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SENATOR MILLS BETTER.

A Speedy Recovery Is Looked For.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 16.—The most favorable reports were given out to-day at the Johns Hopkins Hospital relative to the condition of former Senator Roger Q. Mills. Throughout the day he conversed on a variety of topics with those who were at the bedside and evinced a great interest in the affairs of the day.

The cool spell last night seemed to work wonders with him, and it is said that he is resting more comfortably than he has at any time during his illness. The members of the party who accompanied him to Baltimore are very optimistic over his speedy recovery, being confident that if he continues to improve at the rate he has shown during the past few days he will soon be prepared to return to his home in Texas. The interest in the condition of the senator continues unabated.

Cured Hay Fever and Summer Cold.

A. S. Nusbaum, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed only to aggravate it. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success. Sold by Carleton and Porter.

Alton Murchison, son of Hon. W. F. Murchison of Percilla, has accepted a position in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

George E. Darsey has moved his dry goods and shoe department to the building adjoining the bank, and moved his furniture stock to his double building.

BASE BALL!

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- 6 The skeins have extra strong bell, are heavier on under side or wearing part.
- 7 The axles have our new improved flat steel truss.
- 8 Axles have braces from under side of skeins to hounds.
- 9 The wheels have black birch hubs and best of oak spokes.
- 10 The wheels have bent white oak felloes, bolted and clipped joints, and have heavy tires.
- 11 The felloes are riveted at the side of each spoke.
- 12 The tongue cap iron is 34 inches long with a safety catch.
- 13 The tongue is stripped its entire length underneath.
- 14 The angle steel front hood in reinforced with wood, running from axles to end of hounds.
- 15 The adjustable tongue ring.
- 16 The steel lock bolts.
- 17 The stakes are hinged steel with extension wooden stakes.
- 18 The front axle and sand-board are

- iron plated, preventing the reach from wearing.
- 19 The front end of reach has iron reach forming a bushing in king-bolt hole.
- 20 The reach has hardened, tempered, steel rub-irons.
- 21 The steel extension reach plate with lock nut.
- 22 The Dixie patent grip nut wagon-wrench.
- 23 The concave cut-under rub-iron.
- 24 The self-centering box rod nuts.
- 25 The side-boards and end-boards all have hard wood cleats, riveted ends.
- 26 The box has steel grain strips on inside, cleats cut bias, thus making a perfectly tight box, with anti-spread rods.
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- 28 The boxes are made either with the improved Comstock End-gate with iron plated side-boards, or with the Shoveling-board end-gates—has six box straps on each side-board.
- 29 The bottoms have hardwood cleats on top of bolsters.
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GREAT DAY PLANNED BY ORGANIZED LABOR

Palestine to Witness Grand Parade.

EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE Expected to Take Part in the Program.

Palestine, Texas, Aug. 19.—One of the greatest Labor Day celebrations ever witnessed in Texas will be pulled off at Palestine, Monday September 7. The festives will take the form of a free barbecue and basket picnic, and it is confidently expected that from eight to ten thousand will witness the parade of decorated floats and other vehicles, and the hundreds of representatives of organized labor and fraternal organizations, after which they will repair to the Michaux Grove, where the program of the day will be carried out. Invitations have been issued to several speakers of state-wide reputation, and the committee on arrangements hopes to be able to report in a few days that the Hon. Joe. E. Edmonson, state lecturer and organizer of the Farmers' Union of the state, will deliver the address on unionism. Besides speaking, a baseball game will furnish amusement for many. Band concerts, and games of all kinds, gun club shoot, pistol contests, ect., will also be on the program. The committee on grounds are

to be congratulated on the selection of Michaux Grove, as it is only two and one-half blocks from the business section of the city, and can be reached on foot by nearly every one, thus saving hack fare.

J. S. Hale, a member of the Railway Carmen of America, this city, issues a challenge to any holder of a union card in the state to a target contest with a pistol. Address all challenges to the arrangement committee of the Labor Day celebration.

Excursion rates have been secured from points within a radius of one hundred miles from Palestine, the affair will be well advertised, and a big crowd will be attracted here.

Disagreeable at Home.

Lots of men and women who are agreeable with others, get "cranky" at home. It is not disposition, it is the liver. If you find in yourself that you feel cross around the house, little things worry you, just buy a bottle of Ballard's Herbine and put your liver in shape. You and everybody around you will feel better for it. Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

W. D. Grandbury was on the sick list a few days this week.

Tom Murray deputy sheriff of Crockett, was in Grapeland a day last week.

CROKER'S INFLUENCE.

Tammany Chief to Give Bryan Assistance.

New York, Aug. 16.—Richard Croker, a former leader of Tammany Hall, will come to America next month to lend the weight of his influence to the effort to elect William J. Bryan president. He is expected to leave Queenstown for New York on or about September 18.

This is information that came to-day from close friends of Richard Croker Jr. and Cahill, the two men in New York most intimately acquainted with the plans of the old chief of Tammany Hall. His coming is expected to cause rejoicing in the ranks of Tammany, where the personal influence of their former chief is still strong. Mr. Croker's plan to come to this country to help Mr. Bryan is in line with a promise made by him to the Nebraskan when the latter left Ireland on the last lap of his recent world tour. Mr. Croker accompanied Mr. Bryan to his ship and assured him that in the event that he was nominated by the Democrats he, Mr. Croker, would do everything in his power to bring about his election. Further than this, while Mr. Bryan was in New York in early summer, Mr. Croker sent a personal message to him expressing the hope that the Democrats would again nominate him.

DEMOCRATIC PLANS.

A Fight to Carry North Western States.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 16.—A fight to swing the Northwestern states into the Democratic column is being outlined by the Democratic National Committee and chairman Mack is contemplating a trip to the West to rally the leaders of the party along the Pacific Coast to vigorous action. Reports received at Democratic headquarters here indicate, the leaders say, that Montana and other states in the mountain region form a promising battleground for the Democrats. John H. Atwood, head of the speaker's bureau, said to night that he would be prepared to send many well known speakers into the Western territory to wage a lively campaign in every debateable district. Chairman Mack expects to make his Western trip during the latter part of September. National Committeeman Martin J. Wade of Iowa left here to-night for Buffalo, where he will open the national campaign tomorrow night in New York state with a speech under the auspices of the national committee.

Diarrhoea Cured.

"My father has for years been troubled with diarrhoea, and tried every means possible to effect a cure, without avail," writes John H. Zirkle of Philippi, W. Va. "He saw Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy advertised in the Philippi Republican and decided to try it. The result is one bottle cured him and he has not suffered with the disease for eighteen months. Before taking this remedy he was a constant sufferer. He is now sound and well, although sixty years old, can do as much work as a man." Sold by Guice & Son.

Reynard News.

August 17.—Cotton picking is the order of the day. Jack Beazley moved the first bale from this place last Monday.

Misses Jessie and Gertrude Meriwether have gone to Boulder Leolo to spend the remainder of the summer.

Little Miss Lura Lena Kent has gone to Vernon to spend some time visiting the family of her uncle R. E. Kent.

Mrs. Frank Smith and children of Crockett, and Miss Emmie Fulgham of Palestine spent last week with their brother, P. S. Fulgham.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kent and children spent last Sunday at Daly's with Mr. Laster and family.

Mrs. J. H. Beazley and children visited in Grapeland last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beazley spent Sunday at Daly's the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pennington.

Quite a crowd from this place attended church at Daly's Sunday.

There is not much sickness now. Douglass Beazley visited the capitol city Saturday.

Zack.

Frank Owens has moved to the residence formerly occupied by H. S. Murdock.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Brief Summary of Happenings in the State, the Nation and the World.

STATE.

Houston.—The ship canal is opened with appropriate ceremonies. The revenue cutter Windom is the first seagoing vessel to enter the turning basin at the terminus of the canal.

Sherman.—At a meeting of the United Confederate Veterans of Mildred Lee Camp strong resolution is passed condemning the action of the Text Book Board in closing contracts for arithmetics in which are made certain references to Southern Generals. The resolutions also call upon Governor Campbell and the Text Book Board to annul the contract.

Hillsboro.—The ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kendrick is kicked by a horse and sustains injuries which may terminate fatally.

Houston.—Emma Teakell, a 16-year-old girl, kills herself by taking an overdose of antifibrin, a powder which is used as a headache remedy.

Sherman.—Lieutenant Wiley Mangum is adjudged insane. Lieutenant Mangum served with honor in the Philippines, and it was while on duty there that he contracted the sickness which later affected his mind.

Waco.—Judge Eugene Williams is making an effort to have the anti-pass law amended in regard to the clause prohibiting newspapers from trading advertisements for transportation.

Port Arthur.—John W. Gates emphatically declines to make the Senatorial race on the Republican ticket. Mr. Gates states that he has no desire to "plunge" into politics.

Austin.—Reports show that the State will derive in the neighborhood of \$600,000 this year in revenues from the operation of the Baskin-McGregor law.

Houston.—City authorities declare their intention of enforcing Sunday closing law, and make six arrests of saloonkeepers who persist in keeping open in direct violation of law.

Austin.—A report from the Department of Agriculture shows that 9379 bales of cotton have already been handled by the Texas ginner this season.

Austin.—The St. Louis Union Trust Company has secured the Texas Southern Railway and it is very possible that the line, which is now only seventy-four miles in length, will be extended from Marshall to the Gulf coast.

Gatesville.—Rev. J. S. Williams, a local Methodist preacher, dies from heart trouble.

Taylor.—Hugh Avery falls from a loaded wagon, which passed over his head, inflicting serious injury.

Brownsville.—J. D. Nevins, of Washington is investigating the charges which led to the dismissal of Collector of Customs John W. Vann.

Dallas.—Expressions are heard on every side to the effect that the ticket placed in the field by the Republican party at this week's convention is a winner and will be heard from at the polls in November. Preparations have been made by the party leaders for an active campaign in which every effort will be made to capture the State offices this fall.

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For Comptroller—B. C. Cage, Erath County.
For Land Commissioner—Joseph Stanzel, Lavaca County.
For State Treasurer—T. S. Bugbee, Donley.
For Railroad Commissioner—Warren N. Galbraith, Tarrant County.
For State Superintendent—Sam P. Swofford, Harris County.
For Commissioner of Agriculture—Wm. Harbroth, Guadalupe County.
For Judge Court of Criminal Appeals (full term)—J. W. Cocke, McLennan County.
For Judge Court Criminal Appeals (unexpired term)—G. N. Harrison, Brown County.
For Associate Justice Supreme Court—C. W. Starling, Dallas.

Falfurrias.—Wiley May of Yoakum, a Sap railroad wiper, is shot in the leg in a saloon fight. He is taken to San Antonio for treatment.

Range.—William Smith, a negro, is stabbed to death by a negro companion.

Dallas.—The Broncos win a decisive victory over the Dallas team, leaving San Antonio four games ahead of Maloney's team in the race for the pennant.

DOMESTIC.

Boston, Mass.—The fifty-fourth annual convention of the International Typographical Union opened with an attendance of 2000 delegates and visitors from every part of the United States and Canada.

Washington, D. C.—The railroads concerned in the raising of freight rate to Texas common points have been notified by the Interstate Commerce Commission that they must make reply to complaint filed by the Texas Railroad Commission before August 25.

Lincoln, Neb.—Eugene W. Chaffin, Prohibition candidate for President, is nearly drowned in Y. M. C. A. bathing pool. Only prompt action on the part of members present saved Mr. Chaffin from death in his favorite element.

St. Louis, Mo.—Albert Fernier, a well-known resident of Galveston, Tex., is an inmate of a local hospital. Mr. Fernier is suffering from nervous collapse and loss of memory.

New Orleans, La.—As the result of receiving several threatening Black Hand communications, Mrs. H. Keil is in a state of severe nervous collapse. Mrs. Keil is the wife of one of the most prominent citizens of New Orleans.

Chicago, Ill.—Adlai E. Stevenson secures the Democratic nomination for Governor of the State of Illinois.

Atlanta, Ga.—The convict investigation has resulted in the exposure of rotten and revolting methods used in dealing with prisoners, and a special meeting of the Legislature will be called to thoroughly probe the report and sift the matter to the bottom.

Birmingham, Ala.—Three men are killed and eleven injured by a rifle fired from a mob of striking miners, who hold up passenger train on the Birmingham Mineral Road.

New York.—The estate of Samuel Siegenthaler, consisting of 2¹/₂ cents, is in litigation. Siegenthaler dropped dead on the streets and his total belongings, consisting of 26 cents and a knife, were taken charge of by the city authorities. A son-in-law named Robertson declines to believe that this is the full amount of estate, and has filed an application for letters of administration and demands an accounting from the city.

City of Mexico.—Over \$1,000,000 has been received by the coffee growers in the vicinity of Oaxaca for the crop this year.

St. Petersburg.—Dispatches from Teheran show that the wild tribes summoned by the Shah for his protection have virtually made the Shah a prisoner until he complies with their outrageous demands for money.

Monterey, Mexico.—Ten men are caught in cave-in of waterworks ditch near San Geronimo, and only three are rescued alive.

Christ Church, New Zealand.—The American fleet arrives and is given a hearty welcome.

Lemans, France.—Wilbur Wright of Dayton, Ohio, makes the most successful aeroplane flight in a series of trials. The Wright machine was under complete control, ascending and descending at the will of the driver.

Pretoria.—American women have been doing missionary work for corn at an agricultural show here. The South Africans have always regarded corn meal unfit for food, but the various tempting articles prepared from it at this exposition have shown them their error. It is expected that by the removal of this prejudice much will be done to relieve distress among the thousands of unemployed who are living principally on gruel.

Washington.—The progress now being made in the development of the airship will probably result in the incorporation in the next tariff act of a special provision covering this new engine of aerial navigation. The present tariff law contains new provisions for airships, although balloons are specified and pay duty at the rate of 30 per cent ad valorem.

Helena.—The division engineer on the St. Paul from Lombard east to Forsyth says that the company will be employing 3000 men until cold weather sets in on repairing the line where it was damaged by the floods, relaying the track of the Montana railroad with 85-pound steel and ballasting the roadbed.

St. Paul.—The "Soo" railroad has placed an order with the Minnesota Free Employment Bureau for 7000 men. They are wanted as harvest hands in Minnesota and North Dakota at from \$2 to \$4 a day, with board.

Washington.—The prediction has been made by Robert H. Fernald, mechanical engineer, who has for several years been connected with the fuel investigations of the United States geological survey, that the war vessel of the future will be a swift, smokeless, noiseless craft, lying low in the water, with every vulnerable

part below the water line, the entire deck being given over to the work of the guns. There will be no smoke because there will be no smoke stacks. Mr. Fernald believes that the gas engine, or internal combustion motor as it is called by engineers, will be installed in naval vessels of the United States within the next few years.

San Francisco.—Active steps are being taken for the formation of a company to operate a new steamship line between San Francisco and Chinese ports in opposition to the Japanese lines.

Atlanta.—Georgia shippers have complained to the interstate commerce commission that the recent increases in freight charges in that state are unreasonable and will fall heavily upon merchants and the public. They estimate that the advance in Georgia alone means an additional tax of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually.

New York.—Thomas A. Edison is reported to have accumulated \$25,000,000. Now he proposes to devote his time to science, pure and simple, with no regard for financial productiveness.

Winstead, Conn.—In New Marlboro, in the Berkshires, a monument was unveiled recently to the memory of Elihu Burritt, the originator of the international peace movement. The event was accompanied by interesting ceremonies and attended by many visitors.

New Orleans.—The governors of Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana have been invited to attend the big manufacturers' exhibition which will be held in this city during the entire month of September.

LOOK OUT.

(Captain Musgrave of the British army has found a plant with a brain and predatory instincts. Maybe all plants are similarly equipped.)

Henceforth through a garden I'll warily wander;
Discreetly on guard shall I be.
The dogwood might bite me, and maybe out yonder

The eggplant is laying for me.
Bamboos shan't bamboozle or or peaches beguile me;
And though the potatoes may wink,
I am safe from the lure of their eyes, since I am sure
That vegetables know how to think.

The rubber trees rubber, unman-nered and bordly,
Whenever a stranger appears;
The birch is too smooth and the elm tree is growering
With a rough and ominous bark;
And beware of the pear lest it fall on you there
If you visit the place after dark.

Alas! that a tardy and slow-going science
Has never before made it known
That each thing that grows has a thinking appliance
That works just as well as our own.

We plucked them and skinned them and salted and ate them
With ignorance blank and sublime;
And we now simply shrink with the fear that they'll think
Of a scheme to get even some time.

—James J. Montague.

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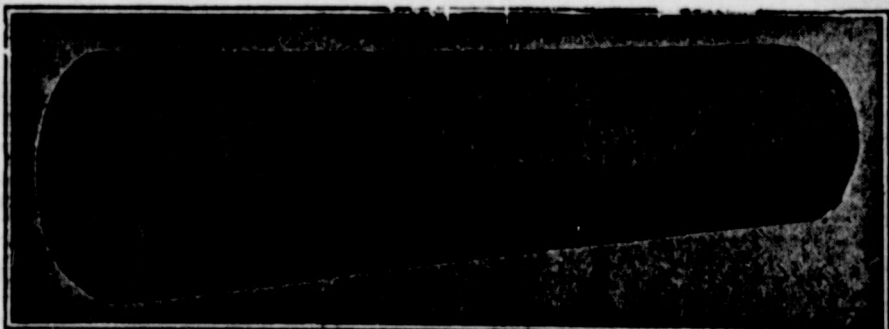
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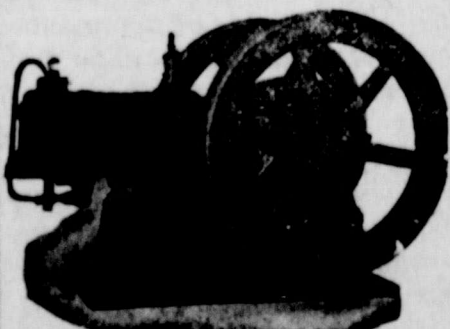
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(By Oscar F. G. Day.)

When the United States paid eighty millions for the Territory of Alaska, it was to the fur the purchasers looked for a return on the investment. When gold began to pour in from that great country the investment was pronounced good. But not in gold alone was Alaska destined to repay those early statesmen for their real estate speculation. Years after the yellow metal was discovered, there came an aged farmer to that far northland, and took back to the States the basis for wealth to his country by the side of which the gold from the hills and icy river-beds should pale into insignificance.

It was in 1903 that Abraham Adams, a native of Kentucky, who had gone with the "star of Empire" to the great West to farm it, was taken with a desire to try his fortunes in Alaska. Leaving his ranch in northern Idaho, he made a trip to the land of promise and of gold, but nothing came of his attempts at discovery. Turning his attention then to exploring, he drifted along the coast of eastern Alaska, where the Japanese current flows near the shore and makes of the land from coast to mountain an eternal spring. Many miles he explored, investigating the possibilities of that country for future farming and grazing, preparing himself for a report to the farmers of his community.

He found many beautiful bays, splendid beaches, sweeps of timber, and meadows heavy with juicy grasses. Here and there were traces of gold, but not of promising quantity, and then he chanced upon a surprising discovery. Lodged in a sheltered from the winds, was nook under protecting rock, a little familiar patch. Interested at once, he investigated and found that here a patch of wheat was growing, far from any living human that could have planted it. On hands and knees he pulled away the matted straws. Yes, it was certainly wheat that was just ripening. The explorer sought among the thick stems for some heads, but the wild game had been before him, and he was just about to give up when he discovered one head of wheat almost intact. A gigantic head it was! Fully four inches long with its rough bearding, and broad in proportion.

Packing the head carefully away, the old man brought it back with him to his ranch at Juliaetta, Idaho. Not a word did he say to his neighbors of his find. Whether it was wild wheat or not he could not say. Perhaps, some wild bird had filled its crop with the grains in an unknown region, where it grew native, and coming to Alaska deposited the seed in a fertile spot. And yet it was only curiosity that moved Abraham Adams. He never dreamed of his find being of any value except as an experiment for his own pleasure.

In the fall of 1904 Mr. Adams planted his head of Alaska wheat on high and all-too-dry land—the natural soil of Idaho. It grew rapidly when the spring opened its fountains, and in the summer he had seven pounds of wheat from this one head. That was startling. He hardly dared tell a farmer of it. He examined the kernels. Four times as

large as ordinary wheat, and in color—instead of the homely brownish-gray of wheat of commerce—the prettiest cream color without a darker spot. Seven pounds of wheat from one head, and the finest-looking wheat mortal had ever seen! Abraham Adams began to dream.

Having tested the grains as winter wheat, Mr. Adams saved his seven pounds to try as spring wheat, and in 1906 he planted the whole seven pounds. Sturdily it grew, and when it was harvested he weighed in 1545 pounds. His Alaska find had broken the world's record for wheat yield. More than two hundred and twenty bushels to the acre was the ratio of yield, and that without any special petting or manipulation. With the world's average yield 12.7 bushels to the acre, and a fair yield for exceptional land of twenty bushels, here was the prospect of a miracle; a revolution in the wheat industry of the world. But still there was something that might dash every hope of a wheat miracle. Was this Alaska wheat of good quality? Would it make good bread?

With this last idea in mind the experimenting farmer carried a small quantity of his wheat to the Idaho experimental station at Moscow. He knew he had a wheat that yielded past any belief. He had something marvelous in a wheat that yielded equally as well planted winter or spring. Did he have a good wheat? The chemists and experts at the station tested it and pronounced it a good quality of hard wheat. Hard wheat! That was sufficient. But Adams knew he must have patience for another year.

In the fall of 1906 the 1545 pounds were planted in fields by the side of the famous Blue Stem and Club wheat grown in that section. Watching their comparative growth, Mr. Adams picked on the same day green heads of Club wheat and green heads of his Alaska wheat, the latter so many times larger than the ordinary wheat that the Club wheat seemed hardly started. The farmer was jubilant. Then Nature took a hand, and hailstorms of the worst kind came, beating down the ordinary wheat until it was not fit to harvest. The farmer, discouraged, went out to his Alaska wheat-fields and saw that the sturdy stems had partly withstood the storms, and he finally harvested 53,000 pounds of seed.

Now was the time to make his final test. He had enough for a test from winter-grown. Taking this to the experiment station, he soon received a report which made him for the first time sure that he had something worth giving to the public: The station chemist wrote:

"The kernels from the fall-sown wheat were plump and sound, and doubtless will grade No. 1. Judging from the chemical and physical condition of this sample, it will probably take rank with the best grade of Blue Stem flour.

"The sample grown from spring-sown wheat showed by chemical analysis a somewhat higher protein content (this being an indication of its probable strength for bread-making purposes.) I am inclined to think that the wheat that you have here is the equal, if not the superior, of our Blue Stem should like to make a mill test for flour-making purposes.) I whenever you can send me a sufficient quantity for that purpose."

These are the facts about the wonderful wheat of which the world will soon be talking. Farmers do not believe it; wheat speculators do not believe it; but those who have traveled to see it do believe it. Mr. Adams had his fields surveyed and has absolute proof of the yield from each field. He has tried his wheat in other lands, and in some places it did better than in Idaho. Alabama raised wheat from it with leaves seven-eighths of an inch broad, growing like cornstalks.

As a last test, Mr. Adams sent single heads of wheat to other parts of the country where he had men he could trust to plant and ascertain the result. Reports are just coming to him, and he finds that in other states his Alaska wheat does better than on his home soil. In Alabama a head was planted December 31, was up January 30, waist-high April 1, with leaves seven-eighths of an inch broad, and July 7 was harvested. It showed to be hard wheat of a fine quality, and the one head yielded the same as the first head planted in Idaho.

Under ordinary soil conditions the new wheat will yield two hundred bushels to the acre, under extra conditions about that.

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Gov. Campbell is taking a vacation and spending the time at Crystal Lake near Palestine.

E. W. Kirkpatrik, who was nominated for governor of Texas by the Independence League has declined the nomination and says he will support Bryan.

One half hour each day spent in diligent work will keep the lawn and premises surrounding any house in our town in apple order, and make our little city the garden spot of our fair state.

Each child will receive \$6.75 from the state of Texas. This is the highest school appropriation that has ever been made. The state tax rate is also the lowest in history. The valuations are over two billion dollars and the rate is 6 1/2 cents.

There are pillows wet by sobs; there are gentle sensitive natures seared and warped; there are old time friends separated and walking their lonely ways with hope dead and memory but a pang; there are cruel misunderstandings that make life bare, these are but few of the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue.

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself. Stories first heard at a mother's knee are never wholly forgotten; a little spring that never dries up on our journey through scorching years. The sooner you get a child to be a law unto himself, the sooner you make a man of him. Children need models more than criticism. We can never check what is in the young unless we cherish what is good in them.—Ex.

It is not the site of a town, but its character that makes it a desirable place to live. A live prosperous town is a desirable one to live in and a town may prosper and yet be small. Every citizen in a town should be interested in its prosperity. One of the best ways to help a town is to speak well of it. It is true patriotism to stand by your own town, and interests that effect the town should effect every citizen.

When you pull down the town in which is your home, you are pulling down yourself, and when you build up yourself and your neighbor. Try and banish from your mind the mistaken idea that all good things are away off in some other locality. Give your town all the praise it can legitimately bear. It certainly will do you no harm and will cost you nothing; and above all patronize your home institutions—including the printing office.

In commenting on a paragraph which appeared in the Messenger last week concerning the kickers in town, the Gregg Co. News says:—"There is a difference in kickers. The kind who want better things and who kick for what they want is alright. But the kicker who doesn't want anything more than a beastly existence and kicks because his neighbor wants more, constitutes a peculiar specie of animal hard to deal with. We like to see people kick for better things but we don't like to see them kick at good things. It shows a lack of aspiration, ambition—divinity—that possesses more or less the human heart. These attributes are never found in the hog, and the hog never aspires to better things."

CROP REPORT

An Increase Over Last Year
2,500 Bales.

The Grapeland correspondent of the Galveston News says:—"The cotton crop here is 25 per cent better than last year; last year this place shipped 2,000 bales, this year it will get 2,500 bales; for the last few weeks cotton has been damaged considerable by shedding; some boll weevil complaints in a few sections, but a small per cent of the cotton picked; only eight bales brought in to date; by Sept. 1 picking will be under full headway; plenty of labor; while this report shows an increase over last year of 25 per cent, we are making but half of a crop, as 5,000 bales here is counted a full crop."

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Mr. Edward E. Henry, with the United States Express Co., Chicago writes, "Our General Superintendent, Mr. Quick handed me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy some time ago to check an attack of the old chronic diarrhoea. I have used it since that time and cured many on our trains who have been sick. I am an old soldier who served with Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley four years in the 23rd Ohio Regiment, and have no ailment except chronic diarrhoea, which this remedy stops at once." Sold by Guice & Son.

Jury Fails to Agree.

Groveton, Texas, August 17.—The jury in the case of Wyley Smith, charged with assault upon Miss Mamie Edgely, failed to agree at 2 o'clock this afternoon and were discharged by Judge Dean.

The case was given to the jury last Saturday night about 11 o'clock. After discharging the jury the court, of its own motion changed the venue of the case to Leon county, where court convenes on the 24 instant.

The jury stood 11 to 1 for acquittal.

Beyond Expression.

G. W. Farlowe, East Florence, Ala., writes: "For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I could neither work, rest or sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me; one box cured me, and though a year has passed I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression."

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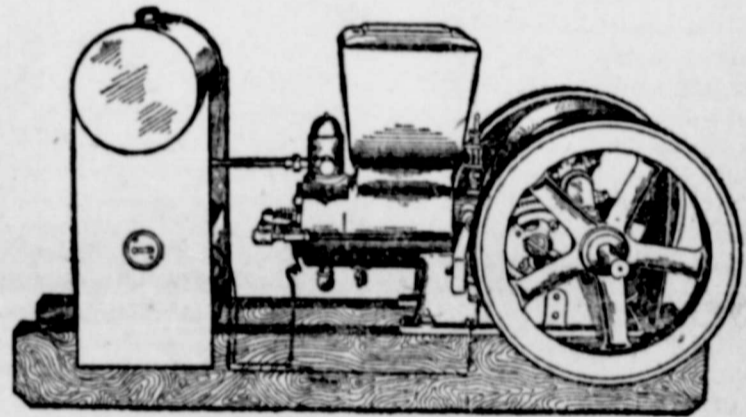
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Everybody will attend the ball games this week. Come out and enjoy yourself.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Try that flour at Wherry's.

A car load of pressed brick to arrive next week at Darsey's.

Don't forget that Howard can save you money on pants.

Let Odell Faris fix up your old clothes.

See us for doors, windows and lime. Geo. E. Darsey.

Wood Johnston is here from Houston on a visit to relatives.

For FRESH BREAD see Howard Anthony.

Buy a Studebaker wagon cash or easy payments at Geo. E. Darsey's.

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R. L. Brooks was down from Palestine Sunday.

New lot of overalls and pants received at Howard's. See them.

If it's anything in dry goods, clothing, hats or shoes go to Darsey's new dry goods store.

Try Wherry's Flour, if it don't please you it wont cost you anything.

You will miss something if you don't see the ball games between Grapeland and Livingston.

If you buy premium coffee, we have it, cup and saucer or glass at Howard's.

If you have troubles of any kind, trust in God and buy your groceries from Wherry.

Herman Beazley came in from Tyler Tuesday, where he had been attending school.

Darsey's new dry goods store will be head quarters for the ladies when they come to Grapeland.

Howard Anthony's is the best place to eat in town. Come and see.

Joe Blum of Houston, representing the Blum Notion Co., was in Grapeland this week.

Darsey's new dry goods store will be a beauty, don't fail to see it when you come to Grapeland.

Herod Parker and Ped Herod of the New Prospect community have been right sick this week.

Come to the ball games. The boys need that 25c to pay expense.

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I have a lot of stove wood and 2-foot wood for sale. If you need any see me. W. H. Liveley.

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Mr. Starley Boykin left Wednesday night for St. Louis in the interest of Darsey's new dry goods store.

The ball boys would greatly appreciate your presence at the games this week. Come out and encourage them. It wbn't cost you much.

Your attention is called to the advertisement of J. J. Brooks in this issue. Mr. Brooks is pushing the Dixie wagon, and if you are in need of one, he invites you call and investigate its merits.

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Watch This Space Next Week

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Gin men; buy your belting, machine oil, babbitt metal, lace leather and bagging and ties.
From Darsey

B. H. Logan left Sunday for Memphis, Tenn., to purchase the fall stock of goods for J. J. Brooks.

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Mrs. A. M. Woodell and little Pauline Shipper returned to their home in Roganyville Sunday. Mrs. Woodell was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Fannie Royall

Mr. J. H. Beazley of Reynard was a pleasant caller Wednesday. Mr. Beazley says the crops in his community are very good, but they are having too much rain, and the boll weevils are showing up.

There are people yet who value nothing that does not bear a foreign trade mark. "Texas is good enough for Texans" should be the password of Texas citizens. Especially should this be true with reference to Texas schools. Smart folks will be no smarter for being educated outside of the State. If educated in the State they will have, besides their education, friends in every town and county.—Timpson Times.

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"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotten as they make them. When I went to lunch to-day, I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey, and hair in the apple sauce. Now what do y' think o' that? Is that a good hotel?"

"Well?" replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. And I suppose that the hair in the honey came off the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apple sauce. I bought those apples myself, and they were every one Bald-wins."—Columbus Dispatch.

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How to Make the Country Home More Attractive.

Then the Children Will Follow in Parents' Footsteps.

(By F. W. W. Wenzel.)

The question involved in this subject is certainly one worth studying about, for give a family a home and you will give them one of the necessities of life—give your family a beautiful, an attractive home, and give them something to live for. How can this be done?

To make your home life more attractive, two things are necessary, viz: make your home more attractive; make the surroundings of your home more beautiful.

There certainly is more room for improvement in making the home more attractive. No part of the United States has so many shabby, poorly built, badly looking houses as the South. Houses on the style of Negro cabins are found everywhere. An improvement on these are the perfectly square box-houses with their wide galleries in the front. But neither makes any claims to be called beautiful. And yet, a house with architectural beauty can be built just as cheaply as the huge ponderous box-houses. It is not necessary to go into details in regard to plans for such houses.

Having a pretty home, our next duty is to make it beautiful on the inside. Many houses are not ceiled or plastered. This work can easily be done. In case of board walls, they ought to be papered. First cover the boards with cheese cloth or plasterboard paper (preferably the latter) and cover with a good quality of paper. Fasten the paper with a paste made of flour and water boiled, to which some glue is added. Several pretty pictures—landscape scenes, portraits for the living room, fruit and game pictures for the dining room, add to the beauty of the home.

Do not buy the cheapest furniture you can find in your country store. If necessary go to some larger city and get a better quality. Try to give the children rooms of their own and let them fix them up as they think fit. A small library with a few well-chosen books and some good periodicals (also some for the women's special needs) also belong to an attractive country home. At last, but not least, let there be some music in the house, be it a violin, organ, or piano, or even an unpretentious music box.

And now above all things, see to it that you use this home. It is a bad policy to be working in the field the live-long day and when the children come home tired and worn out, to send them about the chores around the house and finally give them supper about 8:30 p. m. They have by this time become so tired that they do not care about staying up any longer and at once retire. Of what earthly use can a home be, if the family has no time to enjoy it? Therefore, work during the day, but give your evenings and nights to your family. Try to make their home a "sweet home."

Next in importance to the home itself are the surroundings. Let them also be beautiful and attractive. It is remarkable how few people really understand what constitute beautiful surroundings at home. It seems as though landscape gardeners are the only people who know. And yet it is not so very difficult to make home grounds attractive.

One of the most beautiful, attractive things about a house is a well-kept lawn. There is no trouble about making one either. Bermuda grass makes a lawn as good as any in a very short time. But let that lawn, by all means, be one unbroken whole. I am no admirer of flower beds of various shapes and forms on a lawn. They are not natural and in beautifying our home grounds we should try to conform to na-

ture. Let your lawn, therefore, extend from the road to your house, and, if possible, on both sides of it. Do not, by any means, plant trees on your lawn in the front of your house, as you want to get a picture of your house while passing on the road. The house is the central object of your place and you must not obscure this picture with trees or shrubs. You may, however, plant trees along the roadside.

This lawn is the foundation for making your home attractive. But it needs a "setting off." There must be an end to it somewhere and that end must not be the fence. In fact, no fence (except the one along the road) ought to be seen. It ought to be screened, or hidden by bushes, hedges, trees or tall-growing flowers. Here then is the place to make your flower border.

Plant along the fence in irregular lines, trees, or tall-growing shrubs, e. g. magnolias, oaks, cedars, crape myrtle, lilac, ribbon grass or hedge plants (Amoor river privet, boxwood). But let all this be one dense mass, so that in looking over this picture, you do not see the single plants or trees, but only the wild tangle or mass of various plants. Many a tree or shrub growing in your neighborhood may be utilized for this purpose. Immediately before this mass of shrubs and trees, you may at irregular intervals, put your flower border. Let there be a mass of verbenas in one place and a line of petunias in another. It is by no means necessary to buy the choicest plants from a florist. Any flower will do, even if it is a wild flower from the field. A mass of golden rod presents a charming picture in the border. In order to insure the least outlay of labor and cost, use either perennial flowers, or such as seed themselves, e. g. verbenas, petunias, phloxes, calliopsis, colens, roses, golden glow, etc.

Nor will it do to let the lawn come close up to the foundation of the house. It is difficult to cut it there with a lawn mower. So better put something else there. Fill out the step corner with small bushes, which screen the foundation of the house. Let some vines or climbing roses spin up on your gallery—clematis, wistaria or Duachman's pipe will answer that purpose, on the sides of the house itself, you may have some more borders of flowers.

Home grounds prepared in this way will, indeed, be a beautiful sight.

A few more outside requisites for making your home more attractive are a well kept and well filled vegetable garden, and a norchard large enough to supply the family with fresh and preserved fruit the year round. These two will give a change in diet—certainly a necessary thing. There is nothing worse in a home than to be eating salt pork and potatoes or rice, year in and year out.

Give your family a change, give them vegetables, fruit, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys; give them also beef and mutton. All these things go far in making your children love their home.

In this article I have gone out from the supposition that you own your own place. Of course, a tenant will not be able to do things I have described. He won't care about fixing up the place for his landlord. And, therefore, my advise to tenants is: Buy your own place and beautify it and improve it on lines suggested above.

My Ideal School.

Never realized, but to be sought after.

By Count Leo Tolstoi.

In the village the people are getting up and kindling the fires. In the school houses the lights have been burning for some time, and half an hour after the pealing of the bells one sees long rows of little figures rushing toward the school. The children do not need to be told to go; when it is time to

start for the school house they do so of their own accord.

It seems to me that their individualities are ever growing stronger; that their characters are rapidly becoming molded. I have hardly ever seen children playing in the road, with the exception of the very smallest or those who have come from other schools. None of them carry anything—neither books nor writing material, for none of them are required to study at home.

But not only do they carry nothing in their hands, they carry nothing in their heads, either. Not one of them is asked to remember what he did yesterday. They are not tortured by the thought of coming examinations. Each pupil brings only himself, his impressionable mind, and the knowledge that he will have just as good a time at school today as he had yesterday.

He does not think of the lesson until it has begun. A pupil is never scolded for being late, and therefore there is never one of them who is late, except when some of the bigger pupils have had to stay at home to help with the work.

"Lord, what conditions!" I have heard people exclaim, when they hear dmeread shr when they heard me read something to my pupils, young and old. Of course the conventional teacher throws up his hands in despair when he reads of these things, but I have many a time been gladdened by seeing happy smiles and sparkling eyes during my readings and have been encouraged by visitors, who are famous teachers in other countries.

Between the old and the new way of teaching, many teachers have hesitated; have adopted some features and rejected others. Some have refused to see anything in my methods at all; a few have adopted my entire plan, but those who have hesitated between the two extremes are in the majority.

It is the same everywhere; The conservative teachers do not seem able to grasp new ideas in education and instruction, and my ideas of what a school should be fill them with horror.

I shall just give an idea of an incident which may be seen any day in my school.

Suppose that according to the plan for the day the first class is to practice spelling, the second class reading and the third mathematics. The teacher enters the class room to find the children piled on top of each other on the floor, while one shouts: "The pile is not big enough yet." Another cries, "Don't squeeze me," and from the bottom of the heap comes a voice, "Oh, Peter Michailowitch, tell them to stop."

"How are you, Peter Michailowitch," others cry to the teacher, while they continue to wrestle.

The teacher takes the books and hands them to those who follow him to the closet where they are kept, and those that are on top of the heap ask for books while still lying down.

Gradually the heap grows smaller. As soon as the most of the children have been given books, the others get up, rush to the closet and shout: "Me too, me too—give me the same as yesterday!"

The excited ones grow calm, open their books, and only their quick breathing tells of their excitement of a moment before. The warlike spirit disappears and the mind of the teacher rules the room.

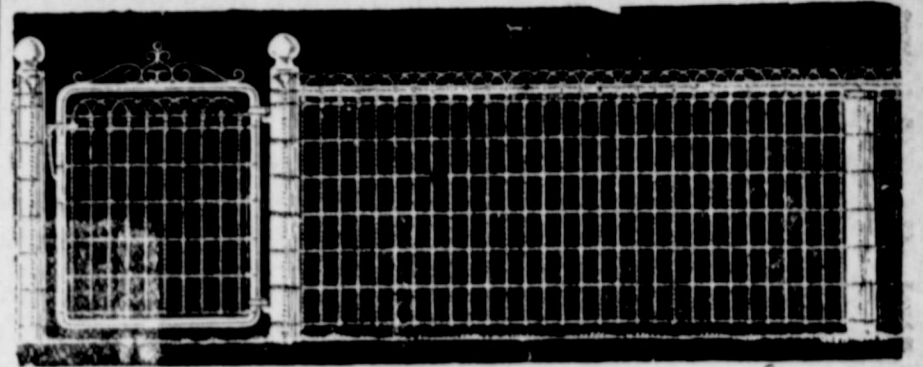
Mitka is studying his book with the same enthusiasm he first displayed in boxing Vassil's ears. He grits his teeth, his eyes sparkle, and he sees nothing but the book in front of him. To get him away from his book now requires much more effort than to stop his playing and fighting.

Every pupil sits down where he feels like—on the bench, on the table, on the window sill. The girls always sit together.

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Mere Money-Grubbers.

To create wealth may require a higher order—certainly a different order—of genius than to paint a picture. Is the artist more unselfish than the business man? Ye who say so know neither. Whoever heard of a business man asking immunity from the moral code on account of the particular work he does for a living! Yet this is what certain artists demand all day long. Says George Bernard Shaw: "No men are greater sticklers for the arbitrary dominion of genius or talent than your artists. The great painter is not content with being sought after and admired because his hands can do more than ordinary hands can do more than ordinary hands, which they truly can, but he wants to be fed as if his stomach needed more food than ordinary stomachs, which it does not. A day's work is a day's work, neither more nor less, and the man who does it needs a day's sustenance, a night's repose and due leisure, whether he be a painter or a ploughman. But the rascal of a painter, poet, novelist or other voluptuary of labor is not content with his advantage in popular esteem over the ploughman; he also wants an advantage in money, as if there were more hours in a day spent in a studio or library than in the field; or as if he needed more food to enable him to do his work than the ploughman to enable him to do his. He talks of the higher quality of his work as if the higher quality of it was his own making—as if it gave him a right to work less for his neighbor than his neighbor works for him—as if the ploughman could not do better without him than he without the ploughman—as if the value of the most celebrated pictures has not been questioned more than that of any straight furrow in the arable world—as if it did not take an apprenticeship of many years to train the hand and eye of a mason or blacksmith as of an artist—as if, in short, the fellow were a god, as canting brain worshippers have for years past been assuring him he is. Artists are the high priests of the modern Moloche."

Surely I would not brand the artists as rogues—they are simply men, with all the failings of men—often also of women and children. The disclaimer is merely this, that to dub successful business men as of a weaker type as compared with artists and scientists is to lose sight of the fact and voice the sentiments of the Latin Quarter, where moonshine passes current for legal tender. The creation of wealth and its distribution is in itself a science, to which the Municipal University would do well to apply itself.

Men may be artistic, scientific men should make money. Bro.-and money making. And all men should make money. Brother Ferguson himself is calling on the money makers, the "weaker type," at this minute to aid him in his good work. Charles, are you stronger because you drop your bundle every time you venture on the street?

The man who can make money and nothing else is an ordinary type.

The artist who can create beautiful forms and do nothing else is a defective.

Blind Tom and Coburn, the mathematician, are no more desirable citizens than Brer' Hariman.

Of the two the money maker is the least objectionable and the safest.

Your mere money grubber is not headed for the monkey house, and your mere artist usually is.

Your mere artist is likely to be of the prima donna type—an explosive, erratic, unsafe and most trying proposition for his employer, neighbors and family. He needs a keeper—I know! Genius is usually purchasable at a terrific cost. Ask Milord Hamlet!

And so I mildly protest against this clapping of labels on

men and calling this one "good" norant" and that one "learned;" this one a money grubber" and that one an "artist." Paganini, the greatest artist on the violin the world has ever seen, grew very rich at his art. Stradivarius, who made the violin on which Paganini played, grew rich at his work.

Turner, the greatest landscape artist the world has ever seen, used the same mind to make money that he utilized in painting, resting his mind by having several occupations. He left a fortune of three million dollars in money.

William Morris was both an artist and a financier.

Paderewski is a millionaire. Benjamin Franklin was scientific and highly appreciative of art, and he was a money maker and a money saver.

Leonardo was an artist, a scientist and a man of affairs.

Byron knew how to drive a bargain with Barabbas.

And how about your own Francis Hopkinson Smith, who can do six useful things and do them well?

THE LOCUS IN QUO.

There was a lawyer in the early days of the Indian Territory named Mullins, who practiced in the minor courts and who made a great reputation for his ornate language.

He was engaged in defending a man charged with hog stealing one day, and, when it came time to sum up, arose and assumed a portentous attitude before the jury.

"If your honor please," he said, "and gentlemen of the jury: I would not for a moment mutilate the majesty of the law nor contravene the avoirdupois of the testimony. But, and I speak advisedly, I want you homogeneous men on the jury to focalize your five senses on the proposition I am about to submit to you."

"In all criminal cases there are three essential elements, the locus in quo, the modus operandi and the corpus delicti. In this case I think I am safe in saying the corpus delicti and the modus operandi are all right, but, gentlemen, there is an entire absence of the locus in quo."

Honor Everywhere.

"Oh, yes," Senator LaFollette reluctantly admitted of a corrupt politician, "I suppose the men has some sense of honor. Where won't you find some sense of honor, though? You know the story of Judson of Madison."

"Judson of Madison was showing his country cousin the sights of the city."

"But there are crooks and blacklegs here, Joe," he said. "You must look out for them."

"And, half by way of a joke, half by way of impressing the city's perils and pitfalls on Joe, Madison slyly nipped his cousin's handkerchief from his pocket."

"A moment later a well-dressed stranger whispered: 'I didn't know you was in the profess.'

"And he handed Madison back his own watch."

A PANACEA.

Old Pegleg Brown of my native town was a fellow who'd never whine;

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Oh, I often think of this wholesome kink that distinguished Pegleg Brown;

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Rev. J. E. Bean made 68 gallons of syrup off of one fourth acre of land, it was of the seeded ribbon variety, how is that for sorghum 272 gallons per acre.
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—Alto Herald.

From New Prospect

Aug. 17.—There is some sickness, but the general health is good.

A few farmers have begun to gather cotton and corn and both crops are reported lighter than at first thought.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker were the guests of Jno. Bridges and wife Sunday.

The Methodist meeting is in progress this week. We have an able little preacher with us who seems to be accomplishing a great deal of good.

We are informed that Wylie Ritchie is contemplating selling out and going west; in fact he has sold some of his property. We regret to lose him from our community.

The drouth was broken today by a nice shower.

Miss Ura Walling was visiting relatives here last Sunday.

Cow Boy.

W. S. Johnston has gone to Corpus Christi to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Perry.

Fire was discovered in the flue at the parsonage Saturday morning, but was extinguished before much damage was done.