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## Locals

The flowers o' the simmer time, $A$ 'in brown leaf'd shrouds are lyin', 'The nor' wind is swirlin' an' tossin' an' twirlin',
To hide where they a' lay a' dyin'.
Edward Eastburn is in town again.
Go to McKeehan with your butter and eggs.
W. S.Jones, of the Gulf, Colorado, $\&$ Santa Fe , is in town.

Knox \& Fant have 40 bushels Red Rust proof Oats for sale.
A Full line of stylish Ladies' hats at reasonable prices at Brown's
R. S. Davis has been in town this week he leaves here and goes to Henrietta.

McKeehan Brothers pay the highest price for dry hides.
T. F. Warden has bored a well on White's Prairie and got water at 132 feet.

Shawls, Nubias, Knit goods, in endless varieties, suitable for Holiday presents at reduced prices at D. C. Brown's.

Surveyor Hughes, Attorneys Stark and Nicholson have been to Vineyard City this week. Are they going to have a boom?
M. G. Stewart, of Gertrudes, is in town and reports that he has found coal on his land in Los Valley, but what amount is unknown.

The Rail Road committee have had a meeting and started a subscription. Several thousand dollars have been subscribed.

If you want superfine flour go to McKeehan Bros., or, in fact, any thing in the staple or fancy grocery line.

Goods delivered anywhere in town free.

Monday being a Legal Holiday, no Money Orders given or Letters Registered that day.
H. H. McComnell, Post Master.
Eld. A. H. Jackson, Nicholson \& Stark, and Surveyor Hughes have purchased 124 acres of land at Vineyard City. Deeds are made and recorded direct from the Patentee. They will be ready to sell lots next week.

One hundred rods of the Net wire fence, like sample at this office will cost net at the Manufactory $\$ 130$. Staples to fasten it on the post about $\$ 2$.

I will sell first class shingles at my shingle machine 12 miles east of Jacksboro, on the West Fork at the Rozel Lake, for two dollars per thousand.
H. B. Verner.

The Rail Road Committee had its first meeting yesterday evening, and permanently organized by electing T. F. West chairman and spokesman, after which, it was decided to open books for subscription, within a few hours between four and five thousand dollars was subscribed, and the Com. are of the opinion that within thirty days they can meet the Texas \& Great Western R. R. Com. and enter into a contract binding them to be in our town during the year of 1882 .

Wm. Taylor avails himself of the present opportunity to inform his clients that he will be in attendance at the Dist. Court and will give to the cases that he has; the attention that they merit.

3 t .
Prof. J. W. Peterman and Mrs. Dr. Bamner are succeeding well with their school at this place, they have matriculated about 120 scholars, they have about 80 regular pupils. We hear of but little complaint.

Go try it! Henderson the barber has just recieved from St. Louis, an elegant Barber Chair and foot-rest. It is the very latest style rolling back chair in use, and is simply a beauty. Also an elegantglass. His shop is now the best furnished of any west of Dallas. Call and try his new chair.
W. T. McFerran near Antelope shot and killed a bald eagle that measured 9 feet from tip to tip. He presented one of its feet to us through Dr. F. E. Yoakum which measures 83.8 inches from the tips of the front claw to the tip of the talon proper. The heel claw or talon proper measures $23-4$ inches This is one of the largest of the species, it could have carried off a child one or two years old.
Thanks to Dr. Yoakum and Mr. McFerran for the very fine specimen of the American bird.

The following are the Committees for the Christmas tree at the Presbyterian Church.
To procure and put up the tree; G. F. Daugherty, W. J. McClure and H. H. McConnell.

To receive presents and decorate the tree; Mrs. W. H. Niles, Mrs. H. H. McConnell, Mrs. J. N. Rogers.

It is the privilege of this committee to solicit as many ladies and gentlemen to assist them as may be necessary.
Committee on general arrangements music \&c.; Rev. W. H Niles, the Supt. and teachers of the school.
All presents should be labeled and sent to the presbyterian Church Monday morning; where the Committee will be in waiting to receive them.
Be to sure label them properly so they may reach the person for whom they are intended.

## D. C. BROWN

## HEADQUARTERS for

## STOCK-MEN,

## FARMERS,

## EVERYBODY.

D. C. Brown would ${ }^{\circ}$ inform the

People that his Fall and winterstock of General Merchandise is now complete in all the Departments.

That he defies competition west of
Fort Worth, and is ready to compete
with any of the markets on the rail-
road (Dallas and Fort Wort not ex-
cepted).
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than any other house in North west

## Texas.

Call and see for ynurselves, that the
above statemert 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.

## ITEMS FROM THE TMES－DEMO ERAT．N． 0.

## The IVorld＇s Coal Production．

In 1870 the total coal production of the world was $193,070,683$ ，tons； in 1880 it was $294,468,000$ ，an in－ ereaseof $100,497,317$ tons，or 50 per－ cent．Taking the growth of the coal industry as a measure of a na tion＇s general industrial progress， Russia makes a very good showing， the pereentage of coal output there having inereased 2.75 percent．；sand Spaine makes a poor showing，the percentage of inerease being ouly 36 per cent．

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with $\$ 189,628,89$ for the year．Of the $\$ 41,508,737,48$ oung standing April 17，1876，the dates fractional silver coin in exchange for fractional paper currency，$\$ 26$ ， 035,29313 has been redeemed，and $815,474,44435$ remains outstanding． Of this latter amount more than $811,000,000$ has been lost or de－ stroyed，and will constitute a profit to the treasury．

Hon，E，H．Gillette，of Iowa，ex Congressman，Orator，Statesman， and leading Greenbacker，will ad－ dress the people of Texas upon the political issues of the day at the following times and places，to－wit： Sherman，Dee． $22,1881$.
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## How He Became Satisfied.

## [York (Pa.) Gazette]

A great many boys mistake their callings, but all such are not fortunate enough to find out in as good season as did this one. It is said that Rufus Choate, the great law yer, was once in New Hampshire making a plea, when a boy, the son of a farmer resolved to leave the plow and become a lawyer like Rufus Choate. He accordingly went to Boston, called. on Mr. Choate and said to him:
"I heard you plead in our town, and I wish to become a lawyer like you. Will you teach me how?"
"As well as I can;" said the great lawyer. "Come and sit down." Taking down a copy of Blackstone, he said: "Read this until I come back, and I will see how you get

The poor boy began. An hour passed. His back ached, his legs ached, he knew not how to study. He wanted air. Another hour passed, and Mr. Choate came and asked:
"How do you get on."
"Get on! Why, do you bave to read such stuff as this?"
"How much of it?"
"All there is on these shelves, and more," looking about the great Jibrary.
"How long will it take?"
"Well it has taken me more than twenty-five years."
"How much do you get?"
"My board and clothes."
"Is that all?"
"Well, that is about all I have gained yet."
"Then," said the boy, "I will go back to plowing. The work is not near so hard and pays better."

Now is a good time, after wheat sowing is over, for farmers to break up their land for corn and cotton. Land broken up now will have all the benefits of the winter rains and be in good condition next spring. To put it off until spring the chance is that the dry weather that usually comes in February or March will be a great drawback in getting a good stand of anything planted. Let the farmer push his work, and not let his work push him.-[Ex.

Seven car loads of rails have arrived at belton for the extension of the Santa Fe west. It is expected that track laying from Belton to

Lampassas will commence about
January 1st.

## 0N a christmas mornixg

What is the song the angels sing?
Sweetly sing, gladly sing;
What is the song the angels sing,
On a Christmas morning.
Oh, "Peace on earth," the angels sing,
Sweetly sing, gladly sing;
Oh, "Peace on earth," the angels sing,
On a Christmas morning.
Chorus-
O blessed morn! O wondrous King! A Savior born, the Lord's annointed, Enters on the work appointed, Leaves the heavenly world awhile, God and man to reconcile.

What is the blessing angels bring? Gladly bring, truly bring;
What is the blessing angels bring, On a Christmas morning.
"Good will to men" the angels bring, Gladly bring, truly bring; "Good will to men" the angels bring, On a Christmas morning.

Oh, tell me why should children sing?
Sweetly sing, gladly sing;
Oh, tell me why should children sing,
On a Christmas morning.
In Bethlehem was born a King, Children's King, angel's King; In Bethlehem was born a King, On a Christmas morning.

Then let us all together sing, Sweetly sing, gladly sing; Then let us all together sing, On a Christmas morning.
Glory to him whom love did bring, Sweetly bring, gladly bring Glory to him whom love did bring, On a Christmas morning.



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## WASHINGTON LLTTER.

The Holidays and then the Committees about the (apital. Its Growth, Its Influ-
ence, and its
Swamps.
From our regular Correspondent, C. A. S.]
Washington, D. C. Dec. 13, 1881
But little legislative work will be done until after the Christmas Holidays. The formation of the House Committees procedes very slowly, and they will not be announced until after the recess.
Until within the last three days, we have had no real winter weather in Washington. There has not been a sign of snow, and there is little wonder that the city is attracting visitors from all parts of the country. The fashionable season will be at its height after Christmas, and promises to be of unusual brilliancy. The number of rich mater familias, with marriageable daughters already looked for the race at the different hotels and boarding houses to say nothing of fashionable West end houses rented for the season, is unprecedented. Within the last ten years, men of wealth and leisure have bought and built in Washington. They are not here except in the winter, but when congress assembles, extravagant and erring spirits from all parts of the Union hie them hither to this winter elysium or pandemonium-as you like it. When will it stop? The fashion is increasing. The city is growing. Growing without manufactures, commerce, or trade. Growing on the money spent by wealthy residents, transient guests, but, chiefly, from the enormous disbursements of the Government. No city in the world, I think, has become great under such circumstances. All other capitals of first class nations have had different sources of prosperity. Paris has always been the headquarters of a gigantic military establishment. London has been the depot of the world's commerce. Washington is but a petty village, when compared
with other great capitals. But she is larger and more promising than were any of them at her age, and she is brought into quicker contact with broader and richer areas than have supplied the sinews of the great cities of the old world.
When we know the intimate, subtle co-relation of manners, art, architecture, and laws, the growth of the capital of a great country, its adornment, and its sanitary purification, are subjects in which every intelligent citizen must be concerned, Athens, Rome, and Paris have successively dominated the world, through influences more enduring than military conquest. Romesubdued her barbarian conquerors by forces gentler but mgihtier than the sword, and, in this new era, and not half developed hemisphere, the political center of the single great power has a mission beyond anything enacted in the executive, legislation, or judicial departments of the Government. Washington must either be removed from the swamps or the swamps must be removed from Washington. To do either will be a greater work than the fabled tasks of Hercules combined. To remove theswamps will cost perhaps, five millions. To re move the capital will cost a hundred millions.

## PARIS LETTER.

## Regular Coriespondence

Paris, Nov. 30th, 1881.
Paris is just now suffering from a panorama mania. In addition to those which were already open, this week witnesses the inagaration of two spectacles of the kind, one representing the seige of Belfort, and the other the famous charge of the seige of the French Cuirassiers at Reichshoffen. The brilliant but fruitless charge of the heavy cavalry at Reichshoffen is surrounded in this country with a
halo of patriotic pride similar to that earned by the heroes of Balaklava in England, and the Cuirassiers, whenever they ride past the
saluting point at a review, invarably call forth an outburst of enthusiastic applause from the famous Alsation battle-field. Messrs. Poilpat and Jacob are to be congratulated on the successful manner in which they have treated the subject, both as regards the general effect of their enormous picture, and the excellent arrangement of the various episodes of the struggle. The spectator raised on an eminence in the midst of the field, is surrounded by French and German troops coming to close quarters immediately after the celebrated charge. The moment is well chosen, for, instead of a mere pictorial display of rushing horsemen, we are shown the infinitely more effective spectacle of the desimated squadrons offering a last resistance to the triumphant advance of the German troops. Commanding the ground over which the Cuirassiers have just charged a Russian battery is still pouring shot and shell into the valley beneath, while in the distance another detachment of artillery is galloping down from Elsasshansen to reinforce the hardworked gunners. The effect of the German fire is ably depicted in the state of the French cavalry when at last it is brought to a standstill. Dead and dying horsemen cover the ground, while the few remaining Cuirassiers who are not hor de combat have tied their horses together and are advancing in a straggling line to do their best on foot with sabre and revolver. A colonel of Cuirassiers standing beside a broken-down caisson, appears so dazed with the terrible fight as to take no notice of a broad gash in his forehead. Emerging from Elsasshansen we see General Von Bose bringing up a strong detachment of Russian Jagers and Uhlaus, the front of which are just coming into contact with a little band of Turco Lancers. Dense masses of Prussian infantry, debouching from Worth, on the other side of the picture, are pushing their way through a vineyard, opposed by a resolute body Chas-
seurs-8-Pied and Turcos, while fresh detachments of the while troops are hurryig to their assistance from the hills round the burning village of Froschnucller. In the immediate foreground a striking contrast to the mass of military uniform is produced by the introduction of a peasant's wagon laden with homely furniture, its horses shot down, and the dead body of an Asation woman, its owner, lying by the side. The figure of the woman is not painted on the canvass, but laid out in waxen effigy, are the bodies of several German officers, a number of guns, sabres, helmets, and other objects are also strewn about the ground, but arranged so skillfully as hardly to show where the painting leaves off and reality begins. The execution of the whole work is full of dash and genuine artistic treatment, almost every inch of the picture presenting some feature of interest. The new panorama which is to be opened on Sunday will doubtless prove an addition to the many "lions" of the French Capital.

## Meteorological Table for Jacksboro.

## November 1881.

Highest Temperature 08 deg . 1 \& 7 Lowest

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Greatest daily range 36 ", " 18.
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Total Rain-fall or melted snow .87 inches.
Prevailing Winds N .
Total Monthly Movement of tho Wind 5391 Miles.
Maximum Velocity of Wind, and Direction 26 Miles per bour, S . Nov. 4.
Total No. of Days on which Rain or Snow fell 5.
Tutal No. no Rain or Snow fell 25.
Dates of Frost 3, 9, 12, 20, 22, 24
James P. Sherry, pricate,
Signal Corps, U. S. A.
Rain fall from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 1881, 20.62 inches; for same months 188036.77 inches.

## A F تADOFAエI! Knox to the Front again

## His Prices are Lower than anj in Town

It affords me great pleasure to be able to intorm my old customers and the public generally that I now have on hand decidedly the best ected and best stock of "General Merchandise" ever brought to this market, and as usual my prices will be a little lower than canbe had elsewhere. I have learned by experience that the "Best is always the cheapest" and buy my goods accordingly. I buy no Shoddy Goods. Having
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fy stock of clothing is unequaled. My stock of Boots and shoes is unequaled, and in fore sell goods and have marked my goods accordingly. lity and prices in this Town. It will afford me pleasure to duplicate any Rail Road prices my entire stock is UNEQUALED in point of hankful for past patronage and fully expecting to increase it in the future any Rail Road prices to be had anywhere. Respeetfully Yours,

JAMES W. KNOX.

## The Rail Road.

Last Friday morning Messrs. Robinson \& West and others recleved a dispatch from parties at Decatur stating that it might be to the interest of Jacksboro to send a commitiee to Bridgeport that evening to meet officials of the Texas and Great Western Rail Road Co At the suggestion and solicitation of leading citizens, Dr. M. R. Banner and attorney A. V. D. Old, went on this important errand.
Saturday evening they returned accompanied by Capt. T. H. Wood, General Manager; Judge Thos. Pearson, Chief engineer, and D. A. Robinson, Director, of the road, and Maj Colbert of Decatur.
Judge West and Mr. Stanley Cooper showed them around town and vicinity as much as there was time, that evening.
An impromptu meeting was held at the court house, at 7 o'clock p. m. About 60 gentlemen were present. Judge West called the meeting to order

On motion H. H. McConnell was called to the chair, and J. N. Rogers chosen secretary. The Chair called on Judge West to explain the objects of the meeting which he did, and at the close of his speech he introduced Capt. T. H. Wood, Gen'l Manager. In his speech Capt. Wood, said he was here representing Boston, Mass., capitalists and prominent citizens of Denton, Texas. The Texas \& G. W. R. R Co. will begin work at Denton and work east to McKinney and west to Decatur, Seymour being the terminus, if the road is built by Jacksboro, the charter will have to be amended, but that can be done and if they did so he thought Jack county and Jacksboro ought to give the R. R. Co. the right of way, depot grounds, room for side tracks and stock pens and what cash bonus the citizens could afford and no more-he thought they could pay from $\$ 13,000$ to $\$ 15,000$.

After Capt. Wood's speech, Judge Pearson Chief Engineer was introduced, and made a short speech. Both gentlemen were applauded by the meeting.
In answer to a direct question by Judge West, Capt. Wood said, "If you will give our company the right of way through the county, and grounds for depots, side tracks and stock pens, we will build the road through and make a depot in Jacksboro."

The work between Denton and Decatur will begin about the first of February and from Decatur to Jacksboro as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made and the road located.
On motion a committee consist. ing of T. F. West, S. W. Eastin, Stanley Cooper, M. G. Stewart, John Hensley, Edward Eastburn, and T. J. Atkinson, was appointed
to procure the right of way, \&c. and raise the money by subseription.
Then adjourned to meet in the Court House at 1 o'clock p. m. on Monday, Jan. 2d 1882. Everybody is invited to be at this meeting.
The gentlemen left Sunday morning, for Decatur, well pleased with our site for a large and beautiful manufacturing city.
These Railroad gentlemen have made the impression on our business men, that they mean business. We learn that $\$ 3,500$ is already guaranteed, and members of the Committee assure us that a sulficient sum will be raised to secure the road and depot;-if the people along the road will give the right of way we feel assured that the road will be built soon.
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## A CHRISTMAS STORY.

[From Kind Words.]
It is Christmas Eve! The scene is home of a wealthy family at Indianapolis, Indiana. A handsomely dressed lady, of fine appearance, is speaking to her daughter.
"Well, dear, what did you buy?"
" $O$, ever so many things mother! Mr. Monroe's store was full of the nicest and prettiest things you ever saw."
"I suppose the shop windows presented a very attractive appearance, as it is Christmas Eve."
"Indeed they did mother! "Harry says he never saw them look so beautiful before."
"I hope you did not get your feet wet."
Both Harry and I had on our rubbers, mother, and although the snow was quite deep, they kept our feet dry."
"But where are your purchases, dear? and what makes your brother look so sober?"
Harry was standing with his hands in his greatcoat pockets, not appearing to enter into the joyousness of his sister's spirits.
"O, mother, I forgot! To-night, just as we walked up to Mr. Monroe's window, I heard some one sigh deeply, and looking up I saw a woman dressed so strangely. She had on clothes so different from ours, and looked so wretched and forlorn. She held the hand of the funniest little child you ever saw, and she was dressed so oddly: They looked like people from another country. I don't think the queer little midget ever saw a shop window before. I couln't heip saying, 'Did your child ever see anything like this before?' The woman turned and gazed upon me, with dark, sad looking eyes, and replied: 'Hettie never saw anything like this before, but she and I too, would rather have a good piece of bread, than anything in that window.' 'Have you no bread for her at home?' I asked. 'Home: We've got no home! Your army broke up our home-destroyed everything, and I had to come here or starve.' 'Who are you, and where are from?' We're Confederate refuges. The yankee army just swept away ever$y$ thing. My husband is in the army; and as I had no home, I came to Indiana to look for a brother. Bat I have spent all my money and have nothing to eat and no place to sleep.'"
"And what did you say then, dear?" asked Mrs. Abbot.
"I told her she might come and stay with us. As soon as we made our purchases, Harry lifted the litthe Midget in the carriage, the and they came home with us."
"Mercy on me child? What do you mean? Who is the woman?' inquired the mother excitedly.

Don't be angry mother, please! I counld not do otherwise. They are in the carriage at the front door. I thought it best to let her her remain there until I saw you. She is a poor woman and a stranger; and I could not help thinking of what Mr. Phelps said last Sunday about the words of the Text. 'I was hungry and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink, I was a stranger and ye took me in.' Mother please let us•bring her in!"
Mrs. Abbot was a christian, and Cristmas-time had a mellowing influence on her heart, and the text just quoted aroused all her christian charity. The consequence was, that in a few minutes, the woman and child, so strangely dressed, were sitting by a warm fire. Some hot coffee and biscuits were given them, and contrary to all their expectation, they slept that night in a warm, luxurious bed. The next day the lady told her story. Contending armies had devasted her country, broken up her family, destroyed her home and left her houseless, homeless, penniless, with this little one dependent on her. A kind Federal ofticer recommended her to come to Indiana, and had paid her way on the cars to Louisville, Ky. Somewhere in Indiana she had some kinfolks whom she hoped to find; but now all her money was gone and she knew not what to do. Very thankful was she to God for giving her so much of comfort that Christmas day. Poor woman! She looked gaunt and sorrowful. Her own clothes, and those of her poor little forlornlooking child were coarse and most unseemly in the eyes of Mrs. Abbot and her family. But the spirit of Chistmas now burned brightly in their breasts. New and appropriate clothing was purchased; a home and suitable occupation were found ere long, for the refugees, and by degrees fullness came back to their cheeks, and sparkles of joy to their eyes. Of all the happiness brought to the Abbot family, by the Christmas of 1865, that which arose from kind treatment to the two Southern refugees was the sweetest.
Months and even years rolled by. Peace smiled on our land. Plenty and prosperity took the place of ruin and devastation in the South. Harvests and crops, year after year, brought back much of the old time comfort and wealth to the South. Gardens bloomed, orchards yielded their fruit, and households were happy once more. North and South became more and more friendly, after years of strife and estrangement. The warm sunny South, with its genial sunshine
and balmy air, invited many northern invalids in search of health, and they flocked to Georgia and Florida. One cold and rainy winter day, the train on the-Railroad in Georgia, was accidentally thrown from its track, and wrecked. Among the travelers was a family from Indiana. One of them was a beautiful maiden, a victim of consumption.
"O," said the mother, "Is there no house to which we can carry Nora? This exposure will kill her, I fear." And she appealed to the gentlemanly conductor.
"There is a comfortable house close by," said the conductor, "and the people are kind and hospitable. Perhaps they will receive your family for a short while under the circumstances. I will go and see, if you desire it."
"I will be greatly obliged. Harry, you go with the conductor; your father and I will take care of Nora."
Within an hour the Abbott family were safely sheltered in a hospitable Southern mansion. Every possible comfort was provided for the family, and nothing was left undone that might alleviate their distress.
"It seems to me that I have seen you before," said Mrs. Abbott to the lady of the house.
"Yes," was the reply. "You received me and Hettie into your home on Christmas Eve of 1865. I returned home some years ago, on finding that my husbaed had not been killed in the war, as I heard; and the Lord has prospered him, as you see. This is our home. We have several children now, besides Hettie." Hettie was now a beautiful and blooming maiden, nearly twenty years of age.
How shiftly and happily flew the hours and days! The word depart ure was banished tempoparily from the household. Winter and spring passed, and with the flowers of spring came back the roses to Nora's cheeks. Kindness, happiness and a genial clime wrought a great cure for her. Her cough left; paleness took its flight; her form grew strong and healthy.
The bread cast upon the waters had returned after many days.
The following Christmas another trip was made to Georgia by the Abbott family, and a glorious time they had. When they returned, a Georgia flower was borne away with them; for Harry had wedded the "queer little midget" whom he had once lifted into the carriage one Christmas eve.
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Pural Citizen:
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quarters, nothing to do and-but lit the to eat, and yet every one seems to be content with what he has. They are living off their expectations. There was a large area of wheat sown in this part of the county. The worms destroyed some early sown wheat but I believe it was re-seeded and is up and looking fine. Corn is scarce, hardly enough bread and seed. There are some good fields of rye in the neighborhood and some very fine
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