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### WHAT CAN AN IMMIGRANT DO IN WESTERN TEXAS?

This is the first question that he will ask when contemplating removal from one country to another. Texas, and especially west Texas, is as yet in its infancy as far as developing its natural resources are concerned. Although many sections of it have been inhabited by the Spaniards and their descendants for nearly two hundred years and the Americans for some forty or more years, there has been but little done to develop its natural resources. It is estimated that Texas as a whole is capable of supporting a population equally dense to that of the German empire, which, according to our area, would be over 35,000,000 people. We have not yet 2,000,000, and western Texas, in area greater than that of England, Scotland, Ireland, and several little kingdoms of Europe thrown in for good measure, has yet less than 250,000 people, cities and all. If an immigrant can make a bare living in the north where it is winter from four to seven months, and where the cost of fuel would feed him in this section can he not make a little better than a living here, where there is no winter, and it takes much less clothing and food and allows a man more working days than in the north? The advice of one who has been in almost every county and town of west Texas is—if you want to work this is the place for you to come, but if you wish to make your living by your wits you had better stay where they can better appreciate wits than here. The kind of wits that men have who use them as banking capital are not the kind that we need, and usually carry a man to the penitentiary before he is in the country long. Many a man has come

among us with a superabundance of that kind of capital, and having sense enough left to discover its worthlessness, went to work, and is now a rich man, honored and respected by all. There never was a country where labor is better remunerated, taking in the cost of living, than in west Texas. For illustration we take a carpenter who is master of his trade; he gets from \$2,50 to \$3,50 per day. There are very few days in a year that he can not work in and out of doors without fire or shelter; his house rent costs him from \$8 to \$12 per month, and his fuel not more than \$20 per year; his clothing and that of his family fifty per cent less than it does north; and if he is sober he can not only make a good living, but lay something aside for the hour of sickness and old age. At the present time there is great need for farm labor, and a large amount of cotton will go to waste if labor can not be had from abroad. Farm labor is always in demand, and land can always be had for rent, either on shares or money rent at very reasonable rates. As yet there is more land than labor in this country. You will be told, and by men here, that this is no place for a poor man, and the very men who tell you so, and who are now the possessors of thousands of dollars in lands and stock, came to this country so poor that they were glad to accept a dry crust from the table of a poor Mexican peon (slave). They were men of stern stuff, and stayed. Are you not equally brave in facing fickle fortune and winning from her a fortune and a position in society? Gold lies not loose upon the ground, but we have a rich soil that will produce abundant crops with less labor than any other portion of the union; we have fine natural grapes; we have a climate the equal if not superior to any in the world; we have a market for all produce that can be raised at a price at least one hundred per cent. better than can be realized in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, or any other of the large grain-growing states, and we have a hearty welcome for all who wish to make this their home and become one of us; then, why ask what will an immigrant find to do in this country? If he wishes to work he need not be idle a day. If he is a lawyer he had better stay away, we have too many already; if a doctor, he had better go to a country where people get sick, this is too healthy, and we have to import invalids to keep alive the milk of human kindness; but if he is a mechanic, a farmer, or any other man with manual labor as his stock in trade this is the place for him—his commodity is in demand and will bring a fair price.—Galveston

## News.

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Col. Thos. A. Scott President of the Texas & Pacific Railroad, together directors of the road and capitalists interested in it, have just returned to Philadelphia from a three weeks trip over the road and its branches. They visited all the points which this road will touch in Texas and Louisiana, traveling a distance of over six thousand miles.

It has now reached a point in Palo Pinto county 200 miles west of Ft. Worth, and is to be pushed rapidly forward, through the entire width of Texas to El Paso, the whole route to be completed within a year. No money is to be asked from outside as the funds are now in the hands of the company. This road will run through the rich coal beds of Palo Pinto and adjoining counties, and will do much toward solving the fuel question in western Texas. It will bring a railroad within 150 or 200 miles of Clarendon and so develop the country as to stimulate our growth both in trade and population.

The prospecting party went over the road to where the last rail was being laid, and to hold the latter, Col. Scott the President, drove the spike.

### COAL DEPOSITS IN TEXAS.

A correspondent of the Galveston News has recently been on an exploring tour over the western portion of the T. & P. R. R., and in that paper of Dec. 9th speaks at length of the unmistakably rich beds of coal found in that part of the state. At Gordon, three or four hands are taking out six and seven tons daily, and the appearance of the mountains and streams around indicate large and deep seams of this useful mineral a supply which the writer suggests would supply the state even if the recent "bad cold" should last through the whole of Garfield's term and be supervised by a Grant administration, and adds; "I think these things need only to be known to attract investigation and capital to that region; and when we get these cheap coal will follow throughout the state!"

### FRONTIER PROTECTION.

A few years ago the north thought we would plunge into war with Mexico, growing out of outrages on the Mexican border.

By indefatigable energy and sound policy, the frontier has been better protected the last five years, than ever before, and that at the expense of the federal government. There is greater peace and prosperity there than

ever before. Settlements once abandoned are being resumed; new settlements are springing up, and taxable values are growing up in a portion of of the state, which but a few years ago was almost, in places, depopulated. Railways are reaching out to the Rio Grande, and with them will go settlements, commerce and peace.

### POSTAL FACILITIES.

A few years ago the people of the old states, accustomed to the convenience of well-ordered settlements, were unwilling to isolate themselves in new settlements on the frontier with insufficient communication with the outer world. To-day the mail facilities are better in Texas than ever before by far, and are growing better and better every year. Before mail lines were established through the Panhandle a few years ago, that country was an unknown land; now settlements are springing up all over it; counties are being organized; towns are being built; and large herds of cattle, and flocks of sheep are grazed in the Panhandle, adding wealth to the state.

### 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 finely 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.

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### STOCK COMPANY.

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LOCAL GLEANINGS.



AND HOME BREVITIES.

January 1, 1881.

Happy New Year—though late, better late than never. For a month we have been suffering the most intense cold weather remembered here by the oldest inhabitants. Our thermometer one night reach 10 degrees below zero, and has stood for days together at zero and below. More snow has fallen than in six previous winters put together, the ground has not been entirely free from snow since the middle of November, and we enjoyed a week's very good sleighing.

These facts will explain to our readers why they have missed the regular visits of the "News." We have not been able with the exposed condition of our office to keep the ink in condition to use, since the middle of Dec. This issue was ready except this page when the storm "struck us," and we have had to "suspend" till now. We hope with present good prospects to be on hand in time after this. Of course this will necessitate the omission of one issue of the paper, but will try to make up in quality, what we may lack in quantity.

Quite a thaw.

Hope it may continue, but looks dubious. Sleighing in vogue during the past week.

That Birthday party of Mrs. Walter Kimball's was a very pleasant affair.

Mr. Eaton one of our cattle men has gone to California on business.

Rumor hath it that our Shoemaker is to be the next happy man.

Wood has been in demand for the past month, and not much of it at that.

Mr. Allan has started to put up a house on his farm, two miles north of town.

They had a fine christmas present at Mr. Morse's, a boy and a fine one they say.

Miss Bull came home in time for christmas after spending two months at Mrs. Coleman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodnight spent a couple of days in town, but returned home the day before christmas.

Mr. Brewer and family expect to leave Sherman the early part of this month, and reach here about Feb. 1st.

Mr. Leigh Dyer returned from Colorado a week ago, and now rides in a fine top buggy, with a fine new harness.

Mr. Angle of Palestine, Texas visited our section of country recently, looking after the interests of the N. Y. & Texas Land Co.

Mr. Parks is preparing to go to Mr. Goodnights, on a long surveying trip. Mr. Goodnight intends to know where his corners belong.

Mr. Booth who has been visiting Mr. Barton has concluded to spend the winter in Clarendon. Mr. Barton's

recovery seems perfect under his nursing.

Mr. Mertz got through with his herd of cattle about the 20th of Dec., after a very hard trip. He looks well but lost some of his cattle in the snow storm.

The brother of Rev. Decker just from Ohio, may come with us soon to Clarendon on a tour of inspection with an eye to stock.

Mark Hussleby is winning a well deserved reputation for keeping a good hotel at Ft. Elliott. Good fare, and good beds, we commend his house to our traveling friends.

Mr. Stamm has his hands full of business at the boarding house. On christmas eve after the tree at the school house, he served a splendid supper. Oysters, fowls, cakes, pies, as fine a supper as need be found anywhere.

The big church bell was mounted and rung for the first time christmas morning. It has since announced every service held and is a beauty and a delight.

Spite of the cold and storms Van Horn & Co. are constantly adding to their already fine stock of goods. They had the largest assortment of christmas goods toys etc., ever brought to Clarendon.

Messrs. Otey and Rising have made an exchange in real estate, Mr. Rising trading his business lots for Mr. Otey's residence on 4th street, where Mr. Rising is now living.

Mr. J. B. Cartlich is to have a new plow for the coming week when the next loads come from Gainesville. Plowing, both crossing and breaking should be done now or as soon as the moisture of the ground will render it possible.

Hon. John N. Dickson one of the solid men and a lawyer of Decatur, Wise Co. made us comfortable at his place a few days since, on our first trip to that part of the state.

A party of young people have gone out to Mr. Goodnights to spend New Years, they will no doubt have a good time, everybody does, who visits there.

Matrimony has at last struck Clarendon, on Dec. 23rd. Mr. Charles Kimball was married to Mrs. Mattie Skinner, all of which we heartily approve, and offer our hearty congratulations. Though we have lost our school ma'am, its Charlie's gain.

Clarendon celebrated a very merry christmas. In spite of the snow and the storm, a very fine tree was secured and placed in position in the school house. On Friday the committee spent most of the day receiving and arranging the presents. Stockings, mittens etc were made the receptacles of candy while every person seemed to be anxious to make some one else happy by a rich or useful gift. It would be pleasant had we space to mention the names of both donors and recipients, but every body seemed to be remembered and a happier company, it would be difficult to find than that which packed the school house in Clarendon on christmas eve, 1880.

MARRIED.

Dec. 23rd at the residence of Rev. Mr. Cartlich, H. S. Kimball Esq. and Mrs. Mattie J. Skinner, both of Clarendon, Texas, by the Rev. Cartlich assisted by Rev. Allan.

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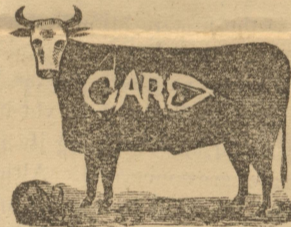
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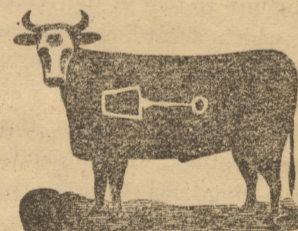
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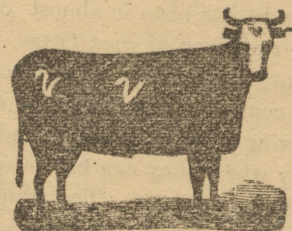
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### METHODISM.

Selections from the Book of Discipline the supreme rule and law of the Methodist Episcopal Church, touching points of general and public interests.

### III. RECEIVING MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH.

¶47. In order to prevent improper persons from insinuating themselves into the Church,—

§1. Let no one be received into the Church until such person has been at least six months on trial, and has been recommended by the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting, or where no such meeting is held, by the Leader, and has been baptized, and shall, on examination by the Minister in Charge before the Church, give satisfactory assurances both of the correctness of his faith and of his willingness to observe and keep the rules of the Church. Nevertheless, if a member in good standing in any other orthodox Church shall desire to unite with us, such applicant may, by giving satisfactory answers to the usual inquiries, be received at once into full fellowship.

§2. Let none be admitted on trial except they are well recommended by one you know, or until they have met twice or thrice in class.

§3. Read the Rules to them the first time they meet.

¶48. That we may be more exact in receiving and excluding members, the Preacher in Charge shall, at every Quarterly Meeting, read the names of those that are received into the Church and also of those that are excluded therefrom.

### ON THE WING.

In company with Mr. W. E. Dunn, of Denison, we make a quick but muddy trip over 100 miles S. W. near to Jacksboro, passing Denton, Chico and the counties of Cook, Wise and Jack. We had a good chance to take in our church work and also other items of interest. Bro. Dunn found the price of stock higher than was reported, but we saw a fine country and much enterprise. Decatur the seat of Wise Co., is a fine town situated on a hill overlooking the entire country for miles, west for a days drive and as far as the eye can reach are "cross timbers" extending nearly across the state from north to south. We dined with J. N. Dickson, 3 miles west of town, a lawyer of eminence and genuine Texas. Mr. D is the chief instrument in the erection of a new M. E. Church near his place.

The failure of parties expected and the bad weather caused a postponement of the dedication of the beautiful new church at Gainesville. Bishop Bowman is hoped for and the event not far off.

The newly appointed pastor at Sherman, failed to come, for good and sufficient reasons and Rev. H. Webb, of Austin, was changed from Marshall

to that place, we anticipate a grand year there. Reat of Ind. will reach his post at Dallas by Dec. 18th, there is no more inspiring field and our church begun over six years since, under so many clouds and discouragements, now occupies the center of the line of battle and influence.

On Dec. 12th we held the first Quarterly Meeting at Ft. Worth. Over three years since we saw the thriving city, now 8,000 people here and an immense trade. Two new roads will soon enter the city, one from Denison and other, the Gulf Colorado & St. Fe, from the southeast. We hope and expect a rapid extension of this last named road to Santa Fe, New Mexico and so cutting the Pan Handle, not far from us and we hope directly through our place.

Fort Worth has voted a county tax for the support of public free schools and soon they will be in operation. Strange to say, some prominent people approve this measure! This great and much needed reform is rapidly coming every where.

The St. Pauls M. E. Church at Ft. Worth was commenced February 4th. 1878, by Rev. H. Webb. We now have a comfortable church and parsonage, well situated, a membership of eighty and a congregation filling the house. We suspect the building will have to be enlarged before two years. Rev. A. A. Johnson is the present very efficient Pastor. On Monday we are off 120 miles to eastward the present terminus of the Texas & Pacific R. R. That which was three or four years since a little frontier hamlet, is now assuming proportions and commanding attention. A large sale of town property is advertised for Saturday Dec. 18th. Rev. H. P. Mann is about commencing the erection of a new church.

We think Eastland will be a point of importance. Those interested can address "Dougherty & Amerman," Eastland, for facts and figures. Over one hundred families are said to be living in tents. Our incoming Methodist people may expect to find here and all other growing or important points a living ministry and church accommodations.

El Paso, soon to be the terminus of two heavy lines of R. R. is another object of thought now in view. Sixty days will make it a Railroad terminus and bring in a flood of people. We needed a strong man to go there at once. Who will respond?

The Presidents Message now before the people is an extraordinary paper in its wonderful comprehensiveness and minute suggestions. The Globe Democrat in speaking of it says, "It is so perfect in its doctrine that hereafter we would recommend the successors of Hayes to treat his parting message as that lazy christian treated the Lord's Prayer, when he pasted it up at the head of his bed, and saved himself the bother of lengthy orisons at night, by saying, "Them's my sentiments oh Lord." We believe it was the late Horace Greely who once remarked of a very self-made man that he relieved the almighty of a tremendous responsibility, and we may proud-

ly claim that Mr. Hayes has done the same thing, by the genteel yet dignified manner in which he has assured the responsibility of our present prosperity and future hopes."

The message is methodically arranged and each subject so thoroughly treated that little is left to be said on any matter. After expressing thanks and congratulations for the prosperous condition of the country, the first thing to which he calls attention is the Equal Rights amendments and counsels their observance. The subject is handled in a masterly way and gives the true solution of the problem when he recommends congress to supplement the local educational funds, so as to provide education for all classes and conditions, thereby securing virtue, peace and social order. Then follows the Civil Service Reform, Finances, our Foreign Relations etc., each equally well and forcibly handled, altogether it is a paper full of interest to every American citizen, and so able and pertinent that too much cannot be said in its praise. If all else is forgotten of President Hayes administration surely his Valedictory Message will ever be proudly remembered by the American people.

### THE LITHOGRAM.

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L. H. Carhart.

### BIDS.

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## Temperance Corner

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

### THE TEMPERANCE REFORM.

BY J. W. NICHOLS, ESQ.,  
Past Grand Worthy Chief Templar of  
I. O. G. T. in Illinois.

Now that the Presidential campaign has come to an end and the people have time to consider other important questions, involving the moral interests of the country, the Temperance Reform and its advancement naturally presents itself as foremost among the social, moral and political interests which ought to receive the most careful and thoughtful attention of all who feel an interest in the moral welfare of the whole people. Intemperance is to-day the overshadowing evil of this country. Its blighting influence is felt in all arteries of human society. It is, in fact, in its social, moral, and political bearings almost the seed evil of our generation. It lays its withering touch upon everything pure and good, and always with blighting effect. The rum traffic, at once the outgrowth and the great feeder of this evil, is to-day the most potent agent of demoralization and death that exists. Satan finds no more powerful ally, no trustier servant for the accomplishment of his ends than the liquor traffic reaches out with its hundred hands and seizes upon and seeks to control all the elements of power. It lays its hand upon the secular press of the country, and by its powerful patronage purchases silence, or condemnation so mild that its influence is not felt. It goes into the caucuses of parties and by its political power dictates platforms and candidates. It sometimes, alas, sits in the cushioned pews of our fashionable sanctuaries, and by its wealth and influence puts a padlock upon the mouths of God's spokesmen, toning down the causes of God's word upon the traffic in intoxicating liquors. To overcome such an evil, one that so infuses itself into all avenues of influence and power, is a work that will require much more than ordinary efforts. Its eradication will require something more than palliation. The mere reformation of a drunkard here and there may alleviate but it cannot cure the evil. As long as the licensed dramshops stand with open doors inviting into their temporal and everlasting ruin the masses of our young men, the curse will go on ever widening and ever deepening. In dealing with this evil the ax must be laid at the root of the tree. Toppling off its branches may cripple, but will never kill this deadly Upas. The dramshop is the creature of law, that law is the product of individual political action, and every man who casts his ballot in favor of the license system to a certain extent becomes re-

sponsible for the existence of the traffic and the evils that flow therefrom, for the effects cannot be disconnected from the cause.

Fortunately, the friends of temperance are beginning to realize the fact that it is folly to pray for temperance and work for temperance, and then neutralize their prayers and work, by voting to license the cause of intemperance. At a council of the representatives of the various temperance organizations of the State of Illinois, held in Bloomington, in June last, it was resolved, that a demand should be made upon the Legislature of the State for the submission of a constitutional amendment to the vote of the people, and in pursuance of this action petitions are now being circulated throughout the State, to be signed only by voters.

This action has alarmed the liquor dealers and recently a State Convention was held in Chicago, at which a State Association was formed, and the work of organizing every election district in the State is now going on. The liquor dealers demand not only that the Legislature must refuse the demand of the temperance men, but that it must so change the existing law as to take the right of local option away from the municipal governments in the state, and to enforce this demand they threaten to use their money to buy the purchasable members of the Legislature and their political power to punish those who refuse to become their servants.

Thus the question will be brought to the arbitrament of the ballot box, and the traffickers appeal to this the highest and last tribunal for the sanction and protection of their hellish business. Will the moral and Christian people of this State allow such a traffic to make such an appeal successfully?

If so, we greatly underrate the power of the evil, and underrate the moral sense of the people of Illinois. When the question becomes a plain one between intemperance and temperance, between sobriety and debauchery, between God and Satan, the decision cannot be otherwise than on the side of the right.

Murphy, the blue ribbon man, who leaped into notoriety as a temperance lecturer, is coming to Texas this winter. He will visit every town of importance in the state, Denison included.—Denison News.

All true temperance workers and thousands of the unfortunate and the inebriate will hail the visit of Mr. Murphy with delight. We shall never forget that wonderful Temperance Meeting at Chantauqua Lake, N. Y. three years since, when Gough and Murphy were the speakers and the experience of degradation and reform told by Mr. Murphy as his own. Mr. Murphy is a large fine looking, full blooded Irishman, full of wit, humor pathos and power, a whole flying battery in himself.

We hail the Child of Consolation and Son of Thunder from the Golden Gate to the Rio Grande.

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