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## HERBERT DEXTER'S ORDEAL. A Story for Young Folks.

A lady entered a large dry goods store in the city, and inquired for thibets. She was directed to the lower end of the store, where a young clerk awaited her order. He was a boy of fifteen, with a frank, handsome face that inspired confidence.

He at once displayed a variety of goods. One particular price seemed to please the customer. "Are the colors fast?" she inquired.

Herbert Dexter looked at it carefully. "I am afraid not," he answered. "A lady came in a day or two ago and complained that it had faded."

"Thank you," said the lady. "Then I must look elsewhere, as you have nothing else with a small figure that suits my taste."

The proprietor of the establishment was near enough to hear this conversation. The lady had scarcely left the store when he advanced toward Herbert and said harshly: "What made you tell that lady the cloth would not wash?"

"Because," said Herbert looking up in surprise, "she asked me."

"Well, you simpleton, why couldn't you tell her it did?" "Because it wouldn't have been the truth," said Herbert, simply.

"Then you could at least have told her that you didn't know." "But I did, sir."

"It seems that you have a tender conscience," sneered his employer. "Since that is the case I can't afford to have you here. It won't do to pay you for sending customers away. When your week is up you may leave my employ."

Herbert's heart sank within him. To him the loss of a situation was a very serious matter. His mother was a poor widow, dependent upon her own exertions for a livelihood, and the three dollars which Herbert brought her weekly was of great consequence to her.

He had only been in his place a month, it having been procured by the influence of his uncle John, a man of property, who might have put his hand into his pocket and assisted his brother's wife without feeling it. But John Dexter was not a man of that sort. Money was dearer to him than his nearest friend. He seemed to feel that in obtaining a situation for his nephew in the retail store of Smith & Co., he had placed him under a load of great obligation.

In the midst of his great sorrow Herbert did not for an instant doubt that he had done right, nor would he have acted differently if the opportunity had been given.

Yet it was with a heavy heart that he went home to supper, and informed his mother that he had been dismissed from his place.

"I hope you have done nothing to deserve dismissal," said his mother, much disturbed.

"I will tell you how it happened, mother, and then you can judge," Herbert then told his story.

"You did right my son," said Mrs. Dexter, emphatically. "The situation was not worth keeping at the expense of truth."

"I am glad you think I did right, mother," said Herbert, "but what shall I do?" he inquired anxiously.

"I ought to get another situation immediately."

"Perhaps you had better call on your uncle John," suggested Mrs. Dexter. "He will no doubt be able to procure you another situation."

"I'll go to him to-night," said Herbert, "for there's no time to be lost."

paratively a low opinion of every-body else who came in conflict with him.

"Well, Herbert," said he, patronizingly, "how are you getting on at your new place?"

"Not very well, uncle," said Herbert, rather nervously, "for her food a little in awe of his uncle."

"Not very well!" repeated his uncle surveying him through his glasses, with displeasure. "Why, how does that happen?"

"Mr. Smith expects me to do what I don't think is right."

"I don't understand you."

Herbert Dexter entered into the explanation with which we are already familiar.

At the conclusion he looked into his uncle's face, and saw that it was unfavorable.

"Would you like to know my opinion of what you have done?" he demanded in tones of displeasure.

"If you please, uncle," faltered Herbert.

"Then I think you have made a fool of yourself. What business have you to frighten away his customers. I think your employer did just right. I should have done the same in his place."

"But was it right to deceive the lady?" asked Herbert, perplexed.

"I have no disposition to enter into a discussion on that point," said his uncle, coldly. "The spot of it is that you have lost your situation. How do you expect to get another?"

"I thought perhaps you might interest yourself for me, uncle," said Herbert, his heart sinking within him.

"It's of no use to help you," said Mr. Dexter, taking up his paper, and beginning to read. "You'd lost the best situation I could procure you in less than a month. I can't be at the trouble of continually finding situations for one who doesn't choose to keep them."

"Then what shall I do?" exclaimed Herbert very much troubled at this refusal.

"You ought to have taken this into consideration before you chose to throw away your place at Smith & Co's."

"For my mother's sake, uncle, I hope you will interest yourself for me. I shall be thrown as a burden upon her, and she has to work hard enough as it is."

"Very well, I am sorry. What ever further privations she is subject to will proceed entirely from perverseness."

Herbert was too manly to plead further. His uncle's evident injustice made him indignant.

"Very well, sir," said he, rising, "if you choose to deal so harshly with me because I have done what I consider to be right, I will let me starve."

away and Saturday night Herbert received his wages and dismissal.

Monday he commenced seeking for a situation. He looked over all the advertisements in the daily papers, and made application in many quarters, but some one had always got the start of him. Everywhere he was unsuccessful.

So Friday came, four days he had been searching for a situation, and in vain. Should he be more successful to-day? He feared not.

He had just made an unsuccessful call when he chanced to meet on the street the lady he had served at Smith & Co's. The recognition was mutual.

She stopped and said, with a pleasant smile: "Are you the clerk who waited upon me at Smith's a week since?"

"Yes, madam, but I have left him."

"Let him," said the lady in surprise; how did that happen?"

"He dismissed me," said Herbert, "because I told you the thibet you inquired about would not wash."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the lady indignantly; "if that is the way of doing business I shall buy nothing from him hereafter. Then you are without a place, are you?"

"Yes, madam, I have been trying for several days to obtain one, but I find it very difficult."

"Come home with me," said the lady, "my husband is a commission merchant, and I think he can find room for you in his counting room, if not, he shall obtain you a place."

Herbert began to express his gratitude but the lady stopped him. "It is only right," she said, "since I was the occasion of your losing your place, that I should supply you with another. What did you receive at your former place?"

"Three dollars a week."

Herbert went home with Mrs. Fairbanks, for such proved to be her name. Luckily her husband had come home on an errand. No sooner had his wife explained the circumstances than he engaged Herbert as an additional clerk in his counting room at a salary of five dollars per week, with a promise of more at the end of the year.

"Show the same integrity and fidelity in my employ, that you have exhibited in your former situation," he said kindly "and you may always count me a friend."

Herbert's face was fairly radiant when he reached home and told his mother of his good fortune.

Henceforward his course was onward and upward. At present he is head clerk in the extensive house of Fairbanks & Co. His old employer, Smith, after a few years became bankrupt, and is now living in poverty and obscurity. His ill-gotten gains have not prospered.

**Wealth and Popularity.**  
Money is power, and the rich enjoy it, as strange to say, the long-sighted enjoy their superiority over their friends with deficient length of vision. His wealth is his power, and the people will like him because of his money. We should admit that the rich liked a chief of the State to be rich, just as the cultivated would prefer him to be cultivated, but we doubt if that is the feeling of the body of any people. On the contrary, we question if they do not prefer him not to be divided too far from them by wealth; if a sense that he has, as they say a fellow feeling with them is not a source of far deeper popularity. The poor and the body of all populations are poor in their own eyes—exaggerate the separating influence of wealth, and even when they are not envious of the things it will buy, believe in its hardening effect upon the sympathies. So strongly is this impulse felt in the United States, that wealth is held to be drawback in a candidate for the Presidency by acute wire-pullers and that Lincoln, then a lawyer was deserted everywhere by his

friends, during his election, as a rail-splitter, his former occupation being rightly regarded as much more likely to attract. And when he had become such a favorite of the people that a third term of the Presidency seemed for him a possibility, stories of his rough simplicity of manners were as popular as stories showing readiness in repartee. No anecdote did him more good than that of his stopping in on an old friend uninvited one day, and explaining, "with Mrs. Lincoln away, I'm kinder brownin'." Old "Tippecanoe" General Harrison, was elected because of his roughness; and Horace Greeley's best hope lay in the farmer-like simplicity of his home life, which his admirers were never tired of describing. It may be said that this feeling was especially American and peculiar to a rural democracy; but France, in the last resort, is governed by a rural democracy, too; and in England, where every one has powers except the rural democracy, the claims of simplicity is just as powerfully felt. George III, best of the Waig oligarchs, with all their splendor, as "Farmer George," who ate swine and turkeys for dinner; and Pitt, who never had a penny, had far more of the confidence of the people than any duke. George IV, most expensive of mankind was laughed at. Nor is there the least evidence that public taste has changed since George III. The Queen keeps less state than half her nobles, and what little she does keep is not visible, and she is revered, by comparison with her Hanoverian predecessors, to adoration. In France, neither M. Greys's nor M. Gambetta's plainness of life had in the least checked his rise; nor did the body of the people care one straw whether M. Thiers was or was not a rich man. In Switzerland, opinion for centuries has enforced simplicity of life—and Swiss opinion is the opinion to which France always yields. In Germany, careers have been so confined to sovereigns and the wellborn that it is difficult to form a judgment but the marked economy and even meanness of the Hohenzollern dynasty have never diminished loyalty, and now here are officials so poor, or so deeply respected. Among the splendor-loving Hungarians, the most successful of leaders, Deak, lived on a second floor flat; and in Italy, Garibaldi lived the life of a little farmer, and was so worshiped that his every movement made the throne rock.—[Ex.]

The town of Pullman, a suburb of Chicago of 10,000 inhabitants, built and owned by the Pullman Car Company, has no saloons. An anti-prohibition paper of Chicago thus describes this abode of working men: "Their homes are large, roomy and clean; their furniture and carpets new and tasteful; the air they breathe is pure from moral and physical standpoint; their is absolutely no drunkenness; their children are well-dressed, well clothed and healthy; the men and their wives are well-dressed and seemingly contented. For amusements they have reading-rooms, singing societies, debating clubs, lectures, and everything to make life pleasant and profitable, with increased vigor of mind and body—the invariable result of a correct manner of living. They have no police, jail, or bribe well, and no saloon-keeper to cheat the children of their food, clothing, and education."

The conviction of Ex-treasurer Polk of Tennessee, and the assessment of his punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary, and a fine equal in amount to the embezzlement, speaks well for the administration of justice in Tennessee. Not even the great name he bears, his extensive family connections, political influences nor money could save him from the miserable ignominy and sting of a conviction for a felony. His speedy conviction and severe penalty ought to have a salutary effect upon the country.—[Dallas Herald.]

## Father O'Connor Reviews His Separation from the Roman Church.

The Rev. Father James A. O'Connor, of the Independent Catholic Church, gave his reasons for leaving the Roman church, at the Lake Bluff tabernacle Monday. His address created a profound impression on the large audience in attendance. He said that he was born and received his first ordination near the sweet lakes of Killarney, and finished his training for the priesthood at the celebrated seminary of St. Sulpice, in Paris. He was ordained deacon at Baltimore and priest at Chicago. He was wrestling with the confessional and the mass for four years before he was forced to abandon the Roman church.

In illustrating the effect of the confessional on the mind of the penitent he related an incident that occurred at St. Bridget's church, on Archer avenue. He happened to go into the church late one afternoon, and found there two ladies and two gentlemen, who, he soon learned, were protestants, looking at the pictures. One of the ladies begged him to explain to her the confessional. He politely undertook to do so, and led her to the box in which confessions were heard. He induced her to enter on one side, and he entered the other. He then moved the slide, and left nothing between his mouth and her ear except the wooden grating, and said to her solemnly, as he was accustomed to say to penitents: "Now, tell me all your sins."

At that the lady gave a terrific shriek and bounded out of the cabinet. Her friends were greatly alarmed, and he was more so, but succeeded in convincing the party that there was a wooden partition between him and the lady, and that he had done her no harm. The lady herself, as soon as she had recovered her senses, explained that the gloom of the church and the solemnity of the act had operated on her mind something like drowning, and brought every sin of her whole life to her memory, and that when he said "Tell me all your sins," she was absolutely terrified.

He made great use of the incident to show her the vast utility of the confessional, but afterward he lost all faith in himself. This was not because those who confessed to him were not seriously penitent, for they were. But out of the 50,000 confessions which he heard during his priesthood he never heard one which showed that the person who made it, had made any progress in holiness. He became accustomed to their voices, so that he knew, without seeing them, who they were, and he heard the same confession from the same person over and over for years, except that there was a slight addition, showing that they were growing wiser.

This pains him for a long time, and ultimately overpowered his faith in the institution.

His distrust of the doctrine of transubstantiation began by his reading a story about a Spanish priest named Blanca White. This priest was saying mass in the cathedral at Seville when a mouse darted from a crevice in the altar, picked up a wafer of a consecrated wafer, and darted back with it before the outstretched arm of the priest could arrest him. White finished the mass as soon as possible, and then gathered a posse to hunt for and kill the mouse. In this they succeeded, but on dissecting it were grieved to discover that the wafer had been digested. This set White to thinking. He could scarcely credit the thought that the mouse had eaten the Son of God. In the end it led to White renouncing Roman catholicism, and reading about it.

He gave a thrilling account of the interview and altercation he had with Bishop Foley at the time he abandoned the priesthood. The

## The Newshoys.

How few people, except those connected with the Press, ever stop to think of the poor despised newsboy who is always pictured as a gamin with one suspender holding up the ragged pants, hair protruding through a crownless hat, barefooted, unwashed but with such a saucy devil-may-care air about him, that he at once commands notice if not respect. His life is not to be envied. Up at early dawn to secure his papers after a night spent in almost any spot where he can find shelter, his voice is the first heard in the streets of any large city proclaiming the news which has been gathered while the city slept.

Mr. G. W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger, has taken a good deal of interest in these waifs and one of the pleasantest events of the Fourth, was his dinner to 800 newshoys. A special train of thirteen cars took the youngsters to Belmont at 11 o'clock. Among them were about a dozen colored boys and a middle-aged woman and two little girls, all of whom it is supposed came under the heading of newsboys—at all events, all sell papers for a living. The attire of most of the prospective statesmen was of the most light and airy description, and there was not much attention to the requirements set forth by the fashion plates. Their humor took pronounced forms, as for example when a number of them endeavored to place one of the colored boys into a milk can, and would have succeeded but for the opportune arrival of a policeman, who was attracted by the cries and screams of the colored brother. As the train rolled out of the depot the boys began singing, and made a mighty if not harmonious noise. Arriving at Belmont, they got to the tables without ado, and in about half an hour they had consumed five hundred pounds of meat, four hundred quarts of ice cream, three tubs of lemonade, and quantities of bread, cake and fruit. In disposing of their meal, the young men went at it in a fashion of their own, and soup, ice cream, fruit, Irish stew, pudding and vegetables were eaten together. With a series of cheers and a tiger for Mr. Childs, the boys commenced eating the dinner had with pocket full of nuts, and centered about the green to dispose of the afternoon according to their individual desires. Shortly before dark they returned to the city on a special train, dusty, tired, but short of that chronic desire for food which legend says, is a characteristic of the profession. The invited guests, to the number of 100, sat down to a specially prepared dinner on the upper piazza of the mansion, at the conclusion of the newshoys' feast. Complimentary speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Davis, Rev. Mr. Graham, of Olivet Presbyterian Church, and Chief Marshal, A. M. Spangler. Mr. Childs was not able to be present, being detained at his cottage at Long Branch.—[Proof Sheet.]

Senator Joseph has issued a long address to the voters of his senatorial district, comprising Anderson, Cherokee, Yauzand and Henderson counties, taking strong grounds in favor of the adoption of all the amendments proposed to the constitution, and urges all voters to go to the polls and support the amendments, and especially to vote for the school amendment, which he says is the most necessary of all.

Waco's first bale of new cotton was received the 26th inst.

A fire, the result of a spontaneous combustion of a lot of new hay destroyed a fine stable in Austin recently.

Much sickness is reported around Troupe.

Belton's first bale of cotton was received the 28th inst.

A temperance club was organized at Kilbuck, enrolling twenty-six names, the 27th.

Extensive preparations are being made for Major Penn's meeting, which begins on the 7th of August, at Belton.

What is selling for 50 cents a bushel at Kilbuck.

A \$50,000 bridge is being rapidly built across the Colorado at Lagrange.

Millett is selling on the streets at Groesbeck for 87 1/2 cents a bushel.

Three beautiful silver spoons are to be presented to the old pioneers at the reunion at McKinnon.

The treasurer of the colored Methodist Episcopal church has turned up missing, and the property of the church is \$150 short.

A Gazette special says an Irishman of means, just from Ireland, and several highlanders visited the land office at Austin 28th. They desire to purchase lands in small quantities for a rural retreat.

A dozen or so capitalists, hailing from Illinois, accompanied by a representative of the Springfield Republican, passed through the city on last evening's westbound train en route to Weatherford and the west on a prospecting tour of the country with the view of investing largely in land and settling the same.—[Dallas Herald.]

A correspondent of the St. Louis Evangelist in Santa Fe, writes the following concerning the 33rd anniversary of that city: The "Tertio Millennial" exhibition they call it, the third of a thousand years since the Spaniard came here to settle down with the red man. It is the union of these bloods that has given us the Mexican.

How long Santa Fe had been a Pueblo, or Indian village it cannot be known. By the side of San Maguel church, which dates back to 1542, or fifty years after the discovery of America by Columbus stands a building which, from its appearance and tradition stood there before the Spaniards built the church. It is still occupied.

I was present the other day, where they were grading a road to old Fort Marcy. Four feet down they came to Adobe ruins. It was clear from the ashes and stones where their fireplace had been. Cooking utensils such as the "metates" the stone on which they ground their corn, another with which they rubbed it, and still another flat thin stone on which they baked it, were as they had left them centuries ago, if we can judge from surface appearance. Pieces of pottery of oldest make were found in the ruins, one cap unbroken except where the plow struck it in extending. A totem of the present are here built from Adobes of the past, and like the coral literally today's race built on the skeletons of yesterday's. Four races are to be exhibited at the "Tertio" all still occupying the Territory of New Mexico. The wandering Apache Indian with his patent war dance and wig-wag, the Pueblo Indian with his loom and woven garments, who were thus clad and living in villages when first discovered by the Spaniards, the Mexicans with their old carts and wooden plows, and adobe houses, with rare exceptions, but on whom the mother side they descend. And the present dominant race the Americans. Minerals, wools, merchandise and mechanic arts are exhibited by the higher race. "Roulette" and horse racing by the Mexicans and whites. Ancient Fantastic dances and foot races by the Indians. Which of all is going to carry off the palm I am not ready yet to assert.

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# D. C. BROWN.

A TIME FOR ALL THINGS, EVERYTHING IN SEASON.

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There will be a meeting of the citizens of Jacksboro school community tomorrow (Friday) evening at 4 o'clock for the purpose of organizing the school community for the coming year.

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A light occurred in the jail Friday morning between Jim Youngblood and Bob Archer, over young Enlow winning all of the money, of the party. Archer said he must give up a part of it, and Youngblood said he shouldn't, whereupon, Youngblood and Archer took the matter into their own hands, Archer getting the worst of the affair.

On last Saturday Deputy J. R. Wilks, agent for contractor for conveying prisoners, took in charge, to take to the penitentiary M. A. Catlin for two years, Ruf Harris two years, M. P. Copeland five years, Bob Archer two and a half years, James Youngblood seven and half years, all for theft.

Times change, strangers come and go, the march of improvement shows signs of taking in Jacksboro on its way, but McConnell still holds the fort in the drug line, as he has done since the fall of 1873, and just here he would thank this people for their patronage, as liberally bestowed, that he has virtually had all the trade in his line; what he has missed, not counting for much in the amount. And he hopes by continuing to keep the best stock in the west, as well as by his reputation of "never making a mistake," to merit its continuance.

In a private letter dated Las Vegas N. M., July 16, J. E. Overholts writes that he has been out in the Rio Grande valley on a railroad to some silver mines; he says: "We found it the hottest and driest country I ever saw. It has not rained in that country for two years; not a blade of grass outside of the river bottom. The Rio Grande valley is miles wide and is not more than two or three feet above the water in the river. It is full of irrigation ditches, and settled mostly by Paeblos who live in mud or adobe houses. They have fine wheat and vineyards. They harvest with a sickle and thresh it with sheep and goats. They had a great many horses and cattle under close hand."

Some years ago I inaugurated the business of keeping good law and attachments for sewing machines in this place, but afterwards gave it up to sewing machine men and others who promised to keep the community supplied in this line. To-day nothing of the kind (in any assortment worth mentioning) is to be found in Jacksboro, and at the solicitation of my customers, I have ordered a full line of needles, oils, oils, springs, and screws, and will have illustrated catalogues showing every part of every machine made, which will procure orders from here. I have been appointed agent for the "Domestic" and "White" and in a few days will show samples of these famous machines.

H. H. McConnell.

Stone Masons Wanted.

Hly & Cornelius, contractors, want to hire several good stone masons to work on buildings at this place.

Proceedings of the District Court.

716. The State of Texas vs. M. A. Catlin, offense theft of 5 hogs of the value of \$24. Jury trial verdict guilty, punishment 2 years in penitentiary.

721. The State of Texas vs. Glad Hendricks, on motion of dock, a new trial was granted.

The State of Texas vs. Walker Falow, charged with theft of one horse. Plead insanity, verdict of jury, insane and remanded to the custody of the sheriff to await the order of the court, bond fixed at \$100.

### Masonic Notice.

R. W. B. R. P. Baker will visit Fort Richardson Lodge No. 379 A. F. & A. M. on Thursday night, Aug. 16, 1888, and all members, and the fraternity generally are cordially invited to be present upon that occasion.

H. H. McConnell, Secretary.

### The New Christian Church.

The new Christian church will be finished in two or three days and the congregation wish to express their thanks to citizens of Jacksboro and Jack county for their liberal contributions. Our friends at home have been liberal beyond our expectation; and we have also received help from abroad that defied our hopes. We are under special obligations to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown for the manner in which they have assisted and forwarded the good work from beginning to end.

Again we thank the friends and brethren at home and abroad for their liberal assistance and cordiality in the past, and Saturday night before, when the first religious services will be held in our new house. The services will be conducted by Eld. H. D. Bantam, assisted by other ministers.

J. T. Robinson,  
D. E. Mizell,  
for the congregation.

### Real Estate Transfers Recorded During the Past Week.

Robert A. Smith to Edward Eastburn 1-3 league, consideration \$1845. Karner & Philpott to Abe Eddle 1880 acres, consideration \$453. G. W. Vineyard and wife to Jno. E. Grisham lot 4 blk. 54, Vineyard, consideration \$25. J. C. Bartlett to James Nicholas 108 acres, consideration \$594. W. M. King, col. to Marks & Stark 4-9 acres. W. H. Farmer and wife to John Powell 640 acres, con. \$1000. G. W. Bolton & J. E. Bolton to Henson & Rector 931 1-3 consideration \$1862.66. J. C. Lindsay to Jack Co. Ed. In, consideration \$100. W. B. E. Quinn to W. R. Bean et al \$905 acres, con. \$13,845. Marks & Stark to J. W. Stark, con. \$190. G. W. Vineyard and wife to G. B. Claybrook 14 of blk. 1, Vineyard, con. \$3,400. J. C. Lindsay to W. H. Glasson 131 acres, con. \$510. H. C. Gregory to J. A. Weatherly 60 acres, con. \$150. J. C. Lindsay to J. M. Hughs 5 acres, con. \$100. G. W. Brooks and wife to R. L. McClure con. \$500. L. B. Pendergast to Geo. W. Kistler 248 5-8 acres con. \$497.25. W. T. Moody to J. F. Fore 3 or 4 lots in blk. 32 and lot 3 in blk 31 Vineyard, con. \$60. Stanley Cooper and wife to Thos. D. Sporer 320 acres, con. \$820. R. S. Saffell to J. C. Lindsay 1096 1-4 acres con. \$600. W. L. Crawford to W. H. Holmes 137 3-10 con. \$200. W. M. King, col. to Marks & Stark 190 acres. S. H. Stark to F. M. Marks, con. \$100. W. H. Harris to W. M. Shields 160 acres, con. \$75. D. R. Mizell to W. Brammett 40 acres con. \$50. J. J. Shelton and wife to James Lloyd 160 acres, con. \$300. Daniel Conway and wife to J. W. Stark part of lot 6 blk. 4 in Jacksboro, con. \$300. E. W. Nicholson to J. W. Stark lots 4, 5, and 6 blk. 25 Jacksboro, con. \$25. J. C. Crawford to C. L. Bevers, con. \$20. Wm. McElroy to J. C. Lindsey two sections of State school land, con. \$900. W. M. King to Merrill & Sampier tax deed to 289 acres. John Coggins to W. H. Glasson 131 acres, consideration \$510. Heirs of J. S. Gregory to J. A. Weatherly 90 acres, consideration \$160. J. C. Lindsay to J. M. Hughs 5 acres, consideration \$100. G. W. Brooks to R. L. McClure 940 acres, consideration \$300. Emma P. Taylor to J. A. Weatherly 100 acres, consideration \$300. J. C. Lindsey R. R. McKeehan & W. H. Martin 1 acre, consideration \$10. Clark Hairs to R. L. McClure 229 acres, consideration \$343. F. S. Monahan to John Frazier 1825 acres, consideration \$5300. John Frazier to the Loving Cattle Company, same land. J. C. Henslee to B. H. Gibson 160 acres, consideration \$20. W. A. Peaves to J. W. Knox 640 acres, consideration \$4280.

### Foreign News.

London, July 30.—A dispatch from Naples just received says it is now stated that the number of persons killed by the earthquake on the island of Ischia Saturday night was 2,000 and the number wounded 1,000.

It is stated as certain that 1,000 persons perished on the island Ischia Saturday night. The stench from dead bodies of human beings and animals is sickening. Several men and women were rescued from the ruins Monday morning. Many more might have been saved if a larger force of rescuers had been available. Many persons who were heard groaning during the night were dead before they could be reached and carried to places of safety.

Of the foreigners staying at Casamiceli, only three were saved who were at the theatre Saturday night. The survivors stated that they were obliged to pass Saturday night in absolute darkness, without a light to help even to assist those clinging to help beneath the ruins. There is now little hope of the latter being still alive. According to the latest estimate three thousand persons perished on the island. Three soldiers, searching for victims, were fatally wounded to-day.

Subscriptions have been opened throughout Italy for the distressed Greeks, July 30.—At a meeting of socialist workmen violent speeches were made summoning the state to provide employment for workmen. The assembly afterwards proceeded to the town hall, but the officials refused to receive the deputation whereupon the leader of the procession unfurled the red flag. He and several others were arrested.

London, July 30.—Intelligence is just received here that James Carey the informer in the Phoenix Park murder cases, was shot dead yesterday on the steamship Melrose, while she was between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. The deed was committed by a fellow passenger named O'Donnell. O'Donnell took passage here by the steamship Kinfour.

### Lake City.

Crops look fine. Cures in as good as ever. In this portion of the country, the farmers say.

The "New Hope Items" seem to be very popular to know that the farmers at Lake City have got out of the grass. Thanks. Please take ours for an example and clean yours out, and then come up and see the Lake City school that is being carried on by Mr. Gunn who has a claim to beat New Hope in spelling. Perhaps we will have cotton to pick this fall and more than likely we can give you employment if you wish work.

Our spelling at the Lake is still lively, and singing by our good-looking young friends Jas. Paw and Ed. Boydston every third and fourth Sunday in each month.

Preaching by Elder McDufty every fourth Sunday night.

Sorry to say we have lost one of our good neighbor friends, Mr. T. A. Land.

The farmers are elated over the prospects, they will make plenty of corn for their stock and plenty of wheat for their bread, and a great deal of cotton for the merchants to thus over.

As for the young ladies the boys at Bismarck will come up and take care of them.

### Marriage License.

Wm. Stinson and Jennie Stinson. H. M. Gaithe and Corcoran Whiteley.

Geo. W. Tribby and Dora E. Cooper.

W. R. Patterson and Adillah Morrow.

W. H. Peoples and Amy Miller.

J. F. Grindy and M. E. Hartford.

Evan Jones and Miss Hannah Williams.

### Disappeared Boy.

Foreign News.

London, July 29.—The town of Casamaggiore near Naples, was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake last night. The neighboring towns, Forts, and Laccavani, were greatly damaged. One hundred persons were more or less severely injured and have arrived at Naples by steamers. The number of persons killed is not known.

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### Influence of Newspapers.

A school-teacher, who has been a long time engaged in his profession, and witnesses the influence of a newspaper on the minds of a family of children, writes as follows: "I have found it to be a universal fact, without exception that those scholars of both sexes and all ages, who have access to newspapers at home, when compared to those who have not, are far more intelligent."

1st. Better readers, excellent pronunciation, have frequently read more and understandingly.

2d. They are better spellers, and define words with ease and accuracy.

3d. They obtain practical knowledge of geography, as almost half the time it requires of others, as the newspapers have made them acquainted with the location of important places of nature, their government, and things on the globe.

4th. They are better grammarians, for having become so familiar with every style in the newspapers from the common-place advertisements to the finished and classical oration of the statesman, they more readily comprehend the meaning of the text, and consequently analyze its construction with accuracy.

5th. They write better compositions, using better language, correctly expressed.

6th. Those young men who have for years been readers of newspapers, and are always taking the lead in debating societies, exhibit a more extensive knowledge upon a greater variety of subjects, and express their views with greater fluency, clearness and correctness. (Weekly Proof Sheet.)

### New Wagon Shop.

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### SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS' BANK OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS.

At Close of Business on the 30th Day of June 1888.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Bills receivable \$897,907.40	Capital Stock \$300,000.00
Overdrafts \$3,000.00	Surplus Fund \$100,000.00
Bonds \$1,111.00	Res. for F. E. Jones \$100,000.00
Real Estate \$433.25	Deposits \$78,277.85
Bank Building and Fixtures \$451.50	Due Banks \$100,000.00
Travel Expenses \$1,100.00	Unpaid Dividends \$127.00
Due from B. H. C. \$21,720.75	Total \$1,000,000.00
Cash on hand \$1,841.10	
Total \$2,000,000.00	

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## Meeting of The Grand State Alliance.

The annual meeting of the Farmers State Alliance of Texas will be held in the city of Weatherford on Tuesday August 7, 1882. All Subordinate Alliances are requested to elect delegates to represent them in the State Alliance. Each Alliance is requested to make its reports from Dec. 31, 1882 to June 30, 1883, and send them with the amount due the State Alliance to the Secretary at Mineral Wells Palo Pinto Co. Texas. Any Alliance needing blanks will please notify the secretary at once so that reports may be made in due time. Mineral Wells Post Office will be a Money Order office from July 1, 1883. There is a large amount of business to be transacted at the August meeting and we hope each Alliance will be represented in the State Alliance.

A. DEXLAR, Pres. G. S. A. C. M. WILCOX, Sec. Mineral Wells June 25, '83.

## Jack County Alliance.

County Alliance met in regular order, and the officers being absent they proceeded to organize by electing W. L. Garvin President pro tem, J. B. Garrison Vice-President, J. S. Eidson Secretary, W. J. Womack Chaplain, J. N. Mullins Door Keeper, after which the alliance was opened in due order and Bros. W. J. Womack, J. T. Graves, and Dewees were appointed as committee on credentials. The minutes being absent the reading of the same was omitted. Officers of Co. A. present, I. Stoddard, John D. Rains, C. Sailer, M. F. Fry.

Motion to adjourn for noon.

House called to order at 1 o'clock. Dues collected to the 29th of June 1883; Lynn Creek 25 cents, Co. Cr. 65 cents, Westbrook 60 cents. Committee on by-laws for County Alliance, W. L. Garvin, A. H. Dewees, M. F. Fry, J. N. Rogers, W. J. Womack and J. S. Eidson. Bros. Dewees and Smith were appointed to assist Bro. Hiner to examine the treasurer's book which was found correct. On motion the secretary is to notify all sub-alliances of Jack county that are in arrears and not represented in the county alliance that they will be dropped from the roll if not represented in the next county meeting. On motion J. N. Mullins and A. H. Dewees were elected delegates to the Grand State Alliance. It was also moved that our delegates be instructed to vote for the fees and dues of all men over 60 years of age to be remitted. It was moved that we have a called meeting of the county alliance for the purpose of attending to business for the good of the order. Motion carried and Jacksboro appointed. Bro. W. J. Womack was appointed to select a house. Bro. Garrison was

appointed to wait on Bro. Sailer and request him to be at the called meeting with his books. Moved to adjourn, carried. J. S. Eidson, Sec. pro tem.

## Importance of Roads.

We are not aware that any estimate has ever been made of the actual cost of the public roads of the United States or that the expense of providing them has ever been attempted by any bureau of statistics, but we make the rough estimate that they have cost, at least seven hundred million dollars probably much more—while unknown millions are annually expended in attempting to keep them in repair. If the money were well applied it would be an expenditure of great profit and economy, as everything which the farmer does off his own land is greatly affected by their condition. All his many loads of surplus farm products are drawn over them, and it makes some difference to him and to his horses whether those loads are conveyed easily over hard, smooth surfaces, or dragged through mud and against stones with severe labor to the team, fatigue to the driver, and wear and breakage to the wagon. Every week he and his family, more or less, go to the village for numberless errands, or to church on the Sabbath, and the good or bad condition of the roads seems to affect every fiber, pleasantly or unpleasantly of their feeling or nervous sensations. On an average there is at least twenty miles of traveling each week for the members of a single family. It would make a difference of five dollars a week everything counted, whether this teaming and traveling is done over a nice comfortable road, or through mud holes, sloughs, ruts, and unbridged streams or against stones. Five dollars a week amounts to \$250 a year a snug little sum to tax the farmer with: and when this sum is multiplied by at least five million owners or drivers of horses, carriages, wagons, heavy teams, etc., the aggregate cost would be something over a billion dollars! Does anyone say this is too large an estimate? Then proceed in detail and show in what particulars; but do not blindly and ignorantly say it is wrong without careful examination. Suppose however, we admit that it is double the reality, is not the six hundred millions every year, expended directly or indirectly by our people, worthy of more attention on the part of patriots, statesmen, politicians, office seekers, public spirited men, writers for newspapers, agricultural journalists, and in fact of every one who passes over a road.

So long as our public highways in most parts of the country are made and repaired with so little interest and so little thought, we must suffer an enormous loss. We would like to ask how many of our readers, who drive or ride over the common roads never see a loose stone or a fixed stone, to strike, jolt and batter every passing wheel, or who do not see hundreds of them which might be removed with the expenditure of a small portion of the road tax? How many never saw sods and muck scraped into the road bed, to form a highway or "turn pike," which would be excellent for corn and potatoes, but which when worked into a mass of mud or put into ruts a foot deep, constitute a strange object to be called a "road?" How many never saw along the roadsides, thrifty patches of thistles, burdocks, mulleins, John's wort, nettles, etc., etc. ready to seed all the neighbors' fields? Until we can find such happy persons in the majority, we hope more attention may be given to correcting these evils, although we would not lessen the praiseworthy attention which is now freely accorded to enterprises and interests of almost infinitely less importance, but good in their small way.—[Country Gentleman.

## Newspaper Influence.

It may not be out of place to recur at this time, to the declaration of Senator Houston, in evidence before the committee investigating the evil practices of the lobby, that the press of the state had changed the probable course of the legislature concerning the penitentiary

leases. There is no doubt that the influence of the press was potent in this matter, the power of the governor in favor of the leases being as nothing in the scale. Had it not been for the press there is very little doubt that the leases would have been ratified without much of a struggle; and the people would probably never have understood the enormity of the measure that was proposed for entrapping them. Not long ago a distinguished public man said: "Upon the press, more than any other political force, must we rely hereafter for success. The occupation of the 'stump' orator is well-nigh gone. The newspaper goes in advance of the public speaker, and gives the people the history and logic of the controversy before he can get in his work. The average harangue at the hustings now is little else than a relash of what has been said in the journals of the party. It is, therefore, fortunate for us that we have an independent, intelligent and aggressive press—one that sends the true gospel of politics, red hot, into the byways and highways, to be seen and read of all men." The power of the press is unequalled by any agency in directing public sentiment, and the public man who puts himself in opposition to what the press almost unanimously proposes and advocates commits political suicide. Persistently and gently favorite newspapers find their way into almost every family circle in the land, and what they teach that is based upon reason and apparent justice is accepted by the masses as correct. The political paper goes into the hands of all classes, reaches the young and the old, and carries with it everywhere the prestige of alertness, enterprise and fullness of information. So far as the character of the political newspaper is concerned, the improvements and changes have all been in the direction of extending its popularity and influence. Let us see what census after census teaches: In 1850 there were 2,525 newspapers in the United States, with a circulation of 5,142,177. In 1860 there were 4,657 papers, with a circulation of 13,663,400. Increase in ten years, sixty-five per cent in number of papers and one hundred and fifty per cent in circulation. In 1870 the number of newspapers was 5,871 and the circulation was 29,842,483. Of the total number of papers in 1870, 574 were daily, with a circulation of 2,491,547. In 1880 there were 11,314 newspapers in the United States with a circulation of 31,779,686. While the population of the United States increased in thirty years from 23,171,876 to 50,155,783, or a little more than 100 per cent, the newspapers increased in number from 2,525 to 11,314 (an increase of 340 per cent), and their circulation increased from 5,142,177 in 1850 to 31,779,686 in 1880, an increase in thirty years of over 500 per cent. These figures, which apply to Texas as they do to other portions of the country show the increasing power of the press. While state officers and the penitentiary ring were laying siege to the legislature the newspapers were taking the gospel of events into the highways and the byways, to be seen and read of all, and still they go—penetrating to the most sequestered recesses of the home circle. They are read by the thousands, while the newspaper defamer—probably a governor or other state department officer—dances around with the energy and power of a jumping-jack, abusing the newspaper, and securing in return public derision. Yes, the newspapers will continue to go in increasing numbers to the people. Not like Democratic majorities in Texas will they fall off on a bad year, but they will continue to increase in circulation and in influence, while the little officials who "bark," as was lately poetically said by one of them concerning the newspapers, will be retired and be forgotten as worthless, pitiable things of the past.—[Austin Democratic Statesman.

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