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## Slander.

The slanderous tongue, O, who can tame?

What antidote, will any name?  
What shall we do for eyes, that see,

And ears that hear so readily.

The thoughtless words, so heedless spoken,

The unkind look, or adverse token,

By hours and days, mixture in strength,

Till, Slander, is their name at length.

Whatever ill is on the wing,

And willingly suspicions bring  
To add fresh fuel to the flame?

Pray, how can we such passions shame?

When looking at our own misdeeds,

Reflecting on our spirits need,  
So much we see to do at home,

We find no time to cast a stone.

If we henceforth, would seek to find

The good, so often left behind,  
We might by magnifying this,

Rebuke whatever is amiss.

There is a power, ruling all—  
The just, the unjust great and small;

And we as finite beings, fall,  
When from the judgment seat  
we hail.

—THE MANIFESTO.

## From Clarendon to Ballinger.

We took the train Monday morning of the 4th for the town of Ballinger. The day was fair and we watched the change in vegetation as we moved from a higher to a lower altitude; especially was this noticeable after passing Vernon. We noticed some fine fields of wheat and the farther down we came the more flattering the prospect. The train arrived at Fort Worth on time and we were much delighted with the new Union depot. It is a magnificent building and adds much to the comfort and convenience of the traveling public. Rev. J. Sam Barcus met us at the depot and we remained with him over night. As we passed his new church we noticed that it was being rapidly completed, and will be one of the finest in the city when complete. The engineering of this job through the past two years of financial pressure has been no small job. On Tuesday morning we left Fort Worth over the Rio Grande for Brownwood and we must say, of all the 'Jim Crow' roads over which it has ever been our lot to ride, this beats them all. We were late in leaving and later in arriving. Once after a long and unknown stand still the question was asked: "What is the matter?" A gentleman that seemed to know said that the fire had gone out of the engine and the fireman was out gathering chips to start it again. No wonder this road is too poor to grant ministers off their fine one-half fare permits. We were told that no one ever rides over this slow pokey road in dingy cars that can do otherwise and there is one thing sure, we never will again unless unavoidable. As we passed through Granberry while the train stopped at the depot we stood on the platform and

**Our Trade**

**Still Increasing,**

And we are still filling our store with

**New and up-to-Date Goods.**

We now have on display a nice line of wash Dress Skirts at prices that will astonish you. Our Summer Dress Goods Line is complete, consisting of Lawns, Batiste, Piques, Ducks, Challies, Dimities, Coverts, Silks, Etc.

**All Other Lines Complete.**

Keep your eye on our clothing. In addition to our up-to-date line of suits, we handle the S. K. and the Sunflower Pants; both guaranteed to give satisfaction to wearer.

An inspection of Goods and Prices is a guarantee that we can suit you.

Thanking you for past favors,

I AM, YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

**T. J. Noland.**

## Kind Words.

looked once more upon the splendid college building, near by, and our heart grew warm as we thought of the happy days we had spent here in school and the many bright boys and girls that had gone out from this building to help make this world better. Our eyes grew moist as we thought of our room-mate, a grand and noble young preacher, that long since has gone to the other world.

The remainder of the journey was spent in riding through a country green with grass and trees which are now budding out and many were in leaf. At Brownwood we took supper with the family of Bro. Sensebaugh. They have a splendid District parsonage and the district is in fine condition. The remainder of the journey was in the night, so we could not see the country over which we passed. Thus ends our ride.

An exchange says: This year the politicians will take a great deal of interest in the 'dear' people, but it is only to get their votes.

The editor of the Press-Leader published at Plainview, Texas, attended the convention at Fort Worth, and the Y. M. C. A. convention at Temple recently. In writing an account of his trip he has the following to say about Clarendon:

"At Clarendon we met Bro. Henson, editor of the AGITATOR, pastor of the M. E. Church South, at Clarendon, and general renovator of his community. Henson is a fine looking man. He doesn't look fierce, and he isn't fierce, but he's terribly in earnest and is doing a great work in his town. We could see results of his work all up and down the Denver road and many a strong man owes his change for a better life and the opening of his eyes to the truth, to the efforts of Henson. Many men who make no profession of religion told us that Clarendon was a far better town than when Henson found it. These are not bouquets to Henson, but it started us to thinking about what could be said of the vast majority of us in regard to

our community. What are we doing to make people around us better? Oh friend! with our hand on your shoulder we ask you the question, and we ask it of ourself. How can we answer it? By a new and deeper resolve to be able to answer it satisfactorily when it is propounded to us by the Judge of all the earth."

Let us then be up and doing;  
With a heart for any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing;  
Learn to labor and to wait.

## From the Country.

April, 10th, 1900.

ED. AGITATOR.

We live in the country, and belong to the class familiarly known as country Jakes. The AGITATOR is a welcome visitor each week and we read it too; even the advertisements, so that when we go to town we will know where to do our trading. One thing we are glad to see, and that is, that you don't mix a lot of foreign advertisements along with home patronage. If you did, we could hardly afford to take the time to pick them out. A relative of the writer, living in a

distant state, who is a reader of the AGITATOR, wrote making enquiry as to the size of Clarendon, the amount of business done, etc. We wrote him that the population was estimated as high as 2,000, and if he wished to know the amount of business done to read the advertisements each week.

The country people have great cause to rejoice. The mild winter has been followed by an early spring and the grass is as forward now as it usually is the first of May. The 'heel fly' has about quit business, and cattle are commencing to improve already; besides the splendid rain we had on the 5th inst. has put the ground in fine shape for grass and growing crops. The ranchmen are well up with their work, and the outlook was never more promising than now.

If the people living in town want a little recreation come out to the country. We are learning to raise our own vegetables, chickens, butter etc, and we will try and feed you on something palatable; nothing stale about it.

It is said by old Texans "That rain follows the plow" and if that proves true, it won't be long until this will be an ideal farming country. That, together with the advance on land will put us strictly in it.

I use the personal pronoun we instead of I for that includes the whole family. They are all interested in the ranch as well as the AGITATOR.

Wishing you much success,  
Yours Truly,

COUNTRY.

## Barton Creek Locals.

TO THE AGITATOR.

Corn that was planted before the rain is coming up.

The wild plums are in full bloom and the prospect is favorable for a heavy crop.

Grass is green and stock is doing well.

A nine and one-half pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith on Monday evening the 9th. Mother and child doing well and John is able to navigate.

A party of young folks from Clarendon, went fishing in Barton creek the first of the week. They talked so much the fish wouldn't bite. If they couldn't catch fish they had lots of fun jumping the rope.

Wm. Wagner, the original nestor, is enlarging and otherwise improving his farm this year.

At an election recently held in the district a special school tax of 15 cents on the \$100, valuation was voted and we hope to have a school house of our own by fall.

Mr. John Hudson was on Barton creek Monday bidding his friends good bye. He expects to start in a few days for Alaska gold fields. His many friends hope he will strike it rich and return soon to the Panhandle.

J. K.

From all parts of the Romanist world comes this same story. Priests are "too holy" to marry; but they are not "too holy" to live in the lowest vice.—American Citizen.

## The Agitator.

ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY.

J. R. HENSON, Editor.  
FRANK KENDALL, Bus. Mngr.

Subscription 50 Cents per Year in Advance.

Entered the P. O. at Clarendon  
Tex. as Second-class matter.

### PROGRESS.

Scarcely a week passes that we do not hear the remark made that changes are rapidly taking place in this country. And so they are. These transformations have been taking place ever since this world was formed and hung in space and they will continue, until the mission for which it was created has been accomplished. Historians tell us that history is being written now faster than ever before and the Nineteenth-century promises to eclipse all of its predecessors along this line. There are men living in the Panhandle today, that knew this country when the Buffalo and 'Red man' were the chief inhabitants. He stands and gazes in wonder upon the ranch houses and windmills, that dot the surface of the mighty prairie, and realizes that changes have taken place. Not ten years ago a man was considered a fool that would attempt to farm in this country, yet to-day numbers depend upon farming, and by diversified crops make a better living than they do in the richest black and belt of Texas. Other changes can be noticed in our little city in the way of church. It used to be the rule (with some of them) when they got ready to give their ice cream suppers, that they had an understanding with the saloon keepers that they furnish the ice free, and in return they were to be protected in their business, and when fined to be let off with the LEAST POSSIBLE COST. Truly a pretty compromise with the devil—but they have long since been divorced, while some have gone where the woodbine twineth. Last but not least we want to mention, that by looking westward from the center of our little city, a beautiful brick structure may be seen that causes the heart of every true citizen, that loves his country, home and children, to beat with a quicker throb. This grand institution is known by the name of the Clarendon College and University Training school, and while it has only been constructed less than two years, and is not yet complete, but it is gathering under its protecting wings many noble boys and girls, who will point to it with pride in the coming years as their ALMAMATER. A glance at these changes ought to be sufficient to any mind to prove that the hand of progress is writing and the world continues to move.

THREE evangelists by the following names have been conducting services at the M. E. Church during this week: A. B. Jones, Nocona; L. L. Isaac, Sunset, and J. Stanfield, Chico. The

have been holding three services daily and advocate the higher form of Christian perfection, known as "Holiness." It has been our pleasure to hear them twice this week, and both times heard the 'clear cut' scripture without any frills; fur-below or church doctrine. They impress one at once with their earnestness and the truth of their remarks; and if every church in Clarendon had more of the kind of religion they advocate, they would be better off. While the doctrine they teach is greatly abused, we believe it to be true in principle. A religion that can take a man from the gutter and slums, can keep him if he has faith to believe it. This doctrine is more condemned by people who are ignorant of its true teachings than any other class. These preachers are not trying to divide the people on denominational lines but advocate a higher standard of Christian morals and they should have the co-operation of every Christian in the town for it could stand being raised.

### A CENTER SHOT.

The Miami Chief, which is one of our brightest local exchanges, gives it readers the following in regard to foreign advertisements:

"We refuse this advertisement and several similar, because we did not care to injure our own business men. It is well known that Montgomery Ward does considerable business in this section of the country and we do not care to foster an increase, but think that our own dealers are justly entitled to this trade. We will accept an ad from anywhere in the Panhandle as we are working for the interests of the Panhandle, and solicit trade from adjoining towns but draw a line on such foreign ads that come in direct competition to our Panhandle advertisers."

Only last week we mentioned to our readers this same fact. Some newspapers will fill their columns full of these ads, through agencies that get the profit, and when the bills are paid amount to comparatively nothing. We only wish that more of our exchanges would speak out and condemn this practice that has become so universal among the papers.

THE editor of the Forsyth Chips, published at Trinidad, Col., was arrested last week, at the instigation of one W. A. Fowler, charged with criminal libel. From what facts we can gather, it seems that Fowler was a candidate for the office of Alderman and the editor of the "Chips" told the people just what kind of a man he was, which caused his defeat. Hence the libel suit.

OCCASIONALLY a man that attempts to run a newspaper is bold enough to tell the truth. Immediately his most intimate friends call him a crank and the general public declare him a nuisance. Surely the people should be educated along these lines.

We offer an apology to our readers this week for any shortage or mistakes that may appear in the Agitator. In the absence of both the editor and local editor this week many news items were overlooked. Be sure and read next week's issue, there will be something that will interest you.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heart felt thanks for the many kindnesses shown by the loving friends in the late sickness and death of our little grand daughter. We cannot say all we feel, but our appreciation and gratitude is deep and lasting.

MR. & MRS. J. R. JOWELL.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—  
A new 4 room house; two lots, fenced with a picket fence. Small barn buggy house and out buildings. Situated just South of the South Methodist church, and only two block from the main business portion of town. If sold at once can be bought for \$600. Call on B. R. Weatherspoon at premises or on A. M. BEVILLE, Agent.

## A Good Shave Is a Luxury....

Do you like a good shave?  
Of course you do. Then you should go to

### Barrett's Barber Shop

where you will always receive the best work. Hair cutting a specialty. Hot and cold baths at all hours.

Give us a Trial.

## For Sale.

I Have some blocks, also some five and ten acre blocks located near the Clarendon College, also convenient to churches and the public schools, in one-half mile of court house. Will sell cheap for cash or will give good terms. Apply to or address

A. W. McLean,

Clarendon, Tex.

### Professional and Business Cards.

S. J. WHITE,

### Physician and Surgeon.

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

Graduate Tulane University.  
Post Graduate New Orleans  
Polyclinic.

T. H. WESTBROOK,

### Physician and Surgeon.

Office over Ramsey's Drug Store.

CLARENDON, TEX.

Special Attention to Diseases of Women.

J. S. MORRIS,

Division Surgeon, F. W. and D. C. Ry.

CLARENDON, - TEXAS.

A. M. BEVILLE,

Insurance Agent and Notary Public.

Fire, Life, Tornado and Accident Insurance. Deeds Contracts and all kinds of papers made.

Will Appreciate Your Business.

Clarendon, Texas.

Robert Hooks,

### Contractor & Builder.

Plans and Specifications Free on Application.

Estimates cheerfully furnished on all kinds of repair work.

Box 6, Clarendon, Texas.

## John T. Sims,

—HEADQUARTERS FOR—

## GROCERIES,

Corn, Hay, Oats, Bran and Salt.

All Competition Met.

Your Patronage Solicited.

CLARENDON, - - TEXAS.

## W. T. JONES,

—DEALER IN—

## Staple and Fancy Groceries,

Feed and Grain.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

CLARENDON, - - TEXAS.

## EASUM and POSEY,

## Draymen and Coal Dealers.

Prompt Attention Given to all Orders.

A Reasonable Profit is all we Ask.

CLARENDON, - - TEXAS.

## FRANK Q. WARD,

REPRESENTS

## The Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Headquarters:

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

## ROBT. SAWYER,

—DEALER IN—

## LUMBER,

Sash, Doors, Blinds Building Material, Etc.,

My Stock is New and Complete and of Best Material. Give me a Call.

CLARENDON, - - TEXAS.

## TROUP BROS.

## Draymen and Coal Dealers.

Also Wood For Sale.

All Orders Promptly Filled,  
CLARENDON - TEXAS.

## Steam Laundry,

Lee Cannon, Proprietor.

All Work Guaranteed to give Satisfaction.  
Clarendon, Tex.

## Clarendon Livery Stable,

Buntin & Baker, Props.

Drummers Accommodated, First-Class Turnouts, Horses Boarded by Day Week or Month.

Feed Sold Cheap.

CLARENDON - - TEXAS.

## Local News Notes.

A. M. BEVILLE, Editor.

Blessed is the Peacemaker.

H. B. White and W. B. Ware took in the convention at Amarillo this week.

Keep your head cool—A nice line of straw hats at T. J. Noland's.

Miss Allie Graves, of Goodnight, visited friends in the city Saturday and Sunday.

W. T. Jones has a full and complete line of Sorghum, Millet and Kaffir seed.

Quite a number of our citizens took in the Panhandle Stock convention at Amarillo this week.

Peacemaker flour defies all competition.

Rev. G. W. Baker, from Whitfish, was trading in town Monday.

Peacemaker flour is the finest in the market.

Elder E. Dubbs returned from Estelina Monday night, where he had been holding a meeting.

A handsome line of Wash Dress Skirts on display now at T. J. Noland's.

Peacemaker is a warm number, you need it in your 'biz.'

Hill & Decker will buy 2 goods, and pay you all they are worth. Give them a call.

King of Kansas flour, as fine as the finest at W. T. Jones.

G. A. Latimer and Frank Q. Ward left last night for a business trip to Canyon City.

Try Peacemaker flour it is a winner.

The passenger trains on the Denver road have been running behind time since the recent rains.

For hardware, singletrees, doubletrees, chains, collars, pads &c., see Anderson. He will give you a hard times price.

G. W. Baker his having his well-boring machine overhauled this week, preparing for spring work.

Why wear yourself out sewing when you can buy a shirt Waist or Dress Skirt so cheap at Noland's.

For the latest styles, shades and patterns in wall paper, see HILL & DECKER.

The following citizens from Mulberry Flats were seen on our streets the first of this week: A. L. Cobb, W. T. Graham, Dr. Bagwell and T. J. Payne.

Peacemaker flour takes premiums at St. Louis, and Dallas Fair. Has no equal. John T. Sims sells it.

F. R. McCracken left on the Sunday morning train for Bowie, Tex., to see his brother, who was reported to be dangerously sick.

When you contemplate purchasing a bill of groceries, give me a call and get my prices.

W. T. JONES.

Little George, second son of Dr. J. D. Stocking, has been quite sick the past week with tonsillitis, but is recovering.

Do not fail to see Anderson's goods before you purchase. He is rock bottom on prices and the quality cannot be excelled.

Presiding Elder Hardy filled the pulpit at the M. E. Church South last Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Henson.

All kind of repairing and upholstering neatly and quickly done, at prices that are reasonable.

HILL & DECKER.

Those Shirt Waists at Noland's! How they go! They are up to date and prices right.

Don't forget the ice cream supper to be given by the ladies at Mrs. Fakers next Tuesday evening.

Roy Kendall, (that's our big bud) was in the first of this week and had his subscription to the AGITATOR moved up a notch.

Next Sunday is Easter. Of course the ladies will all go to church to see their neighbors new hat.

**If You Want** A Hat or anything in Dress Trimming or Toilet Goods go to see Miss PORTER.

The new asphalt pavement that has been placed in front of the Citizen's Bank adds very much to its general appearance.

Misses Beatrice and Della McCracken, of Whitefish, returned Friday night from a months visit to relatives and friends at Bowie, Texas.

Anderson carries a larger line of high grade cheese than is carried between Fort Worth and Trinidad. When you want something that is nectar for the Gods see Anderson.

They can all talk and argue, but when they come down to facts, in regard to the lowest prices and largest stock in Clarendon come and see,

BEN CHAMBERLAIN.

J. H. Kelly completed the carpenter work this week on the Methodist parsonage. It makes quite an imposing structure and the people have a right to feel justly proud of their effort.

### New Goods!

Just opened up at Miss Porter's. Pattern hats of all kind on display. Be sure and see them.

I. E. Jones sold his stock cattle, consisting of some 400 head to J. H. Altizer on Monday of this week. Consideration, \$15,000. Delivery to be made on April 22nd.

FOR SALE—1 span 4 year old mules—Also one good Jersey milch cow. For particulars call on or address, J. H. KELLY, Clarendon, Tex.

John Smith, who lives ten miles North of Clarendon, was in the city Tuesday. He reported the arrival of a young 'nestor' at his place Monday evening.

Some of that spring poetry that has started the rounds had better be looked after by some kind friend or else it may get frost-bitten.

**I Will** Have no regular opening this season. My goods are now on display. Call and see them. Miss PORTER.

Mrs. T. J. Noland and Master Loyd, returned from Washburn this morning, where Mrs. Noland had been to see her daughter, Mrs. Leslie M. Price, who was quite sick. Mrs. Price is reported to be convalescent.

WANTED—by Mrs. A. J. Lindsey, 5 or 6 boarders. Table will be supplied at all times with the best the market affords—Also one Furnished Room for rent. For particulars apply to Mrs. A. J. LINDSEY.

The dam which was well under way of construction, on the head of McClelland creek, was a total loss during the recent rains. Mr. B. T. Lanes of this place, who was the contractor, said the loss was about \$200.

FOR SALE—A block of land near to Clarendon College. Slightly location and splendid soil—An elegant building site—The price is very low. See

A. M. BEVILLE, Agt.

The donations towards the Clarendon College still lacks some of reaching the \$1,000 mark on the special Nineteenth Century offering. Who will be the next to aid this worthy enterprise?

Passenger train No. 2 going North Tuesday night was delayed above Claude until some time the next day on account of a washout in the track. No. 1. from Denver was 9 hours late yesterday from the same cause.

McIntosh & Peters, of Eskridge, Kan., are in the city this week. They have bought 70 cars of cattle from Rowe Bros, which they will ship to Kansas the first of next week.

On last Friday, Mrs. W. P. Blake, accompanied by her two daughters, Misses Lillie and Myrtle, made the AGITATOR office a pleasant call. If there is anything that we do enjoy, it is calls, especially from the ladies. Come again,

Mr. P. D. Hudgins, of Brice, Briscoe county was in the city yesterday. He reported that no ice formed at his place on Tuesday night, but hardly thought the fruit would all escape the present blizzard.

Tuesday evening the air had a breath like somebody had upset a tub of ice close about and continued pretty much the same yesterday. Some frost fell last night but we don't think enough to seriously injure anything. The sun is bright and warm this morning with indications that the worst is past.

The Adkissonian and Castalian societies donated the proceeds of their recent public entertainment, Twenty-five dollars, toward the thousand dollar special college subscription. This is very commendable and the trustees appreciate the generosity of these two young societies and extend a unanimous vote of thanks.

Engineer G. A. McNelis, who was in charge of the engine at the time of the fatal wreck on the Denver road last week, was hurt more seriously than was at first thought. He received bruises on his back from which internal hemorrhage set in the day after he reached home, and he has been confined to his bed since. He was resting easy at last report with chances favorable for recovery.

### NOTICE!

During my absence any one wishing Fire Insurance will please see J. T. Patman, A. M. BEVILLE, Agt.

### Ice Cream.

The ladies of the Home Missionary society of the M. E. Church South, will serve ice cream and other refreshments at the residence of Mrs. F. A. Faker next Tuesday night, April 17. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. McKEOWN, Cor. Sec.

### Death of Susie Young,

Little Susie Georgia Young, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jewell died of heart failure at the home of her grand parents Monday evening, April 9th; age 8 years 9 months and 1 day. Little Susie was a bright, intelligent child and was only sick two days. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church Tuesday evening by Elder E. Dubbs. The AGITATOR deeply sympathizes with the bereaved ones in their sad affliction.

Ed Posey came quietly into our sanctum sanctorum a few days ago and slipped 25 cents in our hand with instructions to send the AGITATOR to a friend (?) in East Texas for 6 months. It has always been our opinion that Ed was too bashful, perhaps for his own good, but should we hear of his taking a ride down the stream of life, the prisoner of some blushing maiden it would not startle us. In fact, we have already given him the assurance that they can both read the AGITATOR for another 6 months at our expense.

**The Clarendon Hotel,**  
**RATES: - - \$2.00 PER DAY.**  
 MRS. E. T. STEVENS, PROPRIETRESS.  
 Tables supplied with the very best the Market affords. Furnished Rooms by day, week or month. Everything in the way of conveniences to be found in First-class Hotel.  
 Solicits the Patronage of the General Public.



**J. M. Clower,**  
**JEWELER.**  
 Watch Inspector F. W. & D. C. Ry.  
 Write him when you want anything in the Jewelry Line. Mail Orders Solicited.  
 CLARENDON - - - TEXAS.

**G. W. Antrobus,**  
**DRAYMAN**  
**And Coal Dealer.**  
 CLARENDON, TEXAS.

E. A. KELLY, Pres. B. H. WHITE, Vice Pres. W. H. COOKE, Cash.  
**The Citizens' Bank.**  
 Clarendon, Texas.  
 Opened for business Nov. 1. 1899. A general banking business transacted. We solicit the accounts of Merchants, Ranchmen, Farmers and Individuals. Money to loan on acceptable securities.  
 DIRECTORS; E. A. Kelly, B. H. White, W. H. Cooke, M. Rosenfield, L. C. Beverly, I. Jones, J. G. Taylor.

**Caldwell & Jacques,**  
 DEALERS IN  
**Staple and Fancy Groceries.**  
 Grain, Hay and Ranch Supplies.  
 CLARENDON, TEXAS.

**CLARENDON**  
**Water Works,**  
 G. A. LATIMER, Proprietor.  
 Agent for Wind Mills, Pige Casing and a General Line of Well Supplies.  
 Clarendon, Tex.

**Lane & Gatlin,**  
 PROPRIETORS OF.....  
**New City Livery Stable.**  
 Drummers Rigs, Hack, Buggies, Carriages and Teams. Everything New and Fresh.  
 Corn, Oats Bran, and Hay for Sale.  
 Rubber Tire Buggies for Hire. ☺ ☺ ☺  
 CLARENDON, TEXAS.

**Reduced Rates.**  
 Excursion tickets will be on sale May 8th and 9th, on account of the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, 12.55 for round trip. Good for return to leave Hot Springs 20 days from date of sale. An additional limit of 10 days may be arranged.  
 Tickets on sale April 16, 17-19 on account of meeting of Mystic Shrine at San Antonio, Texas. Fare 12.55. Good to return until April 23rd.  
 On account of the meeting of Grand Lodge of K of P, at Austin. Fare 12.55. Good to return until April 21st.  
 F. A. KENNEDY, Agt.

General News Notes.

There is a prospective telephone line between Memphis and Wellington.

The Pacos Valley railroad has resumed Sunday trains between Amarillo and Carlsbad.

The county printing in Potter county was bid in this year for \$3.00. Things must be on a boom up there.

Admiral Dewey says that he never voted in his life but wanted to vote for Cleveland. His candidacy for the office of President is now before the people.

Notwithstanding the many petitions that have been presented to the directors of the Paris Exposition, requesting them to close on Sunday, they announce that the exposition will remain open on that day.

The latest accounts of the English Boer war seems to be in favor of the Boers. The British are awaiting the arrival of winter clothing which would indicate that it will continue indefinitely. In a recent interview President Kruger said: "My brave men are fighting for their homes, their wives and children, while the English soldiers fight for a shill-ine a day." This is bound to make a difference.

On last Saturday morning about 11 o'clock the large dam, located above the city of Austin, Tex. broke, and let a wall of water 50 feet high sweep down the valley, carrying death and destruction in its wake. Eighteen lives were known to have been lost at the first rush and other reports continue to arrive, the exact list of casualties will possibly never be known. The dam was constructed about seven years ago by the city of Austin, at a cost of \$1,000,000. It crossed the Colorado river three miles above the main city of Austin, and furnished the water and electric light plants with power, both of which were totally destroyed. The total damage in figures can hardly be estimated. It was second to the Johnstown horror only because the people did not live in reach of the mad waters. The valley below the city was devastated, and in many places fertile fields were left gravel beds. Experts gave it as their opinion that the dam was undermined. It is not known yet whether it will be rebuilt or not.

Female Association.

Woman has a bewitching influence with man, and young men who will court the smiles and influence of young ladies will shun many public vices, and all things else being equal, they will become pillars in society—in church and state. Young men read the following:

I pity the young man who is without acquaintances among the other sex. Spare no pains to put one or more female friendship between you and the temptations of the "devil and his angels." I am inclined to favor early attachments and engagements; for the society of a pure girl, evening after evening, has saved many a young man from perdition. Put yourself also in the circle of some Christian church as soon as you come into a town. Its weekly meetings and social gatherings will anchor you from drifting away from your mother's Bible and the faith of your childhood. One of my church officers said to me lately:

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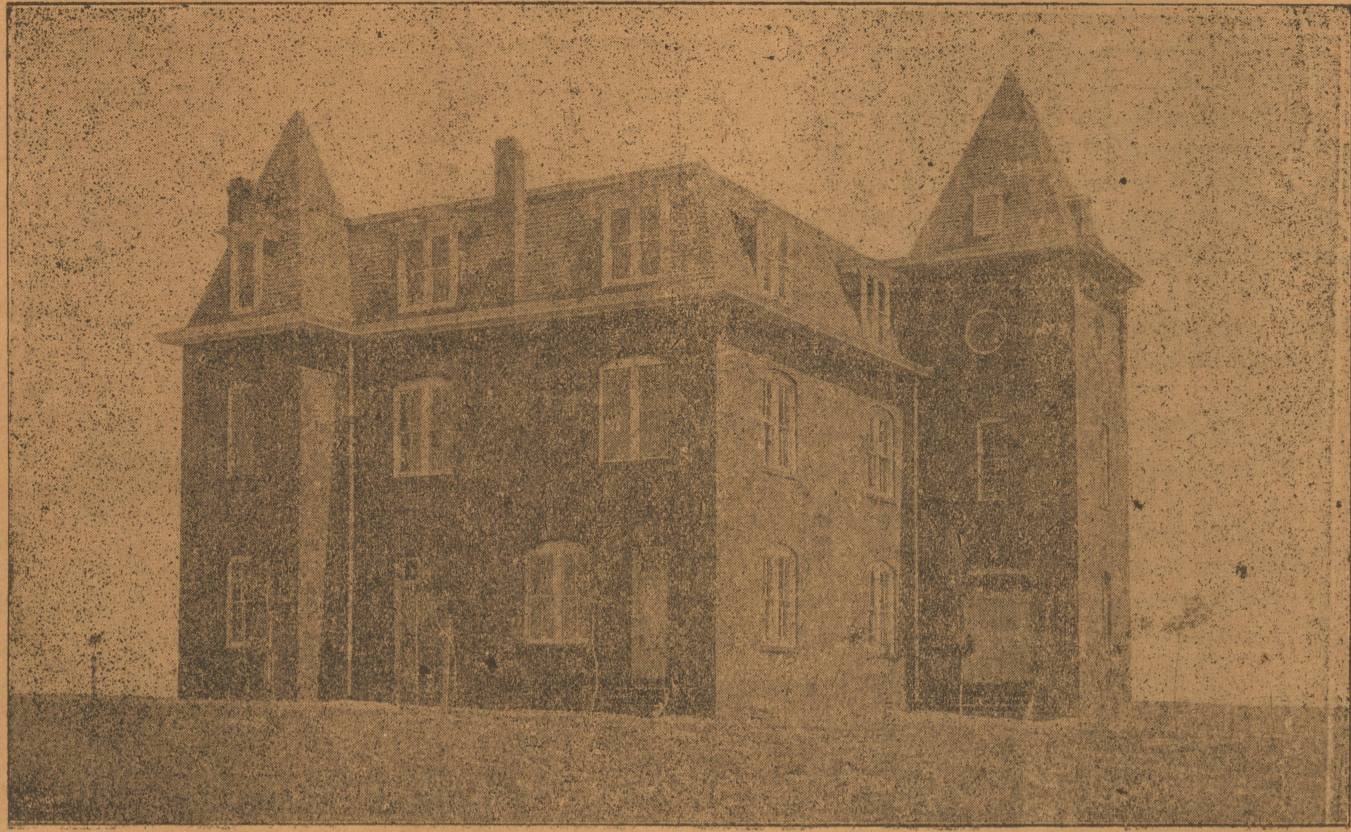
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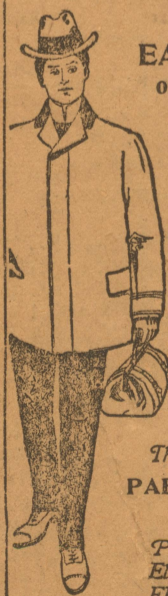
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