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recting any mistake in this office.

## Locals.

Myriads of butterflies passed over  
town this week.

You can get a plow from Callahan  
at cost.

Ed. Wolfarth has just returned  
from Mobeetie. He says the Pan-  
handle is a very healthy country,  
his looks correspond with what he  
says.

H. Horton has a fresh supply of  
flour on hand.

Capt. Sage is having the Horton  
House overhauled and all necessary  
repairs are being made to accommo-  
date the public.

Candles went, last week from 12 1/2  
to 16 1/2 cts.; S. W. Eastin has 10 boxes  
at the old price.

Wheat is looking fine and there is  
a fair acreage sown. However the  
worms in some portions of the coun-  
ty are playing sad havoc, eating up  
entire fields.

C. H. Strickland will sell you any

kind of sewing machines you want  
at prices to suit the hard times. See  
his agent Mr. Harrison, before pur-  
chasing. Office at Knox & Fant's.

### PASTURAGE.

I am prepared to pasture cow-po-  
nies, plenty grass and water. Terms  
\$1.50 per month. Money to be paid  
when animal is taken away.

M. G. Stewart,  
Lost Valley.

### NOTICE.

All persons indebted to me will  
please come forward and pay what  
is due, as I must settle up my busi-  
ness in the next sixty days.

T. E. Horan.

Ed. Wolfarth has left his business  
matters in charge of Stark & Nichol-  
son, who will attend to all his unfin-  
ished correspondence &c.

McConnell is headquarters for  
school books, and "don't forget it."  
Besides supplying the home demand  
he has shipped bills to Wise, Clay,  
and Young counties this week.

The County Alliance of Jack  
county convenes with Los Creek  
Alliance No. 21 at 10 o'clock a. m.  
3d Saturday (19) in Nov. 1881.

E. M. Callis, President,  
Francis Kemp, Sect.

Callahan is selling out his large  
stock of cooking stoves at cost and  
freight.

"The nerest wai toe th Medikule  
Spring," is the way a sign reads in  
Palo Pinto county, directing the af-  
flicted to the famous wells.

Putting up stove pipes and the  
cuss words is now in order.

You can get a stove from Callahan  
for \$13.50.

What I want and must have.  
The Boot and Shoe trade of Jack  
county. No other stock will com-  
pare with mine. Try a pair of my  
"warranted shoes." Jas. W. Knox.

S. G. Adamson pays cash for his  
goods, he can and will sell as cheap  
as the cheapest.

The worms are eating up all  
the wheat in some localities. They  
are called by some caterpillars, by  
others army worms.

**Estrayed or Stolen** on the night of  
30 of September from near B. F. Sanders'  
residence on the Weatherford road 4 miles  
north of Whitt, one sorrel mare, star in  
forehead, 14 1/2 or 15 hands high 10 or 11  
years old, branded A u i e split in right  
ear, a sore or set fast on left shoulder.

A liberal reward will be paid for the de-  
livery of the mare or any information so  
that I can get her.

J. T. Graves,  
4 1/2 miles from Jacksboro  
on the Montague road.

All grades of syrups have advanced  
in St. Louis from 10 to 15 cents on  
the gal. S. W. Eastin has 15 bbls.  
at same old figures.

The excitement of mineral wells  
continues unabated, and the cures  
still reported are marvelous.

We have received another speci-  
men of coal. It is very fine and is  
pronounced Candle coal.

Walter S. Jones of the Gulf, Colo-  
rado & Santa Fe R. R. is in town.

Knox's clothing outsells any in  
this market because it is the best and  
cheapest. Call and see for your-  
self. "Comparison Courted, Competi-  
tion Defied."

Mr. Pierce of Waxahachie is in  
town he says, crops have been far  
better than was thought when gath-  
ering began. Also the rumor is  
that work will begin on the Waxa-  
hachie Tap this winter to Weather-  
ford.

The highest price yet paid for  
cotton is \$3.10 per 100 lbs. in the  
seed and the seller retaining the  
seed. D. C. Brown was the pur-  
chaser.

Mr. T. D. Simpson has returned  
from the famous mineral wells and  
confirms the already wonderful  
reports.

See correspondence on 3 and 8  
pages.

One barrel of fine cranberries at  
S. G. Adamson's.

T. F. Warden informs us that he  
has purchased a well augur which  
will be on hand soon, and every one  
who wishes plenty of water in dry  
weather should call on him.

Now that the grass is fine we will  
have fine beef.

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**FARMERS,**

**EVERYBODY.**

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plete in all the Departments.

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with any of the markets on the rail-  
road (Dallas and Fort Wort not ex-  
cepted).

He pays the Highest Price for  
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He keeps everything necessary to  
supply the wants of the people.

He sells new goods for less money  
than any other house in North-west  
Texas.

Call and see for yourselves, that the  
above statement is correct.

Very thankful for past patronage,  
by continuing to sell the best goods  
for the least money, he hopes to mer-

it a continuance of the same.





### THE MEN WHO SUCEED.

The great difference among men of all callings is the energy of character or the want of it. Given the same amount of learning and integrity, and the same opportunities, and energy will make one a conquerer. The want of it will see the other a failure.

Dead-beats are all men without force. They had as good a chance as any of their companions. Others went ahead and carried off the prizes while they were lying by the wayside dispirited and despondent. It takes nerve, vim, perseverance, patient continuance in well doing to win a great prize. And the young who goes into a profession without this pluck and force will not earn salt to his porridge. He will drag through life with the help of friends. Getting some credit with them for being a well-meaning man, in delicate health and unlucky. The real trouble is he lacks energy.

This is just as true of the minister as of the lawyer or the physician.

Piety is not enough, and piety with much learning is not enough. All the Greek and Hebrew in the world will not qualify a man for usefulness in the ministry. It wants push, stamina, vigor, courage, resolution, will, determination—in one word, energy.

If the youth knows a little Greek he knows what en ergos means, and without it Dr. Parr's knowledge of Greek will not help him to usefulness or success in the pulpit.—[N. Y. Observer.

### EGYPTOLOGY.

From Ford's Repository.

The next monument of great importance discovered was

#### THE CANOPUS STONE.

This is a fine grained slab of limestone, of a light gray color, seven feet high, two and a-half feet wide, and the same in depth. Unlike the Rosetta stone, which is broke off in the upper left hand corner, this is perfect in form, and distinct in engraving. It was discovered in 1867, in Son the Zoan of the Scriptures, situated on the southwest corner of Lake Menzalah, a lagoon on the coast. It was a part of a ruined temple of Rameses, near the city of Canopus. It was found on examination, to be very valuable, and was exhumed, and sent to the Viceroy's museum, at Boulac. It is inscribed on three sides, one in hieroglyphic, one in Heratic, or Egyptian, and and one in Greek.

The inscription, like that on the Rosetta stone, is a decree of the priests, made in the ninth year, of the reign of Ptolemy III (Ptolemy Euergetes—the Benefactor).

It was customary for all the priests of Egypt to visit Alexandria, in order to pay their respects to the king on his birth-day, and also on the anniversary of his accession to the throne. The king's birthday was Feb. 4, the day of coronation, Feb. 24. A number of other festivals occurred at the same season. Such as the festival of the Kikellia. The solemn visit to the temple of Osiris in Canopus, the solemn boat procession in honor of Osiris, from the Heraclion in Alexandria to this same temple, the apotheosis of Zaphne, the daughter of Helios (the sun) and besides, these there were three monthly festivals in honor of the king and queen. The priests were assembled in the temple for the double purpose of observing the anniversaries, and of reforming the popular Egyptian calendar.

While thus in grave council, a great calamity befel the royal household. Between the 19th and 23d of Feb., Bernice daughter of the Euergetes died. This sad event, of course, interrupted all business, and threw everything into temporary confusion.

It was customary to set apart seventy days for mourning, preparing the body by embalmment for the funeral.

But in this case, in order to assuage the parent's grief, and to testify their own respect, the priests decreed the apotheosis of the dead maiden, limiting the mourning to fourteen days, themselves paying great honor to her memory, which is set forth in the inscription, together with matters of interest pertaining to the callendrical change. The inscription has been thoroughly deciphered, and had we space we would give it to our readers.

### A FAMOUS MISER.

Vandille, a remarkable French miser was at one time Mayor of Boulogne, and while in that position partly maintained himself by being milk-taster general at the market. While munching a scrap of bread he would partake of gratuitous draughts. He always traveled to Paris on foot, and, fearful lest he should be robbed, took good care never to have more than three-pence in his pocket, if he needed more money he begged on the road. By such methods, and lending money to the French government, he made a fortune of £850,000 sprung from a single shilling.

During the very cold winter of 1834, he found it necessary to purchase some extra fuel, and endeavored to beat down the wood merchant in his price. The man drove off and Vandille stole a few logs from the back of the cart. In hastening away with them, he became overheated and contracted a bad fever. He sent for the surgeon, telling him

he wanted to be bled. As the surgeon charged half a livre, which he thought was too much, a barber was called in, who agreed to open a vein for three-pence.

"But, friend," said the cautious miser, "how often will it be required to bleed me?"

"Three times," replied the barber. "Three times! And, pray, what quantity of blood do you intend to take from me at each operation?"

"About eight ounces each time." "That will be ninepence; too much! too much! I know a cheaper way; take the whole twenty-four ounces at once, and that will save me six pence."

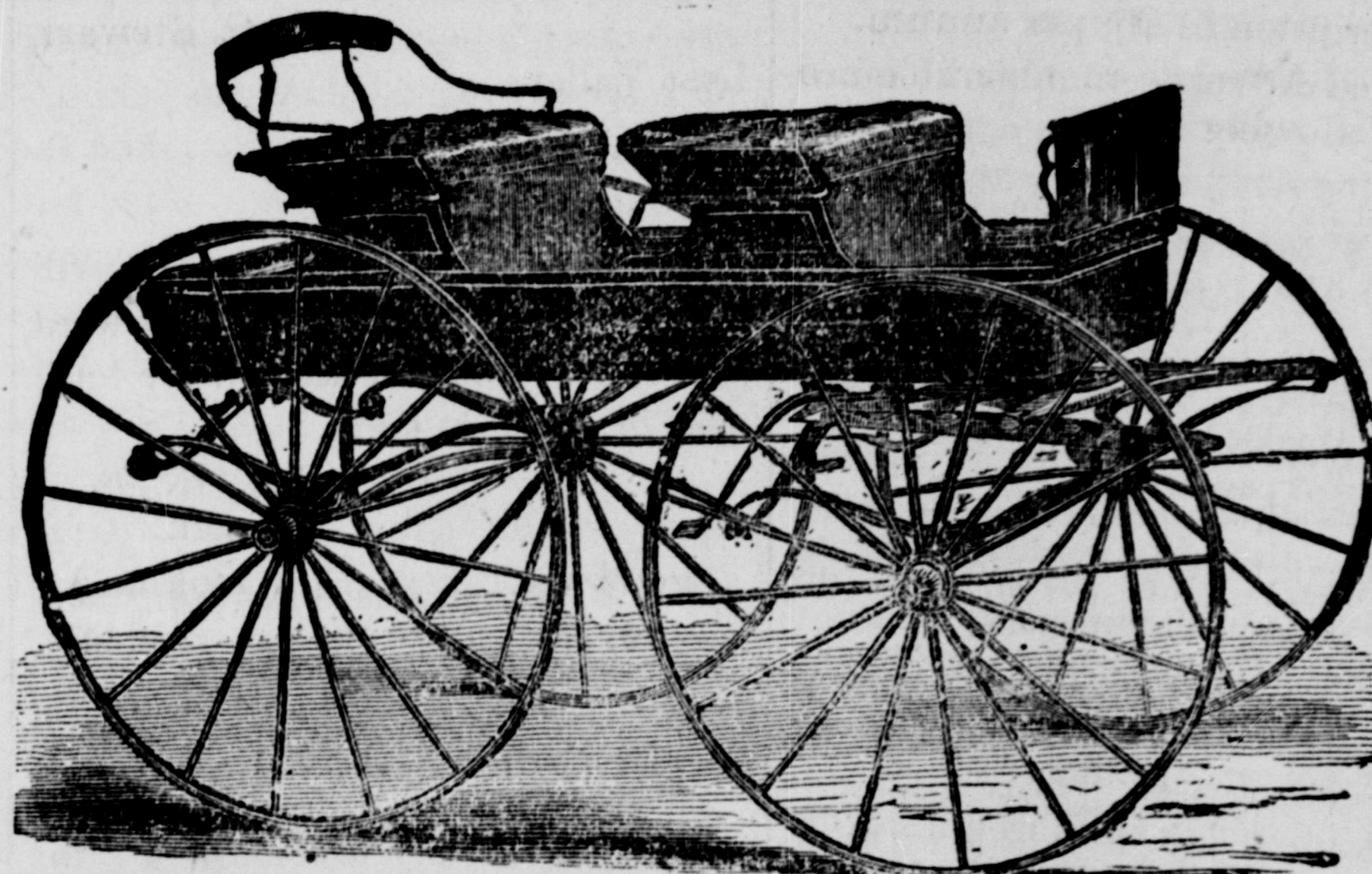
He saved his sixpence, but lost his life.—[Ex.

One day you will be pleased with a friend, and the next day disappointed in him. It will be so to the end; and you must make up your mind to it, and not quarrel, unless for very grave causes. Your friend, you have found out, is not perfect. Nor are you; and you cannot expect to get much more than you give. You must look for weakness, foolishness, and vanity in human nature: it is unhappy if you are too sharp in seeing them.

"The mind of a young creature" says Bishop Berkeley, "cannot remain empty; if you do not put into it that which is good, it will be sure to use even that which is bad.

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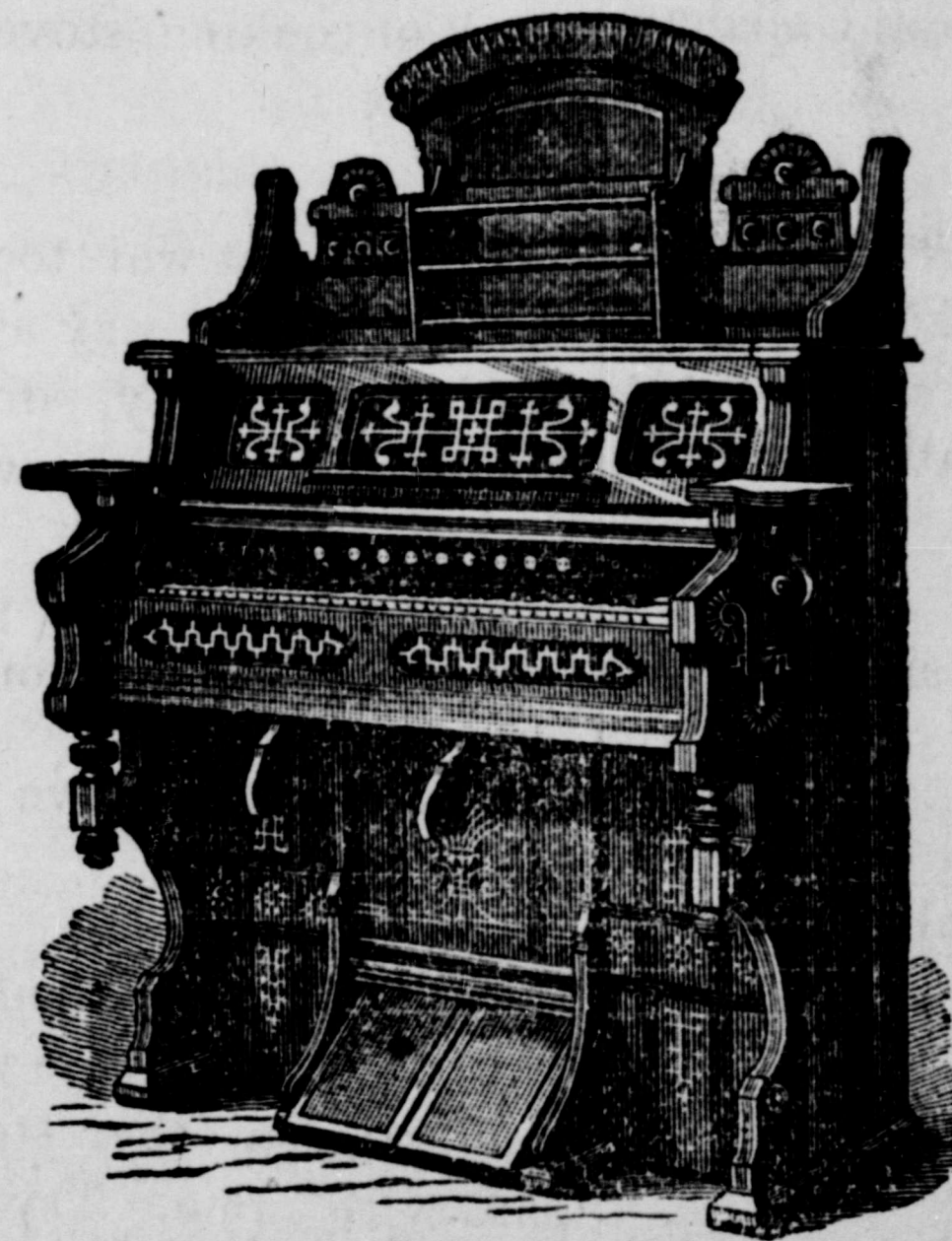


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**CORRESPONDENCE**

POST OAK.

Editors of CITIZEN:

I send herewith some specimens of coal found in the North West portion of this County. This coal has been thoroughly and practically tested here by Mr. A. A. Jolly, of this place, and is pronounced equal in quality to the bitumous coal now supplied to Western Texas from the Indian Territory and is undoubtedly superior to that now being profitably mined at Bridge Port, on the West Fork of the Trinity.

Veins of coal have been found in this neighborhood at several points from 1 to 2 feet thick and at a depth averaging 45 feet from the surface; the specimens sent are from a shaft sunk on the lands of M. A. Riddle about 6 miles S. 65° West from this place, the vein found at a depth of 58 feet from the surface is at least 18 inches thick, coal of this same quality and in as great quantity has been found at Sherwood's Ranch, 5 miles north west of this place; this coal is almost free from sulphur, with which Texas coal is generally impregnated and which greatly deteriorates its quality, a vein of a quality slightly inferior to the specimens sent but in paying quantity has been found upon the land of Mr. Robt. Catlin about 1 mile S. W. of this place. The general impression here is that the near future will develop the fact that the portion of this county lying west of this place, and north of the West Fork of the Trinity is very generally underlaid with coal of a superior quality and in quantities almost inexhaustible.

That this enormous deposit of fine bitumous coal will at an early day attract the attention of Rail Road capitalists can no longer be doubted by any one who may inquire into these facts, but it behooves us to present them to their consideration supported by incontrovertible evidence at once, it may be too late after the projected roads now passing North and West from Ft. Worth and Weatherford have been finally surveyed and located.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." We need not lay on our oars and wait supinely for greatness to be thrust on us while other localities lacking in the unfounded natural resources with which we are blessed, are placing their claims prominently before capitalists the development of any country no matter how highly it may be endowed by nature depends largely on the enterprise of its leading citizens if they only do their part, the rapid development of this county will be assured. Gentlemen come to the front in pushing the vital interests of your county, investigate the facts, and see that

they are prominently and pertinently presented to capitalists who only wait to find that we have enterprise and such wonderful natural resources to aid in their development to the mutual advantage of both parties.

DEGRESS.

DeGress, Oct. 17,

Our communication is somewhat tardy but we have got a post-office now and have no other excuse only items are rather scarce.

The drouth is a thing of the past with us, and farmers are smiling a mile on account of the fine season for sowing small grain. They are not only smiling but the majority are taking advantage of opportunity and are sowing all they can get.

The army worm has attacked the cotton but they have not done any damage yet. Some think they will be an advantage by eating off the leaves so that the sun will shed its rays direct upon the young bolls and thereby cause them to open before frost comes. Time will tell. Grass is good again and stock look as well as they did in the spring. SAXET.

DALLAS.

To the RURAL CITIZEN:

Dallas, Oct. 10.

The Trinity at this point has been very high, the rail road bridge on the Cleburne road has been partly washed away; and it will be some days before rails can be shipped to the front. Track laying is progressing rapidly in a go ahead style, a spike now and then, a bolt here and there; and the hum of industry moves forward. Hands are in great demand at fair prices.

Before reaching camp we came to a fine spring by the roadside, and sitting on the rim thereof was a man evidently meditating on some pleasant subject. Enquiry elicited the cause thereof, he was homeward bound for Arkansaw. Being ourselves afflicted with a secret "hankering" for that same, we spread all the sympathy we could muster over our physiognamy; and asked him to tell us about that happy land. The tears gathered in his eyes as he told us of the "persimmons, pawpaws and the apple cider, that good old cider. There he broke down completely, and we not wishing to harrow his feelings further, resumed our journey.

The heavens are black with lowering clouds and the earth beneath is black with mud. This latter article clings to everything large enough to cling to. The wagon wheels roll up a surprising amount of real estate, and the mover can take enough along to start him a home, dob up the house, and build a mud chimney to the same. We have discovered one redeeming feature, and that is when a man gets a home here it will stick to him, whether he does to it or not. I long once more to sniff the sandy breeze of old Jack, where the winds

put grit in our daily bread, thereby aiding digestion. Here when the roads are wet, they are simply impossible, when dry they are incredible.

Cotton is coming in rapidly, selling at 9 1-2 to 10 1-2cts, yet the farmers grumble because it isn't 20cts. A. F. ALLEN.

Jacksboro, Oct. 17 1881.

To the School Trustees of Jack County.

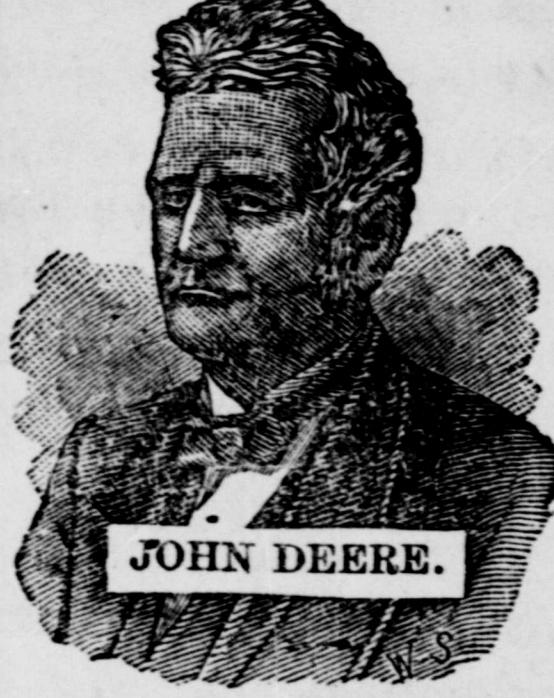
I have received from the State Board of Education one copy of our

School Laws for each school community, and specimen copies of Appleton's Journal of Education for distribution among our Trustees and teachers.

T. M. Jones, County Judge.

The grayson county jail now contains forty seven prisoners.

Four persons at Stephenville were recently poisoned and came nearly dying from the use of canned beef. The poison is supposed to have come from a preparation of arsenic used in sealing the cans.

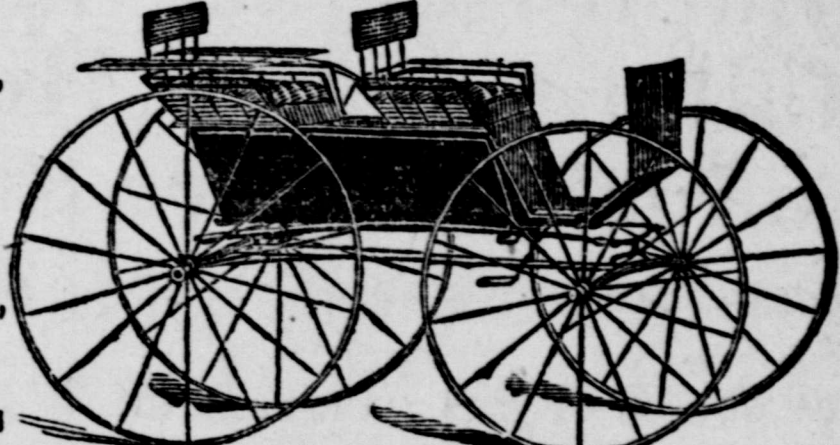


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London, October 17.—Great damage and loss of life throughout north Germany is reported from the late gale. The river Elbe rose twelve feet above its nominal level and is covered with wreckage. Several vessels were stranded at Altona. The loss of petroleum is enormous. Five German vessels were wrecked at Bremen, and some members of their crews were drowned.

St. Louis October 17.—A very large meeting of Irish was held at St. Patrick's hall yesterday afternoon at which speeches were made by several prominent Irishmen, and resolutions were adopted strongly denouncing the English government for the arrest of Parnell. A committee was also appointed to arrange for a monster mass meeting. The leading and most influential Irishmen are engaged in the movement, and the meeting will probably be one of the largest ever held here.

Cork, October 17.—James Power, secretary of Middleton county co-operative branch land league, and a prominent member of the league, has been arrested. Also have been Mr. Synam, organizer of Westmeath league; White, secretary of Clare league, and Henry Eagon, secretary of Dallamore league. They were lodged in jail.

Washington, October 17.—Under Secretary Windom's call of October 10th for five millions of continued 6's for redemption, \$5,608,000 were offered, but all will be accepted. Nearly the entire amount came from New York, and checks for their redemption were prepared to-day.

**NOTICE.**

All persons indebted to us will please come forward and pay what is due, as we must settle up our business in the next sixty days!

PHILIP GRESHAM,  
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Jacksboro, Texas.  
September 15, 1881.

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His stock is immense consisting of Men's, Boys', and youths' clothing, Ladies' cloaks and shawls in great variety. Men's, Boys', Ladies', and Misses' Hats, almost without number. Boots and shoes for all classes, both custom and hand made. A beautiful stock of Dry Goods and Notions among which are a beautiful stock of Ladies' Dress Goods.

He has a good stock of Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, and fine Groceries all of which will be offered at such low prices for cash that those wanting a large pile of goods for a little money will not fail to buy. All are invited to come and examine for themselves. Those indebted will please come forward and settle as our books must be closed.

H. HORTON.

JACKSBORO, TEXAS, Oct. 5th, 1881.

**DISSOLUTION.**

Jacksboro, Texas, Sept. 25, 1881  
The copartnership hitherto existing between S. G. Adamson and T. C. Wescott is this day dissolved, by mutual consent, T. C. Wescott, retiring and S. G. Adamson continuing the business. By mutual agreement Adamson assumes all liabilities and collects all debts of the firm.

{ S. G. Adamson,  
{ T. C. Wescott.

**DISSOLUTION.**

Jacksboro, Tex. Sept., 22 1881.  
The copartnership hitherto existing between W. S., J. C. and R. R. McKeehan, by mutual consent is this day dissolved; R. R. retiring. Business conducted under the same style as heretofore; McKeehan Bros.

By condition of the trade the said J. C. and W. S. assume all liabilities and collect all debts of the firm.  
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- 50 Sacks Coffee.
- 8,000 lbs Sugar, all grades.
- 60 Kits Mackerel.
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- 15 bbls. Molasses, all grades.
- 3,500 lbs. Chewing Tobacco.
- 5 bbls. Rice.
- 5 bbls. Hominy and Grits.
- 50 boxes Soap.
- 200 Cases Canned Goods.
- 25 Coils Rope all sizes.
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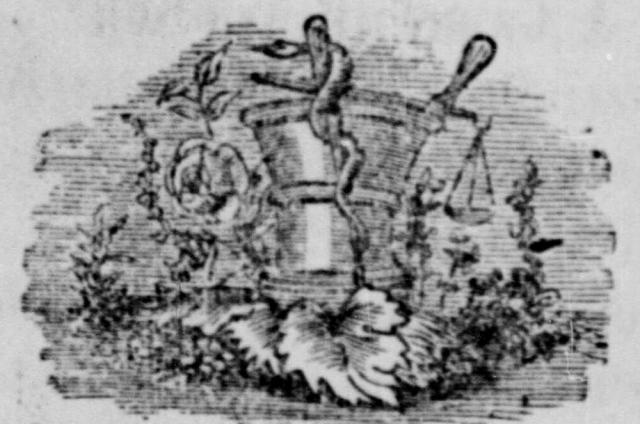
**See below what can be bought for One dollar.**

- 6lbs. Good Rio Coffee \$1.00
- 5 1/2 lbs. Choice " " 1.00
- 5 lbs " Mexican " 1.00
- 4 lbs. Arbuckle's parched 1.00
- 8 1/2 lbs. La. Brown Sugar 1.00
- 7 1/2 lbs. " White " 1.00
- 1 1/2 lb. Fine Tea 1.00
- Clear sides Bacon at 16 3/4 cts.
- Canvass Hams " 18 1/2 cts.
- Victory Flour at \$4.85 per 100lbs.
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# Rural Citizen.

J. N. & Alice M. Rogers. Editors.

The Democratic State Convention at Albany N. Y., rejected the Tammany Hall (John Kelly's) delegates.

We call attention to the new Game Law. Passed March 15th, 1881, took effect July 1st, 1881.

**Deer.**—It is unlawful to shoot, or in anyway destroy any wild animal during the months from the 1st of December to the 1st of June. Penalty from \$25 to \$50 fine.

**Turkeys.**—From the 15th of May to the 1st of September, it is unlawful to shoot or otherwise destroy, any wild turkey. Fine \$10.

**Prairie Chickens.**—From the 1st of March to the 1st of August, it is unlawful to kill prairie chickens. Fine, \$10.

**Quail.**—From the 1st of March to the 1st of September, it is unlawful to kill quails or partridges, and the netting of partridges is entirely prohibited. Fine, \$10.

**Song Birds, etc.**—Mocking birds, whippowills, nighthawks, blue birds, finch, thrush, linnet, martin, wren, swallow, bobolink, cat bird, nonpariel, scissor tail, sparrow, buzzard and carrion crow, and it is a misdemeanor to kill or injure any of these birds. Penalty not less than \$5 fine.

### A Game of Pooling.

A special to the Houston Post from Galveston, Oct. 14, says: "It is an open secret that the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe road pooled its issues with Gould, the controlling power of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad, when the former ceased running its trains to Houston. The pooling commenced about the 1st of last September and will remain in operation for six months from that date. By that time other arrangements will be made. For the present all conflict in matters of passengers and freight are based on a proposition thoroughly understood and agreed to by the two companies.

### The Citizen to be Enlarged.

The RURAL CITIZEN for 1882.

The first of January we propose to enlarge the RURAL CITIZEN to an eight column folio containing near eighty-five per cent more printed matter than at present. The type will be the same size but new. We also propose to give its, literary, news, and general intelligence, a corresponding increase of value.

While all experience proves that a newspaper of the first class must be under the direction of some one mind, the day has gone by when any one man can make such a news paper as the intelligence of these times demands. He must have help and a good deal of it.

We need at least one correspondent in every neighborhood, and town, generally more than one, to give us the events as they transpire. We will use our utmost diligence to obtain the latest domestic and foreign news.

We have secured a regular Washington correspondent, whom we hope will interest and profit our readers.

We need articles giving the experience of our farmers and stockmen in this and adjoining counties on stock raising and the cultivation of the various crops. The past season has been one full of lessons to the observant and practical farmer in North west Texas. In fields side by side, one has produced good corn while the adjoining one failed, and in some cases the crop that failed had much more labor bestowed on it, than the good crop. There is a reason for all this, and we wish those who have this experience and observation to give our readers the benefit of it. We know that some say, "There is nothing to do but plow, sow, harrow, and harvest; that is all." But a little observation teaches that there is as much in the time and manner of doing farm work as in the work itself.

The old method of stock raising in this part of Texas has well nigh passed away, and now the man who combines farming and stock raising is the coming man of prosperity in this

part of Texas. The most practicable and profitable method of doing this is what we wish to know.

The next general election for State and county officers comes off in '82. It is important that every citizen should be thoroughly posted in the issues of the day. We propose to give our readers the fullest information on all issues between the political parties; that our space and ability will allow.

As for our selves we disclaim the name of politicians, but nevertheless we have our political principles, our education both religious and political has been of the purest type of Democracy, (not partisan,) and hence we announce the following as our principles:

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Equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

Honest, faithful capable men for office.

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The Government to control its own currency whether metal, or paper— independent of any bank or other corporations.

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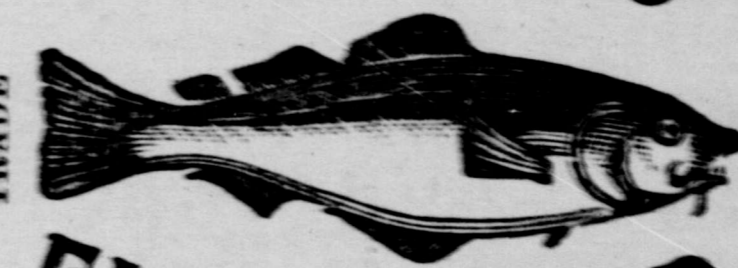
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 Sil Stark, Co. Attorney.  
 Wm. M. King, Sheriff.  
 D. B. Mizell, Clerk.

County Court convenes every first Monday in each month for Criminal Business.

Every third Monday in Jan, March May, July, September and November for Civil and probate Business.

T. M. Jones, Judge.  
 D. B. Mizell, Clerk.

County Commissioner's Court convenes second Monday in Feb., May, Aug., and November.

Commissioners: Prct. No. 1 J.

4. Hudson: No 2. Wm. Hensley: No.

3. J. Ferrel Lewis: No. 4. J. C. Lindsev.

W. S. McKeehan, Co. Treasurer.  
 W. C. Roberts, Surveyor.

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 J. S. Price, Hide & Anim'l Inspect'r

PRECINCT No. 1

Justice Court convenes the last Monday in every month for both Civil and Criminal Business.

Thos. W. Williams, Justice.  
 W. J. Craig, Constable.

Prct. No. 2.

Justice Court convenes every second Thursday in each month.

Wm. Obarts Justice.  
 J. S. Welsh, Constable.

Prct. No. 3.

Justice Court convenes every fourth Friday for both Civil and Criminal business.

J. A. Hightower, Justice.  
 A. J. Clark, Constable.

Prct. No. 4.

Justice Court convenes every third Thursday in each month for Civil and Criminal business.

C. Mayo, Justice

Prct. No. 5.

Justice Court convenes first Thursday in every month for Civil and Criminal business.

James P. Reagan, Justice.  
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**Estray Notice!**

Taken up by R. M. Smith and estrayed before J. A. Hightower, J. P. Prct. No. 3, J. C. T.; One bay gelding, 10 or 11 years old, 13 1/2 hands high, branded J A on left shoulder and JB (connected) on the right.  
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Oct. 4, 1881.

Taken up by William Allison and estrayed before William Obarts, J. P. Prct. No. 2. Jack county Texas: One bay horse, 13 or 14 years old, 14 hands high, branded 32 on left side of the neck and blotch brand on left shoulder.  
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 Oct. 4, 1881.

Taken up by Jesse Worthington and estrayed before William Obarts, J. P. Prct. No. 2, Jack county, Texa-: One brown horse 11 or 12 years old 13 1/2 hands high; branded JH (connected) on the left shoulder and marked underbit in the left ear.  
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 Oct. 4, 1881.

**A Fearful Fire.**

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 13.—A fire occurred at Londersberger's mills last night which was very disastrous to life and property. It originated in the finishing room, on the second floor, and spread upward through the building with amazing rapidity.

About forty-five of the hands, half of whom were girls, were engaged at work on this floor, but the majority were engaged in the spinning department on the upper floor. The wooden stairways at either end of the building were soon ablaze. The bridge connecting the building with another mill was shut off from approach by fire-proof doors, and in the absence of the fire-escape a panic instantly ensued among the men and women in the buildings. They rushed to the windows crying to the crowd to save them. It was proposed by the crowd to form squares in the street and catch the men and girls as they leaped out, but before anything could be done, a young woman leaped from the fifth story, and it seemed that every bone in her body was broken, for she never breathed again. After this, The imprisoned people seemed to become frenzied, and although the crowd outside sought to encourage them by shouting that help would speedily be there, they began jumping from the window like sheep. A man, apparently bereft of reason, flung himself headlong into the street, and while his body was still in the air, others followed, now a man, then a woman or half-grown girl, until, in a few moments, eleven human beings, one and all unconscious, with fractured skulls and broken limbs, were carried by tender hands to a neighboring saloon, on the floor of which body after body was laid in a row till vehicles were procured to carry them to the hospital. By this time relatives of the victims began to gather outside the building, and cries of mothers outside to their children still in the burning room, and their lamentations over those who had jumped and been literally dashed to pieces, were heart-rending to hear. When the fireman were able to enter the building, they found on the third floor the bodies of two families burned almost to a crisp, and a man badly scorched and

dead. Before they could search further the fourth floor, with heavy machinery, came crashing through, and they barely escaped with their lives. The fireman were then compelled to desist in their labors, because the floors had gone through to the ground, and the machinery, charred wood and what remained of the unfortunate operatives, ten or a dozen, were mangled, together in an unrecognizable mass, which was seething and sending out columns of steam, as cold water was poured upon it. Seven are known to be dead and twenty-three injured, mostly young women. The victims were carried in all directions, some to their homes, some to houses close by and others to various hospitals, so that the exact number cannot be stated. Physicians say that nearly every one of the cases admitted to St. Mary's hospital will result fatally; the total number of deaths will probably exceed twenty, there being ten dead bodies in the ruins. Had the fire been in the daylight fully four hundred people would have been compelled to fight for life with the flames. Within an hour the flames were brought under control leaving the walls standing but the inside completely gutted out. The loss in property will to \$65,000, to offset which there is an insurance of \$50,000. Some of the workmen attribute the origin of the fire to sparks from the electric light falling among the waste; others attribute the sudden spread to the influence of over heated wires. The same mill burned once before. Two bodies have been recovered this morning

Up to noon the number of dead bodies recovered, as reported to the coroner, was eleven, of which five are at the morgue, two at their homes and four at St. Mary's hospital. The deputy coroner visited the scene of the disaster this morning and learned that the means of escape from the building were inadequate. The only theory of the origin of the fire was that already advanced of the electric light.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Commissioner Raum has decided that the internal revenue department cannot properly sanction the sale of a compound made of whiskey, water and srychnine, and called "Tonic Bitters." He says it should be called poison.

New York, Sept. 30.—The national fund for the family of the late President Garfield thus far is \$333,799

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The Republicans this afternoon elected stalwart delegates to the convention from the First, Second, and Third districts. The anti-stalwarts of the Second and Third districts withdrew from the convention and nominated rival delegates.





**Destruction of Insects.**

A correspondent of the Western Rural says: "In almost every paper pertaining to farm production and farm interest, one will see accounts of the destruction of wheat, corn, and almost every field product by the chinch bug, grasshopper, and worm in the various Western States. Now, in my opinion, there is in this channel of destruction a commencement or a foundation; and one thing I assert, which I think the most sensible reading and thinking people will bear me out in, and that is, that if we wish to remedy an evil we must commence at the head or foundation. The different States are warring against the liquor traffic, and I am decidedly on the side of temperance, yet I cannot help but think and believe the only way to rid our land of saloons and drinking men is to stop the manufacturing of the animal called whisky. Now, to return to the bug question. A great many of our farmers are keeping up with the times, and buying stalk cutters and riding plows, so they can turn all their stalks and weeds, or trash of every description, under the ground at plowing time, for the sake of benefiting their land. This, I think, is very good, and every farmer should keep his land in a rich, healthy condition. But there are other ways for farmers to renovate and recruit their lands. When we look closely into this bug business, and find so many enlightened farmers who believe the production of the bug and other field insects are deposited in the stalk and stubble of the fields, and remain there until the time comes to hatch out and take the young growing crop, there should be some way devised to commence on them when they are in the egg; and if the egg is deposited in the Fall, instead of plowing all the trash under, and by so doing help protect the egg, to give it a chance to bring forth its army of destroyers, let every farmer rake his fields clean of everything called trash, and make a general bonfire, and not only get rid of the weeds, burrs, etc., but, best of all, rid his fields of the troublesome insects in their infancy.

Farmers can well afford to do this, and manure their lands from their stables. We admit it will be a little more work, but the hundreds of bushels saved from the bug, fly, and the worm, will pay him to manure his land a dozen times. We do think that farmers are getting too careless, and that we do not take the precaution to insure ourselves a crop undisturbed by the field insect. We have been watching this very closely, and

think that if we could raise good crops, free from bugs, etc., years ago, when farmers raked their fields over and burned all the stalks, trash and stubble, it would surely pay us to return to that old-fogy plan now, at least for a few years. I firmly believe if farmers would rake and burn the trash from their fields for a few years they would rid themselves entirely from these insects. THE RURAL sets forth many ideas whereby farmers are benefited, and there are many letters of interest in every issue, and I hope some of the Western farmers will let us hear from them, that we may know their plan of warfare.

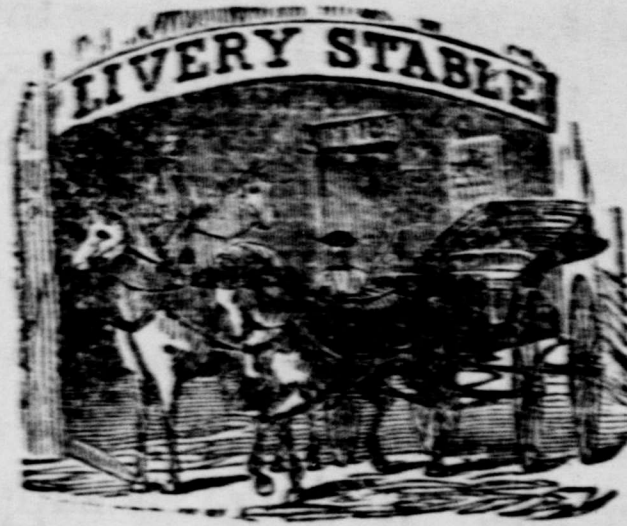
Notwithstanding the short crop of corn in nearly all the corn growing districts, the receipts at all the grain centres show a gradual increase of amounts in store. In Chicago for the week ending last Friday evening the increase of corn was 1,488,308 bushels. The amount in store in New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City warehouses on the same day was 5,188,326 bushels. Of course such large accumulations must affect the price, and the Chicago Times says: "The indications are that corn is working down to its actual value, and there shrewd observers of the market who predict that it will very soon be selling at 50 cents. Canal corn, that which has been accumulating in river storage, yesterday sold for a price 2 cents below that offered for October corn."

There are also large accumulations of wheat all over the north and east. Prices are too high at present to justify exportation, and parties in the west who were heavy buyers a few weeks ago are now free sellers. The abundant crops of Russia are having an offset upon the English market, and millers are buying it in preference to American wheat at prices asked. Great importance is attached to the largeness of the rye crop in Germany and Russia, as that grain is the great staple of bread-making for the 100,000,000 of population of those countries, the rye crop constituting 43 per cent. of the entire Russian product of cereals, while in Prussia its yield is 3½ times that of wheat.—Ex.

Washington, D. C., October 6.—Treasurer Gilfillan to day received a letter from a president of a bank in South Carolina, stating that the people of that state would not take silver certificates as current money, and asked if he could pay them out on checks of the United States disbursing officers. The treasurer replied that the standard silver dollar which was a full legal tender could be offered, and people who preferred certificates, could take them, instead, saying that in his experience he found that the certificates were usually preferred to the coin.

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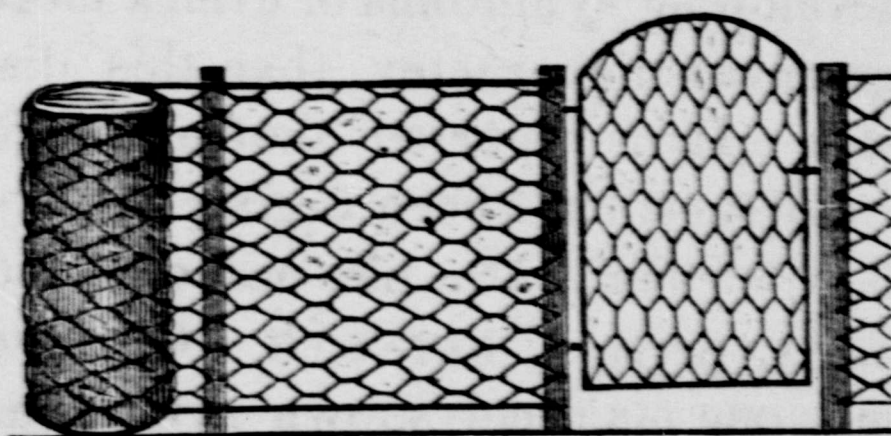
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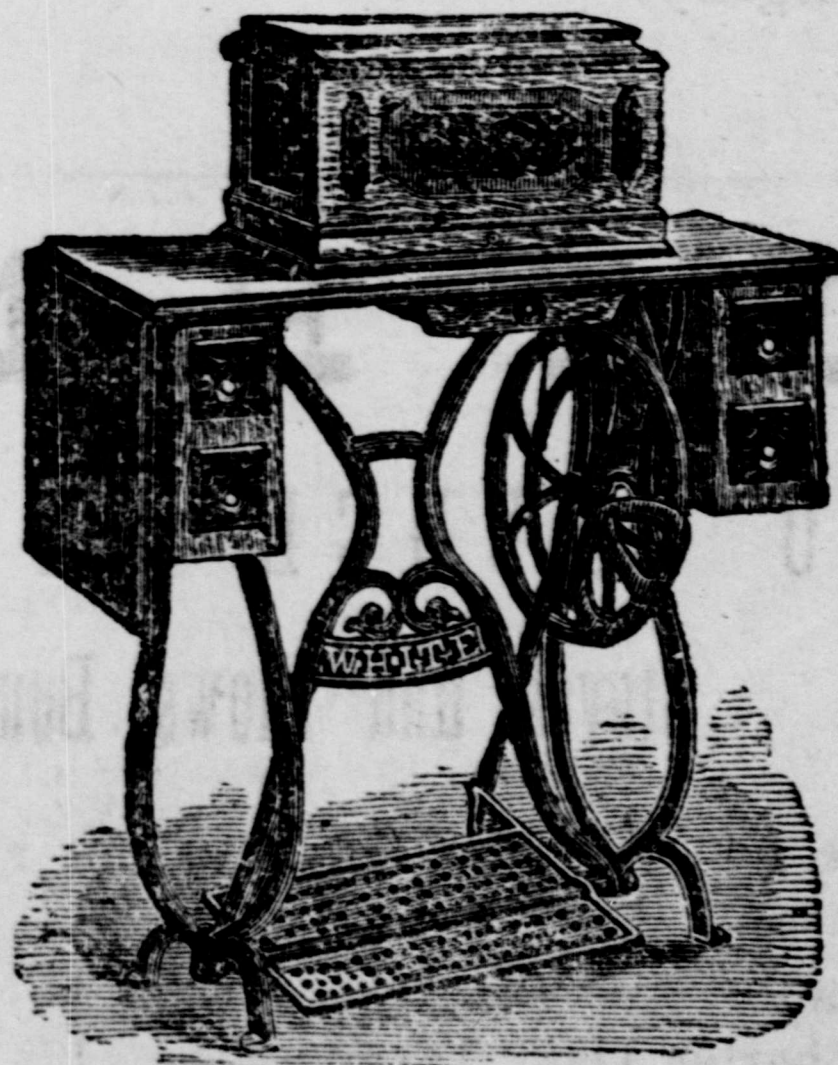


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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ferris, Oct. 5th '81.  
To the Rural Citizen:

That ancient proverb; "a rolling stone gathers no moss," was the substance of the parting admonitions of some of my friends when I shook the dust from my feet and left Jack. To be candid I will have to admit that I have gathered none, though the short green article hangs in profusion from trees in the brushy bottoms here, suggestive of chills and indigestion.

This is a temperance county, and the people have a meek humble look as though they were even yet "hawk-erin'" after the luxury of past days. I heard one asking a merchant for a bottle of the excluded, saying he had seen a serpent in his cotton patch that day and wanted something to avert consequences. An hour later I passed him a mile from town sitting in the shade of some tall broom weeds by the road side, the empty bottle lying near by, while he was vainly essaying to light his pipe with the butt end of his pocket knife. His horse was off some distance hunting for a bunch of grass. I concluded he had again seen the serpent, and the last I heard of him was a faint echo of "The girl I left behind me."

The children look pale and spiritless; the rosy cheeks of the young Jackites are not reflected here among the youth. They are shrewd and sharp, and doubtless have their dreams like other children, of pastry and plum puddings, but in this black mud they have't the grit to digest the article.

A family camped near us has three children sick; and this morning one of them died. They had no shelter but an old wagon sheet. The father tried to get shelter in some house for the child, but in vain; and the little hands were folded in that rude camp. The ladies of the neighborhood (God bless them, they are always foremost in every good work) came and relieved their wants, and performed the last sad duties that can be done for the dead; but as to the men, only five volunteered to dig the

grave. It is hard to see a loved one bore lifeless from its home; but oh how bitter to leave it among strangers where no loving hand will care for the little grave; and journey on never again to see that little mound. I did not stay to the funeral, the parting would be too sad to witness, but returned to the camp feeling thankful that the only child I have yet lost, was laid away to rest among friends, near the old home.

Last week a Mr. Seffries was murdered near this place, while returning from Waxahachie, where he owns a cotton gin. Revenge is supposed to be the motive, no arrests yet; and this week a convict was shot by one of the guards. We propose shaking the dust (or mud) from our feet, and hunt for a safer place to live in.

A. F. Allen.

Kansas City, Oct. 7.—The most horrifying reports come from Platte county, in this state, and the vicinity of Barkville and Waldron and the intervening country, regarding a scourge which, it is reported, has recently broken out there. At first it was thought to be small-pox, but it is developing symptoms of even a more aggravated character than this disease. It is reported that although the disease has been raging but five days, eleven deaths had occurred and thirty persons were sick. Of these only one man had shown symptoms of recovery, and he was not yet out of danger.

Many of the citizens think it is the old black small pox, a very virulent form of the disease, in which the body is covered with black eruptions, and few who are taken survive. Others who have seen it think it nothing more or less than the terrible black scourge which devastated countries of the east in the fourteenth century.

San Antonio has two 13 year old boys that have just been arrested for conducting a regular system of burglary in the city. It is said they displayed great experience in the art of burglary.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
**The Extra Session. Bayard President Pro Tem. a Spirited Debate. Edmunds as a Leader. Distinguished Personages Present.**

[From C. A. S.]

Washington, D. C. Oct. 11th 1881.

The second extra session of the Senate in the year 1881 assembled to-day under circumstances of more than usual interest, and elected a President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and as a possible President of the United States, Senator Bayard, of Delaware.

Senators were in their seats long before 12 m.; at which hour precisely Senator Harris of Tennessee, called the chamber to order, and the chaplin offered a prayer in which he asked the blessing of heaven on the family of the deceased President at the prayer, there was a moment of suspense, when Senator Pendleton arose and with a hand that shook visibly, from nervousness or some other cause, offered a resolution that Senator Bayard be elected President, *pro tempore*, of the Senate. Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, met this by an amendment to have the Senator elect from New York and Rhode Island sworn in and made a short cogent argument urging the justice and citing the law and precedent in favor of his resolution. He was answered first, by Garland of Arkansas and, afterwards, by Beck, Morgan, and Vest. The debate was peculiar in that it was meagre on the Republican side by Edmunds alone. After a discussion of three hours, and a number of votes on amendments submitted by Senator Edmunds, upon which votes the Senate was divided on strict party lines, Mr. Bayard was elected, and Senators Anthony and Pendleton were appointed to escort him to the chair. After a brief speech from the President *pro tempore*, Mr. Edmunds again made a motion to have the senators from New York and Rhode Island sworn in, but his motion was lost and a motion to adjourn was carried by the Democrats on a strict party division. This, in brief, is the history of the first day of the extra session.

It was observed that Senator David Davis, of Illinois, the massive Independent, voted with the Republicans, on the grounds, it is said, that he did not think it right to give his influence to change the political *statu quo* of the Senate prior to the resignation of the New York senators and the death of General Burnside, but, now, it is said, another *statu quo* having been established, his love of *statu quo* will cause him to vote with the Democrats to sustain it. If he votes with the Republicans after the new senators are sworn in, Senator Bayard's *pro tempore* will be temporary indeed.

Senator Ben Hill, of Ga., who has recently undergone a severe surgical operation, was in his seat talking and apparently very well. Ex-senator Gordon, of Ga., was on the floor, as were also Senators Lincoln, McVeagh, and Windom. Mr. Conkling is in the city, but did not appear in the Senate Chamber. The Republican leadership has evidently passed from Senator Dawes to Senator Edmunds, who was absent in Europe during the extra session last spring. A cooler, more capable, better equipped leader has seldom appeared on the senate floor. The leadership on the Democratic side will I think, depend chiefly on Peck, of Kentucky, but he will have able lieutenants in Vest, Morgan, Voorhees, Jones, Harris, and Lamar.

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