

LOCAL ITEMS.

The cotton crop of Northern Texas will be more than an average.

"Duke" and team arrived safely about the middle of July from Sherman with a load of goods.

S. V. Barton, formerly from Ohio, says he never saw, even in Ohio a better setting of corn than is found in Mr. Heffelbower's field this year.

Mr. J. T. Rice formerly of Mass., a harness maker by trade is welcome addition to our number.

Mr. Shick and family from Ft. Elliot, will shortly be added to our best of prominent settlers.

A Barbers chair is among our recent acquisition.

E. Burlingame and E. M. Lyness made a trip to Sherman last month.

No whisky forever at Clarendon.

The two new mail routes will be in operation from Elliot to Henrietta and Ft. Griffin via Clarendon by October first.

Rev. W. A. Allen, of Austin, Conf. has been appointed to fill vacancy existing at Clarendon by the removal of Mr. Woodroffe.

Send fifty cents for the second vol. of the Clarendon News. Back numbers of vol. first can be had if desired.

An interesting article from Mrs. Helm, so well known to most of our readers, will appear next month, by press of matter this issue.

E. Burlingame Esq. of Clarendon has charge of the new freight line, and those six splendid mules will be sure to be in on time with such a hand. Mr. B. has been in the employ of Mr. Heffelbower for eight years and has well earned the fine endorsement received. The trading interests are growing at Clarendon.

A Card.

A reliable and honorable man who will act in harmony with the designs of the colony, with two or three thousand dollars cash, can find one of the best openings in the country for trade and mercantile operations at Clarendon, either as proprietor or partner. Address, Clarendon News—Clarendon or Sherman Texas.

Special Notice.

I expect to be at Clarendon with my family by August 15th. Let all correspondence be addressed—Rev. L. H. Carhart, Clarendon, Donley Co., Texas, via Dodge City Kansas. Let monies, as far as possible, be sent by draft on New York, payable to order. Postal orders, when used, should be made payable at Sherman, but inclosed to us, at Clarendon, as above. Our postoffice at Clarendon is not a money order office.

L. H. CARHART.

A Good Stable.

Can be built cheaply and quickly of sods: Plow about three inches deep in toughest ground at hand, cut with spade in such size as needed and lay up according to taste. Such a yard and stable is 12 miles south of Dodge City. 200 feet square "will not cost over thirty dollars." Three feet at the bottom and half that thickness at the top, eight feet high gives a fine projection. Forks, poles and hay with bars or gates completed the arrangement. Kansas is full of houses, or remains of them, built in this way. Hawkins and Hassar will put you up a stone house astonishingly low. Send them draft of what you want to build and get their figures.

D. Heffelbower and family on account of the illness of a daughter, more temporarily to Sherman Mr. H. is a mechanic master builder and needs for a while a wider field for business. He cares his farm in charge of another, and we hope in his own good time to enjoy the presence of himself and family again at Clarendon.

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Coming.

Rev. G. W. Graham, of Va., says: "My heart is with you and your people in their new home—my future home. Bro. W. D., of West Va., says he is going this year."

G. M. Fish, of Smithville, Md., says: "I'm anxiously waiting to sell my farm here in order to come to Texas. I hope to sell this fall. Think if I sacrifice pretty heavily here I can make in the long run. (Doubtless, Ed.) I hope soon to notify you that I am on the way. Two young men from here will come in September not waiting for me."

Rev. J. C. Swartz, of Marlboro, O., having just returned from a visit to Texas extending to Hale and Floyd counties, while speaking very highly of what he saw, etc., says: "My present impression is that Donley county may be the best out-look for the emigrant, and I wish to secure from three to five or six sections as near to Clarendon as possible."

(We have 75 sections of good lands to sell at special figures this month. Send on orders Ed.)

Rev. Mr. Allen, at C., says: "Mr. Babcock is coming to educate his children. He is a stock grower."

F. W. Potter, of Canada writing for himself and three young friends says: "We wish to help all we can to build up the church, and make homes for ourselves. We cannot say just how long before we see you." (Come October 1st Ed.)

Rev. E. P. Hall and family, of Ill., expect to make our county their home in autumn.

Several young men from Canada are coming this fall.

N. N. B., Michigan, inquires if lands can be bought on annual payments, etc. We answer yes. "School lands" in abundance can be had at \$240 dollars for 160 acres. One tenth down and bal. in 9 annual payments, at 10 per cent. interest. This makes the land come high, but better than do without or pay \$3 to \$8 for the same quality in Kansas.

Mr. Heffelbower says at the present rate of taking there will not be room for 500 herd of cattle in our county and country in one year.

Grass Verses Gold.

The mines of Leadville or any other country are not as surely productive to the average seeker for wealth as the immense plains, hills and valleys of western Texas. Covered as they are with their boundless wealth of grass. Mining pays only a few, and then with heavily combined and well handled capital. The man with a few hundred dollars, with a spade and pan, will generally fail to find, and lose what he has. Here, one, two, five or ten hundred dollars invested in cattle or sheep, diligently cared for will without doubt or failure quickly yield large increase and piles of gold. I can this fall buy two or three hundred miles south of Clarendon, yearling cattle, steers and heifers together for four dollars per head. One hundred does not take much money and will in a few years make a vast number. They will increase double and multiply far more rapidly than one would at first imagine. They are soon worth \$25 per head. Grass and a little time has made the gold. Such property is moreover always saleable like stocks and bonds, it has an immediate and commercial value, and if the proprietors wishes to "realize" for speculation he can do so at an hours notice and for more readily than he can upon real estate or less available than equality valuable property.

J. W. Reckard, so intimately connected with the affairs of the colony for over a year is off on a trip to Leadville and Colorado. We have no man more generally appreciated. May he strike a "lead and come again laden with gold."

The Sunday law in Texas has been so amended as to cover the entire time from 12 o'clock Saturday night to the same hour Sunday night. Shop men and traders beware.

Friends Colony for Northwest Texas.

For the Clarendon News:

Two years ago this spring and summer it was my privilege in company with a number of other gentlemen from the Northern and Western States to visit Northwestern Texas, for the purpose of examining some of the advantages and disadvantages of that long misrepresented portion of the State. And, on seeing the country, examining the soil and experiencing for myself some of the benefits derived from its pure dry, and bracing atmosphere to those afflicted with throat and lung trouble, I became so much animated not only with the fertility, beauty and extreme healthfulness of the country and its pleasant climate, but with the extreme low figures at which the land could be bought, the flattering prospects of civilization and railroads which will doubtless penetrate that section of country at no very distant day, and with the fact that immediately around me lay one of the finest bodies of first-class farming and grazing land in the world some 200 miles in extent, that I at once concluded that if I could only have congenial society, and a class of good enterprising men to assist and stay with me, that this would be the place for my future home. And, whilst I was thus meditating I conceived the idea of a colony of my own people (the Friends) with as many other good citizens as might see fit to join us. I consequently selected and located eighty sections of land on and near the line of Crosby and Lubbock counties for the purpose of settling with a colony there. Since that time I have succeeded in disposing of the most of the land to a class of temperate, and mostly religious people, who, with small exception, expect to make their future homes there. Notwithstanding the many prejudices against Texas, and the numerous stories of outlaws, snakes, spiders, frogs, etc., our number of actual purchasers has now reached about one hundred, and I with others who are ready will go with our families in order to settle in Oct. next. During the months of May and June, the present season, I again visited our lands, and on a second examination of the soil I was more thoroughly convinced than ever before that it is equal to any body of prairie land I ever saw. Whilst there I had a well commenced near the center of the body of land, which is now complete with a good well in it, is 50 feet deep, has plenty of first class water in it. There are now also four farms commenced by the turning of the sod. Our town Maryetta is located on a central section of our land. The site is a beautiful one. Lots will be sold in a way to prohibit the sale of all intoxicating liquors. When I visited this locality two years ago it was one vast wild, undisturbed by the hum of civilization, with but one actual settler for fifty miles around, and he was yet without a house. No cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, poultry or farming utensils (except a few utensils that the one settler had) to be seen, yet there seemed to be a great rush for the land which was then being taken by the tens of thousand acres at a time. The chief inhabitants consisted of buffalo, antelope and an occasional prairie wolf. On my return this spring I found at the place where the one settler was situated without a house, a large two-story stone dwelling, with an excellent stone fence around it, a splendid stone walk in front, shade trees planted out which were doing finely, and near by were the garden spot and truck patches, and a large and well arranged corral, too good wells of water, and California clover growing spontaneously around. Numerous other settlers are dotting the country over from two to twenty miles apart, with an occasional store of supplies. Also, over 30,000 head of cattle, hundreds of hogs and numbers of horses are now feasting and thriving on the nutritious mesquite grass of the region. A mail line has been established through the country bringing the mail once or twice each week. Different discoveries of coal have been made in Crosby county. Other colonies have bought land around and

near, one of which has 113 sections in Hale county near us, and is composed of New York Methodist. I am aware that such enterprises mean business and are not made a success by the fearful, faint-hearted or unbelieving. Yet notwithstanding the old notion that used to exist when I was a boy, and doubtless long before, in the older counties, that every thing west of them which was then unoccupied was simply worthless for some cause or other, and notwithstanding the long prevailing idea that a large portion of the country west of the Missouri river was a desert, which has long since been proven to be a grand mistake, inso much that recently the desert has been narrowed down or driven back until it is now confined to a comparative small portion of country in Northwest Texas and Eastern New Mexico, known as the Staked Plains, which are no more a desert than some of the best portions of Kansas, Missouri or Nebraska. I say notwithstanding all these, and drawbacks that may exist in, and the prejudices that are against Texas, I predict success to us and to Northwest Texas in general, equal if not in advance of any other portion of the West. There will no doubt be many who will emigrate and go to look, return to the land of their nativity, with an evil report, the same as has always been the case in the settling of every new country. Yet Texas has a climate and a soil that demand capital, enterprise and civilization, and she must and will have it. And as an evidence of the fulfillment of this prediction, Texas has built more railroads and witnessed a greater reform in her society than any other State in the Union since the late war.

As an emigrant, however, I am willing to undergo privations, and to meet stern realities such as are witnessed in frontier life, we feel that we owe much to the wide-awake colony of Methodists now located in Donley county, which was organized by the Rev. L. H. Carhart, the editor and publisher of this paper, with whom I have met and spent many pleasant days in exploring the Lone Star State, and for whom I entertain a high regard. Success to him and his worthy enterprise.

Such enterprises I believe if entered into with pure motives are in accordance with the will of God, and should be encouraged and assisted by the church.

A hearty welcome is extended, and doors are open to all good citizens who feel inclined toward us.

PARIS COL. Boxly, Ind.

In our stage ride from Dodge City to Clarendon we saw not less than a dozen large herds on the "drive" from the further south to market some of these herds were a mile in length and the sleek splendid creatures were a sight to behold. The herders drive 10 to 15 miles each day. The stock grazing and fattening as it goes, commencing in southern Texas soon as the grass is good and moving north in pace with the season and best pasture. Messrs F. L. Schick Port butchers at Elliott tell us, their bees are costing them from 22 to 28 dollars per head and dress from 450 to 550 lbs of the finest beef. Their experience is to the effect that a half-breed three year old steer will weigh as much as a five-year-old native Texas creature, mixed stock is heavier and better.

A. T. & Santa Fe Ry.

Let our emigrants westward bound, especially such as come to us via Dodge City, Kansas, address W. F. White, General Passenger agent at Topeka, Kansas, or the general agents of this famous line at Boston, New York, Chicago or St. Louis, for special rates, terms, time, cards &c. Companies coming together can make it to their interest to confer with head quarters. A revised time table will appear next month.

F. G. Copeland has become a land holder in Clarendon. He has a nice little farm of 160 acres south-west of town.

The month of July has been exceedingly warm, hotter than usual.

It is all over now and we can sit and prespire in the unutterable agonies of a high collar and ministerial dignity, while the cool South wind fills our lungs with dust and our ears with the din of the noisy city. We feel uncomfortable amidst the restrictions of civilized life, and we suspect we look so, for there is a very wide contrast between the color of our countenance, bronzed as it is by weeks of exposure, and the white tie beneath it—a difference almost wide enough to justify the good old sister who greeted us on our return with the following observation: "Why you look almost like a negro." We sit at the desk and try to elucidate next Sunday's theme but the eyes will unconsciously wander toward the trophies of our seven weeks hunt, and our mind fly off to the staked plains and Clarendon, and again we inhale the glorious Western atmosphere and with a happy lack of anything to do but slay buffalo or lounge the time away beside some silvery stream. We confess that we slay more buffalo and see more silvery streams in the study than we did out West, and of late too lounge more time away. We were much disappointed in Clarendon. It is far more beautiful than we had supposed. If any one who "does" the West could see the little frontier city under the circumstances in which we saw it Donley would soon be the home of multitudes. Day after day we had traveled our way across the Staked Plains that stretched away on every side, brown, dusty, barren.

Limbright and Lightfoot the foaming chargers attached to the tongue of the floating palace that conveyed our edibles were demoralized. Limbright and Lightfoot! What pleasant recollections linger about the names! Limbright was slightly in the majority in every particular. She had passed the meridian of a useful career no one knows where, and with the wisdom of riper years frowned upon all the frivolities of youth. Of a severely meditative turn of mind and cautious withal she never did any thing for the fun of it, and her mind seemed constantly in the beyond—just where Doe wanted her body to be, and usually wanted in vain. Lightfoot was younger and of a delicate ginger hue. Not disposed to corpulence as far as we could see (and we could see clear through her), not rashly importuned; still persuasion of the western order had its effect upon her mind and body. Poor Lightfoot! We could but heave a sigh when she broke her neck, and "climbed the golden stair." We emerged from the depths of Goodnight cavern one beautiful Sabbath morning and suddenly came upon Clarendon. The crystal waters of Red River, the neat dwellings and the vast extent of fertile soil stretching away as far the eye could reach, formed the loveliest picture we had ever seen. We were home again. Northern enterprise was visible everywhere. The tall corn and other crops reminded us other days in beloved Illinois.

The neat school house, the notes of whose bell fall with strangely sweet cadence on our ears, told us that the Northern hearts which beat in that village were christian hearts. We were at home again—doubly so when we felt the cordial grasp and hearty good wishes of that prince of good fellows, Parks, and hosts of others whose faces are imaged on our heart! We wish we were with them again, and who can blame us? C. H.

Reckard and Loogle superintended the salute of 88 guns. The tables were spread in a large finished house, and the exercises held beneath a fine arbor or canopy engineered by Mr. Copeland in front of the school house. The day was fair and all manifested an interest in the occasion and in the happiness of others. At nine o'clock the people gathered at the ringing of the bell. E. M. Lyness presided. The crowd sang heartily the old "America." Rev. M. Ames offered prayer, and read the "Declaration." Rev. Mr. Ames and Rev. Mr. Allan delivered addresses of more than ordinary interests "Bugle Blast" and other appropriate music was well rendered. After the dinner which was free, and of which all partook, followed a racy programme of contests proposed by James T. Otey, Esq., of which the following is an outline:

1. "Our nation's birthday." The day we celebrate—Response by Rev. Mr. Ames.
2. "The president of the United States." The representative of a free people.—Response by Rev. W. A. Allen.
3. "Texas." The state of our adoption.—Jas. H. Parks.
4. "The ladies of the frontier." An indispensable aid to its civilization.—Mrs. N. D. Freeman.
5. "Progress." Past, present and future.—J. S. Rockwell.
6. "The friends we, have left behind us." May they ever be green in our memories.—David Heffelbower.
7. "Our mothers." Their honor guarantees the safety of our country.—J. W. Reckard.
8. "The future of the Pan Handle of Texas."—Wm. Jonnyman.
9. "The red man." His destiny.—Norman Holmes.
10. "The children." Our country's future hope.—E. M. Lyness.

Celebration of the fourth of July, 1879 at Clarendon

was successful beyond expectation, nearly one hundred persons, men, women and children enjoyed the day together. Last year the assemblage was small and very much inferior to the present. H. B. Hawkins was chief of the management and wore his eagles. Mrs. Goodnight, Osborn, Kimbal, Heffelbower and others managed the public feast and spread, probably, the best table ever set in the Pan Handle. Miss Dora Heffelbower with her Piano rendered invaluable aid, supported by the choir, Mr. and Mrs. Allan, Hawkins, Copeland, Sibert, Osborn,

Probably no where in the state the 'Glorious Fourth' celebrated more of decorum and loyalty and less of whiskey and nonsense than at Clarendon.

Personal.

Mr. Summerfield again called at Clarendon on the 19 ult. He has charge of the state work in the Western part of the Pan Handle and will commence his surveys about the first of August.

Vail Brothers and Petrie have located cattle on McClellan creek, numbering about 500 head.

The Dickerson Brothers have located their permanent ranche on Salt Fork, 35 miles below Clarendon.

The cattle herd of Mr. Morrison is now located at the head of Buck creek in the south-east corner of Donley.

The Curtis Brothers have located at the mouth of Buck creek with six thousand head of cattle.

J. H. Parks is now in Motley county surveying. He will return to Clarendon in a few days.

Messrs Otey and Barton have purchased Mr. Heffelbower's residence.

Messrs Lyness and Burlingame have teams at Snerman for freight.

Capt. C. Goodnight has just returned from a business trip to Colorado.

Mrs. Goodnight has been making her home in Clarendon for a month. She is a very estimable lady and we wish she could become a permanent resident.

Mrs. Shick, of Ft. Elliott, Texas with her two children arrived in Clarendon on the 19 ult., to remain a month or so we trust, her stay will be made pleasant.

A Card.

Judge T. S. Underhill Esq., of Dallas, for a long time intimately connected with our Colonial affairs expects soon to visit the East and North on business in connection with the same. Mr. Underhill is a lawyer of standing and is well informed in Texas affairs generally and in Colonial matters particularly. We bespeak for him a ready and cordial hearing as one of our accredited agents.

L. H. CARHART, Supt. C. and T. Colony.

TEXAS TOPICS.

—Dallas will soon have her mail delivered by letter carriers.

—New corn is being sold in Brenham at fifty cents a bushel.

—G. M. Bean, of Lamar county, raised ninety bushels of oats to the acre this year.

—A man living near Jacksboro sold last week 500 spring chickens at a dollar per dozen.

—Houston county has a total scholastic population of 3534; of these 1700 can not read.

—There are now some forty or fifty families camping at Lampasas Springs, there being no hotel accommodations there.

—Among the displays at the Houston pomological fair was a lot of green tea raised in Louisiana, and exhibited by Mrs. Dr. Swasey.

—The Indians attacked Dutchever's ranch, in Lympha canyon, near Fort Davis, Sunday last week, but were driven off by the ranchmen.

—A young man by the name of D. C. Reed, recently from Hot Springs, Ark., died from the effects of sunstroke in Dallas on Friday last week.

—The Stephenville *Empire* says the cotton crop looks very fine and a heavy crop will be gathered whether it rains or not, but the corn crop in many instances is a failure.

—Texas now has an efficient quarantine on all roads leading into the state and at all port towns, and it is hoped and believed that we will be as free from yellow fever this season as we were last.

—Gen. Bob Toombs, of Georgia, is expected to deliver an address at the next fair at Austin. He has notified the association of his intention to be present, if nothing occurs to prevent him.

—The white people around Chapel Hill, in Washington county, are anxious for the negroes to emigrate, if they desire to do so. Their places can easily be supplied with white laborers, who are more reliable.

—Bill Stalworth was arrested for threatening the life of a man named Wright, at West Falls, Falls county, last week. While in charge of a guard he was attacked by a mob of twenty or thirty men and riddled with buckshot.

—A fearful drought prevailed all over the state last Sunday, caused by the general observance of the new Sunday law, which requires all saloons to be closed from 12 o'clock Saturday night until 12 o'clock Sunday night. No many old guzzlers it seemed an eternity between drinks.

—The Fort Worth stage and mail robbers were tried in the U. S. court at Dallas last week, and the leader of the gang was sentenced to the penitentiary ninety-nine years on one count and five years on another—making 104 years in all. By the time he serves his term out he will be old enough to know better than to interfere with the U. S. mails.

—On the Clear Fork of the Brazos, and on Elm Creek, Jones county, the lands are good, with plenty of everlasting smaller streams for stock water. Stock men are few and squatters compose the settlers of this country. Game, such as deer, bear, turkey and antelope, is abundant, while the streams are well stocked with fish. Plenty of timber for firewood and some for fencing.

—In commenting on the severely short grain crops, and especially wheat, that will afflict Europe this season, and the ability of this country to supply our trans-Atlantic cousins, the *New York Herald* remarks: "The operations this year will tend to greatly stimulate the cultivation of wheat lands, and there is an unsettled district in Northern Texas which, it is believed, could supply alone as much as Europe needs this year. In this year's experiences will be seen one of the great results of the rapid commercial communication that rules in the world."

—A mysterious and almost fatal disease, called the "sand disease," has broken out among the horses in Aransas county. It prevailed in the dry summer of 1876, and a large number of horses died. The animal is suddenly taken as though suffering with the bots, swells rapidly, and soon dies in great agony. A *post mortem* examination shows that the stomach and bowels are filled with an immense amount of packed dry sand. The disease never prevails except in exceedingly dry weather, and it is supposed that a morbid appetite induces the horse to eat sand, or else gets it in his stomach by eating short grass, the latter perhaps being the true cause.

—If the laws now upon the statute books of Texas were as rigidly enforced as the laws of most states are, Texas would be as much noted for the morality and peacefulness of her citizens as she is notorious for crime and lawlessness. There is now in force a law for the punishment of persons using profane or indecent language upon the streets; another to punish men for gambling; another for carrying concealed weapons; and now we have a law in force which requires almost all business houses to be closed from 12 o'clock Saturday until 12 o'clock Sunday night. If these laws were strictly enforced, and murderers and assassins as surely and as severely punished as the man who steals a five dollar mustang, Texas would be the most law-abiding state in the union.

—Sherman *Courier*: Col. G. Y. Porter, of Oconto, Wisconsin, returned Thursday from a trip out west to the Pan Handle. He says that the country from here out to the village of Clarendon is the best farming country he ever saw, and the fact that to him was most astonishing, is that so large a portion of

the country should remain unoccupied. He was perfectly charmed with the climate of the western country, and says that if the world only knew the healing power of the atmosphere out there it would settle up as if by magic. He feels confident that the natural wealth of the country is sufficient to attract a dense population, and says it is only a question of time when all of northwestern Texas will be one rich and highly developed farming country. Col. Porter says he will return to our state and tell all his friends to do likewise.

—Six trains of live stock were shipped from Denison for the north one day last week.

—The Capital State Fair, to be held at Austin this fall, already has its catalogue of premiums out.

—It is said Texas wheat this year will show samples superior to that of last year.

—The order of the day in Colorado county is wine making, from the mustang grapes which are now ripe.

—A delegation of 120 exodusters, with their families, will soon emigrate from McLennan county to New Mexico.

—On the 10th inst., near Gas Springs, Burleson county, a great revival meeting opened under charge of Maj. Penn, the evangelist.

—Opportune showers have greatly benefited the range in Victoria county, and cattle are now luxuriating on the finest grass imaginable.

—At the late commencement of Washington and Lee University, Virginia, J. E. Coakrell, son of Judge Coakrell of Sherman, took the highest honors.

—Orange trees at Victoria bear luxuriantly, and the orchards are now filled with half grown fruit, brilliant in its emerald sheen, soon to vanish into the mellow glow of ripeness.

—Moore Bros., of Shaakelford county, came in from the range Wednesday of last week with their ox train of nine wagons loaded with 1,400 buffalo hides, deer, antelope, wolf and other small skins.

—The pecan crop of Victoria county bids fair to be very heavy. The trees in the Gaudalpe bottom and along the creeks are heavily laden with inchoate nuts, and visions of frolics in the woods in the wild autumn time fit through the happy minds of bright young maidens and stout-hearted youths.

—The new cotton crop of Texas has begun to move, and although the plant in many portions of the state is suffering for rain, the crop is a splendid one. Pickers are in demand all over the state, and the money that has begun to flow in is working a revival in business circles. There is no reason why times should not be good in Texas during the coming year.

—Mustangs are yet to be found in Aransas county and one drove in particular, has been very annoying to farmers and pasture men, but an enterprising man has been catching up this herd, and out of two hundred head has captured all but about twenty-five. He managed the capture by building a stone corral at their usual watering place and frightening them into it when they sought water.

—Last year the cotton worm was had in Victoria county and a solution of Paris Green was copiously used. The consequence was that the worms were checked very little if any in their ravages, and nearly all the bees in the county were killed, they foraging on the cotton bloom for its sweets. This year there are no worms and those who were fortunate enough to save any of their bees have an abundance of honey.

—Gainesville *Gazette*: The prospects are so flattering that they almost amount to certainty that the best will ship the largest cotton crop ever gathered west of the Texas Central road. More money will be paid out for cotton at Gainesville this year than was paid out at Sherman last season. Eleven two-story brick houses are under contract and being constructed at Gainesville just at this time, and quite a number of others in contemplation.

—A sad and singular accident recently occurred at Newton, Jasper county. Little Jake Pearce went hunting and shot at birds near Mrs. Sarah McMahon's residence. He did not shoot toward the house, but one of the shot struck a piece of wood, glanced off toward the house, and struck a little girl, Phebe McMahon, aged about twelve years, and passed through her body, ranging just below the heart. The attending physician thinks her recovery doubtful.

—There are some peculiarities and apparent contradictions as to the time the new laws of Texas are to take effect. The revised statutes will take effect at 12 m. on the 1st of September, and the criminal code and the code of procedure on the 24th of July. The tax law and some amendments to the statutes take effect on the 24th of July; but in order to make the laws uniform the comptroller will note all of them in his department as taking effect on the 1st of September.

—Col. N. L. Norton, vice Gen. R. P. Lane, declined, has been appointed commissioner to locate the three millions of public land for a new capitol. The surveyors are intended to leave Fort Worth on this business on the twenty-fourth instant. The party will consist of about twenty persons. Gen. Pope, U. S. A., has promised them an escort of troops. Col. Norton was delayed for a short time, but will overtake and accompany the surveying party. The duty of the commissioner is to select and determine the character of land to be set apart for these uses. There are eight counties named in a law in which the public lands are reserved until the best portions of them may be set apart for these uses. The old Texas Pacific reservation is also open to locations for a new capitol, as well as every other portion of the public domain, save, of course, the school lands.

The Ramic Weed.

This "weed" is what is known in botanical language as the "*Abutilon avicenne*." Every farmer knows it by sight, but few would recognize it by its scientific name. To them it is only a pest, and a bad one at that. It makes its appearance above the corn, the potatoes, the berry bushes, in fact here, there and everywhere, and no device known to the farmer will rid them of it. If one is pulled up another is sure to come in its place. If let alone it will not stop growing until it is head and shoulders above the tallest of tall men. It will thrive in the hottest sun, and its seeds—for each plant scatters ounces promiscuously every season—have such a tenacious life that they will resist the hardest frost. In fact both plant and seeds will survive any amount of ill-treatment. "Devil's Plant" is the sobriquet which many farmers have given it, and if an explanation is asked for they will solemnly aver their belief that only the evil one could have saddled such a pest upon the agricultural community. Yet the "devil's plant" has proved to be a great blessing in disguise and a big one at that. From it can be produced a fibre infinitely superior to Indian jute. This discovery was brought about by a French gentleman, M. Emile Le Franc, who has resided in America for about nine years. He is an authority on fibrous plants, and has written several reports on the subject for the National Agricultural Department.

In April of last year the *Record* announced that the government of India had offered a premium of \$25,000 to any individual or company which would invent the best machine for the preparation of ramic or Indian grass. The treatment of these plants in that country, as well as in China, is entirely by hand. This offer came to the notice of M. Le Franc, who has invented a process which is claimed to be the very thing for which the Indian government is seeking. With this invention he has prepared some American ramic and produced a staple next in appearance to silk. He has also ascertained that the ramic plant is indigenous to the soil of this part of the country, and as it is in regard to importation ranks next to jute, it can be made to join that plant in increasing the wealth of the country. Imported ramic is extensively used in this country by manufacturers, who mix it with silk and wool fabrics. It is also made into sewing and shoe thread on a large scale. M. Le Franc goes to India next year to submit his invention and claim the bounty from the government.

Should it be accepted, Brother Jonathan will have another feather in his cap of inventions, for the machine which is demanded will create an immense revolution in the textile trade of the British possessions.

The Rothschilds.

Since the death of Baron Lionel de Rothschild, the head of the London house, many of the European newspapers have been speculating on the amount of capital, profits, and general business relations of the great financial family. Nobody outside of its members and their confidential employes has, we suppose, any actual knowledge of their affairs, although many persons claim to be informed as to their resources and operations. A writer in a Paris journal claims to be in a position to know that the present capital of the different Rothschild houses is at least \$500,000,000, and that they can control as much more, which may be considered a pretty penny. Stories of the Rothschilds will always be told, as they will be about any and every body thought to be enormously rich. After the interest a man has in his own money, he seems to be most interested in some other man's money. More idle tales are told of the great Jewish bankers (they, by-the-by, call themselves bankers, which they really are) than of any other bankers, probably because they are the wealthiest of their class. One of these tales is, that the Rothschilds almost never lose anything, which is absurd on its face, considering the prodigious extent of their operations. They lose a good deal, of necessity, because they make a great deal; but their profits are doubtless always in advance of their losses. There seems to be authority for the statement, often made, that their losses from depreciation in the funds and securities which followed the disturbances brought about in various European capitals by the French revolution of 1848, reached some \$40,000,000. They afterward made up the loss, it is asserted, which they would be very likely to do. The interests of the Rothschilds are well-nigh universal, and their secrecy, save in open transactions, is invariably profound. Nathan Rothschild is reputed to have said: "One great reason of our success is that we know how to hold our tongues." They are as reticent as the grave concerning their business. After Baron Lionel had been dead a week, a London wag remarked: "The old Baron is just as communicative as ever." The time has passed, if it ever was, when kings had

to consult the Rothschilds before they could go to war, but they are still a stupendous power, and likely to be for generations. The recollection that the founder of the house, Meyer Anselm (he took the name Rothschild from the sign of a red shield placed over his small shop in Frankfort), entered Hanover in 1763 barefoot, with a bundle of rags on his back, is enough to prevent any poor devil from despair. But it is not every man who has the brain of Meyer Anselm.—*Exchange.*

Dignity of Farm Life.

Of all the avocations of life, not one among them can present superior claims for bodily health, mental employment, true independence, ample compensation, pure enjoyment and moral strength, than does the noble calling of farmers, and those of its profession; men, women and children should stand up erect in full measure, in conscious pride of a nobility, not titled and maintained by force, but of more ancient origin and endorsed by an authority higher than that of the royal seal of any king or potentate of earth. Farmer, your duties lead you to the open fields, there to view the landscape, to examine the grounds, and to perform pleasant and invigorating labors. You know nothing of the trimming of the midnight lamp and the aching brow of the accountant as he pores over his ledger page by page, nor the sighs, anxieties and hardships of the barrister, who works diligently through the late hours in preparation for the duties of the succeeding day, for your labors having ended with the coming of night, now you rest in sweet repose, to rise with the lark, refreshed in strength and renewed in hope, and on the battle you sally forth, the tide of victory slowly but surely setting in your favor, and when darkness comes, the proclamation of triumph is written upon your shield. Who is so independent and free from dangerous temptation as he who possesses in his own right acres of land, the number more or less, and they will subside by the arts of cultivation! Point out the avocation, if you can, that holds in its keeping such magnificent gifts, and the giving in profusion the real comforts of life so readily made to the honest demands of faithful labor! The pleasures of the farm arise from natural principles, and coming from such source have a primeval influence, and the brightest scenes of enjoyment are made concomitants of farm life. No need of drudgery, slavery, or serfdom upon the farm, where all the surroundings are of the strongest tendency in opposition. Their invitations are ceaseless and persuasive to the farmer who thinks and plans his business to system and keeps time to the wise regulations of his own making. Nature, ever true to its part, aids the true cultivator in his work, from the germination of the seed to the fully matured crop. These two forces, acting in harmonious concert, clothe the fields, gardens, orchards, vineyards, and flower beds with the beautiful green dress of the forest, and with the imitating colors of the various wild plants. Then comes the time of harvest and the season of flowers to gladden the heart and enliven the senses of the sturdy farmer. Well may he rejoice in the results of his work. In the midst of the fruits of his labors stands his humble cottage, peeping from the deep, cool shade; a haven of rest, sweetness and repose, a home for the stranger, guest, or casual visitor.—*Prairie Farmer.*

The Debt to Mother.

Mothers live for their children, make self-sacrifices for them, and manifest their tenderness and love so freely, that the name mother is the sweetest in the human language. And yet sons, youthful and aged, know but little of the anxiety, the nights of sleepless and painful solicitude which their mothers have spent over their thoughtless waywardness. Those loving hearts go down to their graves with those hours of secret agony untold. As the mother watches by night, or prays in the privacy of her closet, she weighs well the words which she will address to her son, in order to lead him to a manhood of honor and usefulness. She will not tell him all the griefs and deadly fears which beset her soul. She warns him with trembling, lest she say overmuch. She tries to charm him with cheery love, while her heart is bleeding. No worthy and successful man ever yet knew the breadth and depth of the great obligation which he is under to the mother who guided his heedless steps when his character for virtue and purity was so narrowly balanced against a course of vice and ignomy. Let the dutiful son do his utmost to smooth his mother's pathway; let him obey as implicitly as he can her wishes and advice; let him omit nothing that will contribute to her peace, rest and happiness, and yet he will part from her at the tomb with the debt to her not half discharged.

There is considerable activity in plow-shares, and many a bank will be broken by them.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Honey Locust Hedges.

For a hedge of honey locust, the land should be first put in good condition by deep and thorough tillage the previous year. Choose one year seedlings, and assort them so as to keep the strong plants as much as possible together, for the reason that it will ever after be difficult to hasten the growth of a weak plant when growing beside stronger ones. In fitting the ground, turn the furrows from both ways toward the line of the hedge, thus giving a deeper depth of soil, and at the same time a slope to carry the water from the hedge, stretch a line for the row of plants, and open a trench by the use of the spade or plow, or both, of sufficient depth, finishing one side perpendicular and straight, planting the seedlings by placing them against the side so fitted. A man can then follow with hoe or spade, and fill up the trench, compacting the earth carefully with the feet. The plants should be set eight inches apart in the row. A few plants should be reserved and planted in nursery row, to be used the next spring in filling any vacancies that may occur in the rows.

The ground on each side should be thoroughly cultivated for two years, during which time no pruning should be done. Early the third spring, the plants now having made two years' growth, commence at one end of the hedge with a pair of stout leather gloves to protect the hands, draw the first plant down to a horizontal position, and then hold it close beside the second with one hand; with the other bring the second plant down over and across the top of this, and alongside the third, bringing it in a similar manner across the second and alongside the fourth, proceeding in a similar manner through the entire length of the hedge. Occasionally a very strong plant may need a slight cut with the knife to assist it to its proper position, and occasionally a low or bushy one may be so short as to require tying to hold it in position till the resultant upward growth shall suffice to hold it in place.

By this process the growth will be sufficiently thickened without the cutting away of any wood, except, perhaps, an occasional straggling side shoot. This laying down or plashing should be kept within from three to five inches of the ground. The year's growth will spring from the stumps and from this plashing, and may be expected during the season to reach a height of from four to six feet.

The next spring the plants, having now made their third year's growth, the same process should again be performed, only this time at a height of sixteen or eighteen inches above the ground, after which the hedge may be left to its natural growth, excepting only the shearing needful to keep it within proper limit, and to secure the requisite compactness of growth.

A hedge managed in this manner may be expected, with the needful culture, to turn stock after the fourth season's growth, and be compact enough, at the bottom, for the turning of even the smaller animals.

Rain and Civilization.

A correspondent writing from Kinsey, Kansas, says: It is an unquestionable fact that the rain-areas are moving westward with advancing settlement, and that the requisite amount of rainfall may be depended on with as much reliance as in the Eastern states. The principle of rainfall accompanying settlement and civilization of the soil is much more universal than was formerly supposed or understood. I was told, the other day, at Trinidad, in Southern Colorado, close to the mountain-range, and next to the border line of New Mexico, that, since the valleys have been more generally cultivated, even by the crude methods of Mexican husbandry, several good crops of wheat have been raised on uplands where irrigation was impossible. The shrewd Boston capitalists who own and built the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad seem to have faith in the agricultural future of Kansas, as, in addition to their Colorado and New Mexico extensions they are now building about 200 miles of branch-roads, tapping the countries of their main line. One of these starts at Emporia and will be built to Eureka in Greenwood county. Another will run from Florence, in Marion county, passing through Marion Centre, the county seat, and will be extended by September to the county seat of McPherson county. This branch will probably be continued west until it strikes the main line somewhere about Sterling. Still another is the one before referred to, from Wichita, through the fine town of Winfield to Kansas City, on the border of the Indian Territory; with perhaps a spur across the river to Wellington, in Sumner county,—thus making tributary one of the finest sections of the state.

The demand for harvest hands throughout the West makes this the hardest time of the year for the poor tramp.

WIT AND WISDOM.

NEARLY 3,000 European immigrants arrived at New York during the last week in June.

A LONG-EXTINCT crater on Mt. Hood, Oregon, is now emitting volumes of sulphurous smoke.

THE nimble-footed mule is used as the light fantastic foot for a canalboat.—N. O. *Picayune.*

A GEORGIA judge has decided that a woman is not an old maid until she has reached the age of thirty-five.

IT is admitted by the St. Petersburg *Golos* that the war with Turkey cost Russia \$750,000,000 and 200,000 lives.

UPON the adjournment of congress, Aleck Stephens, it is said, crawled into an envelope and franked himself home.

THE once-powerful tribe of Seminole Indians have dwindled away to about 400 persons, located in South Florida.

THERE is an old lady, 107, in Boston, who never uses spectacles, and whose sight is as good as it ever was. She was born blind.

THE number of flies that are chewed up annually by careless tea drinkers, who mistake them for tea leaves, is beyond all earthly computation.

"THAT'S a relation of yours, isn't it?" said a man to his wife, at the same time pointing to a donkey. "Yes, by marriage," was her stinging reply.

AS the night air is so unwholesome, do not sit on the front stool without putting something around your girl. Always go armed for an emergency of this kind.

A FARMER'S wife desired a newspaper. She set aside a hen, carefully saved her eggs, and set them, raising a fine brood of chickens, which more than brought the price of her favorite paper.

WHAT is worse for a fly? A skeeter. What is heavier as an elephant? A hot stove handle. What is meaner as a man who takes a paper and won't pay for it? Nothing, with odds in favor of the meanness in the man.

"THE only real bitter tears," says some one, "are those shed in solitude." You may bet your life that philosopher never saw a ten-year old boy coming out of a wood-shed in company with his father and a skate strap.

SOME queer, crooked things were dug up in the Treasury yard at Washington the other day, and now they don't know whether they are purified signatures of ex-Treasurer Spinner that fell out of the window, or a lot of old sofa springs.

THE Argentine Republic is now shipping wheat to Europe and on a somewhat extensive scale. For twenty-five years the principal exports were hides; a few years afterwards wool, and now wheat takes the lead. That is the steady march of civilization.

A CAREFUL housekeeper put new wall paper in the front room in spring time rather than in the fall. Miller's young man never leans his greasy black hair against the wall in the summer time, and the paper can consequently be kept clean, the front gate, you know.

DURING the last twenty years 120,000,000 barrels of petroleum has been produced in Pennsylvania—57,000,000 during the past five years. In 1860 it was worth \$20 a barrel; the average price in 1878 was only \$1.40. Philadelphia exported last year nearly 80,000,000 gallons. Quite a number of vessels were cleared with it for Japan.

A SCHOOLMISTRESS for the training of pirates could be filled immediately with cadets from the class of boys who are reading dime novels. Many a youth, standing by while his mother splits wood for cooking dinner, is within his soul burning to be a hero of the high seas.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

AN agricultural journal tells "How to throw a cow." This information may be worth something, but when a cow gets into your garden you will save time and profanity by racing her seventeen times around the grounds, until she takes a notion to dart out of the gate by which she entered, instead of attempting to throw her—over the fence.

AT Napa, Cal., the other day, a Frenchman named Pettit appeared in the street flourishing a pistol in an excited manner. A man driving by called out to him: "Don't shoot; you'll scare my horse!" The Frenchman bowed, said "Excuse me, sir," waited until the horses had reached a safe distance and then deliberately blew out his brains.

A CLERGYMAN, a widower, with seven grown up daughters, left home for a neighboring city and wrote back that he had some news that would surprise them—he had just married a widow with six children. The seven grown up daughters had an awful time until he returned—alone. One of them mustered up courage to ask him: "Where is our mother?" "In heaven, I hope." "But I mean the widow with six children that you married?" "Oh! I married her to another man."

THE tide of emigration to the Far West has greatly increased the railroad traffic, and this, with the immense movement of produce to the seaboard, have added to the earnings of the companies, and stimulated the building of new lines in different directions. Within twelve months there will be in operation another road to the Pacific below the snow line. In less than three years we shall have four trunk lines to the Pacific, and the people of Asia and Australia will be in close business relations with us.

A GENTLEMAN, wishing to obtain board for his wife and family in the country, was directed to a neat-looking farmhouse kept by an old farmer and his wife. A brief inspection satisfied him that the place would suit him. "But now as to terms," he said. "Waal," drawled the farmer, "you have six children, you say?" "Yes, sir." The old man reflected a few moments and then resumed: "Last year I took children at half-price. Do you see them par trees and berry bushes? Waal, this year I will charge full price for the young uns, and throw in your wife and yourself for nothin'."

A Woman in the Case.

"To tell the truth," said John Haviland, as he threw aside the evening paper and faced the little group in the parlor. "I am fast growing out of patience with this text—'A woman at the bottom of it.' It would be strange in this world, made up as far as we are aware of nothing but the two sexes, if a woman would not occasionally be found at the bottom of anything good. It is the injustice of the thing that makes me angry. Now there are a hundred of us poor fellows who owe all we are, all we have, and all we can hope to become in this world or the next, to the unselfish love of woman."

The gentleman's face was flushed, and he spoke very warmly and feelingly, so much so, that his wife, rocking her baby to sleep in the further corner of the room, inquired:

"But why should you care, John? It has always been so, and always will be so. We don't think much about it now, because we have been taught to expect it."

"But you should care! and you should fight for each other more than you do. There is one chapter in my life's history that I have always kept locked in my heart, but to-night I feel as if it were my duty to open it for your inspection; and I do it for the love of woman—for the love of woman who made me what I am worthy to be, the husband of a good woman."

"Why, John!" said Mrs. Haviland, softly approaching—babe still held tight to her bosom—"you absolutely frighten me."

"Let's have the story," said the rest of the group, certain that something good might be anticipated; and John commenced, at first a little timid, but gaining confidence as he proceeded.

"When I first came to New York, at the age of twelve years, to seek my fortune, I can call myself a precocious chap without danger of being accused of an unusual degree of self-appreciation. I was quick to learn everything, the bad as well as the good. My employer used profane language. I picked up the oaths that he dropped with a naturalness that surprised even myself. The boys in the office all chewed tobacco. This was a little the hardest job I ever attempted, but, after two weeks of nausea and indescribable stomach wrenchings, I came off victorious, and could get away with my paper a day with the best of 'em."

"True, every word of it," said the speaker.

"One afternoon I was sent with a note from my employer to a house in the upper part of the city. I hadn't anything to read, but I had plenty of tobacco, and with that I proposed to entertain myself during the two or three hours I must spend in the passage. For some distance I did not notice who were beside me, but by-and-by, a lady said, very softly and pleasantly: 'Would you please, little boy, be more careful? I am going to a party this afternoon, and I should hate to have my dress spoiled.' I looked into her face. It was the sweetest face I ever saw. Pale, earnest, and loving, to my boyish heart it was the countenance of an angel."

"What in the world did you say?" interrupted Mrs. Haviland, her bright eyes filling with tears, as she saw how the memory of this beautiful woman affected her husband.

"Say! There was very little I could say. I think all I did for some time was to look."

"I managed to dispose of the tobacco, however, and wiped my mouth very carefully, all of which I felt certain she saw and mentally commented upon."

"Have you a mother, little boy?" she next asked, in the same low tone.

"No, ma'am," I answered, and I felt my throat filling up, and I knew I must swallow mighty fast to keep from sobbing.

"You have a father, then, I suppose?" she kept on.

"No, ma'am; no father."

"Brothers and sisters?"

"Neither, ma'am."

"Then the little boy is alone in the world?"

"All alone, ma'am."

"How long has his mother been dead?" and the dear woman looked away from my face, and waited till I could speak.

"Two years," I answered.

"And you loved her?" came next.

"Dearly," was all I could say.

"She was silent for a moment, and then she said so sweetly—oh! I shall never forget it—

"And what do you think your dear mother would say—how do you think she would feel—to know that her little boy was guilty of such a disgusting habit as this?" pointing to my cheek, where the tell-tale quid had vainly tried to stand its ground.

"I must leave now," she continued, "but here is my card, and if you come to me most any evening, I shall be glad to see you, and perhaps we can be of some service to each other."

"She gave me her little gloved hand,

and to my dying day I shall never forget the sensation of that moment. I could not bear to part with her; with-out her I felt that I could do nothing—with her I could grow to a man's estate—a man in the truest sense of the word. From that moment tobacco never passed my lips.

"As soon as I could summon courage, I called upon the lady. Well do I remember how my heart beat as I waited in the elegant parlor for her to come down, and how awkward I felt as I followed my guide to her private sitting-room. She got at every point of my life, and before I bade her good-by, it was arranged that I should spend two evenings of each week at her house, and study on the occasion just what she thought best.

"No lover looked forward to meetings with the mistress of his heart any more ardently than I did to these meetings with my friend.

"I grew careful of my personal appearance, careful of my conversation, and strove in every way to be worthy of the noble friendship. Two years passed in this delightful manner—two years that made me. My friend not only attended to my studies, striving also all the while to sow the right kind of spiritual seed, but she procured me a business situation with a particular friend of hers, where I remain to this day. Nobody but God knows what I owe this woman. During the last three months of those two years I noticed that she grew constantly pale and thin; but she never betrayed into speaking of herself. Sometimes, when I would ask her if she felt worse than usual, she would reply:

"Oh, no! I am only a little tired—that is all."

"One evening she kept me by her sofa much longer than was her custom, while she arranged lessons, and laid out work enough, it seemed to me, for months.

"Why so much to-night?" I inquired, conscious that my heart ached, and vaguely suspecting the cause.

"Because, dear," she answered, "I do not want you to come for the next week, and I am anxious that you should have sufficient work to anticipate, as well as to keep you busy. I think I can trust you to be a good boy, John."

"I think you can, ma'am," I answered, almost sobbing.

"If I should see your mother, my dear boy, before long, what shall I say to her for you?"

"Then I knew all, and my grief knew no bounds. It is no use to go on. She died two days after; and when I hear folks saying, 'There's a woman at the bottom of it,' I feel like telling the whole world what a woman did for me."

Interior.

Five Days Without Water.

Sixteen surveys in the employ of the government left Trinidad, Colorado, a few weeks ago, for a tour eastward to the Indian territory line. Major Medary commanded the party, among whom were S. M. Winchester and his chum, William Johnson, both Baltimoreans. Stretching south from the Santa Fe track and east from the town of Trinidad are sterile plains. Water on these plains is very scarce, there being a few trickling streams that are far apart and made almost unfit for use by the strong impregnation of alkali. The corps worked eastward, locating townships on the way, until the 6th instant. Then a squad of five men, commanded by Mr. Sheets, was sent from a point on Willow creek with orders to run a transit eighteen miles due north. The task having been performed the five set out at nightfall for camp. In a few hours they realized that they were lost, with nothing but thirst and boundless sterility before them. On the morning of the 6th a consultation showed that Winchester and Johnson wanted to go one way and the other three another. Sheets, with two companions, then left the Baltimore boys with the idea of striking Cariso spring. After sixty hours of constant labor, during which they suffered the torments of the cursed, no water passing their lips, the three arrived at the spring. As soon as they could communicate with camp they did so, and men at once set out to find Winchester and Johnson. The search was conducted with an excitement bordering on frenzy. On Monday, the 9th instant, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, poor Winchester was found lying on the open plain. He was still alive. A few drops of water were given him. He took them, and said in a weak voice: "Bless you, bless you, tell mother—"

He died in five minutes. Near by was a rock which towered strangely above the plain. In a crevice of the rock was found a note from Winchester, dated the 7th, and telling of their aimless wandering. Six miles from the rock was found Johnson's canteen. The prairies were scoured for three days, and on the 12th instant Johnson's body was found. All around the ground had been clawed and the brush torn in the delirium of his thirst. The *Denver Republican* says that the bodies were buried on a grassy hillside. The *Trinidad News* and the *Denver Tribune* state that within two months Winchester would have come into possession of \$30,000 left him in Baltimore.

FOUND IN LETTER BOXES.

Some of the Articles Gathered up by Letter Carriers on their Rounds.

(From the New York Sun.)

Postoffice employes sometimes find unexpected articles in the letter boxes that are scattered throughout the city. These articles are for the most part dropped out of packages insecurely done up, or tucked into the boxes by absent-minded persons. A few of these brought to the general postoffice within the last three months form a curious collection. Among them are buttons and Lima beans, a lady's nightcap trimmed with lace, a green cravat, two purple chemisettes, with point tissue paper at the back; two imitation diamond pins, nine electrotypes, a rubber nipple, several cakes of soap, a sewing machine shuttle, a tin toy trombone, a railroad ticket from Paris to Havre, a veil, and some vaccine matter. It the general postoffice deposit box a few days ago was found a large bundle of tickets, good on the Old Dominion line. In the last three months two sets of false teeth have been found. No one has ever been known to claim a set. Billiard balls are sometimes discovered rolling around among the letters. Whenever a name and address is found on one of these articles, the supposed owner is requested by a letter from the main office to identify his property. Very little of it ever finds an owner. Pocketbooks are sometimes found, usually with no money inside. About two weeks ago, however, one was found containing a money order for \$30, directed to a man in Palatka, Florida, besides a berth ticket in a Florida steamship to sail within a few days, and three names with addresses. One address was that of a young woman living in Charles street, and the last address of a person living in a boarding-house; the last address proved to be that of the owner of the pocketbook. He could not say how he had lost it; but as it contained a small sum of money which was not in it when found, it was conjectured that it had been taken from his pocket by a thief, who kept the money and tucked the pocketbook into the lamp-post box. Another pocketbook, stamped in gilt with the name of the wife of a prominent uptown physician, was returned to the owner, who could not account for its loss. One evening a pocketbook was taken from a box in Macdougall street, and the next morning one was found in a box half a mile further uptown, as though the thief had marked the course he took. In April some important legal papers in a suit that was to come off within a week were found in a letter-box. On them was the name of a well-known lawyer. When he went to the postoffice in response to a letter informing him that the papers were to be had there, he said that he had carried them in the inside pocket of his coat. How his pocket had been picked he could not understand. Old letters with no envelopes around them are frequently found. One such was from a young man in St. Louis to his sweetheart in New York. The letter complained that the young woman was becoming indifferent to him, and its tone was full of passionate reproach. A postoffice employe mischievously wrote to the young man and asked where the young woman's address was. The information came, and with it the inquiry how the official knew that the young man corresponded with her. On a recent day fifteen letters were sent to the dead letter office in Washington. Of these five were without either address or stamp; seven had stamps affixed, but were not addressed, and two were addressed with the name only, viz: "Geo. Brigham," and "Mess. J. P. Beatty & Bro." One of the envelopes was covered with writing in German text and the German language.

Pain and the Weather.

It is a familiar experience that certain bodily pains vary in their phases according to the weather, but probably few have made exact scientific observations of this to any considerable extent. A series of such observations, made with much ability and perseverance, has lately been reported to the American Academy of Science by Professor Mitchell. They are by Captain Catlin, of the United States army, who lost a leg during the war, and since that time has suffered a good deal from traumatic neuralgia. He carefully noted, during five years, the effects produced on him by changes of the weather. For the first quarters of these five years there were 2,471 hours of pain; for the second quarters, 2,102 hours; for the third quarters, 2,056 hours; and for the last quarters, 2,221 hours. The best "yield of pain" is in January, February and March, and the poorest in the third quarter—July, August and September. During these five years, while the sun was south of the equator, there were 4,692 hours of pain, against 4,158 hours while it was north of the equator. The average duration of the attacks for the first quarters was twenty-two hours, and for the third quarters only 17.9 hours. Now, taking

the four years ending January 1, 1879, it is found that of the 537 storms charged by the signal bureau, 298 belong to the two winter quarters, against 239 for the summer quarters. Hence we have the ratio of the number of storms of the winter and the summer quarters corresponding to the ratio of the amounts of neuralgia for these respective periods; and the ratio of average duration of each attack for the same time corresponds closely with the ratio of the respective total amounts of neuralgia for the same periods. The average distance of the storm-center at the beginning of the neuralgic attacks was 680 miles. Storms from the Pacific coast are felt farthest off very soon after, or as they are crossing the Rocky mountains, while storms along the Atlantic coast are associated with milder forms of neuralgia, which are not felt till the storm-center is nearer. Rain is not essential in the production of neuralgia. The severest neuralgic attacks of the year were those accompanying the first snows of November and December. One other interesting observation is as follows: Every storm sweeping across the continent consists of a vast rain area, at the center of which is a moving space of greatest barometric depression. The rain usually precedes this storm-center by 550 to 600 miles, but before and around the rain lies a belt, which may be called the neuralgic margin of the storm, and which precedes the rain by 150 miles. The fact is very deceptive, because the sufferer may be on the far edge of a storm-basin of barometric pressure, and seeing nothing of the rain, yet have pain due to the storm.

The Sand Blast.

Among the wonderful and useful inventions of the times is the common sand blast. Suppose you desire to letter a piece of marble for a grave-stone; you cover the stone with a sheet of wax no thicker than a wafer, then cut in the wax the name, date, etc., leaving the marble exposed. Now pass it under the blast and the wax will not be injured at all, but the sand will cut letters deep into the stone.

Or, if you desire raised letters, a flower or other emblem, cut the letters, flowers, etc., in the wax and stick them upon the stone; then pass the stone under the blast, and the sand will cut it away. Remove the wax and you have the raised letters.

Take a piece of french plate glass, say two feet by six, and cover it with fine lace; pass it under the blast, and not a thread of the lace will be injured, but the sand will cut deep into the glass wherever it is not covered by the lace. Now remove the lace and you have every delicate and beautiful figure raised upon the glass.

In this way beautiful figures of all kinds are cut in glass, and at a small expense. The workmen can hold their hands under the blast without harm, even when it is rapidly cutting away the hardest glass, iron or stone, but they must look out for finger nails, for they will be whittled off right hastily.

If they put on steel thimbles to protect the nails it will do little good, for the sand will soon whittle them away, but if they wrap a piece of soft cotton around them they are safe. You will at once see the philosophy of it. The sand whittles away and destroys any hard substance, even glass, but does not affect substances that are soft and yielding, like wax, cotton or fine lace or even the human hand.

A Newspaper for All the World.

The newspaper of the future is at hand, and it comes—out of the Vatican. For some time there have been rumors afloat that the papal power was about to avail itself specially of the modern instrumentality of the press, and on a grand scale, viz: A paper, to be published in all the known tongues of the world. The thing has now taken definite shape enough to create great commotion. Among the compositors men will be needed who can set type in Russian, Danish, Arabian, Japanese, Irish, etc., etc., as well as in the easy French, English, German, Italian, and Spanish. The title fixed on for the new journal is to be the *World*—its function to publish the voice of truth to all the earth. As the machinery for such a paper is all at hand in the Propaganda, the organization is simple enough and need not take much time.

With the Roman love, however, for visible display, there is to be an immense amount of material construction. The new paper is to have a special establishment—a "palace" having a ground-floor area of 13,050 square meters. The first floor is to be assigned to the composition-rooms, the second to the editorial. The printing presses will be built into the ground in an interior court. The cost of the building is estimated at \$400,000. The design of the palace embraces a fine church for the use of the institution. Cardinals Newman, Hergenrother and others are mentioned as writers for the new journal.—*Rome Letter.*

Talk With a Lion-Tamer.

In a talk with the Lion King and animal tamer, Joseph McQuade, of Middletown, Ohio, he gave us the following items of interest in regard to the habits of wild animals and the manner of subduing them to man's will. He said, "Some people have an idea that almost any person can perform in a den of lions, and I have no doubt that there are many men who could in time do so, as I do not consider it any great trick to go into a den of lions and perform with them. I have been in the business about fourteen years altogether, and in that time have handled a great many lions, and have the first scratch to get yet. I know it is thought by many that to enter a den of lions, or to tame them so they can be safely handled, it is necessary to saturate the clothing with some kinds of drugs to keep them away. This is not the case at all, as my experience has long since taught me. That kind of treatment is what is mostly needed in the training of wild animals. It is necessary frequently to use a whip, but the trainer wants to know just when to commence the use of the whip, and when to stop. I have always found that the kinder I treated a lion, the better it would mind me. I have yet to see the first lion or lioness that would not permit me to enter its cage and work after one week's training. I have broken several dens of lions, and, as I said before, never yet have been injured in the least by any of them. Some men who perform with lions and pretend to be lion kings enter a den and commence clubbing them and knocking them about and thus cause a temporary fear on the part of the animals. Lions or tigers thus used, in nine cases out of ten, only await an opportunity to wound or slay their keeper, and they cannot be trusted, for at any moment they are liable to spring upon him. In all of my experience I have never carried anything into a den of lions except a small riding whip, which they fear a great deal more than a club. Kind treatment is the best weapon for a trainer of wild animals to use in all cases, and a club never. I know that a hyena is looked upon as one of the most dangerous and treacherous of animals, yet my experience teaches me that it is a very cowardly beast, and one of the easiest to tame. I have broken a number, and have slept in the cage with them without ever having the least trouble. They will become as much attached to a man as a dog. I had one in 1872 with the Boston Show that would take my part the same as a good dog. No one could lay a hand on me in the hyena's presence but what it would try to get at them. In performing with lions it is thought that it is essentially necessary for safety for the trainer to keep his eye on all of them in the den. This is a mistake, as I have often worked in a den of four lions and never watched but the one I was working all the rest being at perfect liberty to take me unaware, if they had been so inclined. In feeding lions a regular hour should invariably be observed, and each one should have about twelve pounds of meat, bone and all. If possible there should always be bone in the meat fed to lions, as it does them much more good when they have to tear the meat from the bone."

Gems by the Wayside.

The best thoughts are ever the swift-est winged; the duller lag behind.

To abstain from a small thing is more difficult than to undertake a great one.

The love of public opinion is often mistaken for the dictate of genuine bravery.

The self-denial which vice exacts is greater by far than that involved in virtuous endeavor.

God is too merciful to let us have a full view of our character or a panoramic prospect of our vices.

The cultivation of the heart should be like that of a garden, where we prune and weed before we begin to plant.

He who dreads giving light to the people is like a man who builds a house without windows, for fear of the lightning.

The sweetest flowers are those which shed their odors in quiet nooks and dingles; and the purest hearts are those whose deeds of love are done in solitude and secret.

Every moral sentiment, every intelligent action, is to me a hint, a prophetic star of spiritual power to be expended forever, just as a faint ray from a distant sign is significant of unimaginable splendor.

He cannot be called an accomplished or a polite man in company who is continually betraying a fear to offend or a desire to please—though his behavior ought to be regulated internally by both these motives.

The man of knowledge lives eternally after his death, while his members are reduced to dust beneath the tomb. But the ignorant man is dead, even while he walks upon the earth; he is numbered among the living men, and yet he existeth not.

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ON THE WING.

Through the courtesy of T. T. Leech, Esq., surveyor of Wheeler county, (Elliott) we secure a good horse and saddle and soon find ourself face to face with a forty-five mile ride to Clarendon, southwest over a very plain road. Oh! how silently eloquent are those great swells of land, like sea billows covered with verdure, never to be tasted, and with flowers never to be seen. The Great Builder surely never designed this vast country nor yet the "Indian Territory" eastward, to lie out only to the sunshine and shower and the occasional bootless tramp of savage men. The endeavor to open the Territory to use and settlement is but natural and right and will ere long succeed. Give the Indian a farm, and it need be aid to open it, then make him a man, a citizen subject to law as well as other men, and on this basis let him live or die. Possibly the management in Indian affairs in the past has been as wise as could be expected, but times are changed, and the Indian must move with the spirit of the times or be forever buried beneath the drift of a better civilization. Our lone ride all day is indicative of the safety people feel in this country.

We reach Barton's stock farm early in the shadows, and finding Mr. and Mrs. Allan and others, make our couch (of choice) out in the cool evening air. In all this land the cool breezy nights are a luxury. At this point we met G. F. Porter, Esq., of Oconto, Wis., as anticipated, and others also, prospecting for a herding place. Whatever in the way of grain growing and agriculture may engage the attention of our people, one thing is clearly indicated, we shall be largely a pastoral people. Our numerous streams and springs and endless diversity of hill and dale and plain, afford scope for exactly that variety of taste and energy that are coming to us. Pleasant again to greet each little group of settlers, and find all well and busy. We cannot expect everybody will ever be perfectly contented and happy anywhere, not even in this country, and yet I suppose we have as little discontent as in any community existing. Rains have been more plentiful than in many other places, and while in common with all, our small grains and gardens suffered in the early drouth, the later rains favor the late planting and corn will be a good crop, clearly confirming what has been so often said touching the richness and capacity of the soil. Our fruit trees suffered from the dry fall and spring and hard winter, but there are many of them, notably the younger and smaller trees, growing nicely. Of melons &c., we shall have abundance. The stock is rolling fat and the grass excellent.

Rev. Bro. Haney, our pastor at Sherman, gave us several sermons. Rev. Mr. Ames, an estimable Baptist minister, Rev. Mr. Allan and others, minister pleasantly and abundantly to the people. This settling the foundations of society is not the work of a day and yet the timbers are slowly coming into position.

For two days we rush east, west, north and south to see and observe, and then set our faces to the eastward. Our party consists of the "Col." "Clericus," "Nimrod" and "Scribo." A covered spring back and sprightly team and a riding horse, with food and camping outfit, and capacity for sixty miles a day it needed. Our homeward trip is partly by a new route. Late rains had given us finest grasses and the country is in its fairest robes. The valley of the "Red" down which we journey all the distance, has untold wealth. The Colonel is bewildered with the chances for building cities and fortunes. We cannot at this time gather up the items of interest in detail, nor name all the places where food and shelter are to be found enroute, for our transit was so rapid. With a first-class team and light rig, the distance from Sherman to Clarendon can be made in six days.

Cattle in the Pan Handle.

Through the kindness of C. B. Vivian, from Capt. Goodnight's camp, we learn the size of some of the main herds now in the Pan Handle.

The cattle men and their herds are: D. T. Beals & Co., 30,000; Capt Goodnight, 12,500; Creswell, 10,100; Torry, 8,000; Littlefield, 8,000; McNulty, 6,000; Baker, 4,000; Carrek, 4,000; Buggy, 3,000; Snowder, 3,000; Pollard, 3,000; Coleman, 3,000; Dickinson, 1,200.

There are also several small herds of from 100 to 1,000 head, making a total of about one hundred and twenty thousand head. Of these about 15,000 beeves will

be shipped during the season though some estimate as high as 22,000 will be ready for the market. It is fair to calculate that the increase this year from the present herds will average not less than 50 per cent of the entire number. This will give 80,000 calves, the number that will stop in this season from the Texas drive will be about 30,000 head, and from Colorado about 20,000 head. This will leave in the Pan Handle for next year's round up about two hundred and eight thousand head, or an increase of the number of nearly sixty per cent, and yet this does not begin to fill up the country, as it is estimated that it will hold a million head.

The average prices on the ground are for Mixed herd, Texas stock, \$13 50. Domestic " " 15 00. Beeves from the herd, 22 00.

The cost of keeping cattle per year is about \$1.50 per head, or \$1,500 per thousand. Four men with 12 to 16 head of horses will tend a herd of 1,000 head.

The profits are about as follows: Beeves per head, cost \$15, running 11.50, sell at \$22 with a profit of 32 per cent. Profit on cows costing \$13.50 per head, cost of running \$1.50, or \$15, increase of calves 75 per cent, worth \$5 per head. Net profit 23 per cent. On a mixed herd the beeves sold will pay expenses and the increase will double itself in three years. A discount is made on a mixed herd of 10 per cent. for losses. The profit on a mixed herd about 20 per cent. A large herd is more profitable than small ones.

The Paladira Canyon.

Ye local recently visited the Paladira canyon. To describe this natural wonder is by no means an easy task; to compare it with the canyons of the mountains is at once unfair and inadequate. The mountain canyons are more abrupt and deeper, and render the scene too monotonous, just a continuation of high bluffs. Here on either side from twenty to fifty miles, is a level plain, unbroken by even a rivulet, then comes the edge of the plains, an abrupt bluff, from three hundred to a thousand feet almost perpendicular, then a valley or park upland. These parks contain from forty to one thousand acres and are skirted by a small ravine or creek with its abrupt bank of several hundred feet. Below these course the river valley perhaps a half a mile wide in which lies the bed of the river a few feet lower still.

In passing down from the plains, but few places are found where a road could be made, and scarcely two places in a range of ten miles where a pony could pass up or down. No one who has not seen it can conceive the extent and wild beauty of this canyon. As far as the eye can reach, while standing on the edge of the plains above, stretches out this diversity of hill and dale, river and rock, magnificent beyond description! No visitor to the Pan Handle should fail to view the Paladira. This valley, too, is a natural cattle range. Abundantly sheltered at the most severe seasons of the year from storms on either side, the pasturage is fine and water is excellent. It thus unites utility with beauty and stands out as one of the natural wonders of the Pan Handle if not of the world.

Patents and Deeds

For the following and other persons have been executed and forwarded recently:

By deed, William Beers, Rochester N. Y., 160 acres; G. G. Lambert, Portville, N. Y., 40 acres; George Noss, Strausburg, Va., 80 acres; Dr. D. E. Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y., (131 Fort Green Place) 160 acres; Mrs. L. Woodworth, Pekin, N. Y., Rev. F. F. Kemper, Reynoldsburg, O., 160 acres and city lots; O. L. Stamm, Mass., 320

By patent, each 640 acres: Alexander Skinner, Reading, Pa.; Rev. J. S. Brown, Delaware, O.; Rev. J. W. Newcomb, Farmington, Mo.; N. G. Moore, Bristow, Iowa; J. J. Stanton, Bear Valley, Wis.; Wiltsie Brown, Virogna, Ia.; Rev. John Pearson, Cin., O.; W. D. Pike and E. M. Beckwith, Plainfield, Ill.

Others will be forth coming soon. The land office is crowded with work.

Let all letters and correspondence after the receipt of this number of the News, and until further notice be directed to "Clarendon, Donley county, Tex., via Dodge City, Kansas.

The polls and wire for a telegraph line from Fort Sill in the Indian Territory to Elliot in Wheeler county; 45 miles from Clarendon, is now on the ground and the erection will soon be completed. A telegraph office at Elliot will be of special benefit to our colony.

Greatly Overstated

Has been the supposed average of lawlessness, burglary and murders etc., in our oft slandered state of Texas. We are probably like all the rest—bad enough—but we object to more than our just share of public abuse. Travelling north and east, we observed the widespread impression that life and property are very insecure and that even financial investments are far more than ordinarily risky. Many years since when Texas was a border country and the place of rendezvous for cut-throats of all grades, the fact was apparent that far more than an average of bad men could be found either openly or by careful search. Since then an entire change has taken place. Several facts contribute to the sum total of present estimate. We are an empire possessing nearly six times the area of New York, with a population of two millions. When the criminal doings of such an area is carefully gleaned the yield must needs be large—even then no worse than the other states.

Again, the old habit of comparing Texas to all things bad is still in vogue and has a perceptible influence among the uninformed where chiefly the influence is, felt, and still again from extravagant statements of recent writers. The Globe-Democrat represents the interests of the old effete Missouri. Emigration rushes through and around it, and how can the open guardian of home interests do better since no personal praise can be truthfully indulged but by carefully bringing into prominence with startling head-lines and well-worded sentences the faults of her neighbors? And notably among these her most successful rival—Texas. One of our most honored and beloved church officials, during a month's stay in the Lone Star State, keeps eyes and ears open to the good and evil, and then penning his results for the people, masses the gleanings of crime from all parts of this vast area, and extending from the days of Bewley to the present, and then masses them into one thrilling telling, wreacking, bloody paragraph, producing an effect quite otherwise than in his sober and less sensational moods he would have penned; and so on to the end of the chapter.

After over four years of residence and extensive travel and observation in all parts of Texas, including the large southern cities and the eastern frontier towns, comparing the same to other states, new and old, and other cities, large and small, we are entirely settled in the conviction that honest, industrious and sober people have nothing to fear in Texas more than in other states. Recently we have traveled alone and unprotected, by public and private conveyance, many hundred miles, by day and night, and have experienced no trouble. Ladies travel the stage lines alone, even from Dodge City to Clarendon, pushing day and night, stopping only for meals, with entire safety.

We have one of the best countries on the globe, and with no exception as regards personal, safety, law and order, and as good society as the republic affords. Poisoned whisky, bad associates, and heated discussions will breed crime and trouble any time, anywhere. Outside of this we have peace.

Col. Porter, of Oconto, Wis., has just made a hurried visit to North-east Texas, leaving Sherman June 27th, and returning July 17th. The Colonel was met at Clarendon by the editor of the News, and a number of days spent in pleasant observation. Mr. Porter represents quite a number of prospective emigrants from his city and vicinity, and expressed himself as having his expectations fully verified in the country generally, and in the selection of lands made for himself and others in Donley county some time ago, and which were shown him by surveyor Parks. We hope to see him and a large number of Wisconsin's most enterprising men in Texas this fall. We cannot commend our country, or any other new locality, to men entirely dependent on their daily labor for bread. We can not afford work and wages for all—not surely for any—and yet, with more or less capital and energy, men will do well. Stock growing will pay better than anything else just now.

Colony in Hale County.

Paris Cox, Esq., of Boxley, Ind., was recently in Dallas, and with a number of standing visited the site of their proposed colony in Hale, laid out their town, and are now making preparations to come with 100 families in the early fall. We extend a hearty welcome to these our new neighbors. Their location is some 75 miles southwest of Clarendon. In regard to temperance &c., they will push on the same line with us.

QUESTION CORNER.

Have you any chills or malarial fever in Clarendon? No, we have had no sickness of any kind since its settlement except some who have gone there as invalids.

What is required to become a member of your colony? Nothing but to come and make yourself at home amongst us.

What is good building lumber worth in Sherman? \$13. to \$15

What are the prevailing diseases peculiar to the climate. None that we have yet learned.

What advantage in Donley Co. over Western Kansas? One great advantage is an abundance of pure, living water. Some places in Kansas they haul their water several miles. Also soil better building material more easily obtained.

What is the price of a pony, saddle and bridle in Sherman? From \$20 to \$40.

Is there any cactus in you county. Not common.

What constitutes an actual settler on school lands? Improvements, plowing, building and actual residence, more or less regularly, and annual payment of one tenth the cost (1.50 per acre) and interest on deferred payments at 10 per cent. See estimate of total cost in this number. The entire cost, 240 dollars, may be paid down if desirable.

How deep was the snow this last winter? Six to ten inches.

What will a tent cost to buy or rent? One 12x15, heavy duck, will cost about \$20. Ship it with your goods, unless you come via Sherman.

Are the lands generally level enough for the use of reapers and sulky plow? Yes.

What law about fencing? None at all. Stock must be herded. What effect has your climate on catarrhal subjects? Very favorable.

Is the wheat grown of a spring or winter variety? Mainly winter; sown in October and November. Oats are sown in the fall, winter or spring.

Did Irish potatoes do well at Clarendon? Yes.

What are the disadvantages of that frontier life and country? Similar to what might be expected in all new countries west—nothing serious we think.

Are teams more expensive at Dodge City than at Sherman? About 20 per cent.

Have you plows and implements for sale at Clarendon? Yes, generally.

Did your colony raise any corn, wheat, etc. last year? Yes, corn, oats, millet, potatoes and garden. The crop was good, considering the sod plowing and late planting. Will cotton grow so far north? Yes, easily and readily; was tested last year.

When will taxes be due on lands patented this year? When assessed. Probably next year.

What number of people are required to authorize a County organization? One hundred and fifty voters.

When is the best time to come? The best time is now.

Can persons find comfortable boarding at Clarendon, and at what price? Very fair boarding at \$1.50 to \$5.00 according to quality; hogs no quotations.

Is the land flat, rolling or hilly? A little of each; rolling is the prevailing style of country.

What kind of grain is grown? Anything you wish. What price will it bring per bushel? Can't say. Probably corn is sure to bring \$1 and upwards; and wheat from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Is it a good place for wintering cattle, sheep and hogs? No better in the world. Cattle sell at about \$8 to \$12½ per head; sheep \$1.50 to \$3.00 according to quality; hogs no quotations.

What is the prevailing religion? That which "turns the world upside down," Methodism.

Have you a church? A temporary erection, which meets all present needs. We have good society, Sunday schools, preaching, and the decency and courtesies of civilized life, well observed.

Is there plenty of woodland? Not in western Texas, though enough for fuel and many other uses. Hedges and timber will be grown easily and rapidly.

What will it cost me to reach your place alone? See railway agent and get terms to Dodge City, or Sherman.

Can a man buy lands for a home and not come for a year or so? Yes.

Do you think you can permanently exclude whisky? Yes, emphatically.

What kind of trees grow most readily? Almost anything, we think.

Could a family live one year in a water-proof tent comfortably? Yes, if of suitable size and floored.

What wages do mechanics receive? \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day.

C. L. Harrington, Mich., writes: "I expect now to start in September to visit your colony."

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