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Christian Sunday School every Sunday.
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Commissioners' Court.

The regular February term of this court convened on Monday with all the members, to wit: J. M. Baldwin, Co. Judge, J. W. Evans, Comr. Pre. No. 1; B. H. Owsley, Comr. Pre. No. 2; T. E. Ballard, Comr. Pre. No. 3 and J. M. Perry, Comr. Pre. No. 4 present.

We give below a brief report of the most important business transacted. The following road overseers were appointed for the several road precincts for a term of one year:

W. J. Sowell, Pre. No. 1.
Bud Smith, " " 2—Rayner 9 miles.
D. Taylor, " " 3.
Newt Millhollon " " 4.
Wat Fitzgerald " " 5—10 mi. on Throck road.
Riley Stephens " " 6.
John Hanson " " 7.
Will Collins " " 9—King Co. road.

J. F. Ross " " 10.
Ossie Lanier " " 12.
W. A. Pitcock " " 13—from 9 mi. post west.
J. P. Rose " " 14.
J. B. Edwards " " 15.
W. J. Winnick " " 16—from 10 mi. on Throckmorton road to Co. line.
Elmer Farmer " " 17.

Ordered that W. B. Anthony employ a guard to guard the prisoners now in jail, at 75 cents per day to be paid by the county.

Reports of the Co. Comrs. as supervisors of roads in their precincts were approved.

Ordered by the court, all of the commissioners concurring, that the county judge gather up all of the county road scrapers and distribute them among the road overseers taking their receipts for same, and that overseers shall deliver scrapers to their successors and take receipts for same.

The following were appointed special officers of election to hold election in their respective districts on the first Saturday in June for the election of public school trustees:

U. I. Fields, Ed Robertson and Henry Post in district No. 1, in town of Haskell.

J. B. Edwards, J. F. Albin and R. E. Sprows in district No. 2, at school house in said district.

L. W. Roberts, L. C. Erick and J. S. Boone in district No. 3, at school house.

S. A. Wren, David Hamilton and J. E. Davis in district No. 4, at Ward school house.

W. A. Pitcock, T. A. Witten and H. D. Crabtree in district No. 5, at school house.

Gil Bennett, Tom Martin and R. J. Norman in district No. 6, at Wildhorse school house.

J. A. Fisher, F. M. Winchester and P. B. Broach in district No. 7, at school house.

J. D. Walker, T. A. Greer and D. W. Fields in district No. 8, at school house.

J. E. Mathews, M. E. Mixon and W. J. Winnick in district No. 9, at Mixon's residence.

On petition of citizens a new school district was created out of a part of districts 1 and 3. The new district will be No. 9.

Treasurer's report examined and approved.

Ordered that the treasurer pay the interest on court house bonds due in April out of the interest and sinking fund levied for said purpose and if there is a shortage in said fund then he shall transfer enough from the general court house fund to said fund to complete said interest payment, and if there is not enough in said funds for said payment then he shall transfer from the road and bridge fund to complete said interest payment.

The following ad valorem taxes were ordered levied and collected for the year 1897 on each \$100 valuation of property, to-wit: 25 cents for general county fund, 6 cents interest and sinking fund for road and bridge bonds, 9 cents for general road and bridge fund, 17 cents for interest and sinking fund for court house bonds, 8 cents general court house and repair fund and 15 cents school tax in school districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9.

That Noble Animal—Man.

Dearly beloved, it is natural for weak, finite man to turn to the clown for funny things, but really some of the funniest things you read fall from the pen of the wise men. Now hear this—I don't know who wrote it, I find it in a "religio-philosophical" paper, but if it doesn't make you smile you are devoid of the sixth sense:

"When one comes in sight of the nobler side of humanity it is no longer a surprise that Christ suffered martyrdom for the race."

Now, it was a man who wrote that; no woman ever said such a thing; it was a man, and if that man goes to heaven he will be bitterly disappointed if a delegation of angels and all the apostles do not meet him ten miles outside the gate with an address of welcome and the freedom of the city in a gold box. We are a nice lot of fellows for a Divine Being to suffer martyrdom for. Says this same complacent man:

"Human beings are all right; we are simply darkened by the shadow of a social system that offers a premium upon our worst traits, and deliberately crushes the nobler part of us."

Oh, yes, we are all right, aren't we? We are naturally, preternaturally, supernaturally, angelically good, but the shadow of a social system "offers premiums" and "crushes" us; a right healthy "shadow" that combines the functions of a county fair and a stone-breaker. How good we are by nature! You have to teach the lying child his prayers, but he learns to lie naturally at home, and learns to swear the first day he goes to school. He hates his lessons and he loves to fish. He plays "hooky" and runs away from Sunday-school, even as he runs to the circus.

The man forgets the text before the sermon is half through, and he forgets the sermon the next day, but he remembers every word of avile story fifty years. He growls about the water-rate, but pays for his whisky without a murmur. The State has to keep up whipping-posts to keep him from beating his wife; it maintains almshouses for his neglected parents, and asylums for his abandoned children; it builds jails to keep him from stealing, penitentiaries to keep him honest, gallows to keep him from murdering, and but for the terror of hell-fire he wouldn't try to go to heaven.

Oh, yes; man, generally considered is a sweet bird, and when we come to look at it, the race conferred an undying honor upon its Saviour in permitting Him to become a martyr for a crowd of such exalted beings. All that ails us is the "shadow of a social system" that we who established that social system—we, these magnificent "human beings," with a trunk full of "nobler parts"—are to endure like martyrs, and, like a set of sneaks, make that shadow the cover for our wrong-doing. Bah! Call the Fool-killer!—R. J. Burdette.

The Amarillo Champion says that from 20 to 70 per cent of the poor "dogies" driven into the panhandle last fall from Central and East Texas have fallen victims to the rigors of winter.

The West Texas Stockman reports a sale by a Borden county stockman of 1000 coming 2 1/2 to Nebraska parties at \$18.50, to be delivered at Amarillo in the spring. It also reports several sales of yearlings at \$12.50, immediate delivery.

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The Black Death.

An exchange gives the history of the Black Death or Bubonic Plague which is again slaying the population of India and which may by some ill fated chance get a hold in Europe and come from thence to our own country:

"The bubonic plague, now raging in India, is the most destructive of all known epidemics. Rarely less than 60 and often 90 per cent of those attacked die. It often destroys half the population of a town or district where it prevails. This disease prevailed throughout Europe from 1348 to 1350 and it is estimated that it carried off not less than one-fourth of the population, or 40,000,000 of people. The first important outbreak of the disease occurred in the sixth century, starting from lower Egypt. It continued to ravage northern Europe until the seventeenth century. The last outbreak in England was from 1663 to 1665, causing what is known in history as the "great plague of London," destroying one-half the population of England. Since that time it has visited Western Europe. In 1720 it was introduced into Marseilles, France from Syria, and destroyed half the population not only of that city, but of the department of Provence. There have been repeated outbreaks in Egypt, Syria, Asia Minor and Turkey. Several terrible visitations have occurred in India and China, Arabia, Mesopotamia and Persia. The general symptoms of the disease resemble those of other malignant forms—rigors, rise of temperature, pain in head, back and limbs, great prostration and mental hallucination, leading to delirium, coma and death. About the second day the symptoms which give the disease its name appears, swellings of the glands under the arms, under the lower jaws, in the groins and elsewhere, proceeding to ulceration and suppuration. Malignant carbuncles appear on different parts of the body, and rapidly develop gangrene. No specific medical treatment is known to cure the disease or even mitigate the symptoms. Nursing, nourishing and proper attention to the running sores seem to be all that avails. The cause of the disease is obscure. It is highly infectious. Poverty, privation and filth are favorable conditions for its development. It is not probable that it can ever become as fatal in highly civilized countries, as it has proven in the overcrowded and unsanitary nations of the far East. Nevertheless it is best to take every precaution to prevent it from obtaining a foothold upon our shores. It belongs East, and we want none of it."

The Cabanas fortress at Havana is said to be a veritable slaughter pen of human beings. Every morning at 7 o'clock the condemned are led into the inclosure surrounding its grim walls and a detail of soldiers steps forward to the music of a band and performs the bloody work of reducing the number of the revolutionists.

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A \$250,000 bill is to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin, at the Waldorf hotel in New York on February 10th. During the progress of this bill a strong force of police will be stationed convenient to prevent the obstruction of the side-walk by the hundreds of half-naked and fully hungry people who pass that way every night. They must move on, they will not be permitted to listen to the rapturous music, hear the sound of the revelry, or to mar the artificial landscape which will pertain to this affluent and royal orgie. We know nothing, and care as little, who Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin are, or where or by what means they are enabled to insult the sense of propriety of good people by vulgarly flaunting their wealth in the face of wide-spread poverty; but we do know that the example is bad, and many become dangerous. Such displays as this makes more anarchists than bad laws and low breeding combined.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

Every now and then we see some such item as the above in a newspaper, but did not expect to see that usually level-headed journal, Texas Farm and Ranch, take the view it expresses. We know that some people possess a vast amount of wealth, but we fail to see where or how it is any of our business how they spend it so that it is not done in a way to injure the rest of us or prejudice our rights. Indeed it is better for us that they should spend their money, and the more lavishly it is done the faster it will get into circulation among the rest of us. If Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin spend \$250,000 on a grand ball they will have that much less money the next day and their servants, caterers, musicians and the decorators, etc. will have it divided amongst them and be the better off for it. On with the dance.

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CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.) An unpleasant, sinister look crossed my listener's face, but his voice still remained bland and suave.

"Perhaps he fancied he had some reasons for anger," I said. Ralph Carriston looked at me with those cold eyes of which his cousin had spoken.

Carriston still slept; so when I went out on my afternoon rounds I left a note, begging him to remain in the house until my return.

As soon as we were alone I turned toward my guest. "And now," I said, "we must settle what to do."

"But you tell me you have no clew whatever to trace her by. Do talk plainly. Tell me all or nothing."

"How can you possibly know it?" "By that gift—that extra sense or whatever it is—which you derive, I knew it would come to me some day."

"You are speaking of those seizures as much as you can. If you don't you will be raving mad in a month."

"I can't promise that," said Carriston quietly. "She has at times I must, or I shall die. But I promise to yield as seldom as may be."

"I can't tell you," he said; "rather, I would put it in this way. I do not think I can exercise my power at will; but I can feel when the fit is coming on me, and, I believe, can, if I choose, stop myself from yielding to it."

"Very well. Now listen. Promise me you will fight against those seizures as much as you can. If you don't you will be raving mad in a month."

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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

A FARMER'S ADVICE LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Following Text: "Seek Him That Maketh the Seven Stars and Orion"—Book of Amos, Chapter 5, Verse 6.

A COUNTRY farmer wrote this text—Amos of Tekoa. He plowed the earth and threshed the grain by a new threshing machine just invented, as formerly the cattle trod out the grain.

Moses was a law-giver, Daniel was a prince, Isaiah a courtier, and David a king; but Amos, the author of my text, was a peasant, and, as might be supposed, nearly all parallels are pastoral.

After this news I felt it more than ever mindful to keep a watchful eye on my friend. So far as I knew there had been no recurrence of the trance, and I began to hope that proper treatment would effect a complete cure, when, to my great alarm and annoyance, Carriston, without warning fell into the same strange state of body and mind as was previously described.

He was sitting in another part of the room, and he saw, something far away. I sighed and looked at the strange spectacle, and foresaw what the end must surely be. But although I looked for him to awake, I determined on this occasion to let the trance, or fit, run its full course, that I might notice in what manner and how soon consciousness returned.

I must have waited and watched some ten minutes—minutes which seemed to me interminable. At last I saw the lips quiver, the lids flicker once or twice, and eventually close wearily over the eyes.

The famous Orloff diamond was originally the eye of an idol in Trichopolis, according to the accepted account, by a Frenchman, who accompanied him to Persia, where he sold it for the equivalent in our money of £1,600 to a Jewish merchant.

"I have seen her again," he said. "She is well; but so unhappy. I saw her kneel down and pray. She stretched her beautiful arms out to me, and yet I know not where to look for her—my poor love! my poor love!"

"I waited until I thought he had sufficiently recovered from his exhaustion to talk without injurious consequences. "Carriston," I said, "let me ask you one question: Are these trances or visions voluntary, or not?"

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PLANETARY GOSSIP.

HOROSCOPIC READINGS OF PROBABLE EVENTS.

Instructions to Applicants for Free Readings in These Columns—Name, Address, Date and Hour of Birth Important Requisites.

HE free readings now being given in these columns are so popular that it will take some time before those on hand will be answered. Every letter sent in will be answered in its regular order.

Those who do not wish to wait their turn can get their readings by mail for twelve two-cent stamps. In all cases full name and address of applicants must accompany requests for free readings.

Following are the readings for this week: Minnie W. Maukato, Kan.—According to the data you have the zodiacal sign Virgo which Mercury rules with a lingering indication of the sign Leo.

E. A. I. X., Owensville, Ind.—According to data furnished you have the zodiacal sign, Scorpio, which Mars rules, rising at birth, therefore Mars is your ruling planet or significator.

Miss Marie H., Detroit.—According to data furnished the zodiacal sign Aquarius, which Uranus rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Uranus is your ruling planet or significator.

The Eskimos defy all laws of hygiene and thrive. Much is said about American dyspepsia, but there is one native race of America that is certainly not greatly troubled by the modern curse.

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ARTISTIC FURNISHINGS.

Hints for Brides and for Wives Who Like Pretty Things.

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Ivory Arrives in New York.
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Ex.

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Information Wanted.
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Butte, Mont., Feb. 4.—The strike organized on the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific railway Tuesday night on account of the yardmaster being discharged for being impudent to Superintendent McCabe, has not yet been settled, and was stated yesterday evening that there is a likelihood that it will result in the suspension of work at the Anaconda mines, smelters, mills and coal mines, which would throw about 5000 men out of work. The strikers will not be taken back, and new men will not take their places, through fear of violence.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WHEREABOUTS OF GEN. GOMEZ IS NOT KNOWN.

Col. Arizona Had a Skirmish With Insurgents. The Troops Lost Five Killed and Seventeen Slightly Wounded—People Suffering.

Havana, Feb. 4.—Capt. Gen. Weyler has arrived at Villa Clara, capital of the province of Santa Clara, from Gen. Maximiliano Gomez is not made public. It is known to the Spanish commanders. He was heard from in the Sancti Spiritus district in the province of Santa Clara, about forty miles in a direct line from Villa Clara, but much of the country separates the two forces. Col. Arizona, near Ciego de Avila, province of Puerto Principe, has had a skirmish with the insurgents. The engagement took place at the Criollo farm.

The official report says that the insurgents abandoned on the field many men wounded to death. The troops lost five men killed and had seventeen slightly wounded. During the skirmish which has taken place during the last three days the insurgents lost twenty-three men killed.

People Suffering.
New York, Feb. 4.—Congressman C. J. Boatner of Louisiana, who is in the city, said 100,000 people are destitute in the northwestern part of his state, owing to short crops. He had received a dispatch from Col. Page Baker, editor of a New Orleans paper, telling him that the people needed seeds to plant their crops, and asking him whether he could not get congress to appropriate something for seed.

"I shall not ask congress to appropriate anything for seeds" said the congressman, "because I feel sure that President Cleveland would veto any bill of that nature. He vetoed a bill of a similar kind for the sufferers in Texas some years ago. It gives me pleasure to say that many congressmen besides myself are sending seeds, and it is a great help. Whatever they get is helpful, and will assist them to plant small crops at least."

He explained the reason for the fearful condition there as follows: "Last year we had a drouth of four months. It not only killed the growing crops, but the streams dried up, cattle died, and those that survived became very poor. The drouth was confined to the silty or sandy soil and to the rich alluvial lands of the Mississippi, Red and Ouachita rivers. These alluvial lands, however, can stand longer drouths than the hill land. There are about 100,000 people affected by this failure to make crops, and we are doing all we can to help them. The state, of course, will do all it can to prevent them from suffering, but they raise them in actual need, for they do not get enough from the crops when they raise them. Besides the help they receive, they will, as I said, have no seed to plant their crops. It is a fearful drouth that kills even a seed crop."

Disturbances in Crete.
New York, Feb. 4.—A dispatch from Constantinople says:
The ambassadors have received news of fresh disturbances having broken out in Crete during which a notable Greek was assassinated and that these troubles have reached Rhethimo.

A second telegram says the revolutionary movement had also declared itself at Carceta and complete anarchy reigns everywhere.
Major Bore, former commander-in-chief of police of Cyprus, who is to form the first three companies of gendarmerie in Crete, left Constantinople for Crete.

The Greek population desires that the Ecumenical Patriarch Anthimos Vly, shall give in his resignation. This he refuses to do. In order to avert all instigations by Mgr. Germanos, the metropolitan of Heraclea, Patriarch Anthimos will use his constitutional power to change half the members of the holy synd.

In consequence of this difference and anti-patriarchal demonstration took place Tuesday in several of the churches of Galata and Stamboul.

It is feared that on the occasion of the session to-day the demonstration will be renewed.
The police are fully cognizant of every fact.
In ecclesiastical and political circles it is believed the retirement of the patriarch is only a question of a few days.

Cuban Reforms.
Madrid, Feb. 4.—The cabinet has finally agreed upon a scheme for Cuban reforms, which will be submitted to the queen regent for her signature to-day. The text will probably be gazetted Saturday. The council of

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

THE NAME "Poultry Yard" is given to that part of a rural estate where fowls are reared; frequently also it includes rabbit hutches. The poultry yard is a valuable resource for a farmer's family, but to derive all the profit obtainable, a certain number of principles must be followed which may be epitomized as follows: The first is to utilize for the fowls the resources of the locality or farm itself without going to any great special expense. Fowls should be fed on the least valuable substances or ailments which could not be otherwise utilized. Grain, etc., being of some commercial value, should be added in small quantity as a complement, and particularly for fattening. The poultry yard should be fully opened so that the fowls may wander about in the vicinity in search of insects and waste seeds; these substances, of no value, should play an important part in their maintenance. This principle, however, should be applied, reckoning the neighborhood of crops, which fowls might injure. In such a case the yard must be closed

SINGLE COMB WHITE LEGHORNS.



The illustration of an ideal single comb white leghorn, male, is by Sewell, the well-known poultry artist. It is an excellent illustration of the grand carriage and beauty of this variety. Some writers claim they are the original variety of the leghorn family, and others give that honor to the Brown. But it matters little about their history. It is sufficient that they are the most popular of the leghorn family, and that comes from the fact that they are larger and lay larger eggs than any of their race. They are very popular in the East on large egg farms. If given a warm house, with scratching shed combined, they will prove to be good winter lay-

ers. But it will not do to confine them in the house without the privilege of scratching among a lot of loose litter. They are very active, and the only way to make them profitable is to keep them busy. They greatly resemble the Black Minorca in every way but color of plumage, and lay an egg very much the size of that of the Minorca. It was owing to this fact that the White Minorca never gained much favor in this country. "Our folks" want clean, yellow legs, and as the White Minorca did not have that, and as they had no other claims for superiority, the leghorn came right to the front, and are to this day close rivals of the black variety of Minorca.

at certain times. The extent of the poultry yard should be in proportion with the demand available. From this point of view the neighborhood of large towns is a reason for giving great importance to the poultry yard, because the sale is abundant and lucrative, and rearing is just as cheap as in strictly rural districts. To feed fowls cheaply it is good to place dung heaps within their reach in which seeds and insects abound. In a poultry yard are reared hens, turkeys, guinea-fowls, pheasants, peacocks, pigeons, ducks, geese, and swans; some for flesh, others for feathers or down. The establishment expenses of a poultry yard should always be as small as possible. It must be separated from the other part of the farm by a wall, wire-work or very thick hedge. A few trees are useful to give shade and at night shelter to the hens, turkeys and peacocks which do not always care to return to the house. There must be a hen house; or one or two pools of water for the geese and ducks, unless there is some pond or stream in the neighborhood; tubs of pure water covered for the hens to drink, which pass their heads through openings in the lids; a grass plot for grazing and a heap of cinders or sand for them to clear themselves of vermin. The farm-dresser can attend to the poultry yard, profitably employing part of her time, with being satisfied in her work. She can only succeed by loving the fowls and making them love her. Every morning and middle of the afternoon she must call and feed them, ascertaining whether none are lost, if all are well, if laying and hatching progress favorably, etc. She must be able to attend to them in sickness, cure them and fatten. All this involves so much labor in large poultry yards that a poultry yard girl has to be employed, who should be supervised during her apprenticeship.—*Dictionary des Sciences.*

Winter Hatched Chickens.
Eggs are too valuable in winter to be used for hatching purposes unless one is confident of securing good hatches and of raising the chicks, says an exchange. To use a dozen eggs from which only six chicks come and then lose three of them, means an expenditure of four eggs for one chick, and no one can afford the cost in that respect. The heaviest loss of chicks is with hens—not with incubators and

brooders—and this fact should not be overlooked. It is admitted that in the spring and summer, when the hen has everything in her favor she will be more serviceable than the brooder, but in the winter, when cold winds, ice, snow and rains prevail, the hen has a difficult undertaking to care for herself instead of attempting to raise a brood, and as a rule the hens are fortunate if they raise one-half of the chicks hatched. When a hen becomes broody and makes her nest in a warm place, and when she brings off her brood have a place prepared for her, under shelter and where the sunlight can come. Be careful that the chicks are not exposed or become chilled, and aim to raise every one of them. In that case the chicks will pay, because the expense of the eggs will be reduced by reason of the larger number of chicks marketed.

Wearing the Dairy Calf.
One of the reasons why dairying is a failure in some localities is that the calf is desired for beef making, and to give him a good start it is allowed to suck for from three weeks to three months, says Rural Life. This will spoil a cow for the dairy, as a rule, and at any rate it takes the time out of her period of buttermaking, which will reduce the butter yield for the year below profit. If the calf sucks three months and is then weaned the cow may be expected to go dry in a few weeks, or half dry at least, and she will not pay for the feed and the trouble. To get a paying meal of milk it is absolutely necessary to milk the cow from the first. The "first" means to some dairymen when the calf is first seen. It is removed immediately and not allowed to suck even once, but the milk is drawn and fed to the calf. By

Antiferreted Honey

Mrs. L. Harrison of Peoria Ill., writes in American Bee Journal: In the early part of November I saw a man carrying a large tin pail, going in the direction of the front gate. It was raining, and I went out on the porch. He said: "I've honey to sell; but I see you have bees, and will not want any." I requested him to let me see his honey. He came to the side of the porch, and I looked down into his pail. It was light colored, and had finely-mashed honey-comb floating in it. When I inquired about his apiary, he gave an evasive answer, and hurriedly departed. One of the neighbors purchased some. He carried it in a large tin pail, with a long-handled dipper to dip it out, selling two pounds for a quarter. I think from the appearance and taste that it is a very fine white sugar, with a small quantity of white comb honey mixed with it. I'm not familiar with glucose—it may be glucose, white sugar syrup, and mashed honey. A lady told me that white sugar settled in the bottom. This man has been doing a good business, selling continually, canvassing the city thoroughly. We have lately been receiving postal cards inquiring about white comb honey, wanting to have it cut out of the sections, and shipped in a covered tin pail holding three or four gallons. "Send by express," and he "will remit." We have not sent any. Persons who buy this mixture will not be likely to buy again, but he will sell a large amount in a city of 60,000 inhabitants. I hear that he has been lowering his price lately, and offering it for 10 cents per pound. Glucose put up in an attractive package, with a small piece of comb honey floating in it, had a big sale one season; but died so dead that it never resurrected. The adulteration of extracted honey has grown to such large proportions that buyers are suspicious of the pure article. And many believe that covering the adulteration by means of glucose.

A buyer once came to our apiary, saying: "I want to buy some honey; there is plenty of that 'darned' white stuff in the stores, but I want bees' honey." He was furnished it, pure and unadulterated. A woman called to get honey for a sick baby. I showed her extracted honey. She shook her head, saying: "The doctor said I must get comb honey and render it out, for looser honey is no good." The adulteration of honey benefits small bee-keepers, for those who desire pure honey will go where they know bees are kept, to purchase it, and are willing to pay a big price for it.

Sheep in Illinois.
John G. Springer, secretary of the Illinois Sheep Breeders' Association, writes: "The number of sheep engaged in sheep breeding and feeding here in the past few years, been greatly decimated, and the number of sheep in the state has decreased from 519,685, valued at \$2,816,468, in 1892, to 402,869, valued at \$1,642,124, in 1896, or a loss of over 63 per cent in sheep and in value. Whatever has been the cause or causes for these great losses those who have been engaged in this industry must feel themselves somewhat in blame, because they have in a measure at least failed to properly look after their own interests. These interests are of such importance that too much attention cannot be given them. In no better way can the proper attention be given than by an organization through which thoughts and systems may be presented and discussed, and a united effort be made to restrict causes for loss and improve the industry. By organization only can these things be accomplished. You are, therefore, asked to give this association your name and your earnest efforts in making it the means of a "betterment for the sheep industry" of our state.

Another common method of fraud consists in making old or "dead" seeds ripen, by treating them with chemicals. In some cases seeds of an entirely different variety or species are thus mixed with good seed. Care is generally taken, of course, to employ seeds that are so similar in shape and appearance as to make detection difficult to the ordinary observer. To prevent the fraudulent seed from growing, and thus disclosing the fraud, it is first killed by being treated with chemicals. In this way the seeds of black medic are mixed with those of red clover. "Killed" seeds of charlock are frequently mixed with those of rutabaga and turnip, which it resembles very closely. A certain family in London made a business of supplying seedmen with "killed" seeds of charlock for twenty years. Similar practices are known to exist in America at the present time.

Weeds and Frost.—It is a common mistake to suppose that all seeds are killed by frost, and when a good freeze has come they give the weeds in gardens and among hedges crops no further attention. The truth is that some of the worst weeds are not injured by light frosts, but are thereby incited to produce a few seeds to perpetuate their species the following season. Very small weeds, only two or three inches high, will do this. The safest way is to plow or cultivate them under the soil. The seed in connection with the plant being then green will often rot, while if the seed drops to the ground from the frosted plant it will not easily rot, but is sure to give trouble in future years.—*Ex.*

Salt on Manure.—There is no better way to make manure soluble and quickly fitted to give its fertility to crops than to throw salt on it. Salt hastens decomposition when used in small quantities, and its attraction for moisture helps keep the manure from freezing. Applying salt and land plaster in equal proportions to manure heaps is an excellent plan. The ammonia liberated by fermentation will be absorbed by the plaster, making a sulphate of ammonia, which is a very powerful and quick-acting fertilizer.—*Ex.*

Butchers' Exposition.—A butchers' exposition, under the patronage of the Duke of York and the lord mayor of London began on December 8 in the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. There are exposed to view dressed meats of every variety, and the killing and dressing of animals takes place before the audience. The patrons have created two new classes for French poultry—born, bred and killed in France—and articles have appeared in the French provincial journals advising farmers to compete for the prizes. Farm mortgages are increasing.

A 13-YEAR-OLD CHILD PARALYZED.

It Was Caused by a Nervous Affection, and Rendered One Arm Useless.

From the Times, Dublin, Ireland.
A happy family is that of Mrs. James McKinney, of Hilledale, Kansas, on whom a Times reporter recently called. His business with these people was to learn the facts for his paper of the cure of their thirteen-year-old daughter from a case of nervous prostration, and the facts were learned from Mrs. McKinney herself, who quickly told the following story: "The first perceptible result of her nervousness was apparent in her right limb," said the mother, "and a physician was called in to attend her. No apparent change coming, another doctor was called to attend her. She continued to grow worse, although we thought the doctors helped her, until she lost the use entirely of her right arm, which hung listless and apparently lifeless by her side. "The physicians finally told us," continued Mrs. McKinney, "that Mary would outgrow it in time, but by accident my hand picked up a circular in his shop, which so highly recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, that we concluded to try them. Mr. McKinney procured a box at Grims' drug store in Paola, and gave her by giving Mary a half pill at a time, and before we had used one box we could see they were doing her good. This was one year ago. She had been suffering at that time for four years, under the doctors, and we were encouraged over the good effects of the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, that we continued to use them, and the

She—Have you ever loved another? He—Yes, of course. Did you think I'd practice on a nice girl like you?—Life.
Millions of Cook Books Given Away.
There is one large house in this country that has taken business on its turn and means to ride in on the rising tide. Alive to the signs of better times and to the best interests of the people, they are now circulating among families a valuable publication known as "THE CHARLES A. VOEGELER COMPANY'S COOKERY BOOK AND BOOK OF COMFORT AND HEALTH," which contains very choice information on the subject of cooking. Receipts for the preparation of good, substantial and dainty dishes, prepared especially for it by a leading authority, will be found in its pages. Much care has been taken in its preparation and distribution, with the hope that it will be just the thing needed for household and hotel use. The thing needed also for the care of the health and household. As a Cookery Book it will be invaluable to keep on hand for reference.
It also contains full information in regard to the great remedies of this house, which provide against bodily ailments, especially the Master Cure for Pains and Aches, St. Jacobs Oil.

The Microscope.
As Used in the Office of Dr. Hartman in His Extensive Practice.
The microscope has become an absolute necessity to the modern practitioner of medicine and surgery. In order to detect the exact nature of many diseases a microscopy is necessary. In Dr. Hartman's extensive practice of medicine, where thousands and thousands of cases are constantly under treatment, a microscope is in constant use to examine specimens of sputa, blood and urine, sent from all parts of the United States for examination. At this season of the year the Doctor is treating several thousand people afflicted with catarrh in some stage or form. Without the very best microscope it would sometimes be impossible to tell, without personal examination, the exact location of the lesion and improve the treatment. A microscope is in constant use to examine specimens of sputa, blood and urine, sent from all parts of the United States for examination. At this season of the year the Doctor is treating several thousand people afflicted with catarrh in some stage or form. 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LOCAL DOTS.

Mr. J. W. Middleton was back this week to see us. Always something good to eat at S. L. Robertson's. Mr. L. N. Ritter and son Koscoe, left Thursday on a visit to Forney. Ladies Arctics, very low at T. J. Wilbourn's. Mrs. J. W. Collins is visiting her father in Knox county this week. Pure Louisiana sugar house molasses at S. L. Robertson's. Mr. Bruce Smith is down from Seymour this week visiting his parents here. Corn still coming at cost—we will keep up the supply as long as it is needed. T. G. CARNEY & Co. Special bargains in Cashmere, also in Gloves, for men, women and children at T. J. Wilbourn's. Mr. L. B. Agnew has taken a berth as driver on the mail line to Seymour. We will receive a nice bill of seasonal dry goods this week. T. G. CARNEY & Co. They say that Henry Post has an interest in a California lemon orchard. Fancy cheese, Buck wheat Flour, fine Syrup and Honey at S. L. Robertson's. Our Southern Missouri rust proof seed oats have arrived. T. G. CARNEY & Co. Mr. J. A. Bailey called on the Free Press the other day and left a pleasant reminder. J. C. Bohanan has white Kaffir corn and Sorghum seed for sale at F. G. Alexander. Ex-Sheriff Lee and J. J. Martin of Stonewall county were over this week trading with our merchants. Try us with that little wallet of cash before you start to the railroad to spend it. We are some on prices ourselves—and especially, for the next 30 days. T. G. CARNEY & Co. Mrs. Cox, mother of Mrs. McKee, has returned from her visit to relatives in Eastern Texas. Beginning with the first day of the year, I want to say to the people I shall give special attention to keeping up my grocery stock and shall endeavor to keep a better assorted stock than ever before. S. L. ROBERTSON. Mr. R. E. Martin who recently sold his drug business in Seymour is visiting his Haskell friends and relatives. Don't fail to call on S. L. Robertson; he will always treat you right. Leave your watch work at the McLemore Drug Store. Promptness and satisfaction guaranteed. O. NICHOLSON, Wichita Falls, Tex. Misses Susie Reeves and Callie Wright of Knox county, who were visiting friends here last week have returned home. Don't forget us, we are still in the lead on merchandise and will be when Gabriel blows his horn. We will put in a stock of goods this year that has not been surpassed in the history of Haskell. Yours &c. T. G. CARNEY & Co. We are informed that Messrs. G. W. Hazlewood and J. A. Bailey are the local agents for the Kansas City World. Call on them for copies of that paper. Take your 5 gallon keg to T. G. Carney & Co's and get it filled with good syrup for \$1.00, also get 20 lbs good sugar for \$1.00—you can't do it anywhere else. Mrs. Judge Baldwin entertained a party of the young people at a progressive domino party Thursday night. Those present were: Mr. Jim Fields and Miss Lillie Rike, Mr. John Jones and Miss Laura Garren, Mr. Percy Lindsey and Miss Mollie Whitman, Mr. John Ellis and Miss May Fields, Mr. T. J. Lawley and Miss Ida Gibson, Mr. Ed Martin and Miss Fannie Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Scott. The young gentlemen say it was a very enjoyable evening.

S. L. Robertson is still selling everything low for cash. Mr. Carl Ferguson, a sheep man of Stonewall county, was in Haskell this week and reported that sheep are doing well in his county. Miss Laura Garren entertained a number of friends last Saturday night. Violin and piano music was a leading feature of the occasion. Seed oats of the very finest quality are now on sale by us, to be delivered as soon as cars can arrive. All parties paying before bill of lading arrives will get their oats at cost. T. G. CARNEY & Co. Mr. Lige Roberts had bad luck on his trip to Abilene this week. His team, hired at Yoe & Gullatt's stable died before he reached Abilene. Mr. Douglass of the wholesale grocery firm of Douglass Bros., Abilene, visited Haskell this week and had one of his horses to die while here. New garden seeds and onion sets in large quantities at S. L. Robertson. When we were taking our notes for a report of the proceedings of the commissioners' court the judge asked that we call special attention to the order in reference to county road scrapers. See report of proceedings. Mr. Will Sherrill left Thursday for Reisel, McLennan county, where he will engage in the lumber business. He was one of our most popular as well as leading young business men, being a member of the hardware and implement firm of Sherrill Bros. & Co., and his many friends regretted his going. While feed is scarce and grass is very short and stock is suffering more or less in consequence, we think our stockmen may take some consolation from the fact that the thorough season now in the earth will cause grass to spring up and grow with a whoop when the first warm days come. Sometimes it is so dry when spring opens that the grass is very slow in starting, but such will not be the case this year.

Fairview News

Ed. Free Press. As you have no correspondent from this community I will write you a few lines. The health of the people is good except cold and grip. Mr. J. M. Kelley has left our neighborhood and moved to Cisco. Mr. W. P. Caudle has gone to carry a load for him. Mr. T. A. Witten has gone to Seymour after corn. Mr. Walter Smith is off on a hunt. Farming is at a standstill because there has been so much cold weather and rain. It may seem a little scary to the boys back east to say it is too wet here to plow, but it is a fact. Mr. Editor you should come out some Friday to our school. We have got as good a school to the size of it as there is in the county. Miss Nannie Stander is our teacher. The pupils are all advancing well with their studies. I will say that if all of the teachers were as painstaking as Miss Nannie, we would all have good schools and children would get the worth of their money. The first thing in order now is out sowing and then to get ready for corn, cotton and sorghum planting. Will write some more some other day. GUESS WHO. [The above was received one day too late for last issue. Write again. —Editor.] Mr. McKINLEY is in a fair way to have a cabinet of millionaires. It is stated that out of the six members so far selected five belong to that class.

THE IDEAL PANACEA.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations." Rev. John Burgus, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial Free at A. P. McLemore's, Drug Store.

And the Armenians. New York, February 2.—The National Armenian relief committee recently forwarded to Turkey \$31,000. They have just received a cable message from the international committee at Constantinople, of which the British ambassador is chairman, acknowledging the remittance and stating that the funds in hand are entirely inadequate to meet the awful suffering and destitution, and that careful investigation has shown that not less than 40,000 children have been made orphans by the late massacres. These "wards of Christendom" can be easily saved from starvation or debasing enslavement in Moslem homes, and can be cared for at the rate of \$1 a month, but thousands will perish before spring unless generous gifts are sent at once to Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, who are the authorized treasurers. Yours truly, Frederick D. Greene, Spencer Trask, Secretary. Chairman.

THE DUBLIN Telephone has suspended, leaving our neighbor town of four-thousand people with only two papers. The Telephone was one of the oldest and best papers in Erath county. The Dublin merchants rested on their oars while those of Comanche filled their home papers with big "ads," month in and month out. As might have been expected, Comanche has enlarged the volume of her business until the Dublin merchants wonder where they are "at." By the same methods used by the business men of her neighbor, Dublin would now be a prosperous city, instead of a graveyard for her remaining enterprises.—Morgan News. Western Texas air is very bracing and its scenery is very expansive but they do not furnish the kind of pabulum on which a man can run a newspaper indefinitely. We know of a paper not a thousand miles from Haskell that needs "ads" in its business.

It is reported that a ship out 60 days from Calcutta, India, arrived at Galveston last week and after being fumigated was allowed to land her cargo. We don't want the "Black Death" in this country. It is too terrible a thing to take the most remote chance on, and we do not think that our state health officers should allow any vessel from an infected port or country to land at one of our ports under any conditions. There probably is but a remote possibility of infection from such source after thorough fumigation, still, the germs of the disease might be lodged in the interior of cases of merchandise where it could not be reached by the fumes and when opened spread disease and death.

It is interesting if not amusing to read the financial journals, such as Dun's Review, and note their efforts from week to week to account for the condition of trade and business. This that and the other circumstance is taken up and turned about to explain the halt in one line this week and a little spurt in another the next, but somehow all lines can not be made to move off smoothly together. All of these journals were with the gold bug side in the late campaign and promising us a general revival as soon as "confidence" was restored, and further, that Mr. Bryan's defeat and Mr. McKinley's election would restore "confidence." But it doesn't seem to have worked that way, and now they are catching at every straw that comes in their reach to make an excuse or an explanation of it.

AFTER making a most successful lecturing tour in Texas and enjoying a duck hunt down on the coast Mr. Bryan has returned to his Nebraska home much in love with the Lone Star state and the people who treated him so royally.

THE Nevada legislature has legalized prize fighting in that state by requiring the pugilists to pay a license for the privilege of bruising each other. Our prediction is that Nevada will soon be so overrun with toughs that all the decent people will have to move out.

Five Dollars Reward. I will pay \$5 reward for any information leading to the recovery of the two following described horses: A gray pony, branded H P—(H P connected) high up on hip, shod all around when last seen. One bay horse, branded J T on left hip, larger than gray, wearing 3 shoes when last seen. Address G. S. ANDERSON, Abilene, Tex.

A Chapter on Prairie Dogs

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ECONOMY is something that everybody tries to practice, and yet just a little oversight will sometimes rob the most frugal and thrifty family of a year's savings. You want to do as J. P. Hickmann, of Monticello, Ga. did. He writes, "For six years I have kept Simmons Liver Regulator in my house, and used it in my family and have had no need for a doctor. I have five as healthy children as you can find."

THE DALLAS NEWS has opened a new department to the public, viz., a department of education, which will include five valuable courses of instruction in matters which can not fail of wide interest and acceptance. On Monday, will be given a lesson on book-keeping and finance, Tuesday, a lesson in elementary mathematics; Wednesday, a lesson in beginners' course for working boys; Thursday, mechanics' bids and estimates; Friday, English and correspondence; Saturday, notes and hints and answers relating to the questions of the week; Sunday, the lessons of the week; Sunday, the lessons of the week will be commenced from a more advanced stand point. The department will be in charge of Professor Seymour Eaton, of Drexel institute, Philadelphia, assisted by a number of well known educators, and will be made thoroughly practical, useful and interesting. All its readers are invited to join the night school free of extra charge.

INTELLIGENT citizens in the great Northwest are now recognizing the fact that life is as safe in the South as anywhere else on this continent, and that good men succeed here without half the difficulty they experience in the rigorous climate of the North. It is a favorite scheme of those who are trying to prevent immigration to the South to continually cry out about "mob law" and "lynchings," as if nobody ever died down this way without a halter around his neck. Such rot has ceased to alarm homeseekers and the inquiry for Southern lands is greater now than it has ever been.—Houston Post.

The Post backs up what it says above with letters from several parties in Iowa and the Northwest expressive of their intention of coming to southern Texas. One man writes that in his county they are making up a little colony of twelve families who will have from \$2000 to \$5000 each to invest when they get to Texas. This man speaks of a pamphlet and other advertising matter relating to the coast country that he has seen. People are apt to go where they are invited instead of running all over a big state like Texas to find a location. We again suggest that the people who are interested in the development of this country should send out some invitations.

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Mr. CAMPBELL who has a cattle ranch near Wichita, Kan., was here this week trying to buy stock cattle. We are informed that he offered \$15 around for stock cattle but owners refused to sell at that price. IT MAY DO AS MUCH FOR YOU. Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill. writes that he had a Severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called Kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure of Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c, for large bottle. At A. P. McLemores.

J. F. CLARK, Jeweler and Optician, Abilene, Tex. Mr. F. G. Alexander left on the first of the month for the East, on his usual semi-annual trip, to buy his spring stock of Dry goods, Clothing, etc. He will join his partner, Mr. S. B. Street of Graham, at Fort Worth and they will go together. They are both out for a large stock, and will spend two or three weeks in carefully looking over the market and making the best possible selections, and Mr. Alexander wishes to say to his friends and the trade of this section in general, that he has made their wants and needs a close study for several years—and his success in disposing of former stocks proves this. He says he feels better able for the task this year than at any time before, and it may be depended on that no effort will be spared to make their house the greatest attraction of any business of the kind in this section of the country in Quantity, Quality and Prices. Those who have been in their store lately know that their stock has run very low. This fact will allow them to put in a full stock of brand new goods in every line. They wish to say especially to the ladies that they will put in an entirely fresh stock of millinery good of the best quality and up-to-date in styles, as they succeeded last fall in selling out all their hats. Their milliner, Miss Wilson, has been spending some time acquainting herself with the latest styles and modes of trimming and will be here at the opening of the season to attend to the wants of the ladies.

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