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Reviewing the Affairs of Donley County from its Organization Down to the Present Time.

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At the request of members of the Commissioners Court and other citizens of Donley county, the following report has been carefully compiled and submitted for approval, and is now published by order of said court for the information of those concerned.

At the organization of Donley county in 1882, there was attached to same for the purposes of revenue the counties of Floyd, Randall, Carson, Childress, Armstrong, Briscoe and Hall. At this time the salaries of the several county officers were fixed by the Commissioners Court of the county as follows: "County Judge and ex officio County Superintendent of Public Instruction," for his services in connection with both offices, the sum of \$1000.00 per year. (The salary attached to this office has remained unchanged to the present time.) Up to the year 1887 the salaries of other officers do not appear to have been fixed in any set amount, but was in the shape of claims for services, which were presented to and allowed by the Commissioners Court.

In 1887 the sheriff's salary was fixed at \$300.00 per year, and has so remained to this day. In the same year the clerk received the sum of \$500.00 on account of salary and there was additional allowances made to him by the Commissioners Court and paid by the county on account of "fees in cases, etc.," amounting to \$236.45, which last named amount was divided among the several county officers who were interested in said costs.

In the year 1889 an allowance of \$300 per year, for the benefit of the county attorney, was added to the ex officio salaries paid by the county. In the year 1894 the salary of the county attorney was dispensed with, and in the same year, by an act of the legislature of the state, there was a provision made for the payment annually of \$500.00 by each county to its clerk for auditing the accounts of the several county officers and others, and for keeping the same in correctness upon the finance ledger of the county.

The total valuation of taxable property in Donley county as shown by the rolls of 1883 was \$345,512. Unimproved lands were assessed for taxes at 75 cents per acre and cattle at \$14 per head. These values and the revenue derived therefrom were supplemented by similar taxation upon the lands, cattle and other property in said attached counties. The rate of taxation for this year was 45 cents on the \$100 valuation, and the revenues yielded by the several counties and used in the maintenance and government of same aggregated the sum of \$3,918.87.

In the year following 1883 and up to 1888 the unimproved lands in Donley and attached counties were assessed at \$1 per acre, and cattle at from \$14 to \$18 in the year 1883 down to \$10 per head in the said year 1888. The rate of taxation for the year 1888 was 47 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation. The F. W. & D. C. Ry. having built in the county in the meantime, was assessed upon the rolls of this year at a valuation of \$6,000 per mile including its telegraph line. The total valuations upon which to base taxes for the year was \$1,287,125, which included said railroad and telegraph lines. Lands were raised this year to a rate of \$1.50 per acre, and cattle were reduced to \$8 per head.

In the year 1889 the total valuation for the purposes of taxation was \$2,599,367, and the rate of taxation was 57 1/2 cents on \$100 valuation.

Following this time, on account of the organization of the counties heretofore attached to Donley, the means of producing revenue for the support of the county was greatly diminished, and on this account it was found to be necessary to establish an increase upon both the valuations of property and the rate of taxation. Accordingly, in the year 1890, the property of Donley county sustained a raise in valuation as well as in the rate of taxation. Lands were assessed at \$2 per acre and cattle at from \$8 to \$10 per head, while the railroad and telegraph lines were permitted to remain as heretofore at \$6,000 per mile, and the total values of the county, as shown by the rolls for this year in the sum of \$1,706,487. It was in this year that the proposition was submitted to the citizens of Donley county which resulted in the issuance and sale of county bonds in the sum of \$32,000 for the purpose of erecting a court house in and for said county. This called for an increase in the rate of taxation, to provide for the liquidation of these bonds and to meet the interest on same, which said interest, under the existing terms, amounted to \$1920.00 per year. These bonds and the tax levy for the benefit thereof provided for the payment of same at the rate of \$1000.00 per year, beginning with the year 1892, and for no more.

With these conditions in view the Commissioners Court ordered an increase in the rate of taxation for the purposes above stated, and the rolls for 1891 were computed upon the rate of 84c on the \$100 valuation, while the values of land and cattle remained as in the previous year, to-wit: \$2.00 per acre on unimproved lands, and \$8.00 to \$10.00 per head on cattle. In the year 1892 the rate of taxation was raised to 93c on the \$100 valuation, with lands and cattle assessed the same as heretofore.

In the year 1895 there was a falling off in the valuations of property in the

county, the total for this year being \$1,332,352. The valuations as fixed by the court for this year were as follows: Lands \$1.25 to \$2 per acre, cattle \$8 per head and railroad and telegraph lines at \$6000 per mile. The tax rate for this year was raised to \$1.10 cents on the \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the county. In 1898 the valuations were fixed upon lands at from \$1 to \$1.50 per acre; upon cattle at \$14 per head, and upon the railroad and telegraph lines at \$6000 per mile. These valuations remained about the same—in the case of lands and the railroad and telegraph lines exactly the same—until the year 1902, when lands were again raised and fixed at the rate of \$1.50 to \$2.50 per acre, and cattle were lowered to \$10 per head. In this year there was a raise of \$500 per mile in the valuation of the Ft. W. & D. C. Railroad, and some was placed upon the rolls of 1902 at \$6,500 per mile. The rate of taxation was lowered from year to year until it had become reduced from \$1.10 as levied for 1895, to 86 1/2c for the year 1903, and since the last named date there has been no variation whatever in the rate of taxation.

In the year 1902 the total valuations of the county were \$2,224,063.00. It was in this year that the citizens of the county, by an election upon the question, authorized the issuance of additional bonds in the sum of \$10,000.00, to be expended in the erection of a county jail. The sale of these bonds was effected in the year 1903, and a provision for the protection of the same was put into effect by action of the Commissioners Court, in the levy of taxes for the said year 1903. Owing to the decrease by liquidation from time to time of \$11,000.00 of the original "court-house" bonds, as was provided for in their issuance, and by good and faithful management on the part of the Commissioners Court, in refunding these bonds, and thereby securing a decrease in the rate of interest upon same, and by reason also of an increase in the valuations of the taxable property in Donley county, a provision was made by which the liquidation of the remaining court-house bonds, amounting to \$21,000.00, together with the new jail bonds of \$10,000.00, and all interest thereon, might be effected with the same rate of special tax as had been previously levied and collected for the benefit of the court house bonds alone. In fact the amount of interest on all bonds, under the present arrangement, is \$65 per year less than was being paid upon court house bonds, prior to the last sale effected by the court.

In the year 1903 the total valuations, as shown by the tax rolls for said year, was \$2,428,340. The tax rate and valuations upon all property was fixed at the same figure for this year as for the year 1902, except that lands were assessed at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per acre as in the previous year, and improvement were taken in a separate item under the head of "miscellaneous property," making an additional valuation upon all unimproved lands according as the improvements were appraised by the assessor, usually amounting to an addition in the valuation upon said lands in the sum of about 50 cents per acre. In a great many cases however it would amount to more than double this amount. This year the F. W. & D. C. railroad and telegraph lines were assessed at \$6575 per mile, and the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad and telegraph line, which was in an incomplete state of operation, was assessed at \$6025 per mile.

For the current year the total values of the county are \$2,454,360 and the tax rate, which has been unchanged for a number of years, is 86 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation, based upon a two-thirds value of all property rendered. On account of a great decrease in livestock and other personal property in the county, which under the existing rate of taxation would greatly reduce the total of values upon the rolls for the year 1904, it was found upon investigation to be necessary to either raise the tax rate, or to increase upon valuations, in order to obtain revenue requisite to the probable demands upon the county for the current year; and in view of the serious drop in the value of cattle, and of the stable condition of lands in the county, it was the conclusion of the Commissioners Court that justice and equity would be best administered by putting a slight raise upon the lands, and letting the valuation upon cattle remain as heretofore. By this means it was sought to maintain the aggregate valuation and create the funds necessary to carry on the administration of the county without increasing upon the rate of taxation, which would have given a like result. There was intended to be a general raise upon lands of about 25 cents on the acre, which would mean a difference in taxes of about \$1.35 on each 640 acres of land, or 69 cents on 320 acres, or 35 cents on 160 acre tracts. In most cases, however, by reason of a change in the plan of assessing, there has been even a smaller increase than this, and in numerous cases there has been no increase whatever in the valuations placed upon improved lands, as is made apparent by a comparison of the tax rolls for this and last year, and as one can readily observe by the following explanation: Last year if a farmer had 640 acres of improved land it was assessed at the established price according to

whether it was agricultural or grazing land, and on the reverse side of his rendition, under the head of "miscellaneous property" he was assessed for his improvements, which would range anywhere from \$100 up to \$1000, being usually equivalent to about 50c on the acre of the amount of land rendered by him for taxation. There are very few, if any, cases upon the rolls of this year where any class of land has sustained a greater raise than 50c on the acre and leaving out of account the matter of improvements, which have this year been merged into the land valuations, it will readily be seen that except where the difference in the assessment exceeds the sum of 50c per acre, there has been no real raise in the valuations upon improved lands.

This year the valuation upon the C. O. & G. railroad and telegraph lines was raised to \$6575 per mile, and the F. W. & D. C. railroad and telegraph lines to \$6000 per mile, which was according to the best information obtainable, two-thirds of the present value of these lines in Donley county, and which is also considerably in excess of the average valuation accepted and fixed for this year by the several counties in which said railroads are lying. The net amount of revenue received by the county from taxation on railroads and telegraph lines for the year 1902 was \$2801.34; for 1903, \$3,178.71; and for 1904 will be \$3343.18.

The increase in taxes produced by the railroads for the year 1904 over that of 1903 is about 5 1/2 per cent, and as compared with the year 1902 is about 20 per cent, and which is equal to, if not indeed in excess of the rate of increase attained in the same length of time upon any other class of property in the county.

While the per cent of increase of taxes upon railroads for 1904 may be a little below that upon lands for the same year, yet, for the previous year the per cent of increase was unquestionably greater upon the railroads; and upon the whole the increase upon every class of property in the county has been as near as possible in the same ratio.

In making the tax levy for the year 1904 the court, after a close and careful review of the situation, endeavored to make such an adjustment in the valuations of property as would create as near as possible the same amount of revenue as was realized upon the rolls of 1903. It was thought that by diligent economy like income to that of the year 1903 would be adequate to the demands for another year, notwithstanding the fact that the demands upon the "Jury Fund" during last season was in excess of the receipts for the credit of said fund, which necessitated the borrowing of the sum of \$1000 during last year, and which said sum, being in this instance repaid with receipts derived from taxes levied for the benefit of the "General Fund," has detracted from the income provided for general purposes for the year 1904 in the said amount of \$1000.

With what degree of accuracy the court has made its calculations and deductions is testified in the following review of the tax rolls for this year, as the same appears after being completed, verified and approved by the court: There are assessed upon the rolls of 1904, 595,641 acres of land, the same being 1878 acres more than was upon the rolls of 1903, and which is accounted for by the sale of scrap lands, and by the abstracting by the General Land Office of certain lands in Donley county, which have heretofore been abstracted and assessed for taxes in adjoining counties.

Taking into consideration this addition in acreage, there has been an increase in land valuations of \$192,945, while the decrease in "miscellaneous property"—the head under which improvements upon land was assessed for the previous year—amounts to \$88,923. In addition to this the rolls also show a decrease in livestock, amounting to \$102,938. These two items of decrease taken together will virtually offset the increase upon lands and railroads for this year. The rolls show an increase over all former years in moneys, bonds and other chattels rendered for taxation, leaving the general result in the revenue acquired for 1904 as compared with that for the year 1903 only altered in the net sum of \$225.50 in favor of 1904.

Thus it may be seen that both the valuations and the tax rate have been varied from time to time as the conditions and improvements upon the premises would justify it, and with a due regard to the demands upon the county. In some years the taxes have been lowered and in others there has been a slight increase. In all cases however these actions have been had after a close and careful calculation and estimate upon the needs of the county and the demands upon its exchequer, and it has been the effort and desire of the Commissioners Court to create by a fair and impartial taxation only such an amount of revenue as would be required in the carrying on of an economical administration and to meet the bonded indebtedness voluntarily assumed by the property tax payers of the county—to the end that there shall be no litigation or reputation of debts on the part of Donley county, and that her scrip of any and all classes shall remain as at all times in the past, "payable upon demand at its face value."

In furtherance of this purpose and in the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices the members who have composed the different boards of commissioners, in and for the county, have, from time to time, as the opportunity could be secured, refunded the county's bonds, in each case securing the benefit of lower rates of interest thereon until the result in the saving to the tax payers of the county can be enumerated in hundreds of dollars for each and every year during which said indebtedness shall exist—an unimpeachable witness to the wisdom and fidelity of our lamented County Judge and his associates upon the several boards of commissioners of Donley county.

In the original negotiation of the \$32,000 of court house bonds, as previously asserted, there was a provision for six per cent interest thereon, (the best rate obtainable at the time, amounting to \$1920 per year. On April 10th, 1898, the then unpaid bonds were refunded by the commissioners court at a rate of 5 per cent per annum, and again on April 10, 1903 at a still lower rate of 3 1/2 per cent per annum with results as heretofore stated. The levy of taxes from year to year for the credit of the court house fund has been based upon the amount in demand with which to liquidate these bonds as they matured and to pay the interest upon those which by their terms had not yet become due, and there has been no accumulated surplus derived from this source, as the reports of the county treasurer from time to time will disclose. But, had the commissioners court of former years have seen fit to increase the rate of taxation for the benefit of the court house funds, which is the only means of engaging upon the revenues that might be legally expended in this behalf, and which action would no doubt

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New Goods.

The first of our fall purchases are arriving. We are showing New Prints, Percales, Ginghams and many other new and attractive things. Dress Goods, Trimmings, Tailor Made Suits, and Wraps soon to follow. Our line of shoes is the best and the prices are right. A very large and well selected stock of Shirts from 35c to \$2.50. Underwear and Hosiery to suit all.

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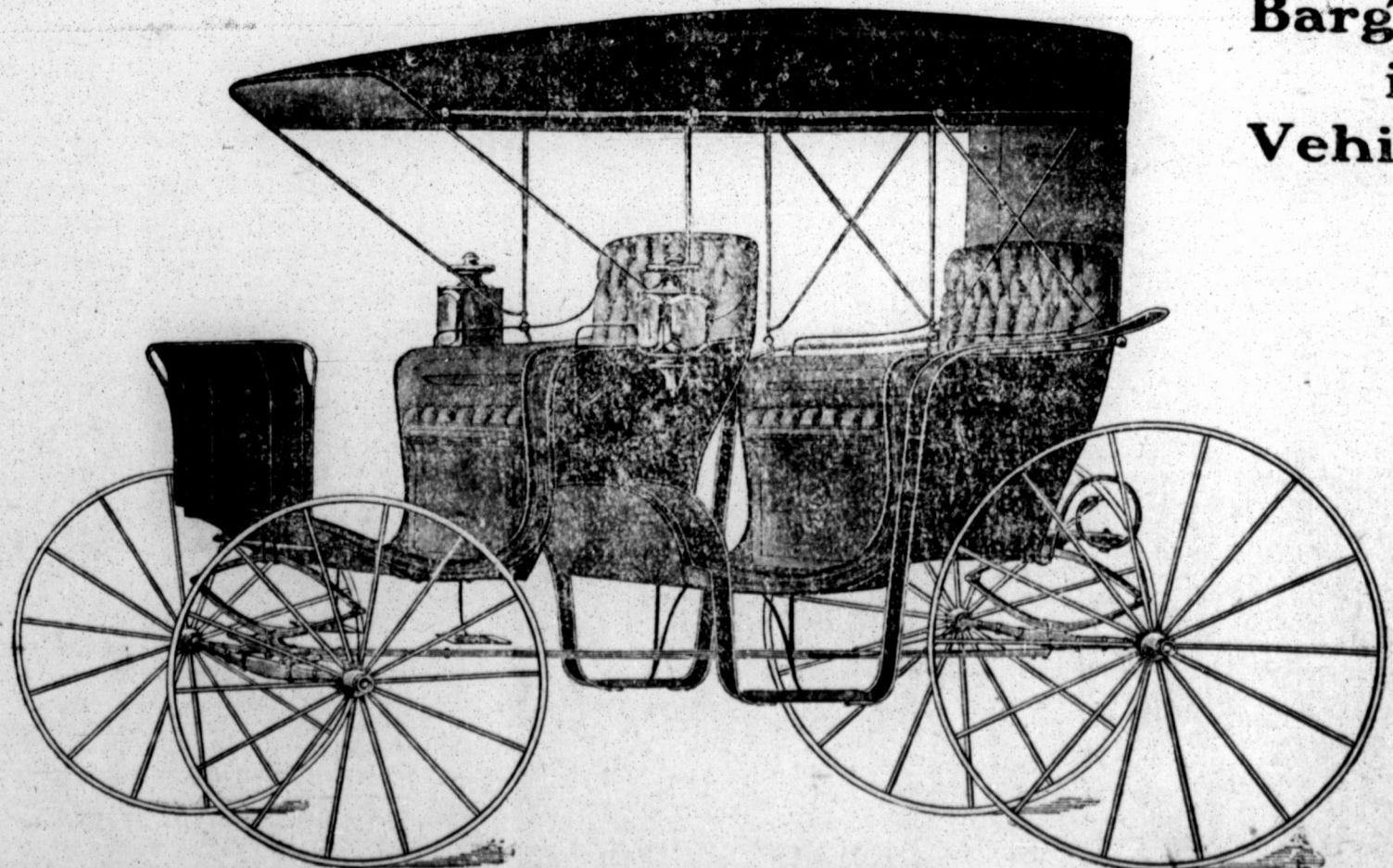
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Colombia's new national anthem: "I don't want to play in your yard."

The last new thing in words is "szzygy" Sounds like a Hungarian melody.

Very likely a flying machine that cost only \$10 would fly just as well as any other kind.

Perhaps we have all been unjust to Uncle Russell Sage. Maybe he can't afford to take a vacation.

Also be it remembered that the Yale-Harvard teams are not by any means the pick of our college athletes.

No tears will be shed over the wounds of those Spaniards who were hurt while goading a bull and a tiger to fight.

The czar doesn't play poker anyway, but even if he did, you couldn't persuade him that four of a kind beats one heir.

That New York woman who swore that her husband had beaten her 1,040 times certainly has a striking talent for figures.

The Savannah Press says that "he who plants a tree plants love." Love unfortunately happens to be a kind of slow growth.

Heinze, the Montana copper king, has been sued for \$5,750,000. Even the well-to-do are not exempt from petty annoyances.

New York is to have a liquor show. Evidently that town has given up all hopes of ever being able to capture a prohibition convention.

Even if Oom Paul Kruger did leave a fortune of \$5,000,000 to the lucky Eloff family, he was nevertheless an object for universal sympathy.

How time flies! In a month or so all the little George Dewey Smiths and George Dewey Browns will be celebrating their sixth birthdays.

A freak of fashion has made calico gowns the popular thing; but a lot of pessimistic married men fear that the situation is too satisfactory to last.

That Eastern professor who says we all eat too much doubtless has an assured income and a good appetite. Or perhaps he's keeping his wife's folks.

In three months the railroads of the United States have killed nearly 1,000 persons. Traveling is becoming almost as dangerous as celebrating the Fourth.

A new invention known as the tele-criptograph reproduces in print conversations over the telephone. A good many of 'em will have to be barred from the mails.

Kuroki and Kuropatkin may be merely holding off the big battle till they can find some place with a wholly new and unpronounceable name to fight it in.

The people who hoped for a national theater are disappointed to discover that Mr. Carnegie is not out on a feverish chase for any project that is susceptible of endowment.

The evangelists who are laboring for the moral and spiritual advancement of New York city point hopefully to the circumstances that the 400 have been reduced to 200.

Those of us who aren't in the least alarmed by the reports of counterfeit \$100 notes begin to prick up our ears when we read that bogus quarters and half-dollars are in circulation.

The American Domestic League claims that it turns out fine cooks. Send their addresses along. This is not one of those cases where you should "hide your light under a bush-el."

It is just beginning to dawn on Korea that the Japanese are like other philanthropists—willing that the Koreans should have what is left of their own country after Japan has had what it wants.

The Chicago bridegroom who at the altar said "No!" and then fled will probably find a variation in his case of the old proverb, that he who courts and runs away will go to court some other day.

Brazil and Peru threaten to settle a dispute by war. They had better wait until Japan settles her controversy with Russia. If they start up their performance now they will play to empty benches.

Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian dramatist, replies to all requests for his autograph that he will be delighted to furnish it, but only upon a copy of his works. Sig. d'Annunzio clearly possesses more than one kind of genius.

The new Duchess of Roxburgh is reported to be winning golden opinions in England on account of her contributions to charities. Evidently she has found that purchasing a duke is not enough to get one into the choicest circle of society.



HINTS

The Latest Fashion

Ribbons Everywhere.
Ribbons bows are introduced everywhere this season. They appear on the high waist belts, on the cuffs, and down the front of the gowns, being scattered impartially wherever a bow can possibly find a place. As a trimming they are very small and dainty, often supplemented with a button or a minute buckle, while as a contrast the sash bows are, in many instances, very wide and spreading, some of them taking the form of immense choux composed of loops of soft ribbon, which in white and rose have the appearance of mammoth peonies. A charming evening "tea gown," fashioned of pink soft satin veiled with white chiffon, which was covered in turn with black spotted net, was swathed round the bust and across the back with wide striped black and white taffeta ribbon with a reverse side of pale pink, tied in a large butterfly bow in front, and there were wide ribbon bands on the wrist finished with little bows on the inner side.

Gooseberry Wine.

Gather the gooseberries when they are about half ripe in dry weather; pick them clean and put a peck at a time in an earthenware pan or tub and bruise them with a piece of wood, being as careful as possible not to break the seeds. Put the pulp into a canvas bag and squeeze out the juice into a pan or tub. To every gallon of pounds of sugar, and when the sugar is quite dissolved pour the liquor into a cask which will just hold it. If the quantity is nine gallons, let it stand to settle for a fortnight; if twenty gallons, thirty or forty days. Keep in a cool place, then draw it off from the lees and put it into another barrel of the same size or into the same after emptying the lees and making it clean. Let a cask of ten gallons or less stand for about three months, and one of twenty gallons for five months, when it will be fit to bottle. This wine keeps well and improves with age.

For a Lawn Fete.

The new costumes are almost invariably of two and contrasting materials. In a smart costume, destined to be worn at a lawn fete, lace and embroidered shantung are employed about equally; and the design is further enhanced by leafy embroideries executed solid in black. The blouse is of the flit lace with emplacements of shantung, the embroideries posed to good effect. The upper portion of the sleeve is of lace and the puff of the silk ending at the elbow. The skirt is of shantung with lace bandings, these running both vertically and horizontally and little puffings of the silk frilled edges alternate with the lace bandings from knee to hem. The Swiss belt is in black chiffon and long sash ends float in the back.

Fancy Blouse Waist.

Blouse waists made full below deep yokes are essentially smart and are shown in all the fashionable soft and thin materials. This one is peculiarly attractive, as it includes a narrow vest and soft, draped scarf. The model is made of pale blue chiffon lousine with trimming of black silk banding and tie of black messaline, and is eminently effective, but the trimming can be one of many things



and the material anything soft enough to allow of gathers. Fancy openwork braid of the required width makes satisfactory bands and any of the narrow braids, lace or other windings can be applied as illustrated.

The waist consists of the lining, which can be used or omitted as preferred, full fronts, back, yoke and vest with the chemise and collar. The sleeves are made wide and full above the deep, close-fitting cuffs. The scarf, which outlines the vest, is bias and can be slipped under the banding, as in the case of the model, or held in place in any way that may be preferred.

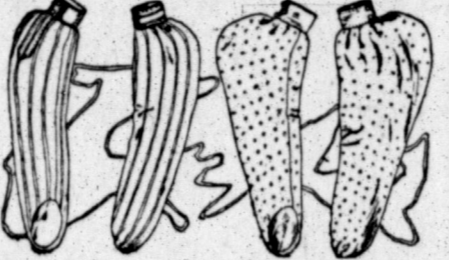
Dainty Handkerchiefs.

Handkerchiefs were never more dainty. The newest ones have a bit of color woven in, not embroidered.

For example, the center is of the finest, sheerest white linen. Then comes a border of palest pink, green, lavender or blue, woven in in Van Dyke or scalloped effect, and next four or five fine cords, before the very narrow hem is reached. Those who deal exclusively in linens, neckwear and handkerchiefs say there is no demand for the lace-edged handkerchief from the woman who really prides herself on being perfectly dressed. Pure white handkerchiefs are used entirely for light dress, and these are simple in design; though, being entirely hand made, they come high.

Up-to-Date Sleeves.

That the sleeves determine the date as well as the style of a garment is true of shirt waists as well as of wraps and more elaborate blouses. These very excellent models are made in the latest styles and allow a choice of the regulation shirt sort, made with an overlap and finished in tailor style, and the drooping puff. Both, however,



show slight fullness only at the shoulders and are finished with straight cuffs. The quantity of material required for the medium size is for plain sleeves 1 1/2 yards 21 or 3/4 yard 36 or 44 inches wide; for full sleeve 1 1/2 yards 21 or 36 or 3/4 yards 44 inches wide.

Peacock Feather Decorations.

Though the peacock feather is considered unlucky, it is lending itself to many forms of fashionable decoration. Last winter the jeweler adopted it, and, aided by sapphire and emerald, turned out some unique and beautiful brooches, hat pins and belt pins in peacock feather form. Now the maker of fine glass and pottery is adopting its charms. The very newest flower holder for table decoration is a large flat bowl of delicate green glass. Into its flaring, flower-like top are brought peacock feathers, and directly over the receptacle for water rests a brass, coarse meshed net framework, slightly raised in the middle. The flowers are thrust in through this, leaving the feather decoration in full view. The effect is novel and artistic.

Honey Gingerbread.

Sift a pint of flour and stir into this half a pint of sour cream or milk. If the latter is used, a tablespoonful of butter should be added by way of shortening. Sift with the flour half a teaspoonful of ground ginger and the same of fine cinnamon, and stir in two tablespoonfuls of sugar and two of honey (strained). Mix and beat the batter thoroughly; and, when ready for the oven, stir in half a teaspoon of soda that has been dissolved in a little warm (not hot) water. Bake about three-quarters of an hour, taking care not to burn, and then cut into squares and serve hot with plenty of honey.

To Wash White Lace Veils.

These should be washed as follows: Put the veils into a strong lather of white soap and very clear water, and let them simmer slowly for a quarter of an hour. Take out and squeeze well, but do not rub. Rinse twice in cold water, the second time with a drop or two of liquid glue. Have ready some very clear, weak gum arabic, or thin starch or rice water; pass the veils through it, and clean them by clapping. Then stretch them out evenly and pin out to dry on a cloth, opening out each scallop and fastening with pins. When dry, lay a piece of thin muslin over and iron on the wrong side.

Good Dry Shampoo.

Some one suggests that in place of a soap and water shampoo a dry salt rub is a good thing for the hair one in a while. Loosen the hair, then rub table salt thoroughly into the roots, and brush it out again carefully. The dust and dirt come with it, just as they do when salt is sprinkled over a carpet prior to sweeping it. The effect of the salt on the scalp is described as not only highly cleansing, but also tonic.

Coffee Ice Cream.

For coffee ice cream, scald together one and a half cupsful of milk, a cupful of sugar and five tablespoonfuls of ground coffee. Strain, add the yolks of four eggs and four tablespoonfuls of sugar and cook over hot water until the custard thickens. Then stir in a quart of cream, strain cool and freeze.

Use for Lace Collar.

A novel way of using a collar of handsome lace is to mount it on a silk shoulder collar having long stole fronts. When edged with a frill or ruffling of the silk it makes a most useful and becoming accessory to the toilet.



The Night Cometh.

Amber and opal the sunset burns,
Tender and steadfast the moon-rays fall,
Touched by God's finger, the planet turns,
And the angels lean from the Jasper wall,
Weary and worn, God's children wait
Till the night drifts out from the star-light's gate.
The night cometh!

Cometh with charm of the sifted sleep,
That comforteth eyes that used to weep;
Cometh with store of the sweetest rest,
For the little ones that the Lord loves best;
Cometh to some who shall waken here,
To some who shall wake beyond toil or tear.
The night cometh!

Wherefore, whoever thou art to-day
Faring along on a stony way,
Bow down with the burden, bent with care,
Lift to thy Father a grateful prayer:
Tell Him, thy Father, how glad thou art
For the golden gift from heaven's heart.
The night cometh!

After the light, shall morning rise,
On the glorious summits of Paradise.
After the gloom of this land of sin,
Into perfect peace shall we enter in.
Never a night on that shore of balm,
Where the ransomed lift the unending Psalm.
The night cometh! And also the morning!

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Faith that Conquers.

Christ came the long journey from heaven to earth to teach men to say "Our Father." He aimed to plant in the hearts of men a simple, devout, unquestioning and unswerving trust in God. All our lives long we seem to be learning the desirability and the blessedness of trusting our Father in heaven, but failing to fully believe. The soul that can say honestly and heartily "Our Father" to the great God, in the depth and fullness of the expression, has got the upper hand of all doubts and fears, and wears already a crown of kingship of which none can rob him.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." By faith we have access into the complete and all supplying grace of the Most High. Faith grasps creation and its mysteries. By faith we understand that God framed the worlds. Faith assures acceptance with God for us as it did for Abel, who, by faith, offered a better sacrifice than did Cain. Faith, turned death into translation for Enoch, and does so for every believer to-day. Faith hesitates at no sacrifice, as Abraham and Moses and many other saints testify. Faith subdues kingdoms and works out righteousness, cures, endures, suffers, waits, hopes. Faith grasps creation, secures salvation, overcomes temptation, glories in tribulation and is sure of final and eternal vindication. God will eternally honor the soul who trusts Him and manifests its faith by doing or bearing as the divine will may indicate.

How is it that ye have no faith although the promises of God covering life and death, time and eternity, are signed and sealed with the precious blood of Christ? No, faith, although the triumphant records of the children of faith shine so conspicuously in the words of God? No faith, although again and again exhorted to believe and assured of the richest rewards of and blessed with the unlimited manifestations of divine power, if we but believe? This lack of faith is sin, and yet Christ has to say, "Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?" And this brings us back to our point of starting. Christ asked this last-quoted question after illustrating the power of importunity, by the parable of the unjust judge, who heeded the troublesome widow's plea because of her importunity. Rallying His disciples on their want of faith with the question, "Shall not God avenge His elect which cry to Him day and night, though He bear long with them?"—He adds the assurance that He would avenge them speedily.

The lesson of faith has as yet been far from wholly learned. Elijah and the heroes of the faith chapter in Hebrews rank in a class far above most of us who profess and call ourselves Christians. God still wants to be captured and will readily yield to the besieging power of faith. Faith has no fewer resources at its disposal than it had when God's people, by faith, crossed the Red sea as on dry land, which the unbelieving and presumptuous Egyptians essaying to do were drowned. Faith has no fewer opportunities than it ever had. God seems to entrust to strong faith the very scepter of omnipotence. Without faith it is as impossible to please God as it ever was. By faith it is possible to do over again all that faith has done and even to do greater works for God's hand waits to crown with glory the soul that can implicitly trust. "Only believe," is the condition. Faith justified by works will be glorified by achievement. From horizon to horizon of the universe the kingdom of faith spreads itself. The throne awaits an occupant. It invites the soul that can believe the promises and assurances of God's sure word.—Henry Force.

Too Ready to Blame.

Are we not all too prone to blame? And in our blaming do we not bungle frequently with balances that are delicate beyond our understanding? Of course, everyone knows when blame attaches to himself. But who is really qualified to pass censure upon, or attach blame to another? Robert Burns sings a wise and a humane strain. This song may be possible only to a man who has had experience and sought honestly for a philosophy that would cover all the facts of that experience. He warns

every daw-plucker away from a task possible only to omniscience. Before we pass judgment on a fellow-being as frail as we are it will be well for us to remember his song:

"One point must still be greatly dark,
The moving why they do it
And just as lamely can you mark,
Per-haps, how much they rue it
Then at the balance let's be mute, we never can adjust it!
What's done we partly may compute,
But know not what's resisted!"

But criticism and blame, which generally are bad in themselves, eat like vitriol if we blame unjustly or overmuch. This allows an element that is brutal to enter into blame. There is a sense of the ferocity of a wild beast in him who will pour out invectives upon even the blame-worthy, when it is too late to produce upon him any beneficial results!

The earth is the Lord's, but heaven can be ours.

The Constant Christian.

Constancy, stability among Christians, is currency above par. The exigencies of the Lord's work are such that we cannot afford to be unstable. The unstable Christian is one of the greatest stumbling-blocks in the way of sinners. Thousands of men outside the church give this as the main reason for their active opposition or a pathetic indifference to Christianity. The unstable Christian is a reproach to his profession, a reproach to his Christ. Constancy, stability, is one of the Christian worker's strongest assets.

Many of us may not be able to engineer vast enterprises in the church; many of us may not have the natural powers and gifts of some of our brethren; many of us may not have enthusiastic, hopeful and positive natures, but there is not one of us, not one, but can be constant in our efforts as Christians in our own sphere, if we will take ourselves and our profession seriously. It is not child's play to be a representative of Christ. It is the work of a man, and worth that man's highest thought and best endeavor. Nothing among the so-called negative vices undermines character like instability. Nothing so stamps a man as useless to his church, to his community, and to his Christ, as inconsistency. On the other hand, nothing tends to build up a noble and exalted character so much as constancy and faithfulness; nothing will be more likely to raise a man's usefulness to his highest notch than these qualities. To be inconstant, unstable, that were of the earth, earthy; but to be uniformly true and steadfast, that were of Christ, Christlike.

A Drag, or an Uplift?

Is religion ever a drag on us? Some people make it so. The Christian who is trying to get along with just as little religion as conscience will permit, finds that little a burden. Religion will not be treated that way without protesting. If we do not give it first place, it is likely to remind us unpleasantly of its presence. As a preacher recently put it, "Some people try to carry their religion; others let their religion carry them." The person who has given the second plan a fair trial wonders why he ever staggered along under the old load. It is like carrying the weight of a heavy deflated balloon on our backs, when we might let the balloon carry its own weight and ourselves besides. Seeking God first never made life harder for any one. If our religion is burdensome, let us try lightening it by adding to it.

No man can keep a joy when he keeps it to himself.

In the Secret Place.

Once when His disciples were in danger through the interest and worry of uninterrupted work, Christ said to them, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile." Irritation, apprehension, dullness, the barrenness of a spirit that has lingered too long in the machine shop and is growing insensible to the unobtrusive influences of the Holy Spirit, begin all to be dispelled when a man steps into the "shadow of the Almighty." In the secret place of the Most High evils are seen in their true value and the forces at work in their relative strength. And that secret place may be constituted by a devout spirit in the very midst of the bustle and eagerness, which enter into and help to form the conditions of most men's lives.—R. Waddy Moss.

A Prayer.

If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on.
If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer Thee.
Make my mortal dreams come true,
With the work I faint would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant.
—Whittier.

The Ways of Providence.

Providence looks a great way forward and has a long reach. God sees His work from the beginning to the end, but we do not. How admirable are the projects of Providence! How remote its tendencies! What wheels are there within wheels, and yet all directed by the eyes in the wheels, and by the spirit of the living creatures! Let us judge nothing before the time.—Matthew Henry.

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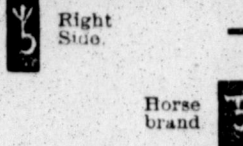
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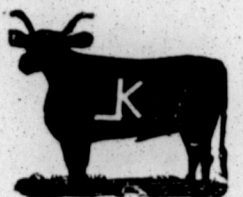


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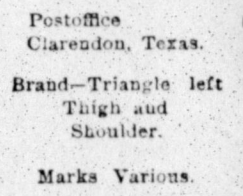
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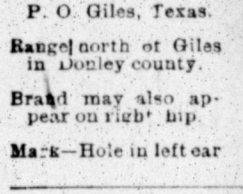
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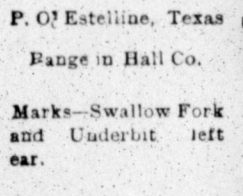
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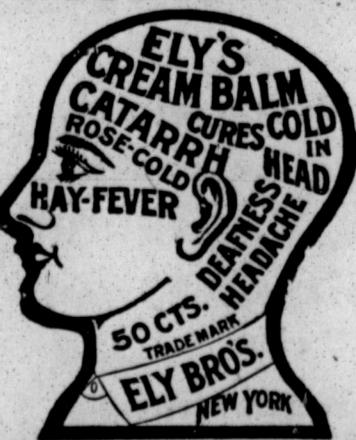
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End of the Week.
It happens every Saturday, when all the chores is done. An' the day is restin' some'eres, an' the stars is havin' fun. A-twinkin' an' a-dancin' in the clear and distant sky. To the music of the sleigh bells as they go a-jinglin' by. We've tended to our labors; all the week we've done our best. An' we feel that we're entitled to a night of honest rest. An' now has washed the dishes, an' the hired man's fed the stock. But the week's work ain't quite finished until gran'paw winds the clock.
There's no one else da'st touch it, 'cause it takes a master hand. An' you very likely, break it if you didn't understand. An' when the weights go risin' with a whirring an' a whizz, I allus hope that I'll grow up as smart as gran'paw is. An' then the house gets quiet, 'cause the folks all go to bed. An' there ain't no noise except the branches scrapin' overhead. We've finished up another week, an' Tim has learned the lock. That shuts it out an' starts us fresh when gran'paw winds the clock. —Washington Star.

Odd Way to Lift a Glass.
You can surprise people very much by laying your hand, with apparent carelessness, on a tumbler or wine glass nearly full of water and then lifting the glass, water and all, by raising your hand, with the fingers outstretched in order to prove that you do not take hold of the glass in any way. Probably there will be some people whom you will not surprise. These will say, "Oh, that's easy," try to do the trick themselves—and fail.
The secret of success is this: Though your fingers are straight when you lift the glass, they must be bent downward sharply when you place your palm upon it. You must press your hand down rather firmly in order to make an air-tight joint between it and the rim of the glass, which should be wet to make the joint tighter. Now suddenly straighten your fingers and lift your hand. This motion of the fingers causes the flesh of the palm to move in such a way as to cause a partial vacuum, a suction which you can feel distinctly.

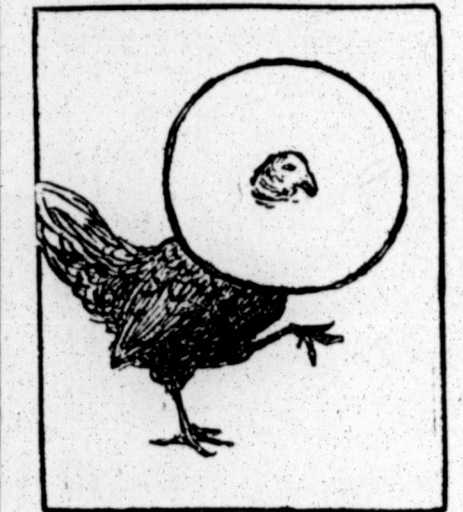
The space between the water and your hand is made a little larger, and therefore the air in that space is rarefied or made thinner and exerts less pressure. Therefore, the greater air pressure outside, acting on the bottom and sides of the glass, forces it upward against your hand strongly enough to lift both glass and water when you raise your hand.
This trick requires some practice before it can be done with certainty and had better not be attempted with a very thin or valuable glass or in a place where spilled water will do harm.
Above all, do not use a very thin



Lifting a Glass of Water.
Glasses, for even if it does not drop you may break it by mere pressure and cut your hand. Besides, thin glasses are very apt to have little nicks in the edge which will both cut you and spoil the trick by letting in air.
The glass must be a small one, as it has to be well covered by the palm of your hand. An egg cup or a wine glass with a stem is best. If you use a tumbler—which, being small in diameter, will probably be not very tall—you will have to hold it in the other hand or set it on an inverted tumbler or a block of wood in order to get room to bend your fingers down properly.
The trick seems especially difficult because the hand is flat and the glass nearly full of water, but these are the very things that make it possible. You cannot lift the glass with your fingers bent—unless, of course, you actually take hold of it—as it is the straightening of the fingers that causes the suction.
You cannot lift an empty glass unless it is a very small one. The longer the space under your hand is, the greater change in the air pressure you can make by the motion of your fingers.

A Hen With a Collar.
One of our readers who lives in the city received a fluffy little yellow chick for an Easter present. He kept it about the house for some time, and it grew so fast that one could almost see it get larger. At last it quite lost all its daintiness and became a scrawny, coarse-voiced, sobby-feathered nuisance, but its little owner thought as much of it as ever. It was too big to have about the house and

was finally sent to the country and its owner did not see it for a year.
Months later the little fellow visited his grandparents at their country place and found Esther, his pet, grown to a full-fledged hen. Strange to say, while she evidently remembered him, she was shy for some time, and it was several days before the two were on their former friendly terms.
Now came a complication. As it was garden time and from tender, green things were springing up on every side, the chickens were all shut up in a great wire chicken yard. Roy did not care to go there every time he wanted to see Esther, and it would never do to give her liberty, for she



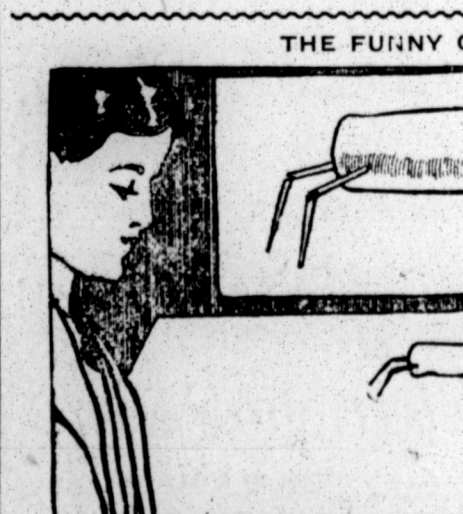
Esther and Her Collar.
would be sure to destroy a lot of garden things. Roy's grandfather solved the problem.
He took an old umbrella rib, bent it till it formed a circle, lashed the ends firmly together, and covered the hoop so formed with some strong muslin. In the center of this a hole was cut just large enough to go over Esther's head.
When Esther's head was popped through this hole she was a very much surprised and indignant hen, and she made an awful fuss about it. Still, she had to submit, for she could not get out of her strange collar, so after a time she became resigned to it. It kept Esther from going about picking the gardens, and she would not scratch because she could not see what she was scratching, and so her liberty did no harm.

Royal Prince or Princess.
Let all the children sit down in a ring for this game. One child begins by saying to her right-hand neighbor: "Good evening, royal princess (or prince). I, a royal princess, come from a royal princess to say that I have a monkey with purple eyes."
The right-hand neighbor then says to his right-hand neighbor: "Good evening, royal princess (or prince). I, a royal prince, come from a royal princess to say that I have a monkey with purple eyes and three seven-mile tails."
So each player must do, repeating the exact words of his predecessor, and adding some new bit of description of his own—but saying "princess" or "prince," according to whether he is talking to a boy or girl.
If anyone makes a mistake he must be crowned with a dunce cap and dubbed the "One-Horned Prince, or Princess."
The boy or girl who gets through the game without a mistake captures the prize.

This Game is Lively.
Some years ago "duck and a rock" was one of the popular games among the younger boys, but of late it seems to have been forgotten. Any number of boys can participate. Select a large stone for the "rock" and each boy must have a cobblestone or half a brick for his "duck."
The boy who last finds his "duck," or cobblestone, is "it." A line is

drawn twelve or fifteen feet away from the boulder, upon which the boy who is "it" places a tin can or his "duck."
He is guardian of the rock. The other boys, pitching their "ducks" at the one on the rock, try to knock it off. When a "duck" is pitched the player must try to recover it and get back to the pitching line without being tagged by the guardian of the "duck" on the rock. Generally the players hover around waiting for a lucky pitch to knock the "duck" off, when they grab their own "ducks" and run to the line. The guardian of the rock must replace his "duck" before he can tag anyone. The boy who is tagged of course takes his place as guardian of the rock and the game proceeds.

Caterpillar's Coat.
The fur or hair on the caterpillar was given by nature as a protection from other living creatures, particularly birds, who consider most small crawlers as food delicacies intended especially to gratify birdie's appetite.
But there are not many birds who could swallow a crawler that wears a fur overcoat. It would stick in his throat, and if he did get it down, probably it wouldn't digest.
Most caterpillars are brown or green, but some are dressed up in the grandest kind of way in many colors and ornamental knobs, or, to use a big word, protuberances.
A strange method of protection is that given to the caterpillar that afterward turns into a "swallow-tail" butterfly. This caterpillar has an opening in the skin back of the head that emits a powerful odor, probably not powerful enough to "knock a man down," but certainly strong enough to keel over a bird unless, maybe, it would have such a bad cold that it couldn't smell anything.
A favorite way caterpillars have to resist an attack is to hurl their bodies from side to side, and some try to look fierce. Certain caterpillars escape the enemy by their resemblance to the color of their surroundings.
One variety not only uses the color effect, but is able to attach his hind end to a branch and stretch himself out so that he looks like a twig. This fellow can stay rigid that way for a long time.



Perhaps you have read in books of natural history about spiders which do not make webs, as most sensible spiders are supposed to do, but lie in wait for their prey and do other spider-like things. The spider which I am going to tell about does unsidder-like things, too, and I am quite sure that you can never induce one to make a web.
Of course it is not a real spider, but you can have even more fun with it than you could with a real one, provided you could persuade it to come out of its web and play with you.
Get an old cork of a small size and some toothpicks. Stick the toothpicks, two into each end of the cork, and

then bend them in the middle until they crack. Do not break them clear through, but on one side only, so that they will bend and form your spider's jointed legs as the picture shows.
Place your spider on a table top and you will see that he looks quite life-like.
Now get some water in a teaspoon and shake a drop of water on each of his leg joints. They will immediately begin to move and your spider will appear to have suddenly come to life.
Of course it will not race madly across the table or dance, but if the toothpicks be of tough woods and the top of the table smooth, it will wiggle a good deal and astonish your friends who see the trick

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MUCH of our space this week is taken up by statistical report of the commissioners court. This report will be found very interesting reading, and should be perused carefully by every good citizen. It shows up the management of the county's affairs in a good light. Be sure and read it all.

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J. A. Barnett has let the contract to J. D. Singleton, of Amarillo, for the erection of three brick business houses on his property on the lower end of Kearney street, opposite the depot. Work will begin in a week or two and will be pushed through as rapidly as possible.

The buildings will be one story, with a total frontage of 75 feet, running 80 feet back. The corner building will have front and side entrances and its exposed side will be shaped up nicely with ornamental doors and windows. The contract price is about \$6000. The buildings will be well finished, with plate glass fronts, etc., and will all be occupied as soon as completed. They will add in no small degree to the appearance of our little city.

Mrs. W. R. Turnipseed, of Garland, is sojourning in Clarendon, stopping with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coulter. She will probably remain until Christmas.

Mrs. B. E. Drake has returned from Comanche, accompanied by her sister, Miss Edith Tunnell, who will visit here for several weeks.

To Donley County Voters.

In August, 1890, I came to Comanche county, Texas. A few months later I put about \$4000 into the mercantile business in the town of Procter, and a short time later I had a total loss by fire, even losing all our children's clothes. Ten days later I was turning the soil on a 60-acre farm I had rented. I cleared over \$1000 on that farm that year. In 1892 I bought 640 acres in Baylor county for \$4-100. For three years I bucked against the drouths of that country. At the close of that time I was \$2500 in debt. I moved my family to town and started with a one-half interest in a stock of groceries worth only \$1000. Two years later I had \$2200 stock in the West Texas Supply Co., of Seymour, Texas, a corporation chartered to do a general mercantile business with \$60,000 capital. At the organization I was the assistant secretary and treasurer. In less than 6 months I was the secretary and treasurer and did nearly all the office work for all the time I stayed with them. I closed out my interest in this company in 1900. The close confinement and the heavy amount of office work had been too much for me. At once I sought a cooler and better climate, with better schools, etc., all of which I found in Donley county, Texas.

Owing to a serious injury soon after I came here I was out of business for about 12 months. This injury nearly cost me my life, besides all the heavy expense for family and doctor bills, and not a dollar income during this time. I had not fully recovered when I went into the grocery business herein Clarendon, the results of which some of you well know. I was nearly \$400 in debt 18 months ago, and nothing to pay it with except my own efforts. Today I am about even with the world so far as dollars and cents go. I am now in reasonably good health, have always paid 100 cents on the dollar, and offer you the best efforts of my life to serve you as county treasurer in a manner you will not be ashamed of. I ask the people for this office for the money it will pay and the honor it will bestow. If you have another whom you consider is more competent or deserving than myself, cast your vote for him. Otherwise, if I am found worthy and well qualified, cast your vote for me. It will not only be a personal favor, but will be appreciated by many of the best people of Donley county, or those who have known me longest and best. I have been away from home the last 15 months, and some of the voters are not acquainted with me as well as I trust they shall be. I expect to see each and every one before Nov. 8. Please give me an equal consideration in making your choice and I will cheerfully abide your decision.

The world goes 'round and 'round; some go up and some go down. If I go down I feel that it will be one of the LEAST troubles I have had since living among you the past four years. If I go up it will be the joy of my life to be with my family and friends, and to serve to the best of my ability.

R. W. TALLEY.

Clower's is headquarters for best cigars.

Clarendon College.

Program.

Following is the program for the entertainment to be given by the ladies of the College Circle at the opera house next Friday night, Sept. 2.

Grand March—"The Jap Behind the Gun."

YE LIST OF PIECES.

Piece 1. Auld Lang Syne.
Piece 2. Solo tune on ye harpsichord by one of ye womanne.

Piece 3. Bellinda Melvina Briggs Bowlin will now speak out loud.

Piece 4. "Old Black Joe"—Four of ye menne only will sing this.

Piece 5. We will now have Betsy Almira Floyd Sherman to sing her solo tune.

Piece 6. Obadiah Ebenezer Caldwell will now blow us a piece, he and his three sons, "Zwangslo Fest Marsch (B. Myers).

Piece 7. Petti Sin Toga, a Japanese lassie will now sing a "Love Song" of ye land of ye rice eaters.

Piece 8. Genevieve Gwendolin Babb and Polly Ann Marie Chamberlain will now stand up together and sing "Summer Flowers."

Piece 9. Mayme Edith Evalena McKillop will now stand up by herself and speak out loud.

Piece 10. Indian serenade by four of ye womanne singers.

Intermission. Ye music will now stop and Lillie Pearl Snowdrop will pass water around to ye singers; after which ye entertainment will go on as before.

Ye darkies can now come forward and sing for ye white folks.

Piece 11. Two of ye womanne will now play on ye harpsichord at the same time.

Piece 12. Washington Hallejah Martin will now sing a solo tune by himself.

Piece 13. Little Susan Jane Higginbotham Harrington will now sing about "Ye Olde Maids."

Piece 14. Two of ye womanne will now play on the harpsichord.

Piece 15. Eight of ye Lassies in Spanish frocks will now sing a song, "Ye Merry Minstrels."

Piece 16. Ben Bolt, a solo tune by Vovinski Kabinski Wedgeworthski.

Piece 17. Sofronie Susanna Arabelle Betts will now tell us about the World's Fair.

Piece 18. "Mr. and Mrs. Jones," by Rosalindye Judy Coulter and Job Ezekial Stewart.

Piece 19. Scotch Song and Tableau "We'd better bide a wee," by Betsy Jane Almira McLean.

Piece 20. Darkey Jubilee, by Lillie Pearl Snowdrop and her brothers and sisters.

Ye end.

The faculty Clarendon of College will be glad to have the friends of the institution to be present at the Young Ladies' Home from 8 to 10 Monday evening, 29th inst. Any person who feels like bringing a contribution in the shape of table linen, silverware, dishes; and even chickens or money, will put the college under many obligations, as such things are needed very much just at this time.

Ye Great Concert of Ye Olden Tyme to be given by the College Circle will be postponed until Friday evening September 2. Ye men and women will then be prepared to render your parts admirably. Don't miss it. Sept. 2.

Clarendon College will open next Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 9 a. m. The morning hours will be devoted to speeches, music, etc., and the public is cordially invited to be present. In the afternoon enrollment will be taken and classification had. President Hardy is anticipating a full attendance on the opening day and is in excellent spirits over the outlook for a successful term.

Fall turnip seed at Stocking store.

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Fred Chamberlain, John McLain and Price Baker will leave tomorrow for the World's Fair. Fred will go from there to school at Sherman.

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G. L. Caldwell, Agt. M. K. and T. R. R., Checotah, Ind. Ter., writes, April 18, 1903: "I was sick for over two years with the enlargements of the liver and spleen. The doctors did me no good, and I had given up all hope of being cured, when my druggist advised me to use Herbine. It has made me sound and well." 50c. Sold by H. D. Ramsey.

John H. Kelley has purchased from R. H. Muir the latter's comfortable four-room cottage near the courthouse, and he and his bride will shortly go to house keeping therein.

Burt Tourtellou, of Iowa, nephew of B. W. and R. A. Chamberlain, visited here from Sunday to Tuesday.

Special attention paid to pose and finish at Mulkey's photo gallery.

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County Statistical Report.

(Continued from page 1.)

have met with the hearty disapproval of each and every tax payer of the county. —and having thus accumulated an unlimited resource for this purpose, have desired ever so much to reduce the county debt in larger proportions, the provisions in the original bonds, and the subsequent agreements under which they have been refunded, extended no privilege for the payment of more than \$1000 per year, and consequently they could not possibly have been redeemed in any larger proportion or at any earlier date than has been done. The members of the commissioners court are only responsible in a similar degree to any other citizen of the county for the issuance and terms of covenant in the aforesaid bonds, as all these matters were submitted to and authorized by the qualified voters of Donley county, in the election heretofore had upon the bond question, and certainly no one having a correct knowledge of the situation and moved by a right spirit will censure the court for a failure to accomplish an end not provided for, but the rather precluded by the mandate of the voters in the election, by the authority of which said bonds were executed and sold.

At the close of accounts for the year, on May 23rd, 1902, there was a balance in the hands of the county treasurer to the credit of the "road and bridge" fund of \$322,64, as is shown by his quarterly report of this date. Subsequently there was levied and collected upon the rolls of 1902 and 1903, for the benefit of said fund, the sum of \$6909.04, as will be shown by the tax collector's reports, and also by the several reports of the said treasurer covering the collections made upon these two rolls;—making a grand total of funds for the benefit of roads and bridges of \$10,231.68. During the period of time embraced between May 10th, 1902, and May 9th, 1904, there has been expended of the road and bridge funds the sum of \$5796.36, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer on the last named date, of \$4435.32, all of which likewise appears in the several reports of the treasurer. Of the said amount expended the sum of \$5370.52 has been on account of expenses incident to the establishment and maintenance of the public roads in Donley county, including damages paid to the land owners on account of right of way for said roads. In all cases these expenditures have been made by the court upon the petition of those interested, as the law provides shall be done when a proper petition is presented and favorably reported upon by the jury of view appointed thereon; therefore, if these expenditures have seemed excessive or unwise the responsibility would seem to rest upon the parties to the several petitions and not upon the court, as there can be but the one course of proceeding upon such petitions and reports.

Included in the first above mentioned expenditure was the sum of \$135, drawn by the several county commissioners for their services for the two years, in the supervision of road improvements, and the further sum of \$290.84, drawn by the County Treasurer as his commission for handling the road and bridge funds for this length of time, making in the aggregate the said sum of \$5796.36. During said time, aside from transfers that were made to correct errors in posting, there was only one transfer of money from the road and bridge fund. This amounted to \$197.22 and was made to supplement the court house fund, for the purpose of meeting its matured bond debt, there being this amount lacking in the sum to the credit of the said court house fund, with which to pay off and discharge the then matured bonds and the interest due for the year 1902. Previous to this time there were transfers from one fund to another as the occasion would demand it, all of which is fully authorized by law, in article 859, chapter 1, title 25, of the civil statutes of our state, and which would seem preferable to an increase of taxes with which to supplement one fund, while there was an unused surplus of the taxpayers' money lying idle in another, and all of said taxes having been derived from the same source for a general and common purpose.

Of recent years, however, the transfers from the road and bridge fund were most generally made for the benefit of the jury fund, and have been used in settlement for jury services and not otherwise, and since August 12th, 1901, there has been absolutely no transfer whatever from the road and bridge fund, except that of \$197.22 hereinbefore mentioned. There has been no recent occasion for any kind of transfers, except to create a sufficient fund for the jury service, which said fund is made up solely from occupation taxes and jury fees, and which will continue to fall short until such a time in the future as there may be a considerably enlarged volume of taxing occupations represented in our county.

All other of the several funds of the county have been for some time self sustaining, and under the existing conditions of prosperity, barring any unlooked for calamity or other occasion for an unusual disbursement of funds, and giving to those who may have in charge the future administration of the affairs of our county the credit of being honest and careful in the discharge of their respective trusts, we will be warranted in our expectation that by a rate of taxation, equal to, or even less than that in existence, the funds of the county will be sufficiently replenished from time to time to meet all demands thereon; and that, under the smile of a kind providence, manifested in these happy conditions, we, as a county and people second to none other in line of credit and reputation, may "live long and prosper."

The foregoing is, as I verily believe, a correct presentation of all the statistics and statements therein contained, and can be verified in each case by a comparison with the several county records upon which they are based.

It should be no new idea to a citizen of the county for any public servant thereof to tender his services in connection with any investigation or information that may be desired concerning the affairs of his office, as this is a part of the duty assumed by him in the acceptance of the office to which he may have been chosen, and his willingness in the matter should therefore be taken for granted, and without saying. However, for fear of undue timidity on the part of any citizen of the county, I will conclude with a reiteration of the assurance to such, that my services touching the affairs of Donley county, are at all times subject to the demand of any citizen thereof, and it will be the duty and pleasure of myself, and I believe of any other of your county officers, to assist you in the investigation of any record or proceeding in which you may be interested. Faithfully yours, GEO. F. MORGAN, County Judge.

Information Concerning the Public School.

The trustees of Clarendon public school have exercised their best judgment in selecting the teachers for the coming term. Those teachers whose services heretofore have been acceptable have been retained where they desired to remain. This policy of selecting tried and faithful teachers in preference to new and untried teachers has served to increase the efficiency of the school.

It would be unnecessary to mention personally many of the teachers whose reputations are so widely known but for the information of those who have located heretofore. Prof. Silvey, Supt. of the school, holds a degree from the State University of Missouri, and has perhaps done more for the school interests, of the Panhandle, and Clarendon in particular, than any other teacher in this part of the state. Prof. Silvey will use his utmost endeavors to make the public school the best and most efficient school in this part of the county.

Prof. Wade Willis, the new principal, is a graduate of Sam Houston State Normal. Mr. Willis has had eight years experience in teaching, serving as principal at Miami, Prairie Point, and other places with success. Mr. Willis will devote his entire attention to high school work.

Mrs. Bettie McWhorter, of Floyd, Texas, will fill the position of 7th grade teacher and will if necessary assist in the high school work. Mrs. McWhorter is a teacher of wide experience and comes highly recommended. She may be expected to fully meet all the demands that may be made upon her.

The sixth grade will be presided over by Miss Lela Allen, a graduate Denton State Normal. Miss Allen has had one year of successful experience as teacher and will no doubt strive to instill into her pupils the high ideals she has so recently been forming at the normal.

Miss Kittie Kimbrough as teacher of the fifth grade last year did excellent work. She will fill the same position this year with credit to her self and the school.

The position of fourth grade teacher has for two years been filled by Miss Pearl Betts. Miss Betts, besides being a graduate of Sam Houston State Normal has been very successful heretofore in her school work. She ranks among the most successful teachers in the county.

Miss Hattie Donnell, in addition to instructing pupils of the third grade will also hear classes from the high school. Miss Donnell's record in the public school here and elsewhere is of the very best and gives assurance for the future.

The position of the primary teacher is one of the most important in any school and Clarendon is fortunate in having one of the best primary teachers in the state to do this class of work. Miss Stout's reputation in the primary schools of Dallas, Cisco, Clarendon, and other places is well known. She will do her work to the entire satisfaction of the patrons.

While no special music teacher has yet been designated by the board of trustees as the teacher for the public school, such action will no doubt be taken before the opening of school. If not, some of the best music teachers in town are convenient to the school, and parents can choose as they have heretofore done.

The services of a first class elocutionist will be at the demands of the school, if, when it opens, the patronage will justify her services.

All the teachers of the public school have rested, either by visiting or attending summer schools, and will be able to return to their work fresh and vigorous for the opening of the fall term.

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Chancellorville Clips.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mace are enjoying a visit from their daughter and two interesting grandsons, Mrs. Trout and boys, of Foard county.

Quite a number of our people enjoyed with Lela a Sunday school picnic last Saturday.

The crops are fine the best for quite a while and farmers are hopeful of a fine harvest.

Mr. Pcol's house will soon be ready for him to occupy. Who do you suppose will occupy the house vacated?

Mr. and Mrs. Talley and Mr. Jim Warren who have been visiting their parents have returned to their home near Altus O. T.

Pansy.

A Perfection Book Cover free with all school books bought at Stocking's store; cover must be gotten at time of purchase.

In another column will be found a communication from R. W. Talley, who makes this statement for the benefit of those voters in the county who are unacquainted with him and who may be anxious to know more of him before casting their votes. He asks a full investigation of his claims.

Buy your school books at Stocking's store before the rush at the opening of school.

Mrs. I. M. Smith, of Vernon, visited her sister, Mrs. Russell Craft, last week. Both ladies made this office a very pleasant call Friday and saw the power press in operation.

Buy your books at Stocking store and get a Perfection cover free.

Mr. S. H. Hunt, who lives a few miles south of town, held the lucky number (2236) which drew the \$65 steel range given away by the Witt-Richardson Hdw. & Imp. Co.

Clower & Son for best ice cream and cold drinks.

THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

GREAT FRENCHMAN IS DEAD.

Former Premier Waldeck-Rousseau Will Be Long Remembered.

Former Premier Waldeck-Rousseau died at Paris, Aug. 10, as the result of an operation. He was 60 years old.

Pierre Marie Waldeck-Rousseau was born Dec. 2, 1846. A politician and lawyer from his earliest youth, he was made a member of the chamber of deputies for Rennes in 1879, re-elected in 1881.

From 1881 to 1885 he was minister of the interior for the French government. In 1886 he left public service for the bar. In 1899 he returned to official life to form the ministry.

Since that time his ideas have entirely dominated the domestic policy of France. He was the advocate of the measures against the religious orders which have been enforced in the face of strenuous opposition, both among the legislators and the people of the country, although his work has been warmly supported by the majority.

Waldeck-Rousseau learned his early political lessons from Gambetta and Ferry. He then joined the center, and



Former Premier WILDECK-ROUSSEAU.

distinguished himself by his intense hostility to everything extreme. He was the spokesman of the anti-reactionists. The firmness of character, overcame all obstacles. Politically he may be described in one word—republican.

As a lawyer the premier bowed before no man in France. He came from Rennes to Paris and by the force of his intellect alone made himself not only the ablest lawyer in France, but on the entire continent.

TWAIN WORKED HIS WAY.

Humorist's Efforts to Play Greenhorn Not a Success.

On one of Mark Twain's later trips down the Mississippi he traveled incognito in order to gather material for some book he had in hand. Instinctively he sidled up to the pilot-house and essayed the role of greenhorn. The man at the wheel loaded him up with a splendid line of river badinage with which Mark was familiar in the old days, the author doing his best to store it away for future use. Just as he had decided to move away in order to dictate an outline to his stenographer the pilot said abruptly: "Here, Mr. Clemens, you take the wheel and lie awhile. You're handier at it than I am. Trying to play yourself for a stranger and an innocent! Why, I knew you before you had spoken seven words and I made up my mind to find out what was your little game. It was to draw me out. Well, I let you, didn't I? Now take the wheel and finish the watch, and next time play fair and you won't have to work your passage."

MISLAID FORTUNE IN JEWELS.

Eastern Society Leader Who Stirred Up Immense Commotion.

Mrs. Ogden Goelet, who locked up \$200,000 worth of diamonds in a safe and, forgetting the incident, reported that they were stolen, has long been one of the leaders of New York's "400" and of Newport society. Her



MRS. OGDEN GOELET.

villa at Newport is one of the handsomest and most luxurious at that society resort. The supposed theft of the jewels cast suspicion on others prominent in Newport society and threatened to result in serious consequences. Some of the jewels supposed to have been stolen were reported to belong to Mrs. Goelet's daughter May, who is now the duchess of Roxburghe.

EX-CONFEDERATES AT BOSTON

Men Who Wore the Gray Fraternalize With Those Who Wore the Blue—Points of Historic Interest in the City.

The unique feature, and in some respects the most important feature of G. A. R. week was the reception tendered twenty-five distinguished ex-Confederate soldiers by Edward W. Kinsley post 113 in Faneuil hall on Monday evening, Aug. 15.

Beneath the roof-tree of one of the country's historic public buildings, consecrated to the cause of American liberty in its broadest sense, these old-time antagonists, the men of the Grand Army and the defenders of the Confederacy, sat at table. Incidentally, the members of the noted Lafayette post, G. A. R., of New York were also the guests of their Boston comrades.

The Southerners who accepted the Kinsley post invitation are Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Gen. Theodore S. Garnett, Col. William F. Cameron and Capt. Benjamin C. Wherry of Virginia; Capt. Thomas C. Timberlake of Kentucky, Judge Jacob S. Galloway of Tennessee; Col. John Wilder Atkinson, Col. Wilson G. Lamb, Maj. B. F. Dixon and Cyrus B. Watson of North Carolina; Col. Edward Cox, Col. William M. Crumley and Capt. Edward S. Gay of Georgia; Gen. Julian W. Whitling of Alabama; Col. Luke W. Finlay of Mississippi; Gen. William J. Behan, Col. Benjamin F. Eshelman, Col. William G. Vincent and Col. Andrew R. Blakeley of Louisiana; Col. J. N. Simpson, Col. James B. Simpson, Judge George Clark, Col. J. T. Trerevant and E. W. Taylor of Texas; Edward Clifford Brush of Florida (now of Boston).

The formalities incident to the reception of the Southerners commenced at 1 p. m. Monday, Aug. 15, at which hour a luncheon was given

and the placards placed upon them is about as follows:

Old State House.
"The first building was erected 1658.

"Destroyed by fire 1711.
"Present building erected 1713.

Old South Meeting House.
"The oldest church building in Boston, built 1730.

Southeast Corner of Tremont and Court sts.
"Site of United States custom house, 1759.

"Washington lodged here, 1789.
"Daniel Webster's law office here."

Hanover st., American House.
"Gen. Joseph Warren's house stood here. He was killed at the battle of Bunker hill, 1775."

Nos. 80 to 86 Union-st.
"Site of the Green Dragon tavern—The Sons of Liberty met here; it was styled by the British and the Tories, 'a hotbed of sedition.'"

Hanover st., Just South of Cockerel Hall.
"Here was shed the first blood of the Revolution; Christopher Snyder killed here by an informer to the crown, Feb. 22, 1770."

16 Hull st.
"Built 1724—Staff headquarters of Gen. Gage during the battle of Bunker Hill."

Christ Church, Salem st.
"The Christ church or Old North church, from which was hung the celebrated signal lanterns on the eventful night of April 18, 1775—The chime of bells is the oldest in America."

130 Prince st.
"British Major Pitcairn wounded at Bunker Hill, died here. He was

prominent at the battles of Lexington and Concord. This house built prior to 1723."

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Faneuil Hall.
"A gift of Peter Faneuil to the town of Boston."

"The Cradle of Liberty."
"Opened for the first time March 4, 1743."

"Burned 1761—rebuilt 1763."
Northeast Corner Kilby St. and Liberty Sq.

"Site of the stamp office destroyed by the mob during Stamp Act riot, 1765."

South Corner Washington and Essex Sts.
"Site of the Liberty Tree, so named, in 1763; destroyed by British, 1775."

Cemetery in Boston Common.
"The British soldiers killed at Bunker Hill lie buried here."

Washington St., Just South Clifton Pl.
"The line of Colonial entrenchments stood here during the siege of Boston, 1775."

Atlantic Av., Corner of Pearl St.
Boston Tea Party tablet decorated with flags. No further wording considered necessary.

Battery Wharf.
"From this wharf the British embarked for the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When a man argues with his wife about all he does his listen.

A woman says it is easier to get a husband than to support him.

Some business men go away for a rest, and some others to avoid arrest.

Nature sometimes saves a woman the trouble of making a fool of a man.

A woman tells fairy tales to her children and a man tells them to his wife.

The girl who imagines she is good-looking thinks that is all that's necessary.

A prize fighter can stand up under more hot punches than a booze fighter can.

It is human nature to dislike those who are smarter than we are—also to despise those who are not.

Soon after the college commencement the world begins to take the conceit out of the wise graduate.

Probably the humane landlord bars children from his flat because they wouldn't have room in it to grow.

Most women would worry themselves to death if they knew what their next-door neighbors really thought of them.

Fortunate is the young man who gets badly defeated in a political contest. He gets discouraged and settles down to business.—Chicago News.

JOTTINGS.

An umbrella isn't much good until it is used up.

When a girl is in love it takes but one other person to make a world.

A man's idea of a heroine is a woman who can suffer in silence.

The Lord hasn't time to help a man who is too lazy to help himself.

When a couple gets married she bestows her hand and he puts his foot in it.

A man always sympathizes with the under dog in a fight—until he gets licked.

Women love mirrors because they don't flatter and they love men because they do.

The average man would be tickled half to death for a chance to pay a large inheritance tax.

One ever-present little vice will destroy the good work of a dozen big virtues on a vacation.

There are numerous alleged cures for drunkenness, but death is about the only one that cures to stay cured.

It's as easy for some men to get under a cloud of debt as it is difficult for their creditors to see the silver lining.

SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT GEMS.

The Burmese believe that the ruby ripens like fruit.

Agate quenches thirst, and, if held in the mouth, allays fever.

Emerald promotes friendship and constancy of mind.

Crystal induces visions, promotes sleep and insures good dreams.

Catseye is considered by the Cingalese as a charm against witchcraft.

Moonstone has the virtue of making trees fruitful and of curing epilepsy.

Sapphire produces somnambulism and impels the wearer to all good works.

Coral is a talisman against enchantments, thunder, witchcraft and the perils of flood and field.

A bouquet, composed of diamonds, loadstones and sapphires combined, renders a person almost invincible and wholly irresistible.

DINKELSPIEL'S DEFFYNSHUNS.

Der meaning of Sarcasm vas a man dot vil stop to see if dare vas a mircrobre in a kiss.

Der meaning of a Sceptic is a man dot vil stop to see if dare vas a mircrobre in a kiss.

Der meaning of Reform is a bird dot is always flying toward us, but never gets here.

Der meaning of Conscience is der alarm clock on a man's mind vich mostly ain'd vound up.

Der meaning of a Hypocrick is a knocker dot is out of order eggcept ven your back is turned.

Der meaning of a Hog is der man dot dinks eferibody should move ofer und gif him der end seat.

Der meaning of a Conclusion vas someding vich a voman chumps at der same vay she chumps off a street car, vich is backward.—George V. Hobart in Chicago American.

LIVE STOCK



Advantages of Mule Raising.

In some parts of the country, especially in the South, the raising of mules is very popular. Missouri and Kentucky are states that make a good deal of the mule, and more and more farmers in other states are considering the matter. There are a good many things in favor of the mule, as viewed from the standpoint of the Southern farmer. Whether all of the things the southern mule raiser claims for the mule can be substantiated we will leave our readers to decide. Here are some of the points claimed in his favor. He can be very cheaply raised, perhaps more cheaply than any other farm animal intended for work. The mule is ready for the market at a younger age than the horse. He is ready to work when the horse is just getting out of colthood. Mules do not easily yield to disease, and stand hardships exceedingly well. They are very careful about getting hurt, much more so than the ordinary horse. They seem to be able to stand a high temperature better than horses, and will work well on hot days when horses suffer from heat. They can stand abuse better than horses but are appreciative of good treatment. This is a point that has made them popular in the South where their drivers are not always mindful of their feelings. There is always a good market demand for mules, and, as they can be sold two years younger than horses, they are profitable and would be profitable even at a lower price.

Comparison of Wages.

Wages in the United States, on the average, are more than twice those in Belgium, three times those of Denmark, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, and one and one-half those in England and Scotland.

Reflections of a Spinster.

When a man loses his collar button under the bureau, and then kicks the cat and swears just horribly, his wife feels sure that she is only just beginning to know his true character.—Baltimore American.

Elephant Power.

In India the power given off by a motor is sometimes expressed in elephant equivalents, a twenty-two-horse motor, says Motoring Illustrated, being described as a three-elephant-power vehicle.

Undoubtedly.

Dr. Ritchie of Edinburgh was examining a student who claimed to be a mathematician. Ritchie doubted his claim, and to test him said: "How many sides has a circle?" "Two," was the reply. "What are they?" asked the doctor. "The inside and the outside," was the answer.

Stuffed Cats in Trees.

A novel method of scaring away birds has been adopted by an English farmer. He has killed a number of cats, had them stuffed, and placed them in various attitudes among the branches of the fruit trees in his orchard. The result, he says, is excellent.

Voice From Arkansas.

Cleveland, Ark., August 15 (Special).—Nearly every newspaper tells of some wonderful cure of some form of Kidney Disease by the Great American Remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills, and this part of Arkansas is not without its share of evidence that no case is too deeply rooted for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure.

Mr. A. E. Carllie, well known and highly respected here, tells of his cure after nearly a quarter of a century's suffering. Mr. Carllie says: "I want to let the public know what I think of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I think they are the best remedy for sick kidneys ever made."

"I had Kidney Trouble for 23 years and never found anything that did me so much good as Dodd's Kidney Pills. I recommend them to all sufferers."

There is no uncertain sound about Mr. Carllie's statement. He knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills rescued him from a life of suffering and he wants the public to know it. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney ills from Backache to Bright's Disease.

New Drink Stumped Bartender.
"It's getting to be a milk punch just poured out of the shaker."

The perspiring bartender at one of the popular hotels passed his handkerchief once more over his corrugated brow, and while this action seemed to "help some," as Shakespeare says, the wild, hunted look still shone in his eyes.

"Did you hear what that last young fellow called for?"

"No," returned the sympathizing stranger who leaned a friendly elbow on the far end of the bar. "I didn't quite catch it, but I noticed you turned him down."

"Turned him down? It was him that turned me down. What do you suppose he wanted? A 'rannycaboo.' Who ever heard of such a drink as that? And when I asked him what sort of a thing that was he turned on me with, 'Oh, thought you were a barkeep,' and walked out on me."

"But it's that way every day this summer. People seem to be all gone nutty on new drinks. If they can't hear of a new one they invent one of their own and then give it some durn fool name, and it's up to me to know what it means the moment I hear it."

The Value of the Cow.
The value of the cow for almost any purpose is indicated by the amount of butter-fat she puts into her milk. It used to be the idea before the coming of the Babcock milk tester that some cows were good for butter making, some good for cheesemaking and others good to furnish skim-milk to sell to people that did not care for anything except the solids other than fat. But with the coming of the famous test we have learned that this was a stupendous error. The cow indicates the value in all directions by the amount of fat in her milk. A milk with only two per cent fat would be a milk with not more than eight per cent total solids, the rest being water. In a normal condition the ratio of solids to fat is quite constant, and the amount of solids can be approximately figured out from the known percentage of butter-fat.

The Sheep and the Weed.
Sections of country given up to grain farming are notably weedy, and sometimes the weeds are one of the great sources of loss. After the grain is taken off the weeds take possession and frequently mature seed, which in turn grow in the grain field the following season. One crop expert declares that at least one-fourth of the plant food that should go into the small grain goes to sustain the weeds, the crop of grain being cut short by that much. The introduction of sheep, where they can be introduced, will help enormously to lessen the size of the fields of weeds that take so much from our farms every year. At least the weeds can be turned into salable cotton and wool.

Range Cattle Improving in Quality.
It is certain that there is being a marked improvement in the quality of calves dropped from year to year on the ranges of the great West. The calf crop this last spring was very good and the general average of quality was better than ever before, if we may judge by the reports coming from ranges here and there. The cause of this improvement has been the extensive use of pure-bred bulls of the established beef breeds. This improvement in quality is stimulating the finishing of these calves on the ranges to some extent, and it is not impossible that in the near future the feeding of steers will become a large part of the range work. With the improvement in quality the finishing is less of a task than formerly, and there is not so much saved by sending the animals into the corn belt. This is especially so with animals that are to be consumed as meat if the states and territories where they are produced.

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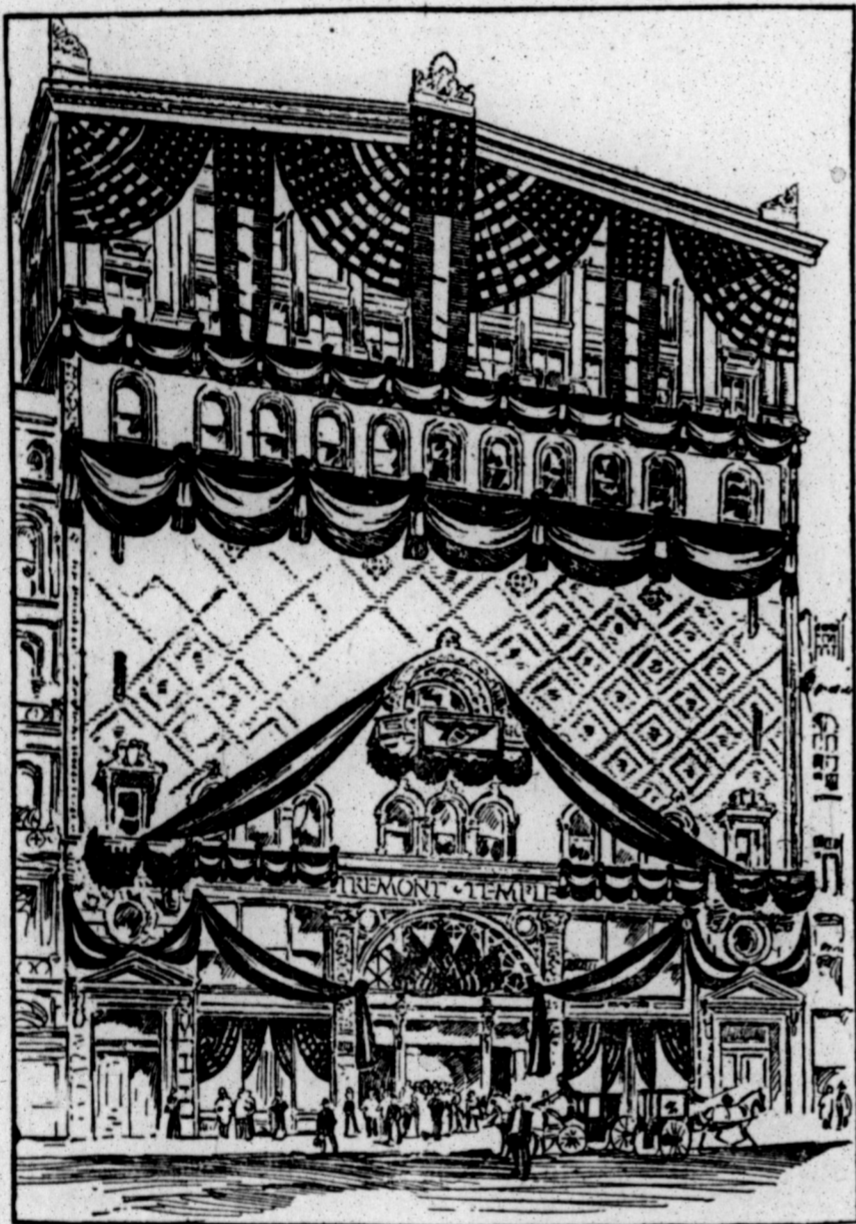
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TREMONT TEMPLE DECORATIONS.



the visitors at the New Algonquin club. This was exclusively for the guests and their accompanying ladies. At 2 o'clock the members of Kinsley post, in uniform, arrived at the club-house and were introduced to the guests. At 3 o'clock the post reformed and marched to the South terminal to receive the members of Lafayette post of New York. The latter were escorted to their hotel. Promptly at 6 o'clock the company sat down at round tables in Faneuil hall, each of these accommodating seven persons. Some sixteen of the more distinguished guests, with the commander of Kinsley post and the toastmaster, occupied seats at a long table on the platform. Covers were laid for about 300 in all. Young women waiters in special uniform served the food.

The speaking was done on a novel plan. Commander Graves gave the address of welcome before dinner was served and between the courses the commander of Lafayette post and such of the other Northern guests as were invited to speak were introduced.

For the remainder of the evening the Southerners had the right of way, and some notable addresses were made.

The event eclipsed in interest and significance any reunion between Northern and Southern participants in the civil war that has ever been held.

MANY PLACES OF INTEREST
Historic Spots in Boston Pointed Out to Visitors.

All of the places of historic interest in the city proper were specially placarded during encampment week so that the visiting thousands could not fail to see them in their walks about the city. A list of these places

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"A gift

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector
J. T. PATMAN,
L. C. BEVERLY.

For County Treasurer
CROCKETT W. TAYLOR.
JOHN M. CLOWER.
A. J. BARNETT.
R. W. TALLEY.

For Tax Assessor.
FRED A. DUBBS
G. W. BAKER.

Stock News.

W. R. Moore is in the town pasture with a herd of Knox county twos and threes on the open market.

M. E. Bell, of Brice, was here Tuesday. He reports having sold 80 steer yearlings to John Molesworth at \$14 around.

Six cars of fat cows belonging to T. M. Pyle, L. C. Beverly, Van Martin, Al Barton and Walter Dyer were shipped to the K. C. market last Saturday. The prices are reported very unsatisfactory.

Lightning struck among a bunch of horses and cattle last Sunday during the rainstorm at Mrs. Martin's ranch northwest of town and killed two very fine work mares, also a calf. During the same electrical disturbance J. B. McClelland lost a steer.

J. C. Knorpp, of Kansas City, is in the city, the guest of Thos. S. Bugbee. He reports the sale of 2000 2-year-old steers of the Bar V brand from his ranch north of Roswell, N. M., to E. H. Brainard, secretary of the Panhandle Stockmen's Association. The price is given out at \$16 around and the steers were delivered at Canadian.

Cures Sciatica.

Rev. W. L. Riley, L. L. D., Cuba, New York, writes: "After fifteen days of excruciating pains from sciatic rheumatism, under various treatments, I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment; the first application giving my first relief and the second entire relief. I can give it unqualified recommendation." 25c, 50c, \$1. Sold by H. D. Ramsey.

Judge W. M. Smith Dead.

News was received in Clarendon this week of the death of Judge W. M. Smith, who moved from here to Roswell several months ago. Dr. Bacon Saunders, of Ft. Worth, performed an operation on Judge Smith at Anarillo last week. He passed through the operation safely and was removed to the home of relatives at Portales, but began to sink and died in a short time.

Judge Smith was at one time mayor of Clarendon and had a host of friends to whom the news of his death will be sad tidings. The Banner-Stockman joins these friends in extending sympathy to his wife and children.

Don't send out of town for your 1905 calendars. This office has a better line to furnish you than any foreign agents has to supply you with. Always patronize home industries and get up to date work.

Our Buyers

Have spent the past ten days in the St. Louis market selecting our fall and winter stock of Millinery and Notion Goods, which, when opened up, will be the largest and handsomest display ever before shown in Clarendon in a strictly

Ladies Store.

Our goods will be EXCLUSIVE of their class—bought at different houses—both in St. Louis and New York.

Latest Styles, Low Prices.
Mrs. A. M. Beville & Co.
 STRAYED—Bay mare, 15 hands high, unbranded, peculiar mane caused from being roached. Reward for information or return to Walter M. Stanton. it

The Clarendon country was visited by another fine rain Sunday, lasting nearly all night. In all more than 2 1/2 inches of rain fell according to the government rain gauge. While not particularly needed still the rain will not damage crops to any great extent and will be a great benefit to growing feed crops.

Local news on supplement.

House for Sale.
 Three room house, 2 lots or 5 lots, well and wind mill, out houses. Apply to M. P. Lee, Clarendon, Texas. 43-4t

Mulkey, the photographer.

The Globe Confectionery.

WE ARE still in the ring with the best stock of Confectioneries in Clarendon. We are in the confectionery business strictly. No side business to hinder us from devoting our entire time to making the best Cold Drinks, Ice Cream, etc., to be had. Our parlor is larger, cooler and nicer than you will find elsewhere. Our line of Tobaccos and Cigars is the finest to be had. Every cigar in our case is a good smoker and we buy nothing cheaper than straight \$35 goods. When you want the best in any branch of the confectionery business your self interest will lead you to us. We have the agency for the Wichita Steam Laundry, work guaranteed, bundles called for, delivered,

Remember
The Place.

**The
Globe**

Dubbs Bros.
Proprietors

Program of B. Y. P. U.

The following is the B. Y. P. U. program for August 28, 5 p. m.

Hymn.
 Prayer.
 Scripture thought,—"Other People and what we Owe Them." Missionary Lesson.

Bible References on Missions.
 "Some Missionaries in the home Fields"—Mattie Trigg.

"John Elliott, Apostle to the Indians"—Miss May O'Neal.
 Hymn.

"Some Missionaries to Foreign Fields"—Miss Julia Hunt.
 "Short Sketch of the Life of Judson."—Miss Mary Bourland.

Contrast Missions 100 years ago with missions 1904.—John Hunt.
 "Some Bible Missionaries."—Cleo Westbrook.

"Missionary Heroes."—by Mrs. Skinner, Leader.

Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventative of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or dependency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by H. D. Ramsey.

The wind Sunday did some little damage in the way of broken trees, etc. A chimney was also blown off of F. D. Martin's new residence.

Jim Rutherford is adding a couple of new rooms to his residence this week.

Put an End to it All.

A grievous ailment comes as a result of unbearable pain from over taxed organs. Dizziness, headache, liver complaint and constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's New Life Pills they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try—them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by H. D. Ramsey.

STRAYED—Two black pigs, 4-months old, marked crop in right ear. Notify W. R. McKeown, Clarendon, Texas.

Mulkey is a graduate in photography. All work guaranteed.

Shoo-Fly Horn Pain!

"A BOON TO CATTLEMEN AND FARMERS."

Is the only remedy that will prevent fly blows from infecting wounds, cuts or sores on animals; heals quickly and makes summer dehorning, castrating and spaying absolutely safe. Best remedy for barb wire cuts, prevents proud flesh and extracts the poison; will cure collar galls, sore shoulders, backs, old standing sores, chafes, rope burns and mange quickly. Endorsed by prominent stockmen. Sold at \$1.25 per pint; \$2 per quart, \$3.50 per half gallon and \$5 per gallon. One quart sufficient for 100 head of cattle, for dehorning purposes.

Sure Shot

Is the best and cheapest Screw Worm medicine ever used in the state of Texas. It will kill screw worms, ticks, warbles, lice, mites, fleas, bed bugs, flies, mosquitoes or any kind of vermin or parasite on anything and anywhere. Will cure the worst case of Spanish Itch, mange and scratches on horses, or your money refunded. NO CURE, NO PAY. Endorsed by prominent stockmen. Retail, 4 oz. bottles, 25c, 8 oz. bottles, 50c, quart cans \$1.25, half gallons \$2.25, gallons \$4. For sale by

H. D. RAMSEY,
 Druggist,
 Clarendon, - Texas.

Write for descriptive circulars and testimonials.

End of Bitter Fight.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abscess on my right lung" writes J. F. Hughes, of Du Pont, Ga., "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all coughs, colds and throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed by H. D. Ramsey. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

See our new line of stationery and school supplies. Have just received a big invoice, including everything from the cheapest pencil tablet to the finest stationery for ladies. Also full stock pencils, pens, ink, etc.

DEBBS BROS.

We are doing nothing but very latest work and I will please you if you will give me a trial.

MULKEY'S STUDIO.

Oldest Dry Goods House in Donley Co.

LEADING DRY GOODS HOUSE IN CLARENDON.

When you want the best in Dry Goods and Men's Furnishings, come to us. We have been here so long we know just how and what to buy to please the people of this section. We call especial attention to our line of

*Hamilton-Brown Shoes for Men and Boys,
 Queen Quality Shoes for Ladies.*

Ben W. Chamberlain.

The English Kitchen

Is the place to get the best service in short orders. If you want a tender, juicy steak cooked like it should be this is the place to get it. Anything you want to eat at any time of day and late at night and all orders served quickly with clean service.

J. E. Tracy, Proprietor

Regular Meal served at noon every day for 25c.

Everything

In fresh vegetables, fruits, etc., **Every day for everybody.** Will pay cash for chickens, eggs, and home raised vegetables. Phone 93.

W. P. WAGGENER.

Next to Citizens Bank.

Read This.

If you want to buy groceries go to a grocery store. For dry goods go to a dry goods store. For hardware go to a hardware store. For farm implements go to an implement store. But if you want good, all-wool-and-a-yard-wide, guaranteed **BLACKSMITH WORK** go to

J. F. Long,

Shop between Wagon Yard and Lumber Yard.

Geo. W. Washington,
 Drayman.

W. J. Wyatt is now in charge of my dray and will run the business during my absence. He will give the public prompt service, and I will appreciate a continuance of your patronage.

Very truly,
GEORGE W. WASHINGTON.

Summer Dress Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats

Special Low Prices.

WE must make room for our fall and winter stock, and to stimulate trade are offering the items mentioned above at very close figures for cash. We wish to say that we buy for Spot Cash and sell the same way, and are thereby able to offer our customers prices which they will not get elsewhere. There is a big saving in buying and selling for cash and we give our customers the advantage of such saving. We want to make the acquaintance of all Donley county citizens. Call and see us whether you want to buy or not. We will take pleasure in meeting you and showing you our goods.

Don't Forget Our Grocery Dept.

We solicit your orders, whether large or small. No order too large or too small to receive our prompt attention. Come to see us.

Phone 39.

The Bargain House

Just what you want at our store. Good Confectioneries. Full line of Racket Goods. See our line of fall samples for Men's Clothing. The prices are right and the fit guaranteed. Our summer samples are now for sale and will do nicely for quilts. Our Cold Drink department is complete. Ask about Fremont Grape Juice and Malt Nutrine, refreshing and appetizing. Try our Laundry—we call for and deliver all bundles.

W. H. Thompson, Prop.

W. P. Powell & Sons,

Leila Notes.

The beautiful rain of yesterday and last night make all nature seem to rejoice.

The Sunday school attendance was small last Sunday on account of the camp-meeting.

Our school teacher Miss Bessie Clويد from Abilene, was called away after teaching one week on account of her mother's serious sickness. Miss Hattie Donnell kindly took her place till her school opens in Clarendon, where she is employed to teach in the Public School the coming term.

Mr. Sims and family have gone to the Worlds Fair at St. Louis, are also visiting their old home in Versailles, Mo. We expect them home the last of this week.

Howard King and Andrew Donnell went to the camp-meeting on Lake Creek Sunday and got caught in the rain.

Mrs. Taylor from Denton, who has been visiting her son Guy Taylor and family, went home this morning.

PUMPKIN.

To the Public.

We wish to call attention to the cleanliness of our service. All the utensils used in our business are thoroughly scalded and kept clean. The water for our soda fount is boiled before being charged with the gas. Absolute purity of all drinks and cleanliness of service is guaranteed. All this talk of sickness and disease starting from the cold drinks of the city is bosh. If you don't believe it investigate; then ask your physician.

Respectfully,

DUBBS BROS.,
Confectioners.

Our new press came in three weeks earlier than anticipated and we present the Banner-Stockman this week in its new and enlarged form—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

Editor John Cooke and the Clarendon Stockman are waking up and now have an up to date newspaper which the people of the town ought to appreciate. We are always delighted to see the brethren of the press and especially our old friends, doing so well. Keep us on the exchange list, John.—Denton County News.

Dragging Pains

2825 Keeley St.,
CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 2, 1902

I suffered with falling and congestion of the womb, with severe pains through the groins. I suffered terribly at the time of menstruation, had blinding headaches and rushing of blood to the brain. What to try I knew not, for it seemed that I had tried all and failed, but I had never tried Wine of Cardui, that blessed remedy for sick women. I found it pleasant to take and soon knew that I had the right medicine. New blood seemed to course through my veins and after using eleven bottles I was a well woman.

Maudie Bush

Mrs. Bush is now in perfect health because she took Wine of Cardui for menstrual disorders, bearing down pains and blinding headaches when all other remedies failed to bring her relief. Any sufferer may secure health by taking Wine of Cardui in her home. The first bottle convinces the patient she is on the road to health.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

WINE OF CARDUI

Groom Items.

(Delayed from last week.)

When the Clarendon News first sold out we felt a timidity about sending in our bit of news. With several other correspondents to the same paper our items might find their way to the waste basket, but with a kind invitation from the editor we are on hand again.

Regular summer weather, when one can realize the full value of a fan and parasol, if we are on the plains.

A new boy made its arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilkerson since our last report.

The picnic at Groom last Saturday was a decided success. The day was an ideal one for such an occasion, a splendid crowd and a bountiful supply of dinner. There was such a fine lot of pies, cakes and every thing left that those in charge decided to set supper. And as large a crowd was served at 7 o'clock as at the noon hour.

Most of our people are eating cabbage, cucumbers, fried chicken and roasting ears and every thing else good to eat raised at their own home.

Jericho and Groom crossed bats Saturday afternoon and enjoyed a most exciting game. Groom came out victorious in a score of 14 to 24.

Three houses have been painted in the last few days. Quite a help to the looks of the town.

Lawyer Cole of Clarendon addressed the crowd at the picnic Saturday.

Mrs. Merrick of Memphis is visiting her brothers Ross and Charley Payne.

The trustees have ordered received and set up 20 new double desks in the schoolhouse. The neighborhood is proud of them.

Mr. Turner of Amarillo made a speech to the people at the picnic Saturday.

Miss Ethel Wilkerson went home with Le Fors friends Sunday morning. They had visited her and attended the picnic.

Mrs. Garrison who has been visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Angel some two or three weeks left for home at Herford Saturday night. Mr. Garrison returned home several days ago.

Will Harris and Lafayette Harris and family got back from Beaver county Saturday afternoon. They report a splendid season up there and everything looking good.

N. N. Martin, John Archibald and Mrs. Rebecca Laughlin were among the visitors on the 13th.

Mrs. Ben Timmons, who has been sick some four or five weeks, is better but still not able to leave her room.

Mr. Hughes, of Oklahoma, is here seeing after his section recently purchased of Dr. Gibson.

Elder E. Dubbs began a protracted meeting here last Sunday morning.

Mr. Adams, of Clarendon, spent three or four days here last week prospecting.

A fine rain Tuesday evening gladdened the hearts of the farmers.

Bray Blasts.

(Delayed From Last Week.)

Will give you some of the news from this point.

Weather dry beginning to need rain. Crops generally good.

Mr. J. C. Barnett and wife are on the sick list but are improving.

Protracted meeting in progress at the Bray schoolhouse by the Baptists, Dr. W. A. Jarrell of Dallas doing the preaching, the interest good and the preaching excellent.

Mr. W. O. Russell left yesterday to attend school.

Mr. Ward Horn is visiting at Shamrock this week.

Mrs. J. A. Barnett and son of Clarendon have been visiting in our community this week.

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LADIES READ THIS.

We have added to our Millinery stock a very large line of Ladies, Misses and Childrens Furnishings and expect to make ours a complete Ladies Furnishing Store.

MRS. A. M. BEVILLE & CO.

The Clarendon Banner-Stockman has been enlarged to a six column quarto paper. Their new power press has been installed and they are in the middle of the swim.—Hall County Herald.

J. R. Munroe, of Oklahoma was here last week, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Kelley.

A Narrow Escape.

B. T. Stubbs, of Alareed, was here Monday, and gave us the following particulars concerning the narrow escape County Commissioner F. R. McCracken and family made from death by lightning. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken and the children and Mr. Hebison, the mail carrier, were standing near a wire fence on the bank of the creek watching the water after a heavy rain. While so engaged lightning struck a post within a few feet of them, knocking them all down and rendering Mr. Hebison and one of the boys totally unconscious. All were badly stunned and burned. Mr. Hebison was blistered very badly all down his left side from the crown of his head down. It was indeed a narrow escape for all, and would doubtless have resulted fatally for some of the party but for timely assistance.

Ladies New Street Hats, Childrens and Boys Caps, Silks, Velvets and Plush. Our large new stock will soon be on display.
MRS. A. M. BEVILLE & CO.

W. P. Waggener has the thanks of the printer boys for the finest water melon ever grown in Donley county or any other old county.

Expensive Poultry.

What's one would think of high bred geese and hens in this day of specialization may be judged from a transaction reported from Raceville, N. Y., where George H. Northrup, a poultry fancier, has shipped to Germany a flock of nineteen rose-combed Minorcas, for which he received \$3,400. One of the geese alone brought \$1,000 and another \$500. The former weighed nine pounds.

MAIL ORDERS

A SPECIALTY.



H. J. JUSTIN, the celebrated Cowboy Boot Maker. A postal card will bring you a self-measuring order system of the BEST Cowboy boot made in the west.

NOCONA, TEXAS.

HEREFORDS TO SHOW.

International to Have a Fine Display of Whitefaces and a Full Sale.

Despite the deflection of the association, a full display of Herefords and a sale of the usual number of 100 cattle at the International Live Stock Exposition this year is assured.

"The breed will be fully represented at the great show," said Judge Nelson, of Fort Madison, Ia., today. "I met W. S. VanNatta, of Fowler, Ind., at his home yesterday, and learned from him that all arrangements have been completed. Some good cattle will be offered and the ring display will include representation by some of the best herds in the country. Of course, exhibitors will have to take a little less money, owing to the elimination of the special prizes, but there is no lack of public spirit among Hereford breeders of the United States, and they have no intention of missing such an opportunity to exploit the merits of the breed. The Hereford show at the 1904 International will be the best on record."

Roasting a Bore.

At the dinner of the Periodical Publishers' Association last night the toastmaster established a ten-minute rule for some speakers and a five minute rule for others. Dr. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York, was allotted five minutes, but he spread his speech out very thin over about fifty minutes.

When Finley had finished, the toastmaster, Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, arose and said with much meaning:

"We will not have another five-minute speech," and everybody but Dr. Finley laughed and applauded.

A Cure for Rodents.

Dr. Roux of the Pasteur Institute, Paris, reports that at last a microbe has been found which may be relied on to exterminate rats and other rodents without doing injury to other animals. A district covering 3,000 acres was experimented on, four tons of bread and ten tons of oats, inoculated with the germ, being used as bait, and 95 per cent of the little pests being killed.

Less Than One Fare Rate.

To San Francisco, Cal., and Return.

will be effective daily Aug. 15, to Sept. 10, inclusive, from all stations on all lines in Texas and the Southwest, via

"The Denver Road"

in either one or both directions according to wish of passengers

This arrangement makes the very liberal Stop-over privileges DOUBLY VALUABLE and will greatly enhance the pleasure of those desiring an extended vacation or who are capable of appreciating such oceans of rugged scenic grandeur as is afforded only via the routes through

PANORAMIC NEW MEXICO, COOL COLORADO and IRRIGATED UTAH.

There is never a more delightful time for visiting Colorado and the Northwest than during September and October. A postal addressed to the undersigned will secure to interested parties several specially valuable pointers, also descriptive literature and detailed particulars regarding rates and arrangements.

A. A. GLISSON,

Gen'l Pass. Agt.,

Ft. Worth, Tex.