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Social Prayer and Class meeting
Thursday night of each week.

Song services Tuesday and Satur-
day nights.

A GALA DAY.

On Wednesday, June 22nd, one of the jolliest parties that Clarendon has lately seen, rolled out of town for sundry miles across the prairie country. Our destination was Barton's Ranch. There were in the party Judge Underhill, wife and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. White; Rev. L. H. and Dr. J. W. Carhart; Mrs. Murdock and daughter; Mrs. Charles Kimball; Charlie Grafton; Hon. W. R. Alexander and H. L. Wright, whom we call "Uncle" for short, who had charge of the four mule team, where the mess-boxes were disposed. On the way out we were joined by Mr. Geo. Osborn and William Kingon. Our route lay over a rolling and beautiful country, occasionally broken by ravines and gulches, which afford splendid winter shelter for the cattle. On our outward trip a somewhat exciting incident occurred. As "Uncle" was guiding his mules down a rutted hill one of the hind wheels of the hack went into a rut and giving way, the hack capsized with seven persons in it and all the commissary stores. The most remarkable feature of the case was that, not one of the three ladies in the hack screamed. Nobody was hurt, and the commissary stores came out in better condition than was feared. Barton's ranch is about nine miles from town, situated at the foot of a ridge, and overlooking a magnificent valley, such as a prince might envy for his possessions.

A never-failing spring of pure water is within easy reach of the ranch and the retreat, for solitude, seclusion and beauty it would be difficult to

surpass. Our northern friends who have never seen them, can form no conception of the wildness, rudeness and beauty of a genuine Texas ranch.

Our party took unceremonious possession of the ranch and as it was two o'clock and the party all hungry, our ladies soon had the table spread and bountifully supplied with all that could tempt the taste. The repast was the more inviting by the addition of some fish caught on the way out by Osborn and Kingon.

An accident occurred to "Uncle" whereby he met with quite a painful injury. He was repairing the broken wheel, when a stick he was using, slipped and struck him a severe blow in the face, which started the claret in considerable profusion. When we got ready to return home we found our little mules had strayed, as usual and Charlie and "Duke" were sent in pursuit of them.

We had only just got started for home when our broken wheel gave out entirely and Mrs Underhill was thrown completely from the wagon, striking upon her shoulder and bruising somewhat, and otherwise injuring her. Borrowing Mr. Barton's wagon the company reached home without further mishap. The day was one to be remembered.

HOMESTEAD AND EX-EMPTION LAW.

Occasionally we see in one or another of our Texas exchanges an allusion to the Homestead and Exemption laws of the State, followed by an appeal for its repeal or modification. It may be well to keep up an agitation of this question, but we would rather see it let alone. It is possible, and indeed we admit that the law as it is, is liable to be taken advantage of and magnificent homes built up and credulous creditors wronged. We say credulous creditors, because no other creditor can be taken advantage of. The sharp, wide-awake business man understands the scope, extent and operation of the Homestead and exemption laws and will, if he extends credit at all, do so upon the honor of the debtor. No man need be duped by it. He knows when he goes into business that certain property is sacred to the use of the family and cannot be made subject to debt or mortgage. He trades with this positive knowledge, and the debtor takes no advantage except it be of his ignorance and no man competent to do business has a right to be ignorant of the laws under which he is doing business.

If we knew that the law could be modified without being ruined, we would not object to an amendment limiting the value of the homestead to a reasonable amount, but we know that one modification would inevitably lead to another, and that, call for a third and finally the law which now stands as a protection and defence of an almost entire people against the greed of grasping corporations and monopolies will be swept entirely away. Let the people jealously guard this great law of protection and suffer no innovation upon it. No one can be injured if it remains, but thousands will be ruined by its disturbance.—Galveston News.

GUARDING AGAINST TEXAS FEVER.

[From Texas Live Stock Journal.]

One of the most important moves made by the Stock Yards here for some time is the setting apart of a number of pens for the exclusive use of native stock cattle and feeders.

This precaution will greatly allay the fears of the mind of the Texas cattle fever, and greatly protect stock and feeder buyers during the summer months against this much dreaded disease. The following is the announcement of the Stock Yards: "Recognizing the danger of the disease known as the Texas fever being contracted through contact of 'natives' with 'Through Texas' or diseased cattle the Kansas City Stock Yard Co., are desirous of protecting the interest of its patrons as much as possible. With this object in view they have set aside that portion of the Yards lying east of the main Yards and the State Line railroad track for the exclusive accommodation of sound native cattle. Strict orders have been issued to all employes to yard nothing but healthy natives in these pens. This section contains about forty pens with ample room for eighty car loads of stock. They are all well drained and furnished with water troughs and feed racks in perfect order. Parties shipping this class of cattle, can always feel certain of having pens that will perfectly protect their stock from contagion while in these yards. A line to their commission merchants in advance of arrival of cattle, or a memorandum on the way-bill that accompanies the car, will notify the yardmaster of their wishes, and when so notified the cattle will be yared direct from the train into these pens. In this way all chance of disease will be avoided and the same time purchasers

will be made to feel perfectly safe in buying. None of the pens before mentioned will during the season of danger under any circumstances be used for Texas or dangerous stock; excepting two adjoining the Chicago & Alton chutes, which are used to load from for that road. These will not be taken at any time for natives that are for sale here. We trust that these measures on the part of the yard company will meet with the approval of its patrons, and effectually prevent the spread of any disease.

H. P. CHILD, Supt.

WHY THE PRAIRIES ARE TREELESS.

A curious and interesting explanation of the absence of trees on the great Western prairies was given at the meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences by Mr. Thomas Meehan. Numberless theories have been advanced by students in natural history why the great feeding grounds of the buffalo should be without arborescent vegetation, the principal one which is supported by distinguished authors being that of climatic influences.

Mr. Meehan's theory is that the absence of trees is due to artificial causes altogether. Taught by their necessities the Indians made it a practice to annually fire the grass of the prairies, which had the effect of making the growth more luxuriant and consequently more inviting to the vast herds of buffalo, on which the aborigines depended greatly for their sustenance. It has been conclusively settled that no vegetation, save the hardy prairie fires extended the area of the plateau until they had become almost measureless. Mr. Meehan cited several instances where trees had grown when the firing had discontinued. The hypothesis is both pleasing and plausible, and has excited some discussion among the savants.—Chicago Times.

"I never shot a bird in my life" said a fellow to his friend, who replied: "For my part, I never shot anything in the shape of a bird except a squirrel, which I killed with a stone when it fell into the river and was drowned."

A young lady once married a man by the name of Dust against the wishes of her parents. After a short time they lived unhappily together, and she returned to her father's house; but he refused to receive her, saying: "Dust thou art, and unto Dust thou shalt return." And she got up and "dusted."

CLARENDON NEWS
CLARENDON, TEXAS
Carhart & Kimball,
Editors and Publishers.

July 1, 1881.

NOTICE.

This is to certify that I have sold my interest in the Publishing department of the "CLARENDON NEWS" to Edward E. Carhart and Charles S. Kimball, to be known as Carhart & Kimball. All business and accounts outstanding will be arranged by the new firm.

L. H. Carhart.

THE NEW FIRM.

Our patrons and friends will notice a change of base in the business department of the News. A brace of young men of nerve, balance and enterprise have charge of the office and will give increased attention to the interests of the paper. The old and outgoing combination make a grateful acknowledgement for numerous courtesies, patronage, and the many generous words conferred. We shall not in future part company, but be occasionally known on the editorial force. The growing interests of our town and country demand still more liberal enlargements, which the new company will not be slow to make.

The three distinctive features of our colonial life, to wit: Christianity, education, and Temperance will be carefully guarded, while also the great Stock Interests of Northwest Texas will be made much more prominent.

We heartily commend the present combination to the confidence and patronage of the public.

L. H. Carhart.

SALUTATORY.

As will be seen above the News starts out with this issue under new management. It shall be the endeavor of the present Proprietors to make the paper one that will be read by and of interest to, every citizen of the Pan Handle.

While we shall strive to be a welcome visitor to our patrons in Texas generally as well as in other States, it is our intention to be in every sense of the word a Pan Handle newspaper devoted to the business interests of this section.

As soon as arrangements can be perfected we shall furnish from every part of the State, Stock news of value to those engaged in that pursuit. And we say to stockmen that we cordially invite a proper interchange of views through our columns.

Other material interests of this part of the State shall also receive our encouragements and hearty support.

Remember that the NEWS is not a paper of Clarendon, or Donley County alone but of the Pan Handle of Texas.

On or before August first the NEWS will be converted into a Weekly which will increase the usefulness of

our Publication.

We hope that our intercourse with our patrons may be of value to them and profit to us.

CARHART & KIMBALL.

C. GOODNIGHT'S RANCH.

Mr. Editor:—

Through the constant reading of the CLARENDON NEWS I became very familiar with the name of Capt. Goodnight, and the Grande Vista Ranch, and for a long time I have entertained a strong desire to visit this "ATTLE KING" of the Pan Handle, and his romantic and picturesque home.

On Thursday morning last, at 2 o'clock, it was announced at our tent door that, the teams for the ranch would leave Clarendon at 4 o'clock. We were accordingly soon up and dressed, and off for a ride of twenty-five miles, across the most beautiful country our eyes ever looked upon. It was a perfect panorama. A long range of hills in the west formed a magnificent back-ground, whilst the breaks of the Mulberry river, scooped, plowed, and grooved into ever varying forms vast regions of country, as though Nature had been caught in her happiest mood and become rigid in a sublime epic poem. The Grande Vista Ranch stands at the foot of the rocky ridge, facing the east and looking out upon a broad, magnificent plain, stretching as far as the eye can reach, dotted here and there with bunches of cattle, fattening on the delicious mesquite grass.

The house is a story and a half with wing and cook house, built of red cedar logs, hewn smooth, within and without. There is an open fire place in each room, and a broad hall-way runs through the house.

Capt. Goodnight now has about twenty-five thousand head of cattle on his range. The Grande Vista Ranch is an exception to most ranches here, being supplied with milk and butter. He milks about forty cows, and finds no difficulty in the manufacture of good butter.

Although we had long desired to visit this famous ranch, to see it for ourself; the real occasion of our visit was the funeral of Mrs. Stephens, whose obituary will be found elsewhere in this paper. The funeral was under the most peculiar circumstances of any we ever attended. Mrs. Stephens was a beautiful, cultured lady from Brooklyn, N. Y. There were in attendance upon the funeral a number of friends from Clarendon, and quite a company of men in the employ of Capt. Goodnight.

These stalwart cow men acted as pall-bearers, with great tenderness, solemnity and reverence. The burial was weired, solemn and impressive.

We had a long and interesting conversation with Capt. Goodnight about stock matters, and found him a prince among men. His range is about seventy-five miles long. We hope to make it in our way to visit him again.

J. W. C—

Our paper circulates extensively

through the north and as many of our readers are unacquainted with this region, we shall be glad to have them interrogate us as freely as possible.

Proclamation,

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

WHEREAS, Articles 318, 319 and 323, chapter 4, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas read and are as follows:—

"Art. 318. If any person in this State shall carry on or about his person, saddle, or in his saddlebags, any pistol, dirk, dagger, slung-shot, sword-cane, spear, brass-knuckles, bowie-knife, or any other kind of knife manufactured or sold for purposes of offence or defence, he shall be punished by fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars."

"Art. 319. The preceding article shall not apply to persons in actual service as a militia-man, nor to a peace officer or policeman, or person summoned to his aid, nor to a revenue or other civil officer engaged in the discharge of official duty, nor to the carrying of arms on ones own premises or place of business, nor to persons traveling, nor to one who has reasonable ground for fearing an unlawful attack upon his person, and the danger is so imminent and threatening as not to admit of the arrest of the party about to make such attack, upon legal process."

"Art. 323. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to or be enforced in any county which the Governor may designate by proclamation as a frontier county, and liable to incursions by hostile Indians."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, O. M. Roberts, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of this State, do hereby declare the law, as contained in articles 318 and 319 of the Penal Statutes, and as quoted above, to be in full force and effect, and call upon all officers charged with the enforcement of law, to rigidly execute the same in all the counties of this State, save and except the following named counties, to-wit, MAVERICK, KINNEY, CROCKETT, PECOS, PRESIDIO, EL PASO, TOM GREEN, NOLAN, FISHER, STONEWALL, KING, COTTLE, CHILDRESS, COLLINGSWORTH, WHEELER, HEMPHILL, LIPSCOMB, and the unorganized counties lying west of said counties, which I herewith designate as frontier counties and liable to incursions by hostile Indians, and are hereby exempt under this proclamation from the operations of said statute.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto sign my name and cause the seal of State to be affixed, at Austin, this ninth day of June, A. D. 1881.

O. M. ROBERTS,
GOVERNOR.

BY THE GOVERNOR:
T. H. BOWMAN,
SECRETARY OF STATE.

James H. Parks
SURVEYOR
and Land Agent.
Pan Handle Agent for
New York & Texas Land Co.

Abstracts of titled lands throughout the Pan Handle. Description of land and Stock ranges furnished. Taxes paid.

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A NEW OUTFIT and
A NEW TRADE.
HORSE SHOEING DONE ON
SHORT NOTICE.

Repairing done with dispatch.
Special attention to fire-arms. Satisfaction given or no pay.

A share of the public patronage respectfully solicited.

W. D. Kimball,
CLARENDON, TEXAS.

Thos. S. UNDERHILL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Dallas Texas

Legal business of all kinds attended to. Claims adjusted promptly. Collections made and taxes paid for Non-residents owning land anywhere in the State and abstracts of title furnished.

Dr. C. A. Jessop,
Mobeetie Wheeler Co
Texas.

MEDICINES AND DRUGS.
Sent by mail. Patients should state explicitly their symptoms &c.,

ESTRAYED.

From Clarendon one dark roan mare pony branded Cross W on left thigh, about 6 or 7 years old. Any person giving information of the same to Geo. T. Osborn, will be well paid for said information.

T. S. McClelland
LAND SURVEYOR AND AGENT,
Dept'y Surveyor Wheeler Co,
Land District.

Clarendon, Donley Co.,
Texas.

Correspondence solicited.

A DAIRY FARM.

A party at Clarendon has a fine dairy farm two miles square—2569 acres, about seven or eight miles east and north east of town, affording choice pasture and freely watered by living stream through the center and with a hillside cold spring, offering water power for churning &c., and cool cellar or vaults for milk, butter and cheese. The land will be fenced and will sustain a large Dairy. He wishes an equal partner with at least 100 head of milch cows. Butter and cheese sell well and the enterprise safe and profitable. Address, for further particulars, "NEWS OFFICE," Clarendon, Texas.



Dry.
As dust.
Windy and warm.
The comet is brilliant in this latitude.
If the News is not mistaken there are two comets visible.
Rain is much needed and crops will be injured if much longer delayed.
Rides, rambles and excursions have been the order for two weeks.
Mr. T. Leach, surveyor, was in town one day last week and made our office a welcome call.

Charley Grafton of Denton, an estimable young man, has been added to the masculine list of our society.
Mr. B. F. Write, of Animossa, Iowa, now here with his family has been considerably unwell for a few days, but is about again.

The post office address of Rev. J. W. Carhart, D. D. will be Ft. Worth Texas, until further notice.

Forrest & McClelland are pushing their new enterprise, embracing Livery Stable, Wagon Yard and Blacksmith shop.

H. B. Hawkins with about 20,000 pounds of freight, mostly wire and lumber from Gainesville, expected daily.

Our stock ranges are rapidly fading before the taking of sagacious men. Those who are debating had better loose no time.

Has Levi gone?—yes to Ft. Elliott for a day in company with Jas. A. M. Glenn Esq— Jimmie will be back in time to deliver the 4th of July oration.

Mrs. Judge Underhill was not as badly injured by her fall from the cap-sized carriage as was at first supposed. She has about recovered from the injury.

A good physician, Another blacksmith. A barber. A photographer. Still another mercantile house. A good hotel. The improvement of our water power. A score of men for all work, and a well conducted laundry.

The Quarterly Meeting here on June 26th. was enjoyable and profitable. Dr. Carhart of Wisconsin preached with much acceptability, also lecturing and preaching nearly every evening during his visit, which we regret was so brief.

That stock which has been purchased for several parties, is now on the drive from eastern Texas, and will be duly landed on the Carrolton range in good condition. Cattle are fat, the grasses good and prospects fine.

After the receipt of this paper let all personal correspondence be directed lock box 58 Sherman, Texas, remembering that all matters pertain-

ing to the News should be addressed Carhart & Kimball, Clarendon, Texas. L. H. Carhart.

The new M. E. Church near Decatur in Wise Co., will be dedicated on Sunday July 10th., Rev. W. H. Zellers pastor. The new church at Alma on the Rice charge will be dedicated on the fourth Sunday in July, Rev. J. B. Mayes, pastor.

A small section of the party from Gainesville, start for their home pleased and refreshed, on Thursday as we go to press.

The first white baby in Armstrong County, Charlie G. Morse is now, six months old. We saw the bright little fellow a few days ago, and he seemed entirely unconscious of the honor of being the first white baby in that county. His parents are from Massachusetts.

The Public school taught so successfully by Mrs. A. T. Drake for the past four months, has closed. We have had a first class school and the teacher deserves the unqualified praise she is receiving. The fall term will be duly provided for and a school equal to the needs of our children and youth expected.

OBITUARY.

Died at the residence of Charles Goodnight, Armstrong County, Texas June 22, 1881, at eleven o'clock A. M., Mrs. Chas. M. Stephens formerly Miss Clara J. Kiug of Brooklyn, N. Y. aged 24 years.

Mrs. Stephens came to Texas last January, in company with her husband, purposing to make this her permanent home.

She was at the time of her arrival afflicted with Brights Disease of which she died, although it had not developed itself.

She was a lady of culture, and beauty of person, and during her short residence here had made many and warm friends. She leaves two little children who are too young to appreciate their loss.

The funeral services were conducted at the house of C. Goodnight, by Rev. L. H. Carhart, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. W. Carhart. The Episcopal service was used. Her remains were buried at the foot of a bluff, in rear of Mr. Goodnight's house, in a beautiful spot which will scarcely be rendered more glorious on the resurrection morning than it appeared on this solemn occasion. A number of stalwart men in Mr. Goodnight's employ, acted as pall-bearers; and it was a touching scene to one unaccustomed to such surroundings, to witness the tenderness, care and reverence with which these men of the mountain and plain, laid away the precious dust of this respected woman.

THE SIGN RIDER.

Our readers may anticipate a rich and rare treat in the way of a new book with the above title, in a few months. Dr. J. W. Carhart is making a tour of North Texas and will write up the immense stock interests of the

country in a racy and instructive manner. This field of literary enterprise is entirely undeveloped and will receive the attention of a vigorous mind and graceful pen. Due notice will be given. Be ready for racy reading and many a gay and headlong gallop with our "boys" along the lines.

Wm. Essary has purchased the residence of A. T. Drake.

Several new buildings will be erected here within a few weeks.

STOCK NEWS.

W. A. Campbell passed up the trail last week with 2600 head of cattle for Gunter and Munsons Ranch on the Canadian.

Vail Bros and Petrie, have sold their ranch and cattle on Mc Clellan creek to Mr Aber.

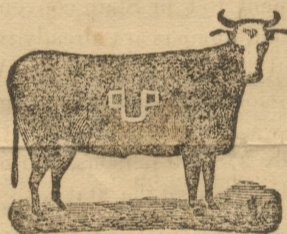
Mr Littlefield on the Canadian has disposed of his cattle to W. C. Moore.

W. E. Anderson of Adobe Walls has disposed of his stock and range.

Mr. Sam. Dyer has gone north with a herd of beeves from the Que ti Qua ranch.

Several more brands will appear in our next issue.

Stock Brands, ADVERTISED.

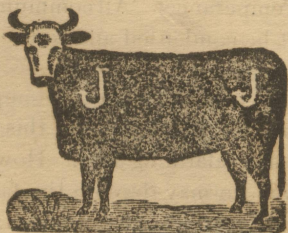


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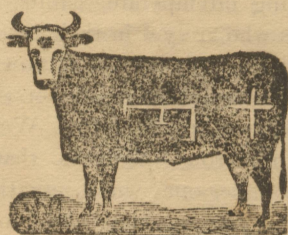
H. H. CAMPBELL, Manager.
P. O. Teepe City Motley county; ranch, Ballard Springs, Motley county. Cattle branded as last cut have HEX (HE connected) on right side; also cattle in the following brands, T on each side, and some have K on left jaw, some also have T on each hip, marked under half crop in each ear, also same mark, branded 71 on left side and THL on right side, some also have K on right jaw, also various marks branded 50 on left side and M on hip also crop in left and overslope and underbit in right, branded horse shoe on left hip and running W on side, also crop in left, 7 left shoulder, 2 on side and 7 on hip, also crop and two splits in left, swallowfork in right os crop and two splits in left or swallowfork in left and underbit in right, branded AOA (round open A) on left side, same brand to various marks, also swallowfork in right and overslope in left, branded V over O, some have perpendicular bar through the O.



Range Palo Duro Canon; also American or Durham cattle branded



Range Palo Duro Canon, address Charles Goodnight, Clarendon, Texas.



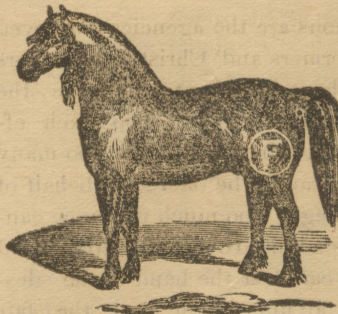
J. G. Adair: also tally brand on left side or shoulder. Range Que ti Qua Hall and Floyd Counties. Address J. E. Farrington, Manager, Que ti Qua, Floyd Co., Texas.



L. H. CARHART, P. O. Clarendon, Texas Range 9 miles N. E. of Clarendon. Ear mark, fork and swallow tail.



Blade to shoulder left side. J. F. Evans & Co., Ranch White Fish and Saddlers Creek Donley Co Horse brand same on left shoulder. Various marks. P. O. Clarendon, Donley Co., and Sherman, Grayson Co., Texas.



Right side. Henry Fleming, Mobeetie, Clarendon and Ft. Griffin Mail Line.

Temperance Corner

"Triumph by and by."



This corner is open to contributions on Temperance. All communications must be condensed and to the point.

The prevalence of intemperance among the young men of this nation is a most alarming fact. How much so ever we may deplore the fact and attempt to shut our eyes to it, it is still a truth that multitudes, indeed a large proportion of the young men of this country, particularly in the large cities, are intemperate or are rapidly forming intemperate habits, multitudes who are yet in their teens, are drunkards. It is a wellknown fact that boys who have not yet entered their teens, are drunkards. We might give numerous instances that have come under our own observation recently, of young men and boys, of christian homes, and even ministers sons, who are besotted, and ruined. We may be in error, but it is our conviction that intemperance is on the increase among boys and young men. If the curse were confined to old men, and all the young men were virtuous and sober, we might reasonably hope that in a short time, as the old men died off we should have a nation of sober men. But, alas, what a prospect for years to come! What, in view of the fact we contemplate, must be the character of the generation? The boys and young men of to-day are to be the husbands and fathers of the next generation. The use of tobacco is on the increase among the boys and young men of this country. This wretched and filthy habit not only begets a desire for strong drink, but it drains the vital forces, and lays the foundation for a fearful train of innumerable ills that must forever weaken, debauch and disgrace the human family.

Here in the Pan Handle of Texas, where society is new and formative, where various vices, not usual in older communities, prevail, we have sworn eternal warfare on every form of intemperance. We hate tobacco, as we hate rum, and if we could have our way with the obnoxious weed, we would forever exclude it from the hill and plains of the Pan Handle. Various are the agencies employed by reformers and Christian workers throughout the country to save the race from utter ruin. Too much effort cannot be put forth. Too many prayers cannot be offered in behalf of the young. Too much vigilance cannot be exercised over those committed to our care lest the hand of the destroyer fall upon them and the fair flowers of our brightest hopes blast and wither under the curse of rum. We trust that the principles on which this Colony, at Clarendon was founded, will be maintained to the last.

The Prohibition Convention that met at Dallas on the 9th did its work promptly and adjourned. Three plans were submitted for the organization of "prohibition societies" in all the counties, and the special to THE NEWS states that all of them "were toward a diverging from politics, and promised only a social feature and general reform." Whether this form of expressing it means "moral suasion", or is "toward" legislation, does not clearly appear. If the latter, and it be true that there is a "great and overwhelming desire of the people of Texas for prohibition," as stated in the resolutions, the plan of "diverging from politics" lacks frankness and boldness. The convention was composed of good men, and the movement will not be without the aid of great men moral, intellectual and social influences, but any effort to make it a distinct party organization will be bad for the cause and mischievous in results. The new liquor law went into effect in Kansas on May 1, and the State indicates a more general observance of it than was expected by the most sanguine advocate of the measure. In the smaller towns the saloons have practically all been closed, an exception here and there being reported. In August the people of North Carolina will vote on the prohibition amendment to their State constitution. The Prohibitionists are already in the field and doing active work. When the question came before the Legislature it was backed by a petition signed by 278,000 persons, and many the leading men of the State.

THE WHISKY QUESTION. Those in favor of an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the enactment of laws prohibiting the manufacture, importation, sale and use of intoxicating liquors within the State, are systematically moving in the matter in a way that indicates a determination to force the question to an issue before the people and carry it if they can. On the other hand the liquor dealers and those in sympathy with them are equally active and determined, and will make a stubborn resistance and like an army in retreat will make a stand and fight at every possible turn. Having money almost limitless and being determined to use it, as well as every other influence that can be employed; the if gained by the friends of the temperance cause will not be a bloodless one. The prospective contest bids fair to be, not only not long drawn out, and it behoves those who force the fight to be careful that they begin it right. A false step in the beginning involves trouble all the way through and may result in disaster and defeat. Temperance men have the experience of other States as guide; examples which may be employed profitably and thus avoid mistakes and errors. In entering upon so momentous a contest success depends greatly upon first, a proper beginning, and next, upon proper management.

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DEALERS IN
General Merchandise,
Groceries, Dry Goods,
Boots & Shoes, Hats & Caps
Tobacco, Cigars,
Hardware, &c
CLARENDON, TEXAS

BYERS BROS.,
Dealers in
Shutler, Fish and Labelle
WAGONS,
Buckeye Mowers and Reapers, Buckeye Harvester and Binder, Buckeye Wheat Drill, Glidden Barbed Fence Wire, Phoenix Cotton Gin, Sulky Hay Rakes, Marsh Harvester and Binder, Furst & Bradley City Plows, Kentucky Wheat Dr Planters Press, Sweepstakes Thrashers, Engine and Horse Powers, Corn Shellers, Hay Cutters Etc., Etc.
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