

## HALL COUNTY HAS NO GREEN BUGS--BOLL WEEVIL--MEMPHIS NO NEGROES

**W. J. Thaxton Dead.**  
W. J. Thaxton, who was received in Memphis from Giles stated that Thaxton had died at his home at 5:30 Friday morning. Thaxton had been under the doctor for some time and his death was due to the complications of disease.

Thaxton was one of the pioneers of the Panhandle as well as a favorably known Memphis and surrounding country. He was 46 years old, leaving a wife and 9 children to mourn his loss.

The remains of Mr. Thaxton were brought to Memphis Saturday evening and laid to rest in the new cemetery.

### New Automobile Line.

L. Jones is now ready to accommodate the public with his automobile. It was unloaded Friday and is of the Popford make. It is a 24 horse power, five passenger car and is for the general use of the public on any and all occasions. The machine will be handled by Jones when in use, which is assurance that there will be no less driving done. The headlight for the machine will be the 5 & 10 cent store.

### A New Paper For Clarendon.

Miss Weatherly and James have made arrangements to start a new paper in Clarendon at May 1. The Banner-Stock has been notified to vacate the Trent building, to be occupied by the new plant, which will be under the management of Mr. Weatherly, who is a good printer and experienced in the news-

paper business. So far as we are concerned it or as many more as can be launched, have as much right to compete for the patronage as have enterprises in any other line, and if the business is overdone it will only be the survival of the fittest. Since we have been on the field six papers in Clarendon have gone the way of the perishable and are about forgotten. How many more such funerals we will live to see only time can tell.—Clarendon Chronicle.

### Ekford Reeves Dead.

J. Ekford Reeves, who was attacked with pneumonia a little over a week ago, died yesterday at noon. He has for some time been employed in the First National Bank and was an exemplary young business man with a host of friends. There will be funeral services at the Baptist church this morning at 9 o'clock and the remains will then be taken to Plainview for interment.—Clarendon Chronicle.

### Wreck on Dinver.

The gravel train on the Fort Worth & Denver was wrecked early Friday morning about 3 1/2 miles north of Memphis, near the Raney place. The train was coming south loaded with gravel and piled seven cars loaded with gravel in the ditch. No lives were lost. The early morning southbound passenger train was just behind the wreck and was delayed several hours.

Rev. S. J. Upton was in Memphis this Tuesday and tells us he organized a Methodist church at old Salisbury on Sunday March 21, with a membership of 28. This is quite a large gathering for a small organization and they are all very enthusiastic as to a future larger membership. Bro. Upton is now preaching to seven different appointments in Hall county, and will probably take up a few more in the near future.

The Friendship community will now have preaching once every month. Rev. A. T. Douglas, recently moved from Waco has been called and will probably accept. Mr. Douglas is a brother-in-law of A. P. Bunch of our city and is now engaged in a meeting at Rowe.

B. C. Creager and wife came over from Wellington Sunday where they have been spending a few days while Mr. Creager's studio was being completed. He will soon be ready for business.

City Marshal Phillips of Clarendon, spent last Tuesday in Memphis.

## OUR CITY SCHOOLS PROGRESSING

### A Visit to Our Schools Show Progress and Advancement in all Branches of Study.

We attended the Friday morning exercises at the High School where a nice program was rendered. We were a little tardy that morning, and upon entering the school building, the beautiful strains of "Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag," a good old time Southern war song greeted our ears. It was sung by Mrs. Smith's pupils. This song was heartily endorsed, as was the remainder of the program.

This paper has always been a warm friend of the schools of our town, and it intends to take a deeper interest in them in the future. We believe it is the duty of every citizen to take a live interest in our schools. During the years that have past, quite a number of diplomas have been handed out as class after class of our young people have stepped out of school life into life's school. Would that we could, in this issue of our paper place before its readers the familiar face of each and every one who have graduated, into the coming graduating class.

Our school home. What words fall upon the ear with so much music in their cadence as those which recall the scenes of school days now numbered with the memories of the past? For us the intervening years have not dimmed the vivid colorings with which memory has adorned those joyous days. While we all graduate in much the same manner, yet how different has the wheel of fortune turned.

Some with plaintive tongues have had to walk in lowly vales of life's weary way, others in loftier hymns, have sung of nothing but joy, as they have trodden the mountain top, but no matter how near the summit or base of the mountain of fame you meet with a graduate from our school, you meet with one who is a credit to society, and community at large. "As the twig is bent so is the tree inclined," and habits formed under the moulding power of moral atmosphere which permeates the schools of our little city stays by one through life.

Among the many able principals of our schools none have advanced it more rapidly, or are entitled to more credit for its present high standard than the present incumbent. For the past three years he has been at the head of the schools and they have been of the most successful and brightest in the history of school life in this city. Prof. Taggart is by nature and education an instructor. He puts his whole heart and life into his school work. He has had years of experience as principal of different schools in the state. He has a happy faculty of conveying knowledge to others, possessed by but few and since he went to the pilot the schools of our city have sailed in smooth waters and gradually advanced from good to better until they stand today the pride of the city and a credit to the state. A more practical, thorough school man would be hard to find and

those who have the honor of receiving a diploma from his hands can be assured they merited it and have received an education that is solid and substantial and that polish and brighten their entire lives.

Thoroughness is the motto of our schools under the management of Prof. Taggart and his best recommendations are those who have graduated under his supervision.

### Sent Back East.

An old negro was brought into the Lakeview community several days ago by a new comer to the Panhandle, not knowing the people of this part of the state did not allow a negro to stay in these parts. The negro was an old time slave negro and had lived in the family all his life, but when the neighbors informed the new comer of the situation and the desires of the people in the community, the old negro was immediately sent back east to his old home. This will be a good lesson to other people back east, contemplating bringing negroes to the Panhandle.

### Construction Work to Begin at Once.

On last Thursday Mr. Edward Kennedy, president of the A. R. & E. P. R. E., his architect, Mr. Paslick, of Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Chapman, who has the management of Mr. Kennedy's business at Labbock, and who is to be located at Silverton in a short time, and Messrs. Tucker and Edwards, contractors; were in Silverton looking after the general interests of the road.

Mr. Kennedy expressed himself well pleased with the way in which the people of Silverton and county were performing their part of the contract, and remarked to members of the Guarantee Committee that "You have done your part and now I am here to do my part."

A meeting was called for Thursday night principally for the purpose of allowing Mr. Kennedy's associates and the contractors who were with him to meet the Silverton people.

The meeting was not as well attended as it would have been had the notice of it been more generally circulated. Some interesting talks from Mr. Kennedy and the gentlemen who accompanied him, as well as by some of the citizens, were made.

Mr. Kennedy has his charter, and said he was ready to go to work as soon as the committee said so. It was agreed between Mr. Kennedy and the committee that two good forces should be put to work very soon, one at Silverton and one at the cap rock. The one at Silverton to begin within 15 days, which will be about the first of April; the one at the cap rock about the 15th of April. The work is to be pushed without delay to completion of the grade through the county.

every opposition and over the protests of those who have sought to pull him down. The people here generally have the utmost confidence in the success of the enterprise and know it means much for Silverton and Briscoe county. There are more good things in sight and in prospect for us if we will only embrace the opportunity to grasp them.

Mr. Kennedy and his party went on over the lower end of the line and returned Tuesday with Messrs. Aymond, Palmer and M. V. Kennedy, having secured the names of the directors on his Texas charter, and is now ready to start things to work. We are advised that he has deposited a thousand dollars with the bank here to be expended as needed for immediate use on work at this place.—Silverton Enterprise.

### Attention.

Next Friday, April 2, at 2 p. m. there will be a public meeting of all citizens within a radius of 10 miles of Lakeview, for the purpose of making arrangements to see what can be done toward raising the required bonus to get the Aitus, Roswell & El Paso road to and through Lakview. Mr. Kennedy has made a very reasonable proposition to our people and we want each and everyone to be on hand that day, especially the land owners.

Respectfully,  
COMMITTEE.

### Local Market Report.

The following is a corrected market report for week ending Tuesday, March 30.

Butter, per pound	25c
Eggs, per dozen	10c
Chickens, per dozen	\$3.00
Indian corn in sack	65c
Indian corn in ear	60c
June corn in sack	68c
June corn	50c
Milo maize per cwt.	1.05
Kaffir corn per cwt.	1.05

"The Little Prospector" at the opera house last Monday night was well received by a fair sized audience. The play was up to the standard. The leading roll was well brought out. This is a wholesome and clean type of Western Drama and theatre goers missed a treat that did not attend.

Mrs. C. F. Nelson has been quite sick for several days, but is some better at this writing. If Mrs. Nelson gains strength enough in the next few days, she will be taken to Dallas for treatment about the sixth of April.

L. S. Stallings came in Monday night from Dallas and will be actively engaged with the firm of Stallings Bros. in the gent's furnishing business. His family will come in later on.

### Shooting Exhibition.

Thursday afternoon quite a large crowd gathered at the local gun club grounds in the eastern part of the city to witness some trick and fancy shooting by representatives of the Winchester Arms Co.

As a preliminary to the main shoot, some trap shooting was indulged in by local members of the gun club, with Mrs. Topperwein and Mr. Fosgard in the lineup. Twenty-five birds were shot at by each member in each event.

Following is the score of first squad.

Kennedy	20
Mrs. Topperwein	25
Fosgard	21
Parker	22
Boston	20

### SECOND SQUAD.

Kennedy	24
Mrs. Topperwein	22
Love	10
Slaton	12
Rawlins	17

### THIRD SQUAD.

Fosgard	21
Mrs. Topperwein	23
Parker	21
Rawlins	18
Love	13
Kennedy	20

Following this was the trick and fancy shooting by the world's most remarkable shooting team, Mr. and Mrs. Topperwein, in their demonstration of the accuracy of the Winchester guns and ammunition.

The shooting of both Mr. and Mrs. Topperwein was wonderful and shows what proficiency can be attained by diligent practice.

During the afternoon several little incidents came up which were real amusing to the crowd. The crowd was well pleased with the exhibition and are fully convinced of the superiority of smokless powder over old time black powder.

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Capital \$50,000.00

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CHAS. DRAKE, Pres.  
R. L. MADDEN, Cashier

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hall County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. D. Arthur, M. E. Bowen, Mrs. Sarah Knudson, and husband, initials or first name unknown, Mrs. M. E. Lynskey, and her husband, initials or first name unknown, and heirs of A. J. Arthur, deceased, and the heirs of Mrs. Mary A. Bowen, deceased, the names of said heirs being unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Hall County, to be held at the Court House thereof on the 4th Monday in May, 1909, being the 24th day of May, 1909, in a cause numbered 219, wherein Jesse Ring, et al are plaintiffs and W. D. Arthur, M. E. Bowen, Mrs. Sarah Knudson, Mrs. M. E. Lynskey, and the unknown heirs of A. J. Arthur, and the unknown heirs of Mrs. Mary A. Bowen, are defendants. The cause of action being alleged as follows:

That on or about the first day of November 1908, plaintiffs were lawfully seized and possessed of the following land and premises, situated in Hall County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: The Northeast one-fourth of section 78, Block H, certificate 773, Adams Beaty & Moulton Survey, in Hall County, Texas. That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and premises and ejected plaintiffs therefrom and unlawfully withhold from them the possession thereof to plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$3,000.00.

This suit is brought as well to try title as for damages.

Plaintiff further alleges that William Ring, deceased, died intestate, that Mary A. Ring, wife of the said William Ring, afterwards Mrs. Mary A. Bowen, now deceased, also died intestate, and that the above described lands and premises was the Community property of the said William Ring and Mary A. Ring, and that the plaintiffs are the heirs and only heirs at law of the said William Ring deceased, and that defendants are the heirs and only heirs of Mrs. Mary A. Ring, afterwards Mary A. Bowen, deceased, and as such heirs at law plaintiffs and defendants are the sole owners of the described lands and premises, so far as known to plaintiffs, wherefore plaintiffs pray for judgment for partition, and division of said land and premises, that commissioners be appointed and that a writ of partition issue, and for possession of that portion that by the judgment of the Court may be ascertained and declared to be the property of the Several Plaintiffs.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once every week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper in your County, but if no newspaper is published in your County, then in the next County where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with you return thereon, show how you have executed the same.

Witness S. G. Alexander, Clerk of the District Court, of Hall County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 27th day of March, 1909.

S. G. ALEXANDER, Clerk of District Court.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The most dangerous part of a pistol is where a murderous man holds it.

Canned education is the same old thing over again.

Probably the reason a woman rarely asks herself if she couldn't have chosen a worthier husband is because she knows she couldn't.

There are a few fast ones who want to travel the narrow path lickety-split.

One reason a man never acquires all the wealth he wants is because he dies before he gets half enough.

There are a lot of people trying to pose as geniuses because they hate to acknowledge that they are too lazy to work.

The fact that it required three Santa Monica policemen to arrest a 93-year-old sailor argues badly either for the Osler theory or the Santa Monica police.

And another difference between being an incumbent and an ex is that an incumbent paid \$1,600 a year for barbering and an ex will do the job himself.

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unpleasantness very early in our national history.

A Virginia court has decided that a widow, grass or otherwise, is not liable for damages in a breach of promise suit. Probably the idea is that intimate knowledge of the matter should have brought her to the point where any further disappointment in the creature, man, was impossible.

The gentlemen at Washington may know what they are doing in placing a tax on tea, kid gloves, laces, perfumes, hotrery and millinery, but they should remember that by the time they are again up for election the ladies may be voting.

There are reasons to believe that the new tariff bill is going to be as Payne-ful as its name would indicate.

Gee! but how all the other kids do envy the adventures of that Whitela youngster!

The noise Cuba is making over internal disorders sounds very much like that of an infant with colic. Since about all that has ever been administered to the babay has been soothing syrup, Uncle Sam will probably have to prepare another dose.

A well-known woman's college in the East has been passing through an epidemic of tonsillitis and the physicians say the cause is—but that's downright mean of the doctors. Who ever heard of a college woman being so giddy, silly and unscientific as to kiss a man?

The papers are making quite a heroine out of the wife of C. W. Morse because she has given up her auto and diamonds for her husband. But the county is full

of women whose husbands have never been able to provide them with anything more than the actual necessities who would, for a reason such as Mrs. Morse has, given up even the little which they have.

Joe Cannon kissed a young girl upon whom he officially bestowed a medal for bravery. The young lady seems to have proven twice her merit to a place in the hero class.

Marriage is among the very few human undertakings that every man and woman feels especially and individually qualified to make a marked success of.

The Street Masher.

The city of Des Moines is having a rather bad time with that particular despicable creature, the street masher. Everything else having failed to meet the exigencies of the case, the chief of police has determined to have a decoy for the agreeably inclined male persons. An attractive young woman will be put on parade and will use whatever feminine wiles may be at her command to attract the mashers, and having done so will promptly hand them over to the police.

The position of the chief of police of Des Moines is not altogether logical. He would, instead of aiding in the suppression of an infraction of the law, be issuing invitations to greater infractions. The woods is full of men who would not take the initiative in a street mashing affair, but who would, nevertheless, "jolly along" a good looking young woman who had deliberately attracted their attention. They would do so in many cases carelessly and without any idea

than that of the passing moment. Arrest, by the scheme determined upon in Des Moines, would land all such into the hands of the police officers. Yet these are not the kind of men who are the actual nuisances on the streets of every city.

The kind of a fellow the Des Moines police are after and the kind police everywhere should be after, is the kind who needs no friendly encouragement. He is the sort who regard it as an opportunity to address her the very fact of any young woman being unattended on the streets after 6 o'clock. The demeanor with which the woman conducts herself and her very evident desire to escape notice have no effect on this particular type of animal. If he notices at all that the woman has failed to see him until he has almost run into her on the street, or even gone so far as to speak to her, in his corrupt conception of things he regards it as a pose which is no barrier to his effrontery.

Women themselves could speedily put an end to the street masher had they the courage to do so, but the disagreeable notoriety which must necessarily attach to having a presumptuous scoundrel arrested makes the practice of street mashing comparatively free from danger of arrest and punishment.

Notice.

I will be out of town the next two months assessing. Non-residents or anyone else wishing to render taxes while in Memphis see Jim King at Sheriff's office. CHAS. WEBSTER, Assessor, 37 1mo.

Read the Democrat and be happy.

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GAVE THE ANSWER.

A Soldier Who Followed the Order General Jackson.

Illustrative of the exasperating with which chickens occasionally "home to roost" is this story from Soldier's Letters to Charming News. On a day in June, 1862, in the part of the civil war General Hood the Texas brigade halted each moment in turn and gave his orders. The Fourth he said: "Soldiers of the Fourth, I know a little of your destination as you do, but however, any of you learn or suspect it, keep it a secret. To every one who asks questions answer, 'I don't know.' We are now under the orders of General Jackson, and I repeat them to you."

General Jackson also gave strict orders against foraging, but apples were plentiful, and it was contrary to nature for hungry soldiers not to eat them, and so it came about that on the march to Staunton General Jackson came upon a Texan sitting on the limb of an apple tree busily engaged filling his haversack with the choicest fruit.

The general reined in his old horse and in his customary curt manner asked:

"What are you doing in that tree, sir?"

"I don't know," replied the Texan.

"What command do you belong to, sir?"

"Is your command ahead of you, behind you?"

"I don't know."

"Thus it went on, 'I don't know' was an answer to every question. Finally Jackson asked sternly:

"Why do you give me that answer to every question?"

"Cause them's the orders our general give us this mornin', an' he's right 'em that er way straddling the tree."

Disgusted with a too literal obedience to his own commands, but not caring to argue the point, General Jackson rode on.

The Fare.

This is how a driver of the private van, known as Black Maria, distinguished himself. A would-be wit on the causeway hailed him:

"Got any room inside, Robert?"

"There's room for one," replied the driver. "We kep' it for you."

Not entirely disconcerted, the wit made another shot.

"What's your fare?" he asked.

The answer entirely extinguished him.

"Bread and water—same as you had before!"—Pearson's Weekly.

The Great Circus.

The famous Coliseum in old Rome was massive as it was, was a mere toy in comparison with the great circus which filled the valley between the Palatine and the Aventine hills. The Coliseum is said to have been able to seat 80,000 people, while the seating capacity of the great circus was, in different periods, 150,000, 250,000 and, lastly, 380,000 spectators. The great circus was probably the most stupendous building ever erected for public spectacles.—New York American.

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The largest and most conspicuous monument in the cemetery is a tall shaft, which is in plain sight of the highway. On one side is the figure of a man, the other of a woman. "Col. John Buck, the Founder of Bucksport, A. D. 1762. Born in England, Mass., 1718. Died March 18, 1788."

On the other side is the single word "Witch." and also something not clearly defined by the marble worker. On the south surface of the pedestal is an outline, which can be easily traced to be a foot of normal size. People who say that it is a foot in the legend which has oft been told in Bucksport.

The story is that Colonel Jonathan Buck was a very harsh man and the spirit in his day and generation. He was the highest in civil authority, and his word was law in the town in which he resided. He sent out and out Puritan, and to his craft was the incarnation of sternness. Thus, so the story goes, a certain woman was accused of witchcraft, at the first clamorings of the people Colonel Buck ordered that she be imprisoned, and later she was sentenced to be executed as a witch.

On the execution day came, and the woman went to the gallows, cursing and raging with such terrible words that the people shuddered, but the gallows stood unmoved. All was done and the hangman was about to turn his duty, when the woman called toward heaven, she said: "Jonathan Buck, listen to these words, the last my tongue shall utter to the spirit of the only living God who bids me speak to you. You will see, and over your grave they will lay a stone, that all may know the name of the woman whose bones lie and crumble in that stone the imprint of my face shall appear, and for all time, after my accursed race has vanished from the face of the earth, will the stone from far and near know that I murdered a woman."

When she turned to her executioners, another act transpired to make a part of American colonial history. The "witch's curse" had been almost forgotten until the monument was erected to the founder of Bucksport.

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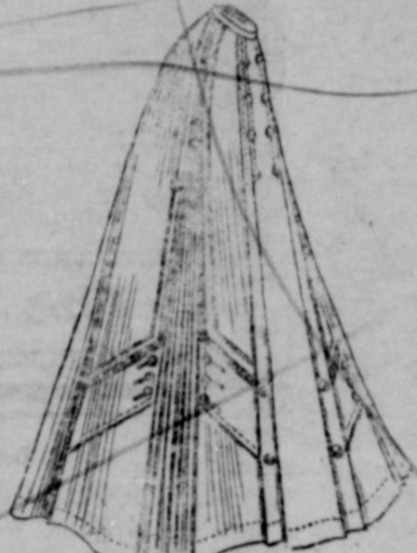
# Spring and Easter Attractions



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**Sales of Motor Cars.**

This week which closed yesterday has been the largest in the history of Dallas automobile business. Over 178 cars were sold from Dallas salesrooms besides the orders placed for machines which can not be shipped on account of the factories' inability to turn them out. Figures from all the local dealers show that there are on file in Dallas orders for 281 cars, and this is being added to every day.

But there is something else troubling the dealers, not only of Dallas but all over the country. The climax of the season has not yet been reached, and according to experience men, will not come until the middle of June. In the meantime people are swarming into Dallas garages and calling for new cars. They go from company to company and receive the same answer at each garage—the cars can not be supplied. Not a few have offered bonuses of between \$100 and \$300 for the immediate delivery of a car. But still there is no relief.

Letters have been and are being written to the manufacturers and general offices explaining the situation and requesting that a strong effort be made to afford some relief, but in each case have been replied to with short letters, telling the dealers to turn prospective purchasers down.

This has been done every day, and it is expected the result will be that the large demand for cars will be maintained all during the summer.—Dallas News.

**Deprived of His Whiskers.**

Fort Worth, Tex., March 27.—Fort Worth University is in a high state of excitement and considerable interest has been aroused in the city by an incident which occurred at the college Thursday evening. The incident was in the nature of a prank played by some of the students, and it resulted in the loss to one of the professors side whiskers, which were rudely and violently

cut off by a number of unknown persons in the dark, while the professor was returning from prayer meeting.

The first inkling that anything of the nature was in the wind came a short time ago, when the professor received a petition or warning in which he was advised to cut, curl or blonde his "handle bars," as his whiskers were called, or take the consequences. He paid no attention to the veiled threat, and Thursday night he was seized, a blanket was thrown over his head and his whiskers were cut off. Those who perpetrated the deed quickly disappeared in the darkness, taking the whiskers with them.

As might be supposed, the affair created no end of excitement, which has not yet subsided. Yesterday an apology was tendered the professor. It was written and signed by the students; also \$8 was subscribed for damage to his clothing, inflicted during the struggle when the whiskers were removed.

The rains of last week were pretty general as far up as Childress.

**A New Gate.**

We have been shown a design for an upholstered front gate which seems destined to become very popular. The foot board is cushioned and there is a warm soapstone on each side; the inside step being adjustable so that a short girl can bring her lips to the line of any given mustache without trouble. If the gate is occupied at 10:30 p. m. an iron hand extends from one gate post, takes the young man by the left ear, turns him around and he is at once started toward home by a steel foot. The girl can if she likes, set this part at a later hour than 10:30.—Swiped.

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**Johnny's Last Speech.**

You'd scarcely expect one of my age, in merchandising to engage and hope to get a paying trade without the local paper's aid. And yet I did that very thing; I opened up a store last spring—this month the sheriff took my stock and sold it at the auction block. Don't view me with a scornful eye but simply say as I pass by, "There goes a man who seemed to think he had no use for printers ink." There is a truth as broad as earth and business men should know its worth 'tis simply this, the public buys its goods from those who advertise.—Exchange.

**Notice.**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the time for holding District Court in Hall County has been changed from the 3rd day of May to the 24th day of May, 1909; all parties to suits and all witnesses heretofore summoned will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Local Attorneys are requested to notify other attorneys, having business in this Court, of said change.

Witness my hand this 19th day of March, 1909.

S. G. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk District Court, Hall County, Texas. 38-1f

**Wright's Rites.**

If Wright should meet a meteorite  
On the broad aerial plain,  
And neither turn to left or right  
With his aeroplane;  
Or if his motors failed to moté,  
Or the film flum failed to stay,  
Would that careering meteorite  
Give Wright the right of way?  
Or, if the whizz-te-whizz got gay  
'Way up among the stars,  
Climbed right up through the Milky  
Way,  
And landed Wright on Mars—  
Then would the giant Martians there  
Give Wright the right to write—  
Would it be right for us to write  
The last sad rites of Wright?  
—W. P. Lockhart in Kansas City Times.

Read the Memphis Democrat this year.

### Automobile Service

Pleasure seekers or anyone wishing the use of my automobile will be accommodated at the rate of \$2.00 per hour, per couple. Special rates to larger parties. Headquarters at 5 & 10c Store. Phone 252 day service, phone 15 for Sunday and night service.

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**POWER OF WATER.**

Under Certain Conditions it is Practically Irresistible.

When a man goes in swimming at the seashore and slips the water forcibly with his hand or takes a pack dive from a pier and lands squarely on his back he realizes that the unstable liquid offers not a little resistance. Yet, says a writer in the New York Tribune, it would surprise almost anybody to see what water will do under certain conditions.

A stream from a fireman's hose will knock a man down. The jet from a nozzle used in placer mining in the west eats away a large piece of land in a day, toys with great bowlders as if they were pebbles and would shoot a man over the country as though he were a projectile from a cannon.

There is a story of an eastern blacksmith who went west and made a bet that he could knock a hole through the jet of one of these nozzles with a sledge hammer. He lifted his arms, swung the sledge and came down on the ten inch stream with a force that would have dented an anvil. But the jet, never penetrated, whisked the massive hammer out of the blacksmith's hands and tossed it several hundred feet away into the debris of gold bearing gravel beneath a crumbling cliff. After this the blacksmith left out iron when he spoke of hard substances.

There is also a power plant near Durango, Colo., where a United States cavalryman one day thought he had an easy job in cutting a two inch stream with his sword. He made a valiant attack. The result was that his sword was shattered in two and his wrist broken.

A little thinner jet of water descending 1,000 feet to a manufactory at Grenoble, Spain, and wavelling at the moderate speed of 100 yards a second fractures the best blades of Toledo.

Of course some people will not believe such stories without having seen the thing, and one may think it a proof of the scientific imagination to say that an inch thick sheet of water, provided it had sufficient velocity, would ward off bombshells as well as steel plate.

Nevertheless many persons while travelling have seen a brakeman put a small hydraulic jack under one end of a Pullman car and lift twenty tons or so by a few leisurely strokes of the pump handle, and the experience of riding every day in a hydraulic elevator tends to remove doubts of the magic power possessed by water hatched to a machine.

**SIMPLE FAITH.**

**A Burly Burglar's Confidence in an Editor's Business Acumen.**

A man who admitted that he came direct from state prison tried to sell to the city editor of a New York newspaper a weird and startling story of a missing will which he declared had been revealed to him by a fellow convict. He was a burly fellow with a prognathous jaw, and he had lost an eye in battle. The mere look of him would frighten a timid citizen into tremors. Mr. White, the expert in criminology, cross examined the man as follows:

"Why were you in Auburn?"

"Highway" (meaning, of course, highway robbery).

"I suppose you were wrongfully convicted."

"Nuh; dey had me right."

Such engaging candor made Mr. White feel that the man was truthful, and he was greatly disappointed when strict investigation disclosed the fact that the story of the missing will was all fictitious. The man was disappointed, too, at the failure of his romance, but he went away from the newspaper office in cheerful mood, with some remark about better luck next time.

A week later Mr. White was summoned to the reception room of the newspaper, and there he found his friend, the burly highwayman, his shoulders broader, his single eye fiercer than ever. But his visit was quite friendly, although somewhat tinged with business. He evidently believed he could rely on Mr. White's good faith and business acumen. Fixing Mr. White with his glittering eye, the strong armed one plucked him by the sleeve over to a corner of the room and there in a loud, hoarse whisper inquired:

"Say, couldler do anyting wit' a couple o' watches?"—Harper's Weekly.

**Bimini and the Fountain of Youth.**

Bimini was a fabulous island firmly believed in by the Indians of the Antilles, though they could give no further clue to its location than that it lay some hundreds of leagues north of Hispaniola. On this island was the famous fountain of youth, giving perpetual health and vigor. It was the search for this fountain that led Ponce de Leon and Hernando de Soto to Florida, on the outskirts of which the island was generally supposed to be situated.

**Concerning His Kissing of Her.**

Only one person with a mean disposition would have figured out this little prose poem. It runs as follows:

Which do you think is the greatest slur?  
DID he kiss her?  
Did HE kiss her?  
Did he KISS her?  
Or,  
Did he kiss HER?—Cleveland News.

**The Great Need.**

"Miss Dolly, you know the old adage?"

"I don't want to hear anything about add-ages," she interrupted. "What we girls want 's some subtract-ages."—Woman's Home Companion.

# The Home Circle Column

## PLEASANT EVENING REVERIES

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

Crude Thoughts From The Editorial Pen

For a wife, take the daughter of a good mother.

A great singer had just finished singing "Home, Sweet Home," and many of the audience were in tears. "It's a beautiful song," said a girl to an older woman, who sat next to her. "Yes" was the reply, "and the sentiment to which it moves all those people is beautiful. How much happier the world would be if everyone had as much principle as sentiment on the subject, and followed out a plain, every-day rule of making home sweet."

A gentleman hands us the following scrap, and we presume that he knows better than we do as to the statement being a truthful one. From the bit of confusion we have noticed in approaching these masculine groups, we rather suspect the words are not wide of the mark. "It is certainly amusing, when one has a little leisure to approach a group of men on the sidewalk, and listen to the conversation just to hear how carelessly profanity mixes in. This man tears off an oath and that one tips off a dozen bad words in no time. All of a sudden the loud laugh ceases and the most refined language the "group" is capable of using takes its place. Goodness what a change—and what caused it—O, nothing, only a lady has approached them, and they have little more respect for her than themselves. Well, well, a lady is a missionary wherever she may be."

### The Small Boy.

Nothing is better calculated to ruin a small boy than for him to have two homes, to either of which he is permitted to go at will. If mother reproves or chastizes him for his naughtiness, he takes his hat and goes over to grandma's or auntie's house. There he is received, cajoled, petted and permitted to remain a day or two, or perhaps a week. Then, because of some overt act, he is reproved, and he picks up his hat and goes off home, where he is kindly received and no reference had to his former misconduct. In this way he is permitted to oscillate between two homes, all the time developing his disregard of the restraints of rightful authority. Trained in this way, he grows up self-willed, has no regard for the right or wishes of others, and unless some remarkable freak of grace interposes to check his wild career, he is pretty certain to land in the penitentiary.

### Neighbors.

A good neighbor is always the most desirable of possessions, although in some cases their social value is underestimated. What constitutes a good neighbor is also frequently misconstrued, although the sensible conception of the term is, the neighbor who is friendly without being officious, helpful without being superfluous so and finally, one who respects the privacy of others' household affairs by a certain degree of formality of manner.

The social neighbor is not always the useful neighbor, yet each in her place has special influences to exert of equally beneficial consequences. The sympathetic neighbor is also a popular one, but she has to exercise continuous tact, lest her solacing influence may occasionally be overdone or utilized at untimely periods. The inquisitive neighbor is always a

dread to everybody within the reach of her inquisitive curiosity, as she does not seem to have any intuitive respect for others' feelings as regards their divulgence of personal affairs to an outsider.

The truest and most respected of all neighbors, however, is the one who always speaks well of everybody, who devotes largest share of her sympathies to her own affairs, is chary of administering unsolicited advice, and who always waits until her social and useful capacities are requested, and never renders herself officious even in her most sanguine efforts at proving to be a good neighbor.

### Safeguards for Young Men.

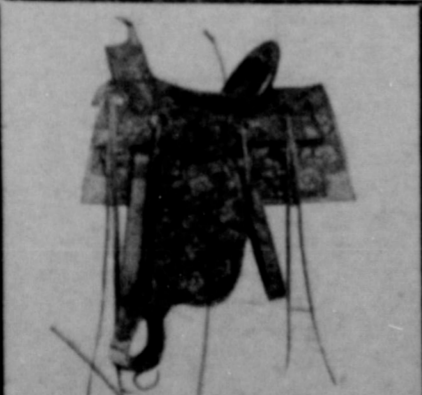
Now, what are the safeguards of young men. The first safeguard of which we want to speak is a love of home. There are those who have no idea of the pleasure that concentrate around that word "home." Perhaps your early abode was shadowed with vice or poverty. Harsh words and petulance and scowling may have destroyed all the sanctity of that spot. Love, kindness and self-sacrifice, which have built their altars in so many abodes, were strangers in your father's house. God pity you, young man. You never had a home. But a multitude of young men can look back to the spot that they can never forget. It may have been a lowly roof, but you cannot think of it now without a dash of emotion. You have seen nothing on earth that has so stirred your soul. A stranger passing along that place might see nothing remarkable about it, but oh! how much it means to you. Fresco on palace wall does not mean so much to you as those rough hewn rafters. Parks and bowers and trees at fashionable watering places or country seat do not mean so much to you as that brook that ran in front of the plain farm house and singing under the weeping willows. The barred gateway swung open by porter in full dress does not mean so much to you as that swing gate, your sister on one side of it and you on the other. She, gone fifteen years ago into glory! That scene coming back to you today as you swept backward and forward on the gate, singing the song of your childhood. But there are those who have their second dwelling place. It is your adopted home. That also is sacred forever. There you establish the first family altar. There your children were born. In that room flapped the wing of the death angel. Under that roof when your work is done, you expect to lie down and die. There is only one word in all the language that can convey your idea of that place, and that

word is "home." We never knew a man who was faithful to his early and adopted home who was given over at the same time to any gross form of wickedness. If you find more enjoyment in the clubroom, in the literary society, in the art saloon, than you do in these unpretending home pleasures, you are on the road to ruin. Though you may be cut off from your early associates, and though you may be separated from all your kindred, young man, is there not a room somewhere that you can call your own? Though it be the fourth story of a third class boarding house, into that room gather books, pictures and a harp. Hang your mother's portrait over the mantle. Bid unholy mirth stand back from that threshold. Consecrate some spot in that room with the knee of prayer. By the memory of other days, a father's counsel, a mother's love and a sister's confidence, call it home.

### Drug Notice.

We solicit the patronage of everybody and will guarantee everyone the most courteous treatment. But we cannot book any accounts for a longer period than thirty days unless otherwise arranged. Please don't ask it.

Respectfully,  
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### Church Directory.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Rev. Howard M. Frank, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Ladies' Aid meets on Thursday after the third Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m. Ladies' Missionary Society meets on Thursday after the first Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Choir meets for practice every Friday night.

**METHODIST CHURCH**—Rev. Robt. B. Bonner, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Joe J. Mickle, superintendent; Home Department, Mr. T. B. Norwood, Superintendent; Cradle roll, Mrs. W. D. Morgan, superintendent. Junior Epworth League meets Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m., Mrs. R. B. Bonner, superintendent; Senior Epworth League meets at 5 p. m., W. D. Morgan, president. Business meeting and social gathering every 4th Friday night. Woman's Home Mission Society meets at 3 p. m. every second and fourth Monday; Woman's Foreign Mission Society at 4 p. m. every first Monday.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**—Rev. W. L. Head, pastor. Services each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Bro. T. R. Garrett Supt. B. Y. P. U. each Sunday at 4 p. m. Evangelistic services each Sunday night. Special music for these services. A cordial welcome to all.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**—Elder L. H. Humphries, pastor. Services every Lord's Day at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Wm. Fore, superintendent. Teachers' training class and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:30, J. M. Elliott, president, and L. H. Humphries, teacher. Ladies' Aid Society meets every Monday at the church at 2 p. m., Mrs. L. H. Humphries, President. Official Board meets on the first Sunday of each month. Everybody made cordially welcome to these services.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, ESTELLINE**—Regular preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services. G. W. Harrington, pastor. Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. You are cordially invited to be present. A. E. Johnson, Superintendent.

**M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, ESTELLINE**—Regular preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30. Choir practice every Friday night at 7:30. Sunday school teachers meeting each Thursday evening at 3:30 p. m. You are welcome at our church. J. W. Smith, pastor. Woman's Home Mission Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 3:30 p. m., after 1st and 3rd Sundays. Would be glad to have all the ladies attend these services. Mrs. J. A. Johnson, President. Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. We invite all strangers to be with us at this hour. Dr. P. L. Vardy, Superintendent.

# OFFERS EXTRAORDINARY

By reason of the extensive advertising campaign recently inaugurated by the publishers of Farm & Ranch and Holland's Magazine, who are particularly desirous of enlarging their subscription list in our immediate vicinity, we are enabled to offer until further notice the following values:

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Better drop in today with your dollar and take your choice between the publications.

## The Memphis Democrat MEMPHIS, TEXAS

### Debate

Following are two papers by pupils of the fourth grade, one on the affirmative and one on the negative side of the question debated.

**TOM BALLEW, Affirmative.**  
Resolved: That a railroad running east and west would be good for Memphis.

I will take the affirmative side of this debate. I think it would help Memphis because the merchants could carry on trade with other towns. It would make Memphis grow, till at last it will be as large as Wichita Falls or Amarillo.

If we build a railroad running east and west the little towns around will grow; the merchants will put up stores, and the people will come to buy our goods.

It would make Memphis build factories, schools and big stores on every side of the square. And at last there would be as many people as there are in some of the largest cities in Texas.

The people in the country have to come jolting in a buggy to town while if they had a railroad all they would have to do would be to get on the train and come. Some say that it would take a great sum of money, but all you need to do is to put your hand down in your pocket and "fork up" the money; and it would only be a short time till you will have double your money back.

Memphis is about half mile square. If a railroad were built east and west it would be one mile square.

All large cities have railroads running north and south, and east and west, so if we want a large city we must build more railroads.

**JOE MICKLE, Negative.**  
I say it would not be good for Memphis because there would be so many bad people coming in from other places, and one railroad can carry all the things that Memphis wants to ship off. Memphis would have to pay a big price if another railroad were run through here.

East of Memphis there are deep canyons and bridge after bridge would have to be built.

After you cross the canyons you find sand for about eighteen miles.

West of Memphis in the Red River Valley there is fertile soil and the farmers raise corn, Kafir corn, milo maize and cotton; they also raise alfalfa and there is no railroad nearer than Memphis.

were built east and west the people would take these things to the other road?

The county seat of a county is usually in the center of a county, after a while Lakeview would be the county seat.

If another railroad were to be built there would be too many tramps in town.

The cotton that comes to Memphis comes from east and west. And if a town like Eli or Lakeview grew up they would take their cotton there and cut the trade off from us.

The people would sell their land around Memphis and buy land around Lakeview. And in a little while Lakeview would be larger and of more importance than Memphis.

### Hail and Fire Do Damage.

Sunset, Texas, March 24.—This section was visited by a light rain, accompanied by hard wind and hail, Tuesday night. Near Thompson chapel a number of dwellings were damaged by the hail, the damage consisting of broken windows and holes in the roofs. Near Audubon considerable damage was done by the wind. The residences of Mark Mauldin and Riley Buckner near Park Springs and Joe Stokes at Crafton were burned during the storm, taking fire while the families were in the storm caves. The rain was the heaviest since November, but being followed by very high winds today, will not much aid the farmers. More rain is needed.

### Falls Heir to \$75,000.

Reliable information has reached The Post that Mr. J. C. Veazey, living two and one half miles west of Tell, has recently fallen heir to property valued at \$75,000. The inheritance consists of both property and money and comes to him through the death of a rich uncle in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Veazey has lived in this county long enough to fall in love with the same and says he will invest his fortune in Childrens and Hall county property.—Post.

As a result of the wreck on the Denver just north of Memphis early Friday morning, the north-bound passenger was stopped here in Memphis until the track was cleared. The town was full of strangers, sight seeing, during the delay and many expressions of surprise could be heard on the streets, made by the strangers, as to the size and wonderful growth of Memphis.

Every intelligent man wants to up with the news of his own community and county. Therefore needs a good local newspaper, also needs a paper of general and for State, National and world happenings he will find that

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### Arm Broken.

Last Friday while watching the clearing away of the wreck on the Denver, an engineer on a freight train by the name of L. Peake Amarillo, had the misfortune of getting both bones of his right arm broken by a pin slipping out of a cable and flying back hitting him on the arm with sufficient force to break his arm. He was brought to Memphis where medical assistance was called and the arm set. Mr. Peake left on the delayed north-bound passenger for Amarillo

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Address by Dr. N. H. Bowman Before Presbyterian Sunday School.

Superintendent and Pupils of Presbyterian Sunday School:

Upon this occasion I have been requested by your estimable pastor, to make some remarks on alcohol from a medical standpoint.

I must confess that it has been somewhat of a question in my mind as to what would be most applicable to a body of Sunday school children on this all important day, Temperance Sunday.

In my ten years of practice I have administered alcoholics to any extent, and you will probably find in your minds, how do I know?

Word to the wise is sufficient." If you will examine the proper statistics they will show that 25 to 33 percent of all idiots, not only in Memphis, Texas or United States,

but all in existence is due to the hereditary influence of alcohol, their parents one or both being addicts.

To 30 per cent of all cases of insanity attributed to the hereditary influence of alcohol. 50 per cent of all cases of epilepsy has the stamp of its

hereditary influence. Is not this sufficient to condemn it as a medicine? but this is not all. The dead rooms show its deadly work in the cirrhotic Livers and Kidneys ulcerated and inflamed stomachs and wet brains. Therefore would it seem wise to you to consider it a medicine? And if so, doesn't it occur to you that it is a bad medicine and is capable of doing more harm than good, and with just these facts before you, I believe you would not give sanction or take anything yourself that carries such a reputation with it.

Just what has been said is only a part of a long story about a bad thing, but we will look at it from a social standpoint, having decided it is not a medicine or at least a good one.

How many men have you in your mind that were once kind hearted, affable and much appreciated by those about them, until there came a time when he began the social drink in which one drink created demand for two, two the third and so on down the line. I believe that I can say without contradiction that 25 years from today there will not be living a single drunkard who is now living, and it is from the ranks of the occasional drinker that the drunkards ranks are recruited.

Alcohol is capable of causing a man to lose his wealth, become a brute and an entirely different nature. Take the army records and reports of force marches. They tell us the addict is the first to succumb to sun-stroke in hot weather, the first to freeze in cold and the first to succumb to fatigue and starvation.

Some might say it is a food. I say no. Experiments on animals show that they cannot live on alcoholic beverages alone, but invariably die. Men often go on a spree for many days and they invariably develop insanity to the extent of their susceptibility and dissipation. We are well aware of the fact that large quantities, such as a pint of alcohol, will kill one who is not accustomed to drinking it, therefore, it would be a good way to

commit suicide. We are further aware of there being humans who live on a single class of food, such as meat, fish, rice, etc. and do so indefinitely and are satisfied, there being a sense of satiety. Alcohol will not do this, but is habit forming, in which a new demand for more is created. Who ever heard of bread creating a habit that would entirely change a man's nature? Never therefore, for an article to be a food it must have the property of maintaining life indefinitely and without producing a habit.

Now, having decided that alcohol is not a food, will make mention of alcohol as a great snake remedy, so claimed by some; but just recently Dr. Allen, who by the way was a class-mate of mine in Louisville, Ky., has made some very valuable experiments with a very poisonous snake, on rats. I give the conclusions derived therefrom: "The rats receiving the larger dose of venom died earlier than the rats did which received a less quantity. As to the action of alcohol, it caused the rats to succumb earlier to the effects of the snake venom than did the rats that were bitten and injected and had no alcohol.

Alcohol certainly did not have any antedotal properties, for mixed with the venom before injecting the rats did not modify its toxicity, and rats saturated with whisky before and after being bitten did not seem to have the same amount of resistance as rats that had no whisky. I then am led to believe that whisky has no antagonistic properties, for the rat given whisky died earlier than did a like size rat with the same dose of venom without whisky. I, too, believe that alcohol is detrimental and should not be given."

If I have said anything in my remarks that will prove beneficial I will feel well repaid for having appeared on this occasion.

The Memphis Land Co. last week sold a section of land to Tom Franks of the Finch land south of Memphis. Consideration \$3700.

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COURT DIRECTORY.

COURT MEETING.

District court meets First Mondays in May and December. County court convenes on Third Mondays in January, April, July and October.

Justice court meets First Saturday in each month. Commissioners court every three months beginning 2nd, Monday in Feb.

DISTRICT OFFICERS. S. P. Huff, District Judge. Harry Mason, District Attorney. S. G. Alexander, District Clerk.

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S. G. Alexander, County Clerk. C. R. Webster, Tax Assessor. F. A. Hudgins, Treasurer. W. A. Thompson, County Surveyor.

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Senior League Program. Topic:—The Lowly Pomp of Zion's King. Song and prayer. Responsive Reading: Ps. 8 and 33. Prayer.

Scripture reading by members. Daniel 9:27.—Miss Eva Brumley. Zech. 9:9-10.—Mr. J. O. Johnson. Matt. 21:1-5.—Miss Etta Sloan. John 12:12-16.—Lawrence Richards.

Luke 19:41-46.—Miss Allie Alexander. Matt. 21:12-13.—Miss Jimmie Godwin. Matt. 21:15-15.—Miss Hattie Roberts. Song, Recitation.

Is Christ our king?—J. C. Rhodes. In what ways do we acknowledge his kingship?—Bro. Bonner. What part does praise occupy in our spiritual life?—Miss Major.

Does the lowliness of Jesus better accord with my spirit than the pomp of the world?—Mrs. C. E. Forgy. Leader—Miss Lena McElreath.

Junior Christian Endeavor. Song. The Lord's prayer in concert. Bible lesson read by the Leader Acts 5:42.

The Lesson explained by the superintendent. Prayer, by the pastor. Song. Talk by the Pastor about those old enough to be Christians coming to these good decisions.

Lesson Story: "Archie Grayston missionary," read by, Ned Lawler. National Superintendent's Letter, read by Mildred Montgomery. Circle of sentence prayers. Report of last week's Endeavor. Practice for the Easter concert. Mizpah. Leader—Alice Spurlin.

Junior League Program. April 4, 1909. Topic—Preparing the Soil. Matt. 5: 24; John 15: 12. Hymn, No. 93. Prayer. Hymn, No. 5. Key Text.—Venia Allen. Central Truth.—Orville Hendrick. Point of Contact.—Lon Montgomery. Story.—Omega Wauable. Bible Questions.—Abean Richardson.

Application.—Waldene Neely. Vocal Solo.—Bessie Norwood. Bible Story.—Clarice Crozier. Bible Illustrations. Leader.—Kathleen French.

Easter Egg Hunt. The Epworth League of the Methodist church will have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday afternoon at 2:30, April 10. Admission to hunt 10c. Everybody cordially invited to come and take part in the hunt.

W. E. Hansard and wife returned last week from Denton county and several other points in Texas where they have been visiting relatives. They also took in the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth while away. They report a splendid time on their trip.

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MEMPHIS LOCAL, No. 4497, Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America, meets in the court house on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m. Visiting members are welcome. H. H. SMITH, President. EDGAR EWING, Secretary.

MEMPHIS CAMP, No. 1091, meets on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month in Woodman Hall. Visiting Sovereigns are welcome. L. L. FOREMAN, C. C. C. N. HEADRICK, Clerk.

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HEDLEY CAMP, No. 2318, W. O. W., meets on second and fourth Saturday nights of each month in the Hedley Woodman Hall. Visiting Sovereigns are welcome. G. A. WIMBERLY, C. C. S. A. MCCARROLL, CLERK.

ESTELLINE CAMP, No. 2157, W. O. W., meets in W. O. W. Hall on the first and fourth Friday nights in each month. Visiting Sovereigns are welcome. P. M. BENNETT, C. C. IRA SMITH, Clerk.

ELI CAMP, No. 2179, W. O. W., meets in the Eli W. O. W. Hall on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month. Visiting Sovereigns are made welcome. T. R. PHILLIPS, C. C. J. E. GLASS, Clerk.

LAKEVIEW CAMP, No. 2353, W. O. W., meets in the Lakeview W. O. W. Hall on the first and third Saturday nights. Visiting Sovereigns are made welcome. W. H. YOUNGLOOD, C. C. J. E. DAWSON, Clerk.

MEMPHIS LODGE, No. 444, I. O. O. F., meets in I. O. O. F. Hall every Tuesday night. Visiting brothers are welcome. GORDIE KING, N. G. J. H. HEADRICK, Secretary.

MEMPHIS ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F., meet in Odd Fellows hall on first and third Wednesday night in each month. W. P. CAGLE, CHIEF PATRIARCH. J. H. IGLEHART, GRAND SCRIBE.

FLORA LODGE, No. 346, D. of R., meets every 2nd and 4th Monday night in I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting members are welcome. MRS. ANNIE HOUGHTON, N. G. MISS LEONA JOHNSON, Secretary.

NEWLIN LODGE, No. 673, I. O. O. F., meets in Newlin I. O. O. F. hall every Thursday night. Visiting brothers are welcome. DR. J. L. JOHNSON, N. G. J. H. PIERCE, Secretary.

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GILES GOSSIP.

Everything moving along nicely in our little city.

T. A. Curtis of Amarillo was in Giles one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browder have returned to their ranch after spending the winter in Dallas.

Mrs. F. P. Crow of Memphis spent last Sunday here with home folks. She was accompanied home Sunday night by her little sister, Bernice Alley.

Miss Kostka Harvey of Clarendon was the guest of her friend here last Friday night and Saturday.

Posten Craver of Memphis was in Giles on business Monday.

J. M. Shelton made a business trip to Hedley last Saturday.

Clem Johnson and family of Eli was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crow last Saturday and Sunday.

Died at his home two miles west of Giles on the 26th at 5:30 a. m. W. J. Thaxton, age 46 years. He leaves a wife and nine children and a host of relatives to mourn his death. His remains were laid to rest in the Memphis cemetery, funeral services conducted by Eld. Humphreys.

MERRY WIDOW.

LAKEVIEW NEWS.

A cool northeast wind is blowing this Monday morning with fine indications of rain.

The millinery store is completed and has an up-to-date line of Millinery therein.

The infant child of C. H. Buchanan died Wednesday afternoon and was interred at the Union Hill cemetery Thursday.

Promoter Kennedy and son representing the Hills railroad has been in our city Thursday trying to locate a railroad. Prospects are fine for one through here.

Dr. Thomas of Estelline was in our city last week on business.

Misses Eula and Wadie Bragg of Memphis visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

The eldest son of D. H. Davenport has been real sick the past week.

Easter services are to be held at Union Hill church next Sunday everybody invited to attend and take part.

Smith Davis of Memphis was here last week on business.

MAY FLOWER.

LAKEVIEW ITEMS.

Quite a number of Lakeview ladies visited town last Tuesday among them were Mesdames Waggoner, Stidham and Davenport and Misses George and Bragg.

The baby girl of Mr. Jack Cummins has been sick for three days with a case of pneumonia.

Brother Long, a missionary of the Baptist church, preached a splendid sermon Sunday morning at the Union Hill church. Brother Hudson and wife of Memphis were also in attendance.

The five-month-old child of Mr. C. P. Buchanan died at their home near Lakeview last Tuesday after a long spell of sickness. The funeral took place Thursday morning at the Union Hill cemetery. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to them in their bereavement.

On last Thursday, Mr. Kennedy and a party of the promoters of the Altas-Roswell Railroad stopped in Lakeview and looked over the situation with a view of making this point. Quite a good proposition was made the people, requiring them to raise a small bonus of land and money, at the same time stating that they would come down the Cap-rock just west of this place and strike the Ft. Worth & Denver at some point between Hedley and Newlin. That places Lakeview almost directly in its route and such a good proposition we cannot afford to miss as Lakeview has a large agricultural district surrounding it and a railroad will give a close point for shipment and also be for the upbuilding of the town. Property owners cannot afford to let this chance pass.

Mesdames Waggoner and Webber have been very busy this week opening up and preparing for their Millinery opening on Friday and Saturday of this week April 2 and 3. They invite all the Ladies of our little town and surrounding country to come and visit them at that time.

W. A. Skinner, who has been conducting the Spring opening at T. R. Garrott Co's., big cash store, left Sunday morning for Cincinnati.

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### The First Glass, The First Step.

There is down in the depths of my heart a sadness for the youths who have taken the first glass of intoxicating liquor, and thus made the first step towards destruction influenced by the thought that to indulge only in a glass of wine once in a while, or to play a game of cards now and then just for fun, there would no harm come from it. Thus persuaded in their minds, they imagine they are so firm and strong that they will control their appetites for strong drink, and that they would not be led off by only slight indulgence.

But this supposed innocent indulgence has its deadly influence to call for one step after another until they find themselves seated at the gambling table in some den of vice, or calling for intoxicating drinks at the bar of some loathsome filthy saloon, filled with the fumes of tobacco smoke and the very atmosphere they breathe laden with the poisonous odor of whisky and other drinks, and listening to the sickening oaths and obscene language coming from the lips of its drunken inmates.

Go with that sad, broken hearted mother to the door of yonder felon's cell, behold the tottering form, swollen and bloated features of a miserable wreck of humanity she still calls by the endearing name of son, who was once strong and vigorous and felt himself just as secure as you do, and had started in the busy field of life to battle bravely; but the tempter was too powerful and he was persuaded to take the first glass, and consequently his bright young life was blighted, and his heart was filled with shame. Feeling he was now degraded and disgraced, ruined forever, and it was now too late he had fallen so low he made no effort to reform, but continued to drink day after day, year after year, without one intelligent effort to free himself of the horrible habit. This picture is not overdrawn. It seldom fails to follow the first glass.

Glass number one, only in fun.  
Glass number two, other boys do.  
Glass number three, it won't hurt me.  
Glass number four, only one more.  
Glass number five, before I drive.  
Glass number six, brain in a mix.  
Glass number seven, stars up in heaven.  
Glass number eight, stars in his plate.  
Glass number nine, whisky—not wine.  
Glass number ten, drinking again?  
Glass number twenty, not yet a plenty.  
Drinking with boys, drowning his joys.  
Drinking with men, just now and then.  
Wasting his life, killing wife.  
Losing his friends, there it all ends.  
Glass number one, taken in fun.  
Rained his life, brought on strife.  
Brightened his youth, sullied his truth.  
In a few years, brought many tears.  
Gave only pain, stole all his gain.  
Made him at last, a friendless outcast.  
Light hearted boy, somebody's joy.  
Do not begin, early in sin.  
Grow up a man, brave as you can.  
Taste no fun, glass number one.

The money spent for liquor during the past 100 years of our history would build and equip six lines of railroad from the Atlantic to the Pa-

cific, endow university at \$10,000,000 in every state, erect a \$5,000 school house for every 200 inhabitants, pay the national debt and, with the rest of the money at interest support a teacher for every 100 inhabitants of the country.

The fruits of intemperance are: poverty, vice, indolence and crime. The fruits of temperance, happiness, contentment, industry and peace. Let us choose between them and be wise in our choice. Strong drink is the curse of the country, the great murderer of the ages, fifty thousand men every year lie down in the grave of the drunkard. Then again drinking cost money. It produces thousands of widows and orphans annually. It has

no soul, no pity for the poor and oppressed. It presents a beautiful exterior that promises every thing and pays nothing which it promises. How long, O Lord, how long is this blighting curse to continue? How long is this plague let loose from hell this glutton feeding upon the sobs of children and the prayers and tears of wives and mothers to remain in our very midst. The church says we know nothing of good in the liquor power. It has debased our sanctuaries, polluted our pulpits, ruined our great men and opposed every good work. Let us not use strong drink or provide wine for our guests; let us banish the tempter from our firesides and the demon from our homes, for in total absti-

nence alone lies our safety. We may make our lives teach the lesson of temperance and uprightiness. The Book of Life says, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."—Contributed.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Read the Democrat.  
Let me figure with you on your painting and papering. T. A. Hart. 12-1f

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Last Sunday was a beautiful day and the attendance at all the churches was good.

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How about that New Suit or shirt for Easter. Stalling Bros. have nothing but the best.

Don't buy a corn or cotton planter without seeing what Gist & Ellis have in that line.

WANTED—Four gentlemen roomers or boarders. Phone 150 or call at 723 Bradford Street.

A. J. Conner came in Saturday night from a trip to Big Springs and in Lion county. Mrs. Conner returned with him.

Eld. and Mrs. L. H. Humphreys spent a couple of days last week with their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fritzler, near Giles.

Mrs. Fred Dubbs and a Mr. Simpson were in Memphis three days last week selling county patent rights for a patent tire tightener.

The high winds of last week reached the proportions of a cyclone in several parts of Texas, and quite a lot of damage and loss of life was the result.

During the high wind last Wednesday, J. H. Howard had the misfortune of getting his hand pretty badly mashed while trying to put up a barn door.

## New Grocery Store

We are this week opening up a stock of staple and fancy groceries in the building formerly occupied by N. C. Herod on east side square. Everything in our store will be fresh and up-to-date in every particular. We respectfully invite the patronage of the people of Memphis and its trade territory. Courteous treatment to all. Will deliver goods to any part of the city. Call around and inspect our goods. Phone 281.

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### MILLINERY

## Announcement

Mrs. E. L. Jones will soon have on display in her Millinery Department a beautiful line of LADIES FURNISHINGS, consisting of SPRING SUITS, SHIRTS, WAISTS, DRESSES, COLLARS, BELTS, ETC.

Stylish Colors. Nobby Styles Especially for Easter buyers.

BE SURE TO SEE THEM

### FREAK PAINTINGS.

A Tiny Work of Art and Rosa's Transformed Harpsichord.

Specially prepared canvases and gilded frames are not essential to the making of great paintings. This has been demonstrated by the artists who have painted masterpieces on scraps of board, shells, grains of corn and the walls of rooms and prison cells. Some of the most valued art objects belong to the freak class.

The smallest painting in the world of distinctive merit was executed on the smooth side of a grain of corn by a Flemish artist. On this limited surface the artist painted in perfect detail a mill, a miller with a sack of grain on his back, a horse and cart and a group of several peasants standing in a road.

The largest picture ever painted is said to be a panorama of the Mississippi river, executed by John Banvard, an artist who died in Watertown, N. D., in 1891. The gigantic canvas was twenty-two feet high and nearly two miles long. It gave a detailed representation of 2,000 miles of the Father of Waters.

The largest of the old masters' canvases is Murillo's "Appearance of the Christ Child to St. Anthony of Padua." The picture is ten feet wide and eighteen feet high.

It is related that a friend called on Salvador Rosa in Florence one day and found him playing on an old harpsichord. The caller asked the artist why he kept such a worthless instrument.

"Why, it is not worth a scudo," the friend said.

"I will wager," replied Rosa, "that it shall be worth a thousand before you see it again."

A bet was made. Rosa immediately painted a landscape on the lid that he only sold for 1,000 scudi, but was accounted a work of great merit.

The celebrated St. John's Wood clique of artists in London executed a series of large frescoes in oil on the walls of the studio of J. E. Hodgson, one of the members. The paintings were begun in the winter of 1863. Shakespearean subjects were chosen and the figures were a little under life size.

When Hodgson moved from his studio an unappreciative tenant covered the walls of the room with brown wall paper, completely hiding the paintings. The frescoes were rediscovered by accident forty years afterward and restored.—Kansas City Star.

### A CHARITY PATIENT.

The Price He Had to Pay For Expert Surgical Treatment.

The famous surgeon Velpeau was visited one day at his home during the consultation hour by a marquis renowned for his closeness. Velpeau informed the marquis that an operation was urgent and that the fee would amount to 4,000 francs. At this the marquis made a wry face and left. A fortnight later Dr. Velpeau, while making his rounds in the Hospital de St. Charles, had his attention attracted by a face that seemed familiar to him. In answer to his inquiry it was stated that the patient was a footman of a nobleman in the Faubourg St. Germain. The surgeon found that his case resembled in every particular the somewhat unusual one for which the marquis had consulted him a fortnight previously. He refrained, however from making any comments. Three weeks after the operation, when the patient was about to be discharged, Dr. Velpeau called him aside and exclaimed: "Monseigneur, I am extremely flattered and pleased to have been able to cure you. There is, however, a small formality with which you will have to comply before I can sign your exit—that is, you will have to sign a check for 10,000 francs in behalf of the public charity bureau of your metropolitan district." The patient's face became livid. "You can do what you like about it," continued the doctor "but if you refuse all Paris will know tomorrow that the marquis de D. adopted the disguise of a footman in order to secure free treatment at this hospital and to usurp the place which belongs by right to a pauper." Of course the marquis paid.—Argonaut.

### The Storm Nose at Sea.

The picturesque name of storm nose (Gewitternase) is given in Germany to the wave of high barometric pressure which often precedes a storm or a heavy squall. The barometer rises suddenly and then falls more gradually. It is believed that this phenomenon is responsible for sudden changes in the level of the sea. Observations on the seas surrounding Denmark have led to the conclusion that the change of level thus produced sometimes amounts to no less than three feet.—Youth's Companion.

### The Devil's Knell.

Among the famous bells of Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England, is one known as "Black Tom of Koothill," which was presented to the church in expiation of a murder. "Black Tom" is always rung on Christmas eve. Its solemn tolling as it strikes the first tap at exactly midnight is known as over Yorkshire as the "devil's knell." It being the notion that when Christ was born the devil died.—London Standard.

### Shut Him Up.

Baldheaded Gentleman (having his boots polished in a hotel)—Confound it, you take an abominably long time about it. Shoemaker—Yes, sir. It ain't done so quick as when you 'as you 'air cut!—London Tit-Bits.

Do you wish to find out the real sublimity? Repeat the Lord's Prayer. Napoleon.

# Local Happenings

## Items of Interest About Town and County

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

City election April 6, 1909.  
FOR MAYOR.

A. J. KINARD.  
M. HARDWICK.  
D. BROWDER.

Dial will sell you the best coal for the money. 32tf

For SALE.—House and four close in. F. L. SHARP. 34tf

Miss Myrtle Spencer spent Sunday in Clarendon the guest of friends.

If you want garden seed of all kinds, Wheat & Speer can get that for you. 36tf

Mrs. D. H. Arnold left Monday for Denver, Colo., to be with her mother who is quite sick.

You can get all kind of north-grown garden seed at Wheat & Speer's, southeast corner of Main and Adams. 36tf

A heavy snow began falling this morning (Wednesday) about 5 a. m. and is still snowing as we go to press.

F. Wyatt left Tuesday for Decatur, in Cottle county, where he will be engaged for sometime in the nursery business.

Entrust your painting and decorating to a clean and expert workman and satisfaction is the result. Trust "Spookie" for the job. 37tf.

Miss Kathryn Forrest and Mrs. Ed Forrest visited Mrs. Bell in Clarendon Sunday. Mrs. Forrest will visit for a week before returning.

E. Christensen has installed a shoe soling machine in his shoe shop which enables him to sole on a shoe in a great deal less time than it would take to tack one on.

S. McBride, special agent for German Coal Co., of Chicago, is in Memphis Monday making arrangements to place a car of coal. W. T. Reed was appointed as local agent.

Dial says it don't pay to buy cheap coal. 32tf

Old papers for sale at this office at 15 cents per hundred.

Buy a John Deere stalk cutter from Gist-Ellis Implement Co.

Bring your dress making to Mrs. Kimbler at the O. K. Tailor shop. 36tf.

Anyone wishing first class plumbing will do well to see Claude Herd. 39tf

J. R. Brumley and wife visited W. E. Hansard and family three or four days this week.

Your meat will be delivered any where in the city limits at F. P. Neeley's meat market, phone No. 12. 34tf.

J. P. Dunn of Lakeview was in town Saturday and bought a Staver buggy from Thompson Bros. Co.

Grandpa Stephens is reported as getting along very well just at this writing. We trust he will soon be up again.

Mrs. W. H. Roberts who has been spending a month with her sister, Mrs. S. A. Bryant, left Sunday morning for her home in Whitesboro.

It is not but a few more days until Easter and our stores have begun to take on an appearance of Easter that is real attractive, especially to the ladies.

T. J. Rich is having two more rooms added to his home in South Memphis. This will be a nice modern home when completed. Spencer & Corley are doing the work.

FOR SALE—At a big bargain, three lots where J. M. Corley lives on corner facing south, across from where the new bank building is going in. Apply to Mrs. E. O. Shaw.

Why wear a dirty hat when you can get them cleaned and blocked right here in Memphis by L. McMillan, the O. K. Tailor. Work guaranteed to be as good as you will get in any city. 36tf

Read the Democrat.  
Don't phone Dial if you want sorry coal. 32tf

The Democrat and the Farm & Ranch, one year for \$1.00.

Yellow yam sweet potato seed prices \$1.50 per bushel at Hollifield.

Bring your Hats to L. McMillan the O. K. tailor. Will give you quick service. 36tf

FOR SALE—Corn and maize by Geo. Crisman 17 miles west of Estelline, south of river, Cash.

Hello, Central. If anybody rings for me, they will find me at Hook's barber shop. Phone No. 25. 38-2tc

W. T. Reed received a brace for his back Monday which enables him to get about without the use of crutches.

Rev. R. W. Jenkins of Amarillo will preach at the Baptist church next Thursday night. Everybody invited to come and hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Herd are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine girl baby at their home Sunday morning. The Democrat extends congratulations.

Mrs. C. P. Hudson was brought down from Amarillo Sunday night and will be with Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Greenwood for awhile. Miss Katherine Hudson accompanied her mother also.

Recent arrivals at the Pure Food Grocery. One car each Albatross, Queen of Pantry, St. Louis and Quana flour. All guaranteed and prices under the market. Phone 147. 34tf.

The telephone company is now busily engaged stringing the large cables. The service during these repairs may not be just as prompt as you would wish, but be patient until these necessary repairs are over and then your service will be prompt and more satisfactory.

Lawrence Bros. sold their confectionery business on north side to Williams and Bell. They will reopen in the new building of W. A. Lawrance on southeast corner of square and will conduct a shooting gallery in connection. Williams and Bell will continue the confectionery business on the north side.

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J. Henry Read and wife spent Sunday in Clarendon.

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Miss Kasa Harvey of Clarendon spent Saturday in Memphis the guest of friends.

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Mrs. R. L. Slaton who has been quite sick for a few days is reported as getting along very well at this writing.

County Surveyor Thompson has completed a draft of Memphis, and has it correctly platted inside of the corporation and its additions.

E. H. Stanford of Lakeview made his family a present of a new Staver surry while in town Saturday. Bought same from Thompson Bros. Co.

J. S. Creager, accompanied by Miss Leota Bryant, went down to Quana Sunday morning, returning Sunday night with Mrs. Creager, who has been spending several weeks in Quana.

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R. L. Morman and J. H. Brumley have this week opened up a first class grocery store in the building recently vacated by N. C. Herod. These gentlemen are well known in Memphis and over the county and will no doubt do a good business from the beginning.

Rev. E. Dubbs preached out at the Hodges school house last Sunday, during which there was one confession. Rev. Dubbs tells us he is getting out an early history of West Texas and the Panhandle in book form, which will tell much of pioneer days.—Chronicle.

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### Smile a Great Deal and Laugh Often.

Pueblo Chieftain.  
It's a great big thing to smile and look happy. It is about the biggest part that you can play in life, and yet you don't really attach much importance to it when you think about it, now do you? You know that you like to see the smilers and be with them and absorb the sunshine that always seems to be in the atmosphere about them, but you don't realize what a little thing is attracting you. You would call it little if you said to yourself, "She smiles a great deal and laughs often, but that is about all I know of her. She's great fun." If you started out to be like her you'd find it so easy, just to smile a great deal and laugh often.

Everybody likes to be made to grin and giggle. It is one trait that all of mankind has in common, to like to be tickled and made to emit giggles, even loud guffaws. It is bad enough to have it dark at night time and to have to grope our way about without making the day time dark with frowns and weeping. There are cities where the people try to turn the night time into day time because they are so busy all that day they don't find time for laughing and smiling, so they turn on the lights after business hours just to catch up with their laughs. It isn't such a bad idea, is it? Smiling during business hours is good, very good, but the smiles that are free from the harshness and forced gaiety that business cares produce is what is really good for the soul. Those who have much to trouble them during the day, light up their evening and laugh and make merry that they may empty their heads and hearts full of business, business, business. If you are busy all day and if your work is not the kind that completely exhausts you in body, you will find rest in a wholesome, infectious laugh at night with good companions, for like good laughs and companions are beneficial and necessary. Laugh much and you will be blessed and loved and wanted.

The woman who laughs well clears the atmosphere thick with the unpleasant dust of the everyday disagreeable things, like a spring rain freshens the air that is hot and sultry and

stifling. Some of us may find sighs and weeping more in harmony with our feelings, for the way is not always smooth and the thing along the way laughable. If it is true about you, look for the one who finds things to laugh about, even though she must dig or go under the brush after them and cultivate her acquaintance; let her show you how to hunt for laughs and then hunt for them all the rest of your life. They are hidden on your lot just as they are on the lots of other people, and to be contented look at the people laughs are like needles in hay stacks, and then rejoice to the abundance that you make your ground produce. Teach others how to hunt after you learn how and the others will bless you for it.

Most of us are afraid to smile. It is the decree of fashion that a real lady shall be steeped in quiet dignity upon all occasions, and laughing, especially loud laughing, is as unadmirable as it is rare in good society. It is all very true, good, hearty laughter is on the toboggan slide of decline; we don't know where it's going, but it's on its way.

There are certain people who are constantly weeping on conventionality who like to go to a Barnum & Bailey circus because it is so big and so crowded and there are so many different kinds of noise all at the same time that they may laugh as loudly as they wish and the fact remain undiscovered.

It isn't that the conventional folk see any harm in good, hearty laughing. It's because it is considered such "beastly bad form, don't you know," to show signs of feeling upon any occasion whatever. The more like an Egyptian mummy you conduct yourself, the more cultured you will be considered and the higher you will be rated by the "rategs" of those upon the ladder of social aspirants.

There are two ways to every place, the right way and the wrong way. No matter if the place be the place of sighs, step lightly at least until you get there. The man or the woman who smiles often will usually escape the place for sighs.

## TABLE DAMASK

As the Spring season will soon be here with its fruits, flowers and vegetables, the lady of the house desires to have her table look attractive with its appetizing food.

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Neat shape, well finished, colors green, tan, cedars, brown, smoke gray, olive and black..... \$2.00  
Men's stylish blacks in new shades, and shapes, made by Longly Low and Alexander, equal in appearance and quality to many higher priced hats, at the very moderate price of..... \$3.00 and \$2.50

### Queensware

We have moved our home goods department up stairs on the balconies and now have about 1500 square feet of floor space for the display of these articles used every day by all housekeepers.  
Old fashioned Sweet Gum Bread Trays..... 50c  
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### Storm Sweeps Through Northwest Part of Wise County.

Decatur, Texas, March 24.—Tuesday night a terrific wind-storm swept through the north west part of Wise county, doing considerable damage in the Brumlow, Dan, Greenwood, Slidell and Crafton communities. The storm was two miles wide and in some places assumed the shape and motion of a cyclone.

While Mose Casey and family were in their storm cellar their residence and barn caught fire and burned to the ground, destroying all the household goods and farming implements. When the family emerged from the cellar after the storm their property was a pile of ashes; no insurance.

Doc Thompson's house also in the Brumlow community, was blown down and literally torn to pieces. The family were in the stormhouse and escaped uninjured.

The Baptist church at Brumlow was destroyed by the wind.

The Cottonwood Union church was blown down and scattered for miles. The cemetery at this church was badly damaged, many of the stones and monuments being blown down and moved. Atkinson tomb was badly damaged.

Mr. Powell's house, close to the Cottonwood church, was blown away and most of the household goods destroyed. Mr. Powell had some insurance.

The houses of George Smith, Ben Williams, two houses owned by Green Standley and occupied by George True and Mr. Foster, were badly damaged in the Brumlow community.

The houses of Bill Moore and Berry Thompson in the Dan community were also partially wrecked.

The storm did much damage at Greenwood. The Christian church was blown into kindling wood. The Masonic hall was blown off the blocks.

Dick Willis' house was blown down. Mr. Willis and family barely escaped before the house went. All were slightly injured, but finally reached the stormhouse. Mr. Stowe's house was blown down.

The family of Ira Rice, living near Slidell, were burned to death in a hay stack. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Rice and six children. They had no storm cellar and when the storm struck

the house they ran to a hay stack and crawled under it. The house caught fire and blew on the hay stack, setting the stack on fire and cremating the entire family.

Sam Wilson, a bachelor living near Slidell, was killed when his house was blown down. He had a storm cellar, but failed to go in to it.

The Slidell gin was destroyed and the Baptist church was torn to pieces. Several residences were blown away. The two-story school building was blown down.

### New North Pole Expedition.

Christiana, March 18.—Capt. Ronald Amundsen has now completed arrangements for his drifting expedition in search of the north pole in Nansen's famous ship, the Fram. He has selected as his companion, Lieut. Englestad of the Norwegian Army. The Fram is being overhauled and strengthened and she probably will be ready to leave Christiana early next year. Capt. Amundsen will accompany the steamer out of the Flord, but will return and later proceed to America and thence to Nome, Alaska, where the Fram, which goes by way of Cape Horn will pick him up. From Nome the expedition will enter the Arctic Ocean through Behring Strait.

### New Social Amusement.

An exchange says they have invented a new kind of social amusement. It is called an "Avoirdupois party." All the girls are weighed and the weight of each written on a piece of paper and put into a hat, and the young men must draw. The young man must go to supper with the girl whose weight he draws, and must pay for her supper at one-half cent per pound. It is very exciting, so far as the young men are concerned.

J. H. Iglehart and wife came in Tuesday night of last week from Waxahachie where they have been for several weeks. Mr. Iglehart is undecided as to what he will do yet, but will probably remain in Memphis. We would like to have them among us once more and trust they will decide to remain with us.

E. H. Floyd of Lewisville, Texas, is in Memphis and will spend some time visiting his son, Cleve. Mr. Floyd says he is well pleased with Memphis and surrounding country.



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Mrs. Clyde Wright went up to Clarendon Saturday morning for a short visit with relatives.

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Mrs. W. M. Stevens left Saturday for her home in Clarendon after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Wright.

Old Buck, the Wells Fargo express horse, took another little run from the depot last Friday morning just for a morning exercise. No damage was done.

Jim Reynolds and John Gibson closed a deal last Saturday in which Mr. Reynolds becomes owner of the Gibson fine residence in North Memphis. Consideration \$11,500.

Stallings Bros. are having an addition put on the back end of their business house on west side to be used as a cleaning and pressing room for their tailoring establishment. The petition will be taken out of the other building and converted into one large room in which they will conduct agent's furnishing establishment.

Some few days ago one of R. P. Brice's ferrets got out of the box in which they were kept and it has not been seen since. The mate since the departure of the other, stoutly refused to eat or drink, so great was its grief over the loss of its mate, and on Wednesday of last week it died of starvation brought on by deep grief. This was quite a little loss to Mr. Brice, as this pair of ferrets cost \$15.00

A new paper is to be launched at Clarendon about May 1. The promoters of the new adventure is Messrs. James Trent and Alvis Weatherly, both of Clarendon. The paper will be edited and managed by Mr. Weatherly who is a practical printer of considerable note and who has had practical experience in editing a newspaper. We have known Messrs. Weatherly and Trent for quite a number of years personally, we feel safe in guaranteeing Clarendon and surrounding country a first class, live and wide-awake newspaper under Mr. Weatherly's supervision. Best wishes, Alvis, old boy.

Read the Democrat this day and be happy.

Why not buy coal of Dial keeps a stock.

For first class plumbing guaranteed work see Claude Herd.

Buy your meats from E. Neeley at City Meat Market phone No. 12.

Miss Inez French has been confined to her home the past week with rheumatism.

Gist-Ellis Implement Co. showing a complete line of cultivators in their new quarters.

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Order your suit from L. Millan, the O. K. Tailor. Large samples and five books to select from. Fit guaranteed. 36tf

Henry Dunbar came in from Ballinger Monday of last week where he has been working with the Bennett Abstract Co. for some time.

Judge R. A. Dunbar left Saturday morning for Plainville where he will be engaged for a couple of months in opening up set of abstract books.

H. C. Powell and family parted Saturday night for their old home at Tioga Wells where they will make their future home. Mrs. Powell's headache causing the change.

Dr. Mickle had the misfortune to lose his fine buggy mare Saturday night. A few days ago an animal stuck a nail in her foot from which she died Sunday night. This was the same buggy animal and will be greatly missed.

## Barbecue MEAT

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