ardent spirits.—Good Templar's Advocate.

We call it our duty to leave to the world its gayety and its thoughtlessness, but too often we leave to it also its grace, and gentleness, and courtesy and self control.

"Speaking of the different kinds of taxes," queried the teacher, "what kind is it where where whisky is taxed?" "I know," said one boy, holding up his hand. "Well, what is it?" "Sin-tax," shouted the young grammarian.

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An old man was on his knees at the roadside breaking stones. The minister, who was considered not over devout, addressed him: "Ah, John, I wish I could break the stony hearts of my hearers as easily as you break those stones." "Ye should try my plan, sir," said John; "gang to your knees."

"Whisky is your greatest enemy," said a minister to Deacon Jones. "But said Jones, 'don't the Bible say, Mr. Preacher, that we are to love our enemies?' "Oh, yes, Deacon Jones; but it don't say we are to swallow them."

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GRUMBLING.

How many men, eye and women, love to grumble! It is food and drink for them, and as natural as breath. Nothing ever goes right. It is too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry, too sunny or too dark, too early or late, and so on through the entire category of imaginary evils, as if there was not sufficient of the reality. They never enter the house without finding something has gone wrong. Dinner is spoiled in the cooking is not what was wanted; is cold, has some fault. The children are raising hob; the poor wife is blamed, and everything is kept 'red hot.' So too, in business. Every thing is wrong there; things are out of place; other men will not do exactly as he thinks right; the mails are not on time; the government is not run according to his peculiar ideas, and the country going to the dogs.

Heaven help all who come in contact with the chronic grumbler; especially those who are under his rule. They stand about the same chance for peace and comfort as a man in a hornet's nest—or a strange dog in a country town. It's all growl and snarl. Never contented himself, he never permits anybody else to be so. He grumbles at getting up, and grumbles at going to bed; grumbles when he gets his dues because he does not receive more, and grumbles when forced to pay his debts because they are so much; grumbles when asked to do a favor, and at the very man who does him one; grumbles at the rising and the setting of the sun, and as a witty son of Ireland once remarked, "would grumble if he was going to be hung."

A grumbler is to society what a nettle is to the vegetable kingdom, stinging every one that comes in contact with it; is the proverbial dog in the manger. He ought to live in a world managed according to his own ideas of the eternal fitness of things, though even then he would not be satisfied. The very angels would fall to please him, and if he carries beyond the grave the peculiar characteristics of this life, Heaven will have to be reorganized and a radical change made in its government; for the songs won't be in the right key; the golden harps out of tune, and the plumage of the sweet singers will have to be dressed and curled in some other fashion.

Grumbling is a useless, senseless, insulting, abominable fashion; is very like a snake biting everything it touches; is the most unhappy frame of mind that can be imagined; and what a curiosity a world managed by grumblers would be. For the sake of household peace and comfort and love for the sake of wives and children; for the sake of all humanity, avoid grumbling as you would bless and be blessed; as you would have your days pass pleasantly; as you would have your death cause tears, and not a sense of relief and sighs of rejoicing.

DISINTERESTEDNESS.

Here is a little story which tells better than a dictionary can the meaning of the word disinterestedness.

The late Archdeacon Hare was once when tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge, giving a lecture, when a cry of "Fire" was raised. Away rushed his pupils, and forming themselves into a line between the building, which was close at hand, and the river, passed buckets from one to another. The tutor, quickly following, found them thus engaged. At the end of the line one youth was standing up to his waist in the river. He was delicate and looked consumptive.

"What?" cried Mr. Hare, "you in the water, Sterling? you so liable to take cold?"

"Somebody must be in it," the youth answered, "why not I as well as another?"

The spirit of this answer is that of all great and generous doing. Cowardice and coldness, too, say, "O, somebody will do it," and the speaker sits

still; he is not the one to do what need doing. But nobility of character, looking at necessary things, says,—"Somebody must do it, why not I?" And the deed is done.—Chatter-box.

THE JAPANESE IDEA OF HELL.

One of the curious articles exhibited at Tiffany's is a scarf of gray Canton crape, which portrays the infernal regions, according to the Japanese idea. The scarf is nine yards long and half a yard wide. The first scene represents Satan on earth seeking new victims. The Arch-Fiend appears as a sulphuric, yellowish-green demon, with protruding horns, cloven feet and a demoniacal expression, luring his victims into his net, and plunging them into fiery depths. They appear to fall into a nest of burning scorpions, where they are tantalized by a glimpse of their friends enjoying themselves in a lake of cool water. In the next scene, Satan takes the form of an immense dragon, with his human victims crouching in terror at his feet. They are mercilessly dragged into court, and the Judge is represented as condemning them to be tied to rocks and to have red-hot lead poured down their throats. They are then chased by hyenas through a field of open knives and other sharp instruments. The victims are next portrayed as being tortured by having their limbs sawn off and by being thrown into a revolving wheel of fire. Satan next appears to be looking out for new victims on a field of battle. Some of these victims are made to hug red-hot stove-pipes, while Satan himself with a smile is fanning them. Others still are seated in a caldron of red-hot sulphur, having their tongues pulled out. Others are swimming in seas of blood, surrounded by laughing demons. Some are represented as carrying heavy burdens of coal and throwing it into the fire to burn new victims. His Satanic Majesty is next represented as feeding his subjects with rice, presumably to give them strength with which to endure greater torture.—N. Y. Tribune

LOVE FEAST AT DOTY'S ISLAND. Sabbath morning July, 7, 1878. The morning was beautiful. The birds were holding their service of song in the trees filling the balmy air with sweetest melody, as the people of God gathered at the stand for the Feast of Love. The attendance was large and a remarkable spirit of christian love, and a wonderful manifestation of the Divine presence pervaded the meeting from the first to the last. The meeting was opened with song led by Prof. Oleott, who presided at the organ. Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. A. Wood of Baltimore, followed by another song. "I am coming to the cross."

The speaking was introduced by Rev. Dr. Carhart, Presiding Elder of the District, who had charge of the meeting. He gave the key note to the tide of testimony which followed in a few earnest words on christian fellowship and love; and spoke feelingly of its power over his own heart and life.

He referred to the past year as one of unusual responsibility and labor but it had been the best year of his life. He gave Glory to God for this full Salvation. The bread and water was dispensed with but the thing symbolized was retained and Speech making was ruled out of order.

Rev. G. A. Smith was the first to testify—He related a touching incident of yesterday. He saw a sister come to another, in the meeting and say, "Shall we not be friends hereafter? The love of Christ makes us friends to all the world."

Rev. G. Smith; had seen the time when he dreaded to be tested upon this subject but he was now willing to be tested. He wanted to be tried until he could stand square before God.

Rev. Bro. Curtis said; "We do not have to go back into the past centuries to find evidences of this great Salvation, we have it here, now, as of old."

A Bro. had been in the army of his country and had tried to do his duty there, but he found himself now, in a better service, in the "Army of the Lord."

Rev. M. Evans; referring to a former testimony, said, "I have now a still

stronger desire, to live." Sister Johnson, a Norwegian—In broken, but earnest words said; "I am filled with the love of Jesus, I love you all, I love all christian people because they love my christ."

An old Bro. had found this full salvation in Vermont forty years ago. He thinks his experience has taken the chronic form by this time. (To us it seemed remarkably acute never the less.) Rev. Bro. Reyrols: "I do take the cup of full salvation."

A Bro. the first man converted at the Sugarbush revival last year, said, "I am still saved, and bound for Glory."

After the song, I have been redeemed. An aged sister replied; "That has been all my plea."

Sister Pattee: How sweetly Jesus saves and fills my soul this moment.

A young brother: "I am saved saved now and forever."

Rev. J. W. Olmstead: "I cannot tell you all that this salvation has been to me the past year."

Rev. W. H. Sampson: "The Lord is my portion forever."

A sister: "I am reaching out for more."

Bro. Fisher, an aged man—"Glory be to God. As Fletcher said, O for a gust of praise to go to the ends of the earth."

Sister Inskip: "I thank the Lord that I live in a land of corn and oil and wine, varied with heaven's peculiar smile. I am all the Lord's this morning."

A Bro. spoke of the telephone and telegraph, etc, and said: "I have a better and more wonderful means of communication between my soul and God."

Bro. C. R. Pattee: "I have companionship with Christ this morning and full secure under the covert of His wings."

Rev. E. D. Farnham: "Had entered into co-partnership with Jesus. He had the document in his heart, sealed with the seal of heaven. There was a holiness movement in his soul that was sweeping all before it."

A brother: "Was praying for full salvation, and felt as if standing on a precipice until he obtained it."

Bro. Oleott: "I am trusting God, and he saves me now."

Rev. W. Bennett: "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Rev. M. Himebaugh: "Fifteen years ago, I held the first camp meeting on this Island and now scores of people are here to testify of this great salvation and that they have nothing but love in their hearts. Glory to God for what he has done."

A sister: "There is cleansing power in my heart."

Another sister: "Jesus is mine."

Another: "I am all the Lord's."

Another: "I have Jesus with me all the time."

A brother: "I am going to give God the right of way in me."

Sister Wood: "I am trusting wholly in the Lord. It is my delight to do His will. His will is all supreme."

Rev. Bro. Walker: "I have the love of God in my heart. I am all packed up and bound for glory."

Rev. G. H. Moulton: "I have not got along as far perhaps as the rest of you, but I can touch the hem of his garment and I am filled with peace."

A sister: "I praise the Lord for full salvation."

Bro. Griswold: "Forty years ago I was converted under the preaching of Dr. Demster, on a camp ground."

An aged Bro: "I was converted and sixty years ago, at my father's house, under the preaching of Dr. Demster."

An Indian sister: "I love the Lord, I love his people, I will labor with them here, and live with them forever."

Rev. J. A. Wood—sung "From the cottage on the prairie."

A sister: "I came here seeking for full salvation. Bless the Lord I have found it."

Another: "It has been my sufficiency for many years. Glory be to God!"

A congregational Bro—gave a clear and earnest testimony of full salvation found during the meeting.

A sister: "I cannot do the great things, but I love to do the little errands for the master."

An aged sister: "Salvation is free, thank the Lord it is free for me."

Rev. O. B. Clark: "Bless the Lord for full salvation."

Rev. E. S. Grumly:—An old and feeble superannate of Wis. Con. "I am here, not for my self, but for others

who could not come without me, I have made over all to Christ. It will be but a little while now, when I shall enter into rest."

A Bro. on the stand, very old and feeble: "I have been in love feast for forty years. O what a love feast we shall have up yonder."

At this point several Indians spoke we could hear but little of what they said.

One said: "I love Jesus."

Another: "I am wholly in Jesus."

A song was then sung in Indian.

A Bro: "I wish we could tell what it is."

Bro. Inskip: "No matter what. It is all right any how. Halleluiah!"

After a few other Indian testimonies, a song was sung in their language, the congregation joining in the chorus, in English.

An aged Indian sister, with joyful countenance and melting pathos, told in her own language, the story of Jesus love.

The love-feast closed with the baptism of children, by Dr. Inskip.

Thus passed, one of the most remarkable meetings of the kind we ever saw. It was a most wonderful display of religious fervor glowing testimony, holy joy intelligent praise, and divine power. We cannot help realizing the meagerness of these notes in which we can give only a few of the nearly two hundred testimonies which were offered and a very small portion of what was said. There were a hundred others as good as these which we could not note. The spiritual tide at times rose so high that several would be speaking at the same time, while ever and anon, shouts of Glory and songs of praise rose on every side.

And what was most marvelous every thing seemed in perfect harmony and nothing out of place.

During a large portion of the time we were utterly compelled to give up the task assigned us. No one but Gabriel himself could take satisfactory notes of such a meeting. No one who beheld it, can ever forget it, much less can those who shared its benefits. Long may its holy unction linger in the land to strengthen, cheer and bless the people of God.

C. R. P.

PESHITGO CAMP MEETING. This meeting is appointed to be held in, what is known as the "Sugar Bush," about six miles west of Peshitgo, commencing Aug. 22 and continuing until Aug. 29. The grove is of large sugar maple trees, the water is from springs-cold, pure and abundant. There will be boarding accommodations for those who desire.

A "bus" will run between the depot and camp ground, connecting with every train, and will carry passengers and freight at reasonable rates.

The meeting is located in the midst of a rural population, where over two hundred souls were converted to God last year. Although this is expected to be a Methodist Camp Meeting after the olden type, we cordially invite ministers and people of all evangelical denominations to unite with us in this feast of tabernacles.

For further information, apply to the undersigned, at Oshkosh; or to Rev. E. R. Hayward, Peshitgo, Wis. J. W. Carhart.

SABBATH REST.

It is a well established fact that more real work is performed by those who labor only for six days than by those who devote all the seven to unremitting toil. It has been proved in the case of the overwrought statesman and professional man, as well as in that of the 'bus driver, who works for sixteen hours a day from one week's end to the other. In this occupation few pass the age of fifty years. The celebrated Mr. William Wilberforce, so well acquainted with all the great statesmen at the beginning of this century—with Pitt, Fox, and the other giants of those days—has recorded that he could name several of his contemporaries in the vortex of political cares whose minds have entirely given way under the stress of intellectual labor so as to bring on premature death.

Sir David Wilkie's experience was that the artists who wrought on Sunday were soon disqualified from working at all, adding that he never knew a man to work seven days in the week who did not kill himself or his mind. Lord Chancellor Bacon, Sir Matthew Hale, and Sir William

Blackstone amongst our judges contribute the same testimony, and give their experience of the moral injury caused by the practice. The latter says "that a corruption of morals usually follows a profanation of the Sabbath." While the great Roman Catholic Montalembert, writes, "Il n'y a pas de religion sans culte, et il n'y a pas de culte sans Dimanche."—Social Notes.

Mr. Charles E. Stowe, the son of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, has just been licensed to preach by the Congregational Association. He is said to be clever, is a graduate of Harvard and has studied at Bonn.

Thackeray's private letters, according to Mr. G. A. Sala, were full of scholarly allusions, quotations and anecdotes, but Dickens were business-like, unliterary, and straight to the point.

Miss Emily Faithful, in a recent address on the extravagances of modern life, said that outward luxury was becoming a perfect passion among English men and women, who had lost the taste for simple pleasures, and in their pursuit of gold, were losing sight of higher characteristics.

That man is to be pitied who is too fearful and cowardly to go out and do battle for an honest living and a competence in the great field of human exertion.

An infidel lecturer once gave opportunity for any in the audience to ask questions. A plain woman rose and said, "Sir, allow me to ask, what has your belief done for you? My belief has saved my husband from a drunkard's grave, and made me a happy woman; what has your belief done for you?"

Such is the charity of some, that they never owe any man any ill-will, making present payment thereof.

Following many vocations has ruined the life of many a man. Following none has ruined a great many more.

It is said that within a fortnight 11 clergymen of the Church of England have withdrawn and joined the Church of Rome. Earl Percy and Rev. G. R. Burrows are also said to be preparing to enter the Catholic communion.

It cannot be too often repeated that luxuries, not necessities, bring poverty and ruin. We are made bankrupts, not by what we really need, but what we think we want, therefore, never go abroad in search of your wants—if they be real ones, they will come home in search of you; for he who buys what he does not need, will soon want what he cannot buy.

God watches over all this busy world of ours, as the shepherds did over their flocks that night—only in a far deeper sense. Jesus calls Himself "the Good Shepherd," who putteth forth his own sheep, and goeth before them, and they follow Him (John X. 4.) While they remain under the Shepherd's care, no evil can come nigh them; it is only when they leave Him that they meet that "roaring lion," who will devour them.—N. Y. Observer.

On Sunday evening a 'flower sermon' was preached in the Independent chapel, Dunmow, by the Rev. Horrocks Cocks, of Kensington. The spacious chapel was filled by an attentive audience, and during the evening above 600 bouquets were presented by members of the congregation. The flowers were forwarded early on Monday morning by the Rev. G. P. Jarvis to Miss Macpherson's Home of Industry, to be distributed among the hospitals and workhouses of London. The packages weighed nearly 2 cwt.

ON THE ROCK.

Said the bishop of Calcutta, on the platform of native society for improvement of Hindoo morals: "If you wish to make anything eternal you must build it on the christian religion. That is the only thing that is eternal." He was right; no reform is worth its cost which is not important enough to rise to the level of a religious duty. Make it that to the consciences of men and it lives. Make it less than that, and men may play with it for a day or so but it never will build it into anything that can live to future ages.

—S. S. Times.

Aim high; but not so high as not to be able to hit anything.

The Rev. Dr. Macrae of Scotland is doing his utmost to secure an official revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith. He has been lecturing extensively on the Confession as it now stands, and among other sharp things he says that "the Westminster dogma of everlasting torment in itself is a subversion of God's character as revealed in Christ, and amounts to a denial of the Gospel. Carried to its issue, it robs God of His goodness, His mercy, and His justice. It robs Him even of His sovereignty, giving sin a power of maintaining itself against Him forever, and so far leaving the devil to all eternity master of the situation."

A singular question in law has recently been decided in Iowa. The Governor pardoned a man who had been sentenced to the State Prison for ten years, on the conditions that during the rest of his term he should refrain from the use of intoxicating liquor, and labor for the support of his mother and sister—any violation of the conditions to be punished by his return to prison. The prisoner accepted the conditions, and went his way, but soon falling into drunkenness the Governor ordered his return to the prison, and the Supreme Court before whom the question was brought, has sustained the Governor's course.

Dear Child, she Wanted to Help Me.

I was sitting alone in the twilight, With spirit troubled and vexed, With thoughts that were morbid and gloomy, And a faith that was sadly perplexed. Some homely work I was doing, For the child of my love and care, Some stitches half-wearily setting In the endless need of repair. But my thoughts were about the building, The work some day to be tried, And that only the gold and silver, And precious stones should abide. And, remembering my own poor efforts, The wretched work I had done, And even when trying most truly, The meagre success I had won—"It is nothing but wood, hay and stubble," I said, "it will all be burned. This useless fruit of the talents I own One day to be returned. And I have so longed to serve Him, And sometimes I know I have tried; But I am sure when he sees such building, He will never let it abide. Just then, as I turned the garment, That no rent should be left behind, Mine eyes caught an odd little bundle Of mending and patchwork combined. Dear child, she wanted to help me, I knew 'twas the best she could do, But oh! what a blotch she had made in— The gray mismatching the blue. And yet—can you understand it? With a tender smile and tear, And a half-compassionate yearning, I felt her grow more dear. Then a sweet voice broke the silence, And the dear Lord said to me, Art thou tender for the little child, Then I am tender for thee! Then straightway I knew his meaning, So full of compassion and love; And my faith came back to its refuge Like the glad returning dove. For I thought when the Master Builder Comes down his temple to view, To see what rents must be mended, And what must be builded anew. He will feel as I felt for my darling, And still say as I said to her, Dear child, she wanted to help me, And love for me was the spur. And for the real love that is in it, The work shall be perfect as Mine; And because it was willing service, I will crown it with plaudit divine. And there, in the deepening twilight, I seemed to be clasping a hand, And to feel a great love constrain me, Stronger than any command. Then I knew by the thrill of sweetness 'Twas the hand of the Blessed One, Which would tenderly guide and hold me Till all the labor is done. So my thoughts are nevermore gloomy, My faith is no longer dim, But my heart is strong and restful, And my eyes are unto Him. Published by Request.

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## INSURATION.

The establishment of a Temperance and Christian colony and community; the pre-emption of an Empire for our Master; a ceaseless moral and political battle; a grand victory already assured by the Captain of our Salvation! Surely such an enterprise challenges our heroism and is worthy our best years and richest blood.

## EDITORIAL

### CHAT WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

The Gen'l Commissioner of the Land office at Austin died recently. This has delayed our business.

—Mr. T. S. Underhill of Dallas is duly authorized to look after taxes both for myself and others. Our friends can have their business attended by any one else if they prefer.

—J. W. Reckerd, Esq., of Dallas, expects soon to return to Clarendon with his family. Parties coming at once (here) could avail themselves of his escort.

—Several speak of being at Dodge City, Kansas, about Sept. 10th., suppose as many as possible aim at that date, or agree upon a later one. Several families could go pleasantly together. See the July number in reference to our suggestions in regard to Stock and moving by chartered car.

If you want hay cut and put up for you, let us know, or, if you wish lands broken or plowed for use another season inform us.

—We shall probably use brick more generally than stone for building. The rock proves rather hard and flinty for easy and quick working.

—A nursery of about five acres bordering on town plat, is plowed and ready for all manner of seeds and trees this fall. Those coming can have the benefit freely.

—We expect to spend some time planting trees &c this fall.

—There would be no more enjoyable place of a rural nature, for many seeking health and recreation south this winter than Clarendon.

—One chief need is a good, convenient house for accommodation. Who among our readers will report himself on the ground at once and undertake it.

—From correspondence, very large this month, we gather that our population will be largely increased this fall and of a grade above the ordinary.

—We can not assure work or employment to any one, but as far as possible will make it convenient for those depending on their labor to live.

—Every body will have work to do, but every body also will expect to do his own work as far as possible. We esteem the chances for employment quite as good in our colony as elsewhere.

—The last of September will be a pleasant time in which to travel in Texas.

—Do not be fearful that in Texas you will have nothing to eat, and that people will take advantage of you. Everything in abundance here and people as well disposed as elsewhere.

—If you have extensive property of a portable nature and cannot sell to advantage, ship it well boxed, or by the car load but don't "carry coals to New Castle."

—Deeds, if recorded must be recorded in Clay County at Henrietta to which our County for judicial purposes is attached. But we shall soon be ready for organization and then will have our records open. Our people will take no risks in holding deeds until our own records are open. Some esteem us over severe in our temperance notions especially in excluding tobacco also from our stock and merchandise at Clarendon, but we see no place, reason, or occasion for a compromise and being very sure we are right, shall go ahead on this same line.

—Let whiskey and tobacco swing from the same limb. Coming to Clarendon will give some of our excellent brethren in chains a fine chance to get free, and they shall never accuse us of insincerity in our sympathy.

## ROUTE.

### DODGE CITY TO CLARENDON.

Bluff Creek, 25m water and supplies.  
Bear Creek, 18m " " "  
Simmaroon, 11m " " "  
Snake Creek, 7m water  
Buffalo Creek, 8m water  
Sand Creek, 12m water  
Beaver Creek, 9m Camp Supply  
Wolf Creek, 18m water  
Willow Creek, 10m water

Rock Springs, 6m water  
Commission Creek, 10m Supplies and water  
Canadian, 12m Supplies & water.  
Wachita, 18m " " "  
Gageby 9m " " "  
Fort Elliott, 10m Supplies & water.  
North Fork, 7m water  
Hackberry, 8m " "  
White Fish, 15m " "  
Glenwood, 5m " "  
Clarendon, 10m Supplies & water.

From Commission to Canadian 10 miles the road is sandy and heavy. It will be difficult to find over 200 miles better driving in any direction. There are small stores of supplies at nearly all the water courses, and the road is much traveled. Parties large or small can make the journey in safety, and without extraordinary trouble or fatigue.

### THE FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE PAN HANDLE OF TEXAS.

On the 12th of May, 1878, the little company of believers at Clarendon, Donley county, Texas, organized the first Sunday School ever organized in the Pan Handle. At half past three o'clock the meeting was called to order by the nomination of Mr. J. H. Howard as temporary chairman. It was then resolved by unanimous vote to regularly organize a Sunday School and that the present membership should constitute a bible class.

The following officers were then elected:—Superintendent Mr. S. P. Reed; Assistant Superintendent Mrs. E. F. Byers; Secretary J. H. Parks; Treasurer John F. Byers; Librarian, Mrs. S. E. Reed; Assistant librarian, H. N. Phillips.

Resolutions were then passed to adopt the Berean lesson leaves and Winnowed hymns and also to order books and papers.

The Superintendent then appointed Rev. J. W. Reckerd teacher.

The lesson was then examined in a very interesting and profitable manner and all were well pleased that the Sunday School had been organized.

A Sunday School, so new to the Pan-Handle of Texas, is now an established fact and a permanent thing. Clarendon can claim to be the first to establish prayer meetings and Sunday Schools.

Since then our Sunday Schools have regularly attended and all are now taking an active part in the exercises as also in the prayer meetings. Preaching will be regular at no distant day.

### OUR NATIONS BIRTHDAY IN CLARENDON.

If a prophet had risen up last New Year's day and spoken of a celebration of "Independence day" in Donley county, after the good old style of a jubilee, he would without doubt have been regarded as a visionary lunatic, unworthy of attention. Now his words would have to be recorded in golden letters as a real prophet, for the 4th ult. it was appropriately celebrated with a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," mingled with the noise of gunpowder and floating flags. More than forty persons, all residents of Clarendon, joined in the exercises of the day.

At the dawn of morning 37 rounds of shots were fired under direction of Wm. H. Wakefield. At nine o'clock, S. P. Reed superintended the raising of the emblematic flag staff surmounted by its bunting measuring 10x20 ft. on the heights overlooking the town. The old bell was rung with gusto as the flag was hoisted.

At eleven o'clock Capt. Bedal as marshal of the day called the citizens together under a large canopy, where in the cool breeze and sheltered from the heat of the sun, we were appropriately entertained. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. H. Carhart.

Capt. Bedal made a short, but very appropriate opening speech, in which he expressed the true spirit of patriotic thankfulness.

The Declaration of Independence was then read by J. H. Parks Esq., after which the whole assembly joined rousingly in the chorus, America.

Rev. W. A. Allen, then spoke on the "Memory of the Day" very appropriately alluding to the love the present generation have for the flag, together with the privilege we possess of becoming worthy of a place in future history by our present acts and bearing.

After another song, Rev. L. H. Carhart was called upon to respond to the

toast, "The Future of the Pan Handle." His reply was not visionary but was a systematized realization of the possibilities of our country.

After another song Wm. Lampton Esq. was called upon to respond to the toast, "Early Reminiscences of Frontier Life." Mr. Lampton who has been on the range for fourteen years, is one of those genial fellows who can interest his hearers for hours, with his vivid descriptions of incident and accident which have come under his notice.

After several short speeches from volunteers, all were invited to the Palmer House, where a rich repast was in waiting, and of which all partook and expressed themselves well pleased with the "doings of the day."

## PERSONALS.

Rev. Joseph Woodruffe of Beaver, Pa. is securing for himself and friends some of our best locations. An old and personal friend of Rev. W. A. Allen at Clarendon. We extend a thrice welcome to himself and company this fall.

George Noss, Esq. A princely Methodist layman of Strassburg Va. has made an extensive and valuable purchase and we shall not be surprised to see him any day.

Gunter and Munson of Sherman are owners and agents for large tracts of land in the west and are honorable and first class men.

George S. Webber of Wisconsin recently of Dallas and a thrifty family of five, with several young men, are enroute for Clarendon. Mr. Webber is a first class christian man, a good mechanic and will add a full hand to our construction force.

Judge T. S. Underhill, of Dallas, Texas, (see his card) is duly authorized to look after the matters of taxes on all our lands. Mr. Underhill is a lawyer of large experience and truthfulness. Your business and money will be safe in his hands.

We are indebted to the "Iron Age" at Austin, a line and reliable paper, for a large clip of saluable facts in this number.

Give us Throckmorton for Governor! He is not a republican nor overcharged with religion; but he is the best man in sight for Governor.

Hon. J. W. Throckmorton is our decided choice for Governor. We were represented in the nomination convention which met at Austin June 17 and 18. Many of us are Republicans but we believe Throckmorton will make a faithful and worthy Governor of Texas.

Willard Ames of Menominee, Mich. spent the winter in Texas in search of health. So favorable were his impressions that he has returned, bought a farm of 160 acres in Donley Co., taken a tent and pony, and is now enroute with the last departure for his new home near Clarendon.

A young man named Woodhead, is in the same company, both are sons of ministers of the Gospel.

This high and healthful latitude cannot but be highly beneficial to people of broken health.

P. S. Gordon, Esq., of Lisbon, N.H. has come among us to drive his stakes in Donley Co. We welcome him to our beautiful little town. He is a first class fellow. We know him of old.

L. L. Stark, Esq., of Columbus, Ohio visited Clarendon July 6th and staid with us several days. He finds Donley Co. a fine place for his proposed business, stock raising.

J. W. Reckerd our Superintendent is away at Dallas for his family. We will all welcome them to permanent citizenship in our pleasant and growing town.

Parks the surveyor is busy with a squad of men closing up the work. To know all that needs to be known concerning a country 30 miles square is not the work of a few weeks or even months. Mr. Parks is a tireless skillful worker and a coming man.

Messrs Carhart and Allen proprietors of the town have selected their building sites, and both will have good dwellings ready for occupancy by fall.

Capt. A. Bedal of Oshkosh, Wis. has bought 320 acres of land two and one half miles north of Clarendon and has already begun to improve the same. He will sow several acres of wheat this fall. He and family are tenting in Clarendon temporarily. Mr. Bedal

expects to build very soon on his beautiful residence lot, which overlooks Carroll Creek and the business part of town.

Rev. W. A. Allen and family are on the ground well and happy. Mrs. Allen presides temporarily over the interests of the "Palmer House." She is delighted with Clarendon.

We had a visit just after the Fourth from a party, of Dallas Rangers, a jolly company of five who were out for a summer vacation rusticing on the plains. A welcome to all such wholesome fellows whenever they come.

Quartermaster Winnie and the Post Commander at Ft. Elliott have placed us under special obligation for personal favors. Mrs. Winnie has just arrived from Philadelphia. Gen. Hatch recently on temporary duty at Ft. Sill is in high favor with the command.

"Sheriff" Lunn is off for his Iowa home preparatory to a permanent residence with family and friends in Clarendon. He made many friends while here and we all will welcome his return. He is an energetic, successful business man and comes to engage in stock raising.

We are indebted to Hon. J. W. Throckmorton for valuable services at Washington.

Mr. H. H. Wilcox Columbus Ohio, is with us looking up a cattle ranch. Such men as Mr. Wilcox are valuable in developing the national resources of a new country.

John E. Packard of Chicago and Ed Shea of Milwaukee are here prospecting for a corral and pasture for horses, with their energy and ability they will win.

## LOCALS.

The "Elder" killed two antelopes during his brief stay at Clarendon.

"Oh for a lodge" in the vast wilderness on our Glenwood ranche with a good saw mill. A profitable business could be done in sawing up the timber on this ranche; good lumber can be made from the cottonwoods cedars, white walnut etc. about here.

Hunters supply our tables with the choicest of venison, buffalo, and other meats at 2 cts. per pound.

Indications of coal abound; we shall prospect this month, and now that the fires are restrained, groves are springing up all around us. We shall have plenty of fuel in Donley Co.

A competent geologist can have his board bill canceled for a month at Clarendon, while he looks up our county and the adjacent county. Who will spend this vacation with us?

Neither fleas, mosquitoes nor bugs are among us at Clarendon.

It would be hard to find a town where a larger proportion of the people respond to the ringing of the church bell, than at Clarendon every Sabbath, nor more intelligent congregations.

Two or three first class brick or stone masons can find employment at Clarendon. Address, Rev. L. H. Carhart, Sherman, Tex.

Several thousand bushels of grain will make it an object for some man to erect a mill at once. A fine power is in waiting. Several fine water powers in easy distance of town.

Certain valuable alterations and enlargements have recently been made in our town site.

Over ten thousand feet of dressed white pine lumber has just arrived from Dodge City Kas. Six freight wagons and fifteen pair of oxen did the hauling.

The new Palmer House opened its doors with a long list of boarders, and of the traveling public on July 1st.

Several mineral springs of great value have been found by our surveying party, also a cold spring on Saddle's Creek running a stream that would fill a four inch nozzle, the water about the usual temperature of ice water.

Haying commenced July 8th, Mr. Drake in charge of the mower, estimates he can take from two to three tons per acre, from several excellent pieces of wild grass, which will make excellent food for stock in winter.

Thus far no oppressively hot weather; the heat is tempered by the cool southern breeze, and the cool nights give us refreshing sleep.

The first quarterly meeting ever held in Northwestern Texas for a space of 200 miles square, occurred at Clarendon, June 29 and 30, Rev. L. H. Carhart, the P. E. of the district preaching three times and administering the sacrament. The plow, the anvil and the gospel, will make all things new.

Our subscription list for the *News*, has already exceeded our expectations only a few more back numbers on hand; hurry up your subscription if you wish them.

Persens desiring samples of wood, clay, soil, etc., may address Clarendon *News*, Clarendon, via: Ft. Elliott. \$1.00 will pay for *News* one year, and specimens.

Four varieties of fine vegetables, besides fine new potatoes, with flowers in abundance, grace the tables in our town daily.

Our corn tasseled on the 4th of July; millet ripe on the 10th; oats harvested on the 15th.

Plenty of wild plums and grapes now ripening.

Send for specimens of our clay which will make brick without burning. We are expecting a brick machine soon, and then for our brick houses in Clarendon.

Our water powers (2) are still open. We will need a mill by June 1st 1879.

We have a new draft of our town plat, giving the exact situation. Lots bought at a price from \$15 to \$50, on land exempt from state tax for 20 years are better than a gift. 50x140 feet gives room enough for a comfortable home. For information and particulars, address W. A. Allen, at Clarendon.

Be sure to address letters for persons at Clarendon, via: Fort Elliott, Wheeler Co. Texas.

The *News* is a costly experiment in its way, and yet a thing of necessity. Will the many interested present the matter to themselves and their neighbors, and speedily run our list up to the basis of self-support. Please send us a thousand more names by August 1st.

Words of commendation and assurance come in from every quarter, and mostly with the requisite 50 cents, for the year.

This is eminently a religious enterprise, on a broad scale. Pray on. We shall be true to truth and God, at this end of the line.

## GENERAL TEXAS ITEMS.

No one can look upon the ample supply of vegetables of every variety daily brought into this market, and entertain a doubt as to the vast capabilities of Northern Texas as an agricultural country. We question whether any other portion of the American continent produces in such variety, all those productions, fruits and vegetables, that go to supply the wants and meet the demands of the human family, as this portion of our great commonwealth. *Sherman Courier.*

The thermometer does not indicate a greater degree of heat than is experienced in the northern states at this season.

Horatio Graves, Esq., of New York is intending to settle two hundred families in Hale county this fall. Mr. Graves is a man of energy and character and no doubt will succeed. Hale county lies some 75 miles southwest of Donley.

A large colony has also gone into Shackleford Co. So says report.

A coal bed 8 feet in thickness has been discovered near Fort Griffin.

A considerable immigration from Missouri is coming to Texas this year. Nine wagon loads passed through Denison toward the interior on Saturday last.

The wheat crop of Texas has come out of the winter looking splendidly. So far it has experienced no reverses and is as promising as ever known. The area sown, though ten or fifteen per cent. larger than last year, is not enough by all of thirty or forty per cent. to supply the State.

## Temperance.

We purpose never to allow a barrel of whiskey or beer to enter the county of Donley.

As the Lord lives and reigns, the people composing our colony shall not be cursed with rum and our children shall be reared free from its contamination. All town property will work a forfeiture of title if ever employed in the sale or manufacture of liquors.

We extend the Samaritan's helping hand, oil (no wine) and benevolence to any ship wrecked brother who earnestly desires an asylum.

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