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## Our Pictures.

WHAT a fearful thought, that this world with its teeming millions of immortal souls, all—every one—drawing and painting his, or her life's picture. Painting for eternity. And more fearful still is the fact, that this work which stands out in such bold relief upon life's canvas, can never be effaced. It is fadeless, and as lasting as eternity! Mark the anxious look and hurried mein of this surging, deathless throng, who from the cradle to the grave, pursue their solemn, ceaseless task. Always drawing always painting for the Art-gallery above! For these immortal artists there is no rest. Life's work must soon be finished, life's pictures completed; for they know not the day nor the hour when they will be called to present this life-work to the great Master artist, who sits upon his throne in the Heavens!

**DIED**—On the 26th of March, 1881, aged 19 months and 7 days, Hugh Scott, son of T. W. and C. A. Scott, of Salem, Ala. The following lines were written by one to whom the darling baby boy was near and dear.

Little Hugh, how we miss you!  
 Our home is dreary now,  
 For death hath laid its icy fingers  
 On thy marble brow.

Little angel, oh, precious darling!  
 May angels keep thee safe,  
 And bear thee gently, lightly,  
 Upward to that heavenly place.

Your little feet will never patter;  
 Never more walk the floor,  
 And your little precious hands,  
 Are folded forevermore.

Mamma, take his little shoes and hat,  
 His crib and carriage too,  
 Put them in some sacred place,  
 They were so very dear to you.

Good bye, Hugh, good bye, darling!  
 We will try, and most we shall,  
 And when Christ shall bid us come,  
 We will meet you, meet you there.

## Address of the Legislative Committee, Presenting the New Amendments to the Constitution.

DALLAS, June 20.—Senator Shannon and Representatives Armistead, Rosenthal and Foster, members of the joint legislative committee, met today and framed the following address:

To the people of the State of Texas:

The framers of our present organic law, recognizing the fact that however much it might be regarded as an improvement upon all preceding state constitutions, like all other human productions it would be found by experience and trial to be in some of its parts at least imperfect and that amendments thereto would in time be demanded by the best interests of the state, provided that the mode and manner, by which it might be amended as follows:

Section 1, Article 17.—The legislature, at any biennial session, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, to be entered by yeas and nays on the Constitution to be voted upon by the qualified electors for members of the legislature, which provided amendments shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election, the time of which shall be specified by the legislature in one weekly newspaper of each county in which such a newspaper may be published, and it shall be the duty of the several returning officers of the said election to open a poll for and make returns to the secretary of state of the number of legal voters cast at said election for and against each of them, and if it shall appear from said returns that a majority of the votes cast have been cast in favor of any amendments, the said amendment so receiving a majority of the votes cast shall become a part of the constitution, and proclamation shall be made by the government thereof.

## A City of Churches.

Aldene will soon be the frontier city of churches. The Southern Methodist has the first building, costing completed and seated about \$1,700. The Northern Methodist have about \$1,600 at command and are now ready to commence work—having just settled a question as to deed to lot. The Episcopalians have \$1,500 subscribed and lots with which to supplement an equal amount appropriated from a Boston gentleman, and are ready to proceed with the building as soon as an exchange for a more desirable lot is perfected. The Baptists have \$1,200 now subscribed and will receive about \$100 or \$500 from the State Mission Board, and as soon as the architect completes the plan they will be prepared to contract for the house. Then the Southern Presbyterians are quietly viewing the field and laying their plans. This church has a good membership, and will be able to build a good house when they undertake it. —[Aldene Reporter]

## Kentucky Military Institute.

The circular of this for boys is invaluable to parents who have sons to educate. They are here disciplined not only mentally, but trained physically, morally and socially. The location for health has no equal, and a youth, whatever may be his proclivities, is unconsciously drawn into the channels that lead him to the summit of a manly vigor, a ripe scholarship, and a preparation for a professional or a business life. Send for circular. See advertisement in this paper.

law, and makes the counties responsible for all investments. The interest thereon and other revenue, except the principal, shall be an available school fund. The purpose of the legislature in proposing this amendment is made manifest by consideration of the fact that premium on both state and federal bonds is so high, as compared with the low rate of interest they bear, that to continue to invest the funds in either would be destructive to the prime object for which investment is made—that is, the securing of an available school fund.

The second, section 9, article 8, of the present constitution, authorized the levy of not more than fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, inclusive of the tax to pay the public debt, and no county, city or town shall levy more than one-half of said state tax except for payment of debts already incurred and for the erection of public buildings not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in any one year and except as in this constitution is otherwise provided. The amendment proposed to the foregoing by the joint resolution No. 4 is in substance as follows:

The tax on property, inclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt and for the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for roads and bridges, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, and for the erection of public buildings, street sewers and other permanent improvements not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year, etc., etc.

This joint resolution, it will be observed, proposes a reduction of the maximum state and ad valorem tax from fifty to thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, and also to settle definitely the maximum limits of county, city and town taxation. There is such ambiguity in section nine, as it now reads, that there is great diversity of opinion as to the maximum rate of taxation permitted to counties, cities and towns which question will be definitely settled by the adoption of the proposed amendment. It also authorizes the levy by the county commissioner's court of a tax not to exceed one hundred dollar valuation for roads and bridges, a power which the legislature thought might be well lodged with the court for that purpose.

## Third—Section 3, article 7, of the present constitution reads as follows:

There shall be set apart annually not more than one fourth of the general revenue of the state and a poll tax of one dollar on all male inhabitants of the state between the ages of twenty one and sixty years for the benefit of public free schools.

## Joint resolution number five proposes to amend said section so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 3.—One-fourth of the revenue derived from state occupation taxes and a poll tax of one dollar on every male inhabitant of this state between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools of the state, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount not to exceed twenty cents on the hundred dollars valuation as with the available school funds arising from all other sources will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of the state not less than six months in each year, and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts

within all or any part of the counties of this state by special or general law without local notice, and may authorize additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school district for the maintenance of public free schools and the erection of school buildings therein, provided that two-thirds of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year twenty cents on the property subject; but the limitation upon the amount of the district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate school districts.

There was in the opinion of the legislature no one question of public policy upon which the people of Texas without regard to party affiliations were more harmoniously united than that of the great wisdom of the establishment and maintenance by the state of an efficient system of public free schools. The attainment of this desideratum by the legislature, working under our present organic law, has been demonstrated by the experience of years to be utterly impossible except by the keeping of the state ad valorem tax at such figures as will draw from the pocket of the tax payers largely in excess of the amount necessary to carry on the state government economically administered. In other words, your legislature found it impossible to reduce the state ad valorem tax to the minimum necessary for the support of the government, without at the same time incurring the mortification of having to starve the schools.

Remembering the fact that the people of Texas of all parties, with remarkable unanimity during the last political canvass in the state, demanded of their candidates for legislative honors that they should submit to them a proposition to amend the constitution as to enable the legislature in the future to separate the school tax from that levied for the support of the government, to the end that the state tax might be reduced to the proper figure without detriment to the schools, and to the elimination for the future to a very great extent of the school question from the field of politics, in response to which demands the legislature submitted the foregoing amendment. The legislature were of the opinion that the maximum allowed to be levied by this proposed amendment would be amply sufficient with the addition of the revenues from other sources to which the schools are entitled to give the very best of school facilities for at least six months in the year, which in the opinion of a majority of them was as long a time as free schools should now be supported by general taxation, from the fact that the agricultural classes who pay the bulk of the taxes, in consequence of being compelled to utilize the labor of their children of scholastic age in the cultivation and harvesting of their crops, cannot as a general rule avail themselves of the benefit of a longer term of school than six months in the year. This joint resolution was passed by an almost unanimous vote through both branches of the legislature, render the firm conviction that it was demanded not only by all political parties but by the very best and highest interests of the state.

Fourth—Joint resolution number six proposes an amendment to article five of the constitution by adding section twenty-eight, which simply has the effect of authorizing the county commissioners courts of the several counties to reduce the number of terms of the county courts to not less than four terms in any one year, for both civil and criminal business, instead of at least six terms for civil and twelve terms for criminal business, as the constitution now requires, which amend-

ment it was thought would materially reduce the expense of the courts without prejudice to the efficiency of the judicial system. The legislature realizing the difficulty of having the changes which are sought to be effected in the present constitution and the reasons therefor sufficiently advertised to give the people a fair understanding of their import and purpose, knowing that the people of Texas in consequence of the conservatism for which they are so much distinguished, are disposed to vote against any change in their organic law which they do not fully and clearly understand, adopted the following concurrent resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of three members from the senate and three from the house be appointed to prepare an address to the people touching the constitutional amendments adopted by the 15th legislature, giving the reasons for the changes therein proposed in the organic law and the explanation of their purposes, to the end that the great body of the people may be fully informed with reference thereto, and the better to enable them to vote understandingly upon the question of their adoption or rejection.

The undersigned were appointed such committee in compliance with the foregoing resolution and in the performance of the duty hereby imposed, they present the foregoing explanation of the joint resolutions by which the proposed amendments are offered for your adoption or rejection and some of the reasons which influenced the legislature in submitting the same for your ratification.

Respectfully,  
 William R. Shannon, Chair.  
 W. T. Armistead,  
 J. H. Fleming,  
 Asa A. Stratton,  
 of the Senate,  
 R. C. Foster,  
 A. J. Rosenthal,  
 of the House.

## General News.

Indians from the west coast of British Columbia report the Seal fishery a failure, owing to the high winds, and they say at least fifty men of the coast tribes, while pursuing seals, have lost their lives since March.

People who prefer land to cotton seed oil should be deeply interested in the developments in Chicago, where it is shown that hoofs and offal are chemically prepared and shipped south as first-class quality of hog lard. Nature has in store many better compounds for the kitchen than those found with a Chicago brand.

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egg has also been against it. You find that where they have been used they are well liked, and we receive renewed orders. Here is one of the cases, said he, pointing to a long one lying on the floor. It was nearly five feet in length and two feet in diameter the widest way.

These eggs are fresh, but most of those we have brought in this season is about to end. What we have on hand is the last we shall bring in before cool weather. It does not pay to attempt to do too much with a new thing. The eggs might become injured in hot weather, and our sale, even of good ones, be completely destroyed. Our sales have been very large, considering the newness of the attempt. We received in one consignment 1,300 cases, equivalent to 1,900 barrels, and our trade this fall is so arranged that we shall receive 200 cases by each steamer—that is every other week.

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We expect to be at Whit on the 4th and 5th of July and hope our friends will meet us with a host of new subscribers.

I EXPECT to attend the meeting of the Farmers' Grand State Alliance at Weatherford, Tuesday, August 7th. Let every alliance send up a large club for the CITIZEN a club of 4 or more copies \$1.25 each invariably in advance.

The 4th of July comes next Wednesday and as is the custom we will take a holiday. So there will be no paper next week. Before the next issue we expect to have a steam engine in position to drive our presses and hereafter the CITIZEN will be printed by steam.

The examination of the students of Whitt Academy will be held next week, commencing Monday. The examination of the classes will close Tuesday. Picnic Wednesday and exhibition Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. All who take an interest in education are invited to be present.

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Home and Sunday School is the name of a new paper started in Belton. Advices from Vera Cruz received 23d at Galveston state that yellow fever is making dreadful havoc among Americans and Europeans here. There were ten deaths from the hospital yesterday, and one thousand during the last two months. Capt. Podus, who had run to Rio and other parts for nine years, died from a severe type of black vomit, after twelve hours illness. The heat is reported as intolerable.

A Chinese War Ship. On the 10th ult. the Chinese Ambassador Berlin invited a select and distinguished company to Stettin to witness the trial trip of the Ting Quen, or Everlasting Peace, a fine ironclad corvette, built for his government by the Vulcan Ship building Company there. The vessel was launched some time ago, and has now received her proper equipment of guns, etc. The Times Berlin correspondent says the trip was most successful, the corvette, with engines of 6,000 indicated horse power, achieving a speed of 14 1/2 knots an hour. This ship is of peculiar construction, with a rather shallow draught, having been specially constructed for coast defense. She will soon proceed to the East—All the sooner, perhaps, that a French fleet threatens to make its appearance in Chinese waters. A sumptuous repast was served on board to the guests of Li Fong Pao—among whom was the British Consul General in Berlin.

Austin, June 23.—Commissioner Walsh has issued the following circular: The act to provide for the classification, sale and lease of the lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common school, university and asylum funds, approved April 12, 1883, does not take effect until July 12, 1883, and all applications by actual settlers to purchase under the provisions of section five of said act, made prior to said 12th day of July 1883, are without authority of law. Such settlers as are embraced in the provisions of said section will have from July 13th, 1883, to January 12th, 1884, to prepare and file their proof in this office, and they are earnestly requested not to make their proofs and applications prior to July 12th, 1883.

More Farmers. The late census shows the population of the United States to be 52,000,000, and the startling fact is also disclosed that one of that great number of people only 7,000,000 gained a livelihood by tilling the soil. Since all the wealth spring from mother earth, the conclusion is irresistibly forced on us that more of our people should engage in agricultural pursuits. The man who subdues the virgin soil by its generous bounty, and in time by frugal industry becomes the home and sinew of the land.

The farmer is the midall of our financial fabric, and is the source of the wealth and greatness of all true prosperous countries. The prosperity of any given locality is always measured by the number of its farmers. Since that vocation is so honorable and the source of all our wealth, prosperity and true happiness, why is it so many of our people seek a livelihood in other avenues.

For the Benefit of Emigrants. ED. CITIZEN.—As we are frequently asked by people who live in other countries, and even in other states about the lands, the products, &c. of Jack county we take this method of answering. Jack county lies on the head waters of the Trinity, whilst the southern portion of it is drained by small tributaries of the Upper Brazos. The surface is part level part hilly, and divided between prairie and timber, the latter mostly along the creeks and streams of which there are a large number, rendering this one of the best watered counties in North Texas. The soil is much varied, and comprises black waxy prairie, the sand loamy part, oak lands, also dark and red chocolate or mulatto soils and many others too numerous to mention. The productions are as various as the soils, and includes corn, cotton, wheat, rye, oats, millet, Irish and sweet potatoes in all kinds of garden vegetables that are raised in North Texas, and also fruit of all kinds that can be raised in the latitude of this county which is above 33° In addition to the ordinary prairie grass, there is plenty of mesquite, which makes this county one of the very best grazing sections in this part of the State, and here all kinds of stock are successfully

raised, it being easy and profitable to unite stock raising and farming. This county is not surpassed in Texas for health. School houses and churches are very numerous, and Jackboro the county seat is to have a two story stone building to be completed by the 1st of December next, said building will be strictly a school building, and we consider this the best location that we have seen in the state for a first class high school. Lands can be bought ranging in price from one and a half to three and a half dollars per acre, owing to location &c. Jack county has no railroad facilities as yet, but we are looking for the railroad in the sweet by and bye. Our shipping point is Weatherford, Parker county, which is about forty miles southeast from Jackboro. O. K.

INCIDENTS OF TRAVEL on the Celestial Railroad. BY FREDERIC OSTERWALD. Written for the RURAL CITIZEN.] PROLOGUES. HAVING recently passed through the gate of dreams, I made a tour by rail from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. The great Celestial Railroad described by Hawthorne, has been extended from the Wicket Gate into the heart of the City of Destruction. Tradition says the depot stands on the identical spot where Cain erected his altar whereupon he offered the fruits of the ground as a sacrifice to God. Leaving the city the road is laid out through a beautiful plateau lying at the foot of the mountains of Sin and Folly. The scenery along this part of the road is picturesque and grand. The road runs through many towns and villages, the most prominent of which is the ancient city of Vanity where the fair is kept the year round, here is the place for sight seeing; one may go every day and see something new. Museums of ancient and modern curiosities libraries, operas, churches, lectures and "a thousand and one" things done under the sun. All classes of society, from all parts of the world, may be seen here.

The road has also been extended across the river. In place of the Ferry Boat described by Hawthorne at the terminals on the bank of the river in the Land of Beulah, a fine bridge spans the River, and the trains now run across the mystic river, almost to the gates of the Celestial City. In passing over into the Highlands of Eternity, a more sublime sight is presented to the eye than was ever beheld by mortal vision. Spread out before you is the Paradise of God, and in the midst thereof is the Celestial City, with its twelve pearly portals, and streets of burnished gold, and the beautiful river of life bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God, with the tree of life on either side bearing twelve crops of fruit, and in the midst of all the choir of "one hundred and forty and four thousand," rendering such rich, melodious music as "never fell on mortal ear."

The many new features connected with this road has induced me to offer the following pages for your readers, and believing they would be interested in a fuller description or rather a description of the new improvements on this road, for a list of new improvements are being constantly made. In many things I fully agree with Hawthorne and in some places differ with him. In some instances I have copied more or less from the writings of that noted traveler. Hoping the incidents I relate will be both interesting and instructive to your readers, I am, Yours Respectfully, FREDERIC OSTERWALD.

Abilene. For the Citizen. ABILENE, TEXAS. Very hot days and cool nights. Lovely nights in moonshine, and pinies with music in the air by our cornet band. The people of Abilene seem to be taking advantage of the lull in business to talk and act in the matter of church building. Four or five churches are in prospect of being built this summer. The M.E.C. South has already built a very neat and commodious house. Up to this date Abilene has handled 2,200,000 pounds of wool. Abilene intends to have a "fair" next fall, or sooner, for the interest of all the growers and raisers of northwest Texas. Go on with the fair ye enterprising citizens and the adjoining counties will join in and help. The building committee's subscription, for the Baptist church, now amounts to nearly \$1,600 to be

supplemented with \$400 or \$500 from the mission fund. Mr. John Owens has opened his opera. The Episcopal ladies gave a moon light concert and ice cream festival last Thursday night, which was a grand and enjoyable affair. They had all sorts of fruits and melons, and the ice cream was rich and nice. Receipts \$112. Don't tell me that women can not do anything in the way of business. A grand day at Buffalo Gap last Saturday. The Masonic fraternity laid the corner stone of the Cumberland Presbyterian Buffalo High School, a grand old fashioned bar-becue, a big turnout, and good times generally for all. A procession was formed in front of the court house and then marched to the foundation of the building, a little over a hundred yards south east. The Masons took their respective positions around the northeast corner and after prayer by the Chaplain, the officers stepped on the platform and proceeded to lay the stone with very impressive ceremonies. The treasurer deposited in the vault of the corner stone a copy of the Holy Bible, the charter, the names of the trustees, the names of the Grand Lodge officers, the Abilene Lodge officers, coins, copies of the Abilene Reporter and Magnetic Quill, Galveston News, Fort Worth Gazette, Wool Grower, and last and not in part of all the Cumberland Presbyterian with a circular of the Institute. The vault was then closed and sealed by the W. M. and sprinkled with corn, wine, and oil, and then lowered to its place. Then followed some able and appropriate addresses. At the close the choir all joined in singing the good and beautiful song, "We'll meet at the beautiful gate." The fraternity and all marched to the well arranged bar-becue dinner where they found a well supplied table 40x40 feet square, with a good force of ladies and gentlemen to wait on and supply the wants of the hungry and thirsty, while the brass band played some appropriate airs. The ladies were provided with plates first. Everything went on smooth and agreeable and everybody supplied.

The college is to be 44x70, two stories high, built of native stone, 19 windows in the upper story and 14 windows below, 5 inside and 4 outside doors. The structure when completed is to cost about \$7,000. R. R. STAYNE.

There are three trees in the Herbarial gardens of Toronto, Canada, planted by members of the royal family. The Princess Louisa planted the first in 1819 a Scotch fir.

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but it died, and last year she planted another tree of the same kind, and it is now flourishing finely. The Prince of Wales set a handsome maple in 1860, and a Canadian oak was planted by Prince Arthur in 1869. A number of Harvard freshmen have been fined \$20 each for thieving. While riding out from Boston they "ragged" a lot of signs on the way, being about to carry off a tobaccoist's Indian as a policeman appeared. Their carriage was full of barber poles, gift watches, grocers' signs, and so on. The Catalogue of the Sam Houston Normal Institute, at Huntsville, Texas, shows an attendance of 190 students, and a graduating class numbering 77. Considering that the institution is strictly a normal school, this is deemed a good showing. These 190 students represent every section of this wonderful State; about an equal number represent every section of this wonderful State; about an equal number represent each of the 31 senatorial districts.

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ESTRAYS. Taken up by R. E. Burns and posted before F. M. Astor, J. P. Post, No. 3. One gray horse 7 years old, about 14 hands high, branded B4 on the left shoulder. D. B. Mizell, Co. clk., May 11, 1883. Taken up by J. N. Tallent and estrayed before W. J. P. Post, No. 3. One brown pony 13 hands high left fore foot and right hind foot white, white stripe on the nose, some saddle marks, branded V (running on the left thigh and 2 on the bar running from each point of the C) on the left hip, marked half crop the left ear, about 12 years old. D. B. Mizell, Co. clk., April 21, 1883.

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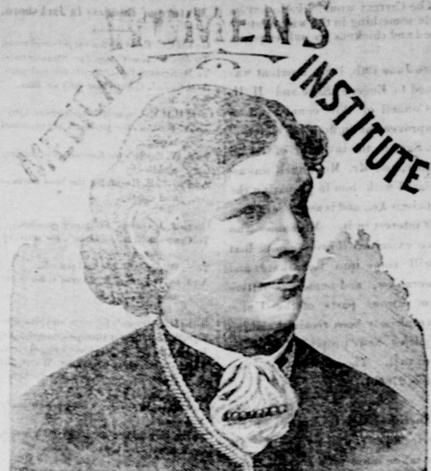
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