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FRIENDSHIP.

What soothes the heart oppressed with care? What dries the mourner's flowing tear? What throes a bright fair hair round

HUTCHINS, TEXAS, March 31.—I have been authorized by A. M. George to have his name removed from the communication to the Mail denouncing a part of my communication on the vice and immorality of Hutchins and vicinity.

I have just given the long-winded article written by my friend, the learned and distinguished Oscar M. Addison, a careful and patient reading.

Well, I spent four years in the army, and was never charged with cowardice, or delinquency in duty; so, as an old soldier, there is nothing new or very frightful in that.

I have read of another great giant fighter, Goliath by name, who, before the battle came on, arrayed himself defiantly before his foes; but at the close of the "fight," a shepherd lad stood upon his prostrate form as his conqueror.

In all this discussion, the advocates of an express and explicit law on the subject of liquor selling by church members, have been falsely represented as innovators—wanting to "doctor" the law of our church on this subject.

Before entering into this fearful fight, as there is no way left to get out of it, let us first inquire

what it is about. As I understand it, it is this: I am charged with saying that "there is no express provision of law in our discipline by which a member of our church may be expelled for selling liquor to be used as a beverage."

In the first place, I assert my statement to be strictly true. In the second place, I take the ground that it involves a question of facts, and not of opinion, logic, or argument of any kind, and I have so treated the subject from the first.

I now proceed to prove my assertion: The decision on this question hinges on the word, "express." Whenever I have used it I have put it in italics, to lay special emphasis upon it.

The term *bawrau*, translated "created," is used six times in reference to the making of Adam. Surely they were not "created (bawrau) from nothing."

Reference to the first couple, as depicted, will now be noticed. I. Corinthians, xv, 22: "By Adam all die"; that is, by the sin of one man and one woman, called Adam, the whole inhabitants of earth, irrespective of color, are subjected to death.

Job, xiv, 1: "Adam born of woman (Adam yelud ishah), of few days." By this our attention is directed to *ha-Adam*, first and only man not born of woman, in contrast with man, *adam*, born of woman.

The latter, at birth, is remarkably feeble and helpless, and in body mortal. The former, even after transgression, lived nine hundred and thirty years. The latter, amid his best efforts, realizes hourly that he is of few days.

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So much for the philosophy of the

language of Job, the great light of Idumeah, and one of the inspired instructors of the world. It may be said: "If Adam, the first of the red race, was immortal, why was the tree of *Chaiyim* planted in the garden of Eden?"

The red race alone existed between Adam and the family of Noah. During this time the self-obvious fact was fully developed that neither a white nor a black man, apart from a miracle, of which there is no intimation by Moses, could have sprung from the first couple, positively pronounced in the strongest possible form of the Hebrew language: red, Adam, from the root *odam*, to be red.

Noah and his wife were by natural descent of the red type. Two of their three sons were otherwise—Japheth and Ham. Shem, the youngest, was as his parents and ancestors in complexion; a practical illustration of the doctrine, that "like begets like."

Solomon was a son of David, who was from Arphaxad, who was a son of Shem, who was a son of Noah, who was a son of Lamech, who was a son of Methusala, who was a son of Enoch, who was a son of Jared, who was a son of Malceel, who was a son of Cainan, who was a son of Enoch, who was a son of Seth, who was a son of Adam, the first red man, and father of all mankind.

A faithful friend is the true image of the Deity.—[Napoleon. The profits of the New York Times in 1876 footed up \$154,000. About 9000 Italians are engaged in procuring and preparing coral. There are about 85,000 taxpayers in a population of 1,200,000 in New York city.

Mrs. Hayes makes a dimple in either cheek when smiling. Any one can see how young Rutherford, in that seminary yard, got "counted in" some thirty years ago. In the species with which we are best acquainted—namely, our own—I am far, even as an observer of human life, from thinking that youth is its happiest season, much less the only happy one.—[Paley.

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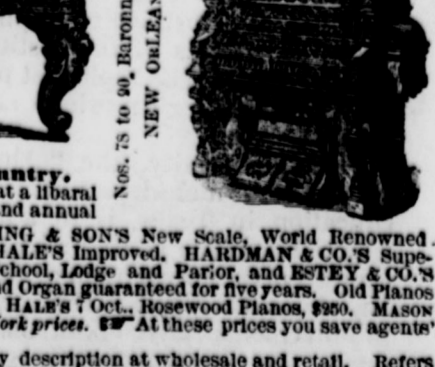
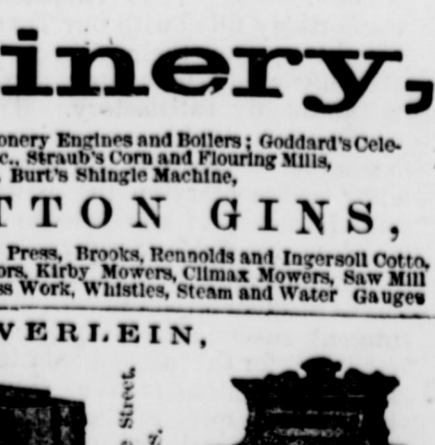
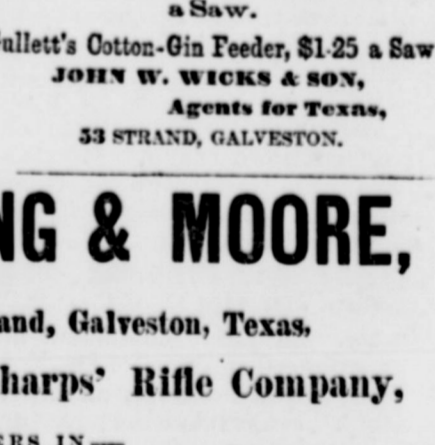
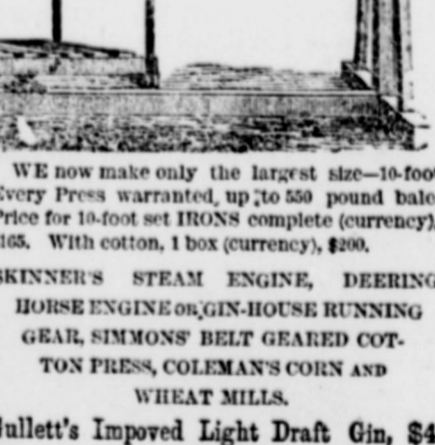
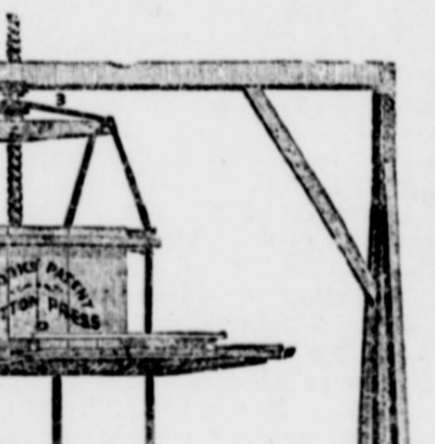
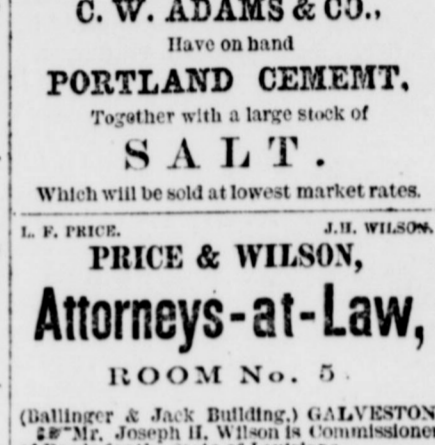
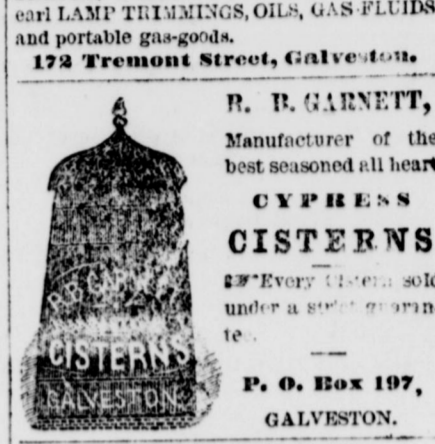
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ONE BY ONE.

One by one the days are coming. One by one the moments fly. And before we catch the sunshine...

A Plea for Some Observance of Easter-Day.

All Christians should know that Easter-day is a festival in celebration of the Resurrection. The word "Easter" we find derived directly from the Saxon...

But is not this day, which it should be such a privilege to commemorate, passed over by many Christians without a passing thought...

In condemning the empty forms of Papacy, and branching off from them, do not some of our Protestant churches ignore form to an extreme? Have we not as a church discarded some beautiful customs of true significance...

They are soon to go forth into the world, and every link of the chain that binds them to the church will be needed. We should teach them to love the church and all its beautiful ordinances...

Yielding to the sentiment of the old adage, "it is never too late to do good," I again re-write what I have written before...

Having been appointed to Georgetown and Round Rock station in January, I came at once to the work, and took charge on the second Sabbath of said month...

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Our work, I am glad to say, is quite prosperous; some fifteen persons have been added to the church since my pastorate began. Georgetown is improving. Round Rock is growing all the while...

Hayes said to Col. Alston, of Georgia, an ex-Confederate, the other day: "All you gentlemen have got to do is to be a little patient, and it will come out all right. I am steadfast in the course I have marked out, and you shall not be disappointed."

Obituaries.

VAN PELT.—William B. Van Pelt departed this life near Hallettsville, Lavaca county, Texas, Aug. 28, 1876. He was born in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina...

HEARNE.—Mrs. S. E. Hearne was born in Navarro county, Texas, Oct. 24, 1854. She was the daughter of Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Sarah R. Spurlin...

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WILLIAMS.—Died, at our residence in Chapel Hill, Frank, February 19, 1877. Olie Frank, daughter of Olie L. and S. R. Williams. For pluck and manly courage she has no equal...

created in our family circle by this missing link. Our hearts are sore for a time too narrow to confine our aching hearts, throbbing and overflowing with emotion...

tribute of respect. WAGES.—Mrs. E. P. Wages, wife of J. R. Wages, and daughter of Henderson Hill, was born February 7, 1855, at Pine Hill, Texas...

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 E. S. Finley, East Texas Conf.
 H. S. Thrall, West Texas Conference.
 W. G. Conner, D. D., N. W. Texas, Conf.
 W. C. Hale, North Texas Conf.
 E. T. Nabers, Texas Conference.

THE ODIOSNESS OF PROFANITY.

Recently as a couple of gentlemen were quietly rowing in the bay to their fishing ground, they were almost run over by a sail-boat, engineered by three young men, evidently greenhorns in the nautical line. Two minutes after they were started at seeing the sail-boat capsize when coming round, though there was not a capful of wind; and, hastening to the rescue, took the drenched and bedraggled victims of misplaced confidence into their little skiff, and after a stout pull conveyed them to the nearest wharf. This is but natural, every whit, so far: young men are normally ambitious; they desire to do that which they have not done before, and so in attempting to sail a boat without knowledge, it comes to the same conclusion as running a hotel without gumption, and that conclusion is—*grief*. But the point the ADVOCATE would touch with its Ithuriel spear is this: Why need a body *swear* after being rescued from a watery grave? That these young gentlemen did swear, and did continue to swear, in the choicest billings-gate until they were placed on terra-firma is the testimony of the gentlemen who rescued them. Now, we would ask in all mildness: why this peculiar expression of human emotion? To have laughed hysterically would have been natural, though womanish; to have sulked and covered would have also been natural, but cowardly; to have been quiet and thankful would have been unnatural, it would seem under the circumstances, and *pious*. So the young gentlemen relieved their feelings by by copious *swearing*. The incident reminds us of an anecdote related of the infidel philosopher, Hume. While strolling around in the mountains contiguous to his home in Scotland, he chanced to get betrayed into a bog, and there he remained in durance vile up to his middle, helpless. Old Jeanette, a covenant neighbor of the bluest stripe, happened to pass by, and recognizing Mr. Hume catechised him severely. Jeanette stood on vantage ground, and knowing it, she administered to the premier infidel of Europe a perfect scorcher in the way of exhortation and warning. Finally, in response to the frenzied appeals of the sinking man, Jeanette consented to pull him out—if he—the arch enemy of revealed religion—would repeat the Lord's prayer and the creed. Hume, of course, was glad enough to do it; and went home a wiser, a muddier, if not a better man. We would advise, therefore, our friends of an aquatic turn, that whenever in the revolution of affairs they discern young gentlemen clinging to the bottom of a boat, overturned through their own folly, they then and there propound to them the recitation of the Lord's prayer, and other pious exercises calculated to impress upon them the nature of their position and the grace of their deliverance, before they shall be landed on terra-firma. †

THE total contributed for relief of the Publishing House up to March 31, 1877, was \$18,829.53, with two thousand and twenty-two preachers to hear from.

(Continued.)
 MADISONVILLE, April 3.—Contract for building Madison courthouse given out to-day for \$7,200. It is to be brick and fire-proof. Local option, new church and courthouse. Praise God!
 G. H. PHAIR.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in New Orleans, May 10th.

CLAIMS OF CATHOLICISM.

"Catholic Subscriber," in the *News* of the 7th instant, attempts another reply to Dr. Ditzler. With every intelligent Protestant the perusal of the article can only excite surprise that claims so arrogant are supported by arguments so feeble. Dr. Ditzler challenged the Catholics to disprove his statements, in the *News* or orally, but this writer assigns as a reason for declining, that Dr. Ditzler's learning is only on a level with that of a ten-year-old school-boy. Either "Catholic Subscriber" is utterly ignorant of the claims of Dr. Ditzler to scholarship, and hence has made a reckless assertion, or he does not care what he says provided he can damage his antagonist.

He also declines because "the subjects proposed by the doctor have been so often and fully ventilated, to the triumph of the Catholic Church, that all persons of education would consider a new discussion stale and profitless." This assumption, that "all persons of education" are persuaded of the triumph of the Catholic church on the questions referred to, discovers an ignorance of facts as pitiable as its bigotry is disgusting. He apologizes for the fact that the "fifty-six editions of the Bible in twelve hundred years," which he had asserted the Catholic church had sent out in the early days of the church, are not more than "Protestantism sends out in five years," by reminding us that at the time this work was finished "the art of printing was in its infancy." Admitted; but why has the Catholic church since that time failed to avail herself of the printing press in circulating among the people the book he tells us she loves so well? While Protestantism is sending out the Bible annually by the million, so far from the Catholic church performing a like work, she has arrested the labors of the Bible societies wherever she had control of the secular power.

He imagines he said a smart thing when, speaking of the circulation of the Bible by Protestants, he remarks: "Yes, and we are told by a Protestant missionary that the Chinese find them very useful in making soles for their shoes, and could probably employ as many more for the same purpose." We are not surprised that Pagans deal with the Word of God in that manner; but their ignorance and superstition does not justify the Catholic church in treating it with like contempt. Our friend places his church in rather bad company.

He denies positively that his church has "forbidden the laity to read the Bible." Of course he means their own version of it; and is careful not to deny that his church condemns all other versions. Even when it permits the laity to read their own, he admits that they are not allowed "privately to interpret it." With an intelligent man, reading a book that he is not permitted to understand or "interpret" for himself is a very feeble recognition of the "freedom of the human conscience." The real position of his church with respect to liberty of conscience is defined by Pius IX, in his celebrated Encyclical letter of December 8, 1864. The Pope says of those who demand freedom of conscience and the press:

"Contrary to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, of the church, and of the holy fathers, these persons do not hesitate to assert that 'the best condition of human society is that wherein no duty is recognized by the Government of correcting by enacted penalties the violators of the Catholic religion, except when the maintenance of the public peace requires it.' From this totally false notion of social government, they fear not to uphold that erroneous opinion, most pernicious to the Catholic Church, and to the salvation of souls, which was called by our predecessor, Gregory XVI. (lately quoted), 'the insanity' (deliramentum) (Encycl. 13 August, 1832), namely, that 'liberty of conscience and of worship is the right of every man; and that this right ought, in every well-

governed State, to be proclaimed and asserted by the law; and that the citizens possess the right of being unrestrained in the exercise of every kind of liberty, by any law, ecclesiastical or civil, so that they are authorized to publish and put forward openly all their ideas whatsoever, either by speaking, in print, or by any other method."

The infallibility of the Pope is no longer a disputed dogma with Catholics. By the decree of the late General Council it was settled and every true Catholic must accept it. This authority asserts the right of the Catholic Church to command the secular government to enact and enforce penalties against violators of the Catholic religion, viz: heretics or Protestants; and it moreover pronounces the claim that "liberty of conscience and of worship is the right of every man," to be "erroneous," "pernicious" and an "insanity." Freedom of conscience, freedom of speech and freedom of the press wrested from the people, either by ecclesiastical or civil power, places them under the heels of an intolerable despotism. "Catholic Subscriber" dares not take upon his conscience the denial that his Church does not assert these arrogant claims.

THE BIBLE IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Our correspondent, "De Profundis," in his late paper on this subject, has opened the discussion of a grave subject, indeed. The position of the ADVOCATE upon this subject can admit of no questioning whatever. The Holy Scriptures in our mother-tongue is the rock upon which we base our faith and work as churchmen, private Christians and American citizens. There is no department of our life so guarded and elevated that the influence of the Bible does not reach and penetrate; there is none so common or obscure but that it pervades and enlightens it. The Bible is the sun of our life. In the eclipse of its light we grope in shadows; we pursue phantoms over unrevealed morasses, into the miserable sloughs of which we sink in doubt, in darkness, and despair. The humanizing and civilizing power of the Scriptures in their mysterious agencies are seen and read of all men in the lives and institutions of those people who possess and use them in the vernacular. It requires a degree of hardihood difficult to imagine for any one in this country to deny the superiority of those communities in which the Bible is in the hand of the people over those in which it is either denied or simply absent. Compare Scotland with Portugal, England with Spain, Prussia with Austria, the United States of America with Mexico! In each of the former countries the Bible is explicitly received as the Book of God, and is popularly, if not unanimously, revered; in the latter, in spite of the shameless denials of Catholics amongst us, it is refused the people; it is a book tabooed; almost accursed. And here let us pause a moment to express our loathing for the subterfuge which hides the withholding of the Word from the common people under the interdiction of the right of individual judgment. It is roundly affirmed by some Papists that the Bible is not denied the people; they are only forbidden to interpret it for themselves! Verily, this is an inestimable privilege! The ox is led to the manger muzzled; the captive is led to the iron grating which bars his exit, and a lie of freedom is shouted in his ear! This can deceive only those who wish to be deceived. The Protestant communities alone enjoy free access to the Word of God in their native tongue. The Catholic Church does not permit it; and the free-thinking classes, in spite of their vaunted liberality, hate and vilify it. We solemnly believe that in proportion as the people become acquainted with the Scriptures, be it without note or comment, that in the same proportion they become intelligent, conscientious and moral. Fa-

miliarity at first hand with the divine truths and principles of the Bible cause them by degrees to creep into the heart and influence the life, even as the tender admonitions of a sainted mother, or as the living walk and conversation of a righteous father, affect the yet unformed character of an affectionate son. Take away our Bibles from our firesides, from our closets, from our pockets next our heart, and you take the "still small voice" that—superior to the storm and fire of nature's most terrible elements—awakens the human soul, reveals the present God and brings the believer to His feet. It is then the duty of every Christian and every patriot to do his utmost to have this precious book disseminated, known and constantly read. We know of no more effectual way to accomplish this great result than to place it authoritatively in our schools for youth, and to surround it there by every sanction of a holy and reverential character. Let those who are opposed to the Christian Scriptures be excommunicated from its study upon request; but in the name of all that is holy and safe, let us not be pushed to the denial of our God and His word by a mawkish sensibility as to the rights of others, gendered by specious reasoning, entailing loss and dishonor to our own children. It is impossible to pursue the subject further at present, but we propose to return to it ever and anon, bringing out such points as may currently come up, and urging with an ever increasing earnestness upon our people their bounden duty to stir themselves in this matter, and to have the heathen prohibition of the Christian Scriptures in our schools that disgraces our legislative enactments expunged speedily and forever. †

JESUS IN NAZARETH.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature."

Joseph belonged to the house of David, and Bethlehem was his city proper; therefore he and Mary are found there for the purpose of being taxed—but Nazareth was their place of residence. The circumcision and redemption of Jesus in all probability were performed while the family was in Bethlehem, before the visit of the Magi. It is not reasonable to suppose that they would have ventured into Jerusalem after the warning given by the wise men; nor can we conceive how the flight to Egypt, and the journey back to Nazareth, and then a visit to the city, could all have taken place in forty days, the time of Mary's purification. Hence, we think it is fair to conclude that the circumcision of Jesus and His presentation in the temple took place before the visit of the Magi. While these two events belong to Bethlehem properly, they may be connected with Nazareth as forming a part of the childhood of Jesus.

Why was the Son of God circumcised. This rite represented the putting off the sinful flesh, but the human nature of Jesus was pure and needed no such rite of cleansing. But He was a Jew and was subject to all the Levitical laws and observances. The Lord was made "like unto His brethren;" His body, though not of sin, was in the likeness of sinful flesh. In fulfillment of His great work of redemption, He became subject to these rites and purifications; not that they were necessary in His case, but it was necessary to "fulfill all righteousness." These rites were administered to Jesus by the authority of His parents, not on His profession of faith; so also the baptism of our children.

The childhood of Jesus was passed in Nazareth. The town was situated in a fold of land open to the summit of the mountain which closes on the north the plain of Esdraelon. The environs are charming, and no place was so well adapted to dreams of absolute happiness. Even in our day Nazareth is a delightful sojourn

where the traveler feels relief from the oppressive sense of desolation which reigns over this historic land. Amid these scenes of quiet and loneliness the Savior received his education and development.

Of the childhood of Jesus we know but little, and this silence of the canonical scriptures is evidence of the truth of the record given. The apocryphal gospels are full of imaginary wonders performed by Jesus during this period, while the evangelists reserve the performance of miracles to the age of maturity and public life. By the former writings, strange prodigies are ascribed to Jesus and his mother, while by the latter he is left in Joseph's carpenter shop until the time of his manifestation to Israel. Wonderful stories are told about dumb idols, irrational beasts and senseless trees bowing to him on his journey to Egypt. He is represented as making flying birds out of balls of clay, and changing his companions into goats for the amusement of his playmates. Then he astounds every one with the magic power of the water in which he had bathed, or the towel on which he had wiped his hands. All these false pictures of the Savior show too plainly what a miserable caricature men make when they attempt to draw the likeness of the God-man from their own imagination. "Here," says Schaff, "we have the falsehood and absurdity of *unnatural fiction*, while the New Testament presents to us the truth and beauty of a *supernatural, yet most real history*, which shines out only in brighter colors by the contrast of the mythical shadows."

The divine nature was present with Jesus from the beginning; but how soon it was manifested to the consciousness of the human has not been revealed. We may well suppose that there was some of this revelation breaking into the human soul continually, but the Gospel represents his growth and development as progressive. Luke 11, 52. In this education he received no learned instruction from the Jewish doctors, no scientific training in the Egyptian, Grecian or Alexandrian schools, nor any sectarian bias from Pharisee or Saducee. The piety of Mary, the example of Joseph, the Old Testament scriptures, the weekly services in the synagogue, the beauty of nature, and especially and above all his prayerful communion with his Heavenly Father, formed all that we know of visible agencies in the education of Christ. Hence the astonishment of the Jews on one occasion, when they inquired, "whence hath this man wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son, and is not his mother Mary, and his brothers James and Joses, Simon and Judas? and his sisters, are they not with us?" This surprise was the result of the knowledge that Jesus was uneducated according to the scholastic training of Jewish rabbins. We may compare the appearance of Jesus on earth to the course of the sun. The first light appeared above the horizon on the night of the nativity, and this light gained its meridian in his public ministry; but as the sun's course is often obscured by clouds, so is the history of thirty years of his life for the most part veiled in obscurity. Only once in this long morning is this veil laid aside to give us a glimpse at the Sun of Righteousness:

All the Jews were required to be present at the feast of the Passover; the blind, the deaf, and the lunatic excepted. At the age of twelve years, every child was permitted, as a "son of the law," to take part in the celebration of this sacred feast. At this time boys were formally taught the Jewish law in schools held in one of the courts of the temple. In the enjoyment of this privilege we behold Jesus in the temple sitting "in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions." He was in the most quiet and orderly manner of a boy receiving in-

struction. But his questions and answers astounded all who heard Him. Into this scene his mother is introduced. Having sought her child with much anxiety among her kinsmen and in the holy city, she now finds Him in the temple, and somewhat hastily chides Him for apparent indifference. Then came the revealing answer: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Hitherto pious Jews and lowly shepherds bore testimony of Jesus; now He bears testimony of Himself. The blossom of His inner life begins here to open and to spread abroad the fragrance, which shall fill the home of His mother with refreshing from the Lord, and gladden His followers to the end of time. While His heart is in the temple as the dwelling place of His Father, He is ready at the call of maternal affection to return to Nazareth. His ear is open and eager for answers to questions put to the rabbins, yet He hesitates not to attend His mother to their humble home; as a sudden flash of lightning at night shows a world of wonders around the benighted traveler, so this out beaming light presents in shadowy form the glorious Savior soon to be revealed in unclouded day.

During the following eighteen years the outer life of Jesus is covered with obscurity, and seems to have been passed in the privacy of the domestic circle. That He was familiar with all the cares and employments of the household is evident from the striking illustrations in His teachings. The rough unwrought cloth which He had seen stitched on an old garment, suggested the botch the Jews made when they attempted to work in the evangelical teaching of Christ with the old fabric of legalism; so also the new wine in the old bottles. The startling figure of the house on the sand, shows His practical skill in Joseph's occupation. The tares and the wheat, the winnowing corn, and the seed sown on the wayside and rock, all point back to scenes familiar to His mind. In the teachings of Jesus, learned science is excluded and methods used that a child may understand. He never quotes from books, except the Old Testament, and never refers to secular learning, but keeps to religion. From this center He shed light over the whole realm of man and nature. "His character and life," says a distinguished writer, "were originated and sustained in spite of circumstances, with which no earthly force could have contended, and therefore must have had their real foundation in a power which was supernatural and divine." c.

A LETTER FROM Hon. J. D. Giddings, of Brenham, requests us to announce that all the Sunday-schools in Texas are respectfully and cordially invited to send delegates to the District Convention to be held in Brenham on the 16th, 17th and 18th inst. Return tickets, with reduced fare, will be allowed by the railroads to all delegates. The growing interest in the Sunday-school work is one of the indications which reveal the moral and religious advance of our State. These general meetings are valuable, as they add largely to the zeal of the Sunday-school workers, and by an interchange of opinion greatly increase their practical knowledge of this important work.

"We had seventeen admissions to the church last Sunday, and six of them are from other churches." We read such reports as the above very frequently in the revival reports of certain churches. The fact that a portion of the accessions are from other churches is given with an emphasis which reveals it to be the specially "sweet morsel" under the tongue of the writer. Such zeal is a sad mistake for that spirit which becomes the followers of Christ. It reveals more anxiety for the glory of their special organization than the salvation of souls.

Messrs. Wallace and Hewitt, evangelists, are holding revival services in the Methodist Church at Corsicana.

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REV. HORACE BISHOP, financial agent Southwestern University, spent several days in Galveston the past week. He reports the prospects of the University as continually on the increase for the better.

General Church News.

Methodism was planted in South Carolina in 1785. In a summary of its history from the pen of Rev. Dr. J. T. Wightman, we find the following: "Six Bishops have been connected with the South Carolina Conference; 980 itinerant preachers have been sent forth from the body to preach the gospel. Of the latter, 130 have died in the work, 300 were transferred to other conferences, and 300 located, leaving 150 in the active work."

The following is from the Canada correspondence of the Nashville Advocate: I am happy to inform you that evangelical work is advancing most gloriously in several places in our country. Showers are falling all around. Such services are no longer confined to Methodist churches. Presbyterians now have their weeks of special services. The Episcopal Church is also falling into line. In Montreal there have been several such services held. Last week I was in Toronto, and attended St. James' Cathedral (Episcopal), and heard the Rev. Mr. Rainsford, from Cambridge, England, conduct a Bible-reading service. A more earnest, evangelical service I have seldom attended. There were probably not less than 1600 present. Remember, it was afternoon, week-day. Every person had a Bible, and the singing was from Sankey and Bliss' song-book, one thousand copies of which had

been purchased a few days before at the Methodist Book-room, to be used at the cathedral. Is not this something new under the sun? Mr. Rainsford preaches every night, and sometimes hundreds leave without being able to get in the sanctuary. One night he actually requested the people to remain for testimonies—a real Methodist fellowship meeting!

Three Episcopal Bishops have undertaken to raise money to clear off the \$75,000 debt on the Missionary Society of the denomination. Twenty thousand dollars have thus far been secured. Philadelphia having contributed \$12,000.

The centennial subscriptions for the fuller endowment of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Chicago have reached \$175,000. Much of this is in land. The new site at Morgan Park, thirteen miles south of the city, contains five acres.

Dr. Gibson baptized two Japanese converts at the Chinese M. E. Mission building in San Francisco, February 25.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council meets in Edinburgh, July 2-9. Rev. J. W. Neil, of San Antonio, is one of the delegates.

Conventions are the order of the day. A class-leaders' convention was recently held at Chicago, presided over by Bishop Harris.

There is such an overplus of ministers in the Northern Methodist Conferences that they are publicly discussing the question of closing the door against admitting new ministers on trial in the traveling connection. To which the Methodist suggests that they had better open the back door to let out incompetents.

That famous old Methodist bee-hive, McKendree Church, Nashville, is to be given up, and a new and more elegant structure erected for the congregation. The last service in the old church was held on Easter Sunday.

The pastors of the various churches in Nashville have issued an address protesting against extravagant funerals. They especially advise bereaved families to provide no hacks except for their own accommodation.

Of the Texas preachers in the Baltimore Conference, we notice that Wm. H. Seat is stationed at Fincastle; J. M. Froullousbee is president of Johnson Female College, and E. R. Smith, supernumerary in Baltimore, engaged in Sunday-school work. Eleven years ago, when the Baltimore Conference was organized by Bishop Early, it numbered 110 ministers and 11,816 members. It now numbers 190 ministers and 26,000 members.

The Church in Texas.

At Bryan, the Presbyterian Church at present has no pastor. Sunday-school is kept up. The Catholic Church having been burned, services are being held by Father Claire in a private house. Rev. Dr. Kendrick of the Christian Church preaches in the court-house. Rev. E. S. Smith has a large congregation at the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Murphy preaches in the Baptist Church and Mr. Doremus who has recently been elected to deacon's orders, has charge of the Episcopal Church.

The Cuero Bulletin is responsible for the announcement that Rev. J. W. Brown, of the Methodist Church, will preach in the Grace (Episcopal) Church every Wednesday night after the third Sunday of each month.

A Presbyterian church was dedicated at Fort Worth, Feb. 11; Rev. W. W. Brimm, pastor.

A union church and school-house has just been completed in the neighborhood of Moscow, Polk county.

Rev. A. T. Graybill, a Presbyterian missionary to the Spanish-speaking population on the Lower Rio Grande, reports as the result of his labor for 1876, the baptism of 25 adults and 14 children. His membership numbers 44 in Matamoros, and 31 in Brownsville.

Spring Presbyteries meet as follows: Galveston, April 19; Victoria, April 25; Georgetown, April 26.

Rev. G. W. Pickett, of Brenham, wishes to secure a missionary to travel in the bounds of the San Antonio Association.

Rev. Mat. J. Edmiston was on the 25th of March installed pastor of the Sutherland Springs, Union and West Union Cumberland Presbyterian churches. Corsicana, with a population of five thousand, has church buildings of the following denominations: Methodist, Baptist, Cumberland and Old School Presbyterians, Episcopal and Catholic.

At Schulenberg the Baptists have a church building which they generously permit other denominations to occupy.

Local Option.

By reports published in the papers it appears that forty-three counties have voted on local option. The following prohibited the sale of whisky: Live Oak, Sumerville, Hood, Coryell, Jasper, Titus, Franklin, Hill, Karnes, Gonzales, Burnet, Caldwell, Leon, Lavaca, Cass, Williamson, Johnson, Clay, Morris, Bell, Hayes, Houston San Saba, Goliad, Hunt, and Jackson—26.

Against prohibiting whisky: Smith, Falls, Milam, Ellis, Anderson, Burleson, Limestone, McLennan, Montague, Lamar, Denton, Red River, Waller, Wood, Navarro, Travis and Bastrop—17.

It is a noticeable fact that local option has been defeated in nearly every county where there is a large colored population.

(Communicated.)

MADISONVILLE, March 28.—We are all busy and therefore cheerful. The prohibition law passed by a majority of 22 in the county; but the whisky side has taken an appeal. The majority of the people are liberal. An instance of this has just transpired: On Wednesday, March 7, we called the people of Madisonville together, and proposed demolishing the old church and building a new one; only about twelve persons were present, but they agreed to it, and over three hundred dollars was subscribed and the balance is coming in rapidly. We shall have a good frame church 48x30, ceiled inside, well seated and painted.

The Publishing House has been remembered, and \$22.50 collected and most of it forwarded. We hope to have a brick courthouse this year, but as our jail is empty I do not hear any talk of a new one being required. May the gracious Lord bless this county with Holy Ghost religion.

G. H. PHAIR.

(Communicated.)

BONHAM.—Local option was only defeated by 128 votes in Fannin county. We will do better next time.—W. D. SHEA.

(Communicated.)

SAN ANTONIO, April 3.—The San Antonio District Conference will convene at Selma, at 9 o'clock on Friday morning, May 25, 1877. Bishop Doggett is expected to preside.—JAS. G. WALKER.

A Newport florist sends 4,000 violets to New York weekly.

When grief leaves its traces, what becomes of the rest of the harness.

A citizen of Albany wants \$7000 for breaking his collar bone on the street. This when whole skeletons are selling at \$35 each in New York.—Boston Traveler.

The Free Press says: "The salaries of good base ball players will this year range from twenty dollars per week down to a whack under the jaw for jumping into a man's garden after the ball."

The pipe which Capt. Josiah Williams of Kittery, Me., left on his mantelpiece just before his death, sixty-one years ago, still remains in that position, the family not allowing it to be removed.

The following question we print verbatim, just as it comes to us through the post-office: "Does a man have to be a certain hire or to a certain hire to enter the military schools at west Point and A certain number of inches around the Chest. Or is there any stipulated size?"—Sun.

Dr. Zurn, of Leipsic, recently delivered a lecture, in that city, on the dog, representing him as useless, expensive and dangerous; the only animal that goes mad by spontaneous effort. He is a perfect emporium for parasites, and has letters patent on a very disagreeable louse called the pantatomum, which is fatal to man if he gets it down his throat. Four kinds of tape-worm riot in the interior of the body, and his ear is never entirely free from foreign inhabitants.—Indianapolis Herald.

A Boston man who went to Quebec and started a small grocery, has astonished the Canadians with the following advertisement of his tea, coffee, etc.: "The peculiar delicacies of the far off Ind, and the finely-flavored and humanizing leaf of the still further Cathay; the more exciting though not less delicious berry of Brazil, and the spices, sugar and luscious fruits of the Antilles; the sugared condiments and the blood-enriching wines of the Mediterranean, and the salt-cured and brain-renewing fish of our own stormy gulf."

The present executive office in the White House used to be the president's room, and I remember when a boy to have seen Andrew Jackson sitting before its fireplace (now replaced by an elegant white marble mantel-piece and grate), smoking a pipe made from a bit of corncob, with a long piece

of reed as a stem. It is said that on one occasion, when a hot brick was needed for Mrs. Eaton, then ill in the White House, he sent for an axe and knocked out a brick from the arch over the jambs of the fireplace, saying as it fell into the coals, "Don't tell me you can't find a hot brick here, but wait a minute or two and take this one."—Washington Letter.

Letters Received.

April 4.—P W Graves—thanks for attention given to the matter... T W Rogers—matter attended to... E L Armstrong (89)... Samuel Morris... N Reeves... R Lane—when you get home, perfectly satisfactory... S W Jones—we put the name "Rebeisen." Is that right?... A Little—we propose to make the Advocate second to no paper in the South, if agents will co-operate with us... J L Chapman—3d and 3d received... M C Blackburn—rest of programme received after first had gone to press... D P Haggard—did not know your address. Preachers half-price. M F C will get paper two years... E S Smith (\$2.50)... W P Turnaux (\$9)... G W Graves... G H Phair—\$14.35... J L Walker—notice appeared... Jas Norwood—extra copies will be forwarded... J L Chapman—chap. IV too late to make changes in previous chapters... E A Stocking... B H Johnson—thanks for explanations; subs. entered... W G Veal—obituary now on file, and will appear in an early number. The other matter we have referred to Dr. J., and will answer by mail soon as we receive his instructions in premises... J S Clover—we allow a commission of ten per cent. on all over five subscribers.

April 9.—B T Kavanaugh—Miss T. charged only half price... R N Brown... Jno W De Witt—\$3.00... F Holman—will look into it... W M Robbins... G W Landrip—attended to... J R Crowder—\$2.50... G H Phair—wish all the preachers "would do all they can" for the friends of Education and Religion to honor us by their attendance. Especially the ministers of all churches; and we especially the ministers of the Methodist Church, are urged to come and help us by their presence. E. D. PITTS.

April 10.—Joseph Proctor—obituary too long; will have to cut it down... T W Rogers—all received. Hope all the preachers will likewise determine to get the ten cent subscribers during the quarter... L C Cunningham—Mr S. paid your subscription, and paper will be sent... E A Stocking—glad to know the Advocate is so positively endorsed... J G Warren—\$2.50... Mrs Ann Hillips—\$2.50; you did not state your address... L B Ellis—it is encouraging to know you will send us fifteen or twenty subscribers during the quarter instead of the ten for which we asked.

April 11, A. M.—E D PITTS—to late for notice this week... I Z Morris.

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A Counter-Strike.

Jack dressed himself for the masquerade, which was held in a church, about two miles and a half from Mahon. Jack had selected the costume of Old Nick, as being most appropriate; and mounting a jackass, he rode down in his dress to the masquerade.

But as Jack was going in, he perceived a yellow carriage, with two footmen in gaudy liveries, draw up, and with his usual politeness, when the footmen opened the door, offered to hand out a fat old dowager covered with diamonds. The lady looked up, and perceiving Jack covered with hair, with his trident and his horns, and his long tail, gave a loud scream, and would have fallen, had it not been for Captain Wilson, who, in his uniform, was coming in and caught her in his arms; while the old lady thanked him, and Captain Wilson bowed, Jack hastily retreated.

"I shall make no conquests to-night," thought Jack, so he entered the church and joined the crowd; but it was so dense, that it was hardly possible to move, and soon our hero got tired of flourishing his trident, and sticking it into people, who wondered what the world he meant. "This is stupid work," thought he, "I may have more fun outside." So Jack put on his cloak, left the masquerade, and went out in search of adventures.

He walked in the open country about half a mile, until he came to a splendid house, standing in a garden of orange trees, which he determined to reconnoitre. He observed that a window was open and lights were in the room; and he climbed up to the window, and just opened the white curtain and looked in. On a bed lay an elderly person, evidently dying, and by the side of the bed were three priests, one of whom held a crucifix in his hand, another the censor, and a third was sitting at a table, with pen, paper and ink. As Jack understood Spanish, he listened, and heard one of the priests say: "Your sins have been enormous, my son, and I cannot give you extreme unction or absolution unless you make some amends."

"I have," answered the moribund, "left money for ten thousand masses to be said for my soul."

"Five hundred thousand masses are not sufficient! How have you gained your enormous wealth? by usury, and robbing the poor!"

"I have left a thousand dollars to be distributed among the poor on the day of my funeral."

"One thousand dollars is nothing. You must leave all your property to the holy church."

"And my children?" replied the dying man faintly.

"What are your children compared to your salvation? Reply not. Either consent, or, not only do I refuse to you the consolations of the dying, but I excommunicate."

"Mercy! holy father, mercy!" said the old man in a dying voice.

"There is no mercy! You are damned for ever and ever! Now hear: Excommunicato te!"

"Stop, stop! have you the paper ready?"

"Tis here, all ready; by which you revoke all former wills, and endow the holy church with your property. We will read it, for God forbid that it should be said that the holy church received an involuntary gift."

"I will sign it," replied the dying man; "but my sight fails me, be quick—absolve me!"

And the paper was signed with difficulty, as the priests supported the dying man.

"I do absolve thee," replied the priest, who went through the ceremony.

"Now this is a most rascally business," said Jack to himself; who then draped his cloak, jumped upon the window-sill, opened wide the window-curtains with both hands, and uttered a yelling kind of "ha! ha! ha! ha!"

The priests turned around, saw the demon, as they imagined, dropped the paper on the table, and threw themselves with their faces on the floor.

"Eorisco te!" stammered one. "Ha! ha! ha! ha!" repeated Jack, entering the room, and taking up the paper, which he burnt by the flame of the candle. Our hero looked at the old man on his bed; his jaw had fallen, his eyes were turned—he was dead.

Jack then gave one more "ha! ha! ha! ha!" just to keep the priests in their places, blew out the candles, made a spring out of the window, caught up his cloak, and disappeared as fast as his legs would carry him.—Margott.

How a Jewess Married a Christian.

Mr. H. L. Oliver, a young lawyer of good standing at the Nashville bar and of good family connections, was married to Miss Hannah Weil, daughter of Mr. S. Weil, of this city, at her father's residence, Friday evening, by Justice Creighton. Fearing that her parents would oppose the match, as it is against the Jewish creed to intermarry with other people, she went to her father and put to him the following insurmountable interrogatories:

"Father, how old am I?"

Father—Nineteen years old, my daughter.

Daughter—When does a young lady become of lawful age?"

Father—At the age of eighteen.

Daughter—Then I am free to act for myself, am I not, father?"

Father—I see no objection to it.

Daughter—Well, then, Mr. Oliver loves me ever so much, and I love him ever so much. I want you to consent to our marriage, for if you do not, I fear we will have to run away, and I'd much rather be married at home.

The father was very much astonished at her pointed inquiries, and more so when he found her betrothed to a Christian gentleman; but after pondering the matter a while, gave the sensible response: "Well, if you are bound to marry, I would rather you would be quietly married at home."—Nashville American.

Chinese Women as Assets.

Three cases of habeas corpus about Chinese women have come before the Sacramento courts within twenty-four hours. A Chinaman was in business on I street; he had three Chinese women at work for him; he failed in business, and told his Chinese creditors to take all he had and pay themselves. A meeting of the creditors was held Thursday night, and Tong Lee was chosen by them to act as assignee. He called on the bankrupt for his property, and the latter turned over as his only assets the three Chinese women. It does not appear what became of two of them, but it is certain Tong Lee took the best looking, named Toy Hung, and arranged to sell her. At this juncture Ah Long applied for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Ah Chem, who claimed to be the husband of Toy Hung, but was at work fifteen miles from town. The writ was issued. Fong Lee produced the woman, and a Chinese woman was sworn as interpreter. Fong Lee admitted that he had taken the woman, who sat near by. "What for?" asked the Court. "As one of the assets of the debtor." "How much did he owe?" "About \$2,000." "How much had you arranged to get for this asset?" asked the Judge. "About \$500," coolly replied the witness. "Then you would declare a dividend of 25 per cent?" "Yes," he answered.

Judge Denson gave Fong Lee a sound lecture and a warning, and told the woman that she was free to go where she pleased, and no one had any right to buy or sell her. The husband, Ah Chem, arrived here last night to get his wife.—Sacramento Union.

The Vanderbilt Will Contest—How It was Compromised.

A gentleman of well known credibility, and who has been intimate for years with Cornelius J. Vanderbilt, made the following statement in regard to the inner history of the Vanderbilt suit: "Soon after the objections to the probate of the commodore's will were filed, Mr. Cornelius Jeremiah Vanderbilt went to live with his sister, Mrs. La Bau, at I think, the New York Hotel. Since that time he has been constantly with her or his other sister, Mrs. Ethelinda Allen. He was the prominent figure in the opposition to the will. This was natural, because

he was a man, but really the sisters did the work. The terms demanded for a withdrawal of all opposition to the probate was \$500,000 to each of the contestants, over and above the bequests in the will. Mr. William H. Vanderbilt at first refused to listen to any terms. When the matter got into court he thought it wise to effect a compromise. Then commenced the haggling about the amount to be paid. Rather than let Cornelius be brought under the direct influence of his brother, his sisters induced him to come to live with them. Mr. William H. Vanderbilt then offered to compromise by paying \$250,000 to each of the contestants. This offer was refused. He then tendered \$300,000 to each. The sisters would not accept, and finally their demand for \$500,000 was acceded to. This is the whole story. Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, with between eighty and ninety millions of dollars, has wisely concluded to pay one million and a half dollars to his own family, rather than to lose millions in years of litigation."—New York Sun.

Value of Imports.

There has been a remarkable decline in the value of imports. The report of the Bureau of Statistics for the month and the twelve months ending Dec. 31, in comparison with similar reports for preceding years, show that there has been a considerable decline in quantities imported, though by no means so large as in values of imports. The great fall in prices, in other countries as well as here, makes a difference of nearly 30 per cent. in the value of imports, quantities being the same, and the decrease in declared value of foreign imports is due much more to this cause than to the diminution in the quantity of goods exchanged. The continuous decline for the last three years indicates a change in the industrial relation of this to other countries, at least in respect to manufactured articles, which is not likely to be reversed. Decreased consumption of foreign wines, spirits and cigars may be attributed rather to the economical temper of the people. The change in the importation of cotton goods, both bleached and unbleached, and prints, and in carpets, has been especially great. It is much to the credit of our industry that such rapid progress has been made in occupation of the home market in so many important branches, and it shows that domestic manufactures are quickly adapting themselves, in cost of production, to the needs of the times.—Philadelphia Ledger.

How Daniel Boone Died.

As he lived, so he died, with his gun in his hand. We are informed by a gentleman direct from Boone's, on the Missouri, that early in last month Col. Daniel Boone rode to a deer lick, and seated himself within a blind raised to conceal him from the game. That while sitting thus concealed, with his old trusty rifle in his hand, pointed toward the lick, the muzzle resting on a log, his face to the breech of his gun, his rifle cocked, his finger on the trigger, one eye shut, the other looking the barrel through the sights—in this position, without a struggle or motion, and of course without pain, he breathed out his life so gently, that when he was found next day by his friends, although stiff and cold, he looked as if alive, with his gun in hand just in the act of firing. It is not altogether certain if a buck had come into range of his gun, which had been the death of thousands, but it might have intuitively followed its old employer's mind and discharged itself. The hypothesis being novel, we leave the solution to the curious.—Paris (Kentucky) Citizen, Sept. 8, 1869.

A Simple Egg Tester.

Provide a piece of dark colored pasteboard five inches long, six inches wide at one end and four inches wide at the other. Roll this together in the shape of a tin horn, lapping the edges half an inch, and pasting or sewing them. Your instrument is now finished. You are to use it like a telescope, applying the small end to the eye and holding the egg to be examined in the large end, directing it toward the strongest light. If the egg is perfectly fresh and good it will appear clear and light, while if it is stale it will appear dark. An egg that has been "set on" for a few days will show, if fertile, a dark spot near the large end—if after a week's "setting" no prominently marked spot appears, the egg may be discarded as not going to hatch.—Journal of Progress.

A negro was put on the stand as a witness, and the Judge inquired if he understood the nature of an oath.

"For certain, Boss," said the citizen; "if I swear to a lie I must stick to him!"

A Western man has accomplished the feat of running ten miles an hour, but the knowing ones say his wife chased him the first three miles!

He Shouldn't Have Lied.

"Are those genuine sausages?" asked he of the butcher.

"Ya," said the butcher, "dey ish genuine."

"Made of dog and cat, and all that," observed the man.

"Nein! nein! dey ish not!" indignantly replied the butcher, "I make no dog's and cat's meat in my sausages."

"Well, then," said the man, walking off, "I don't want them; I'm after the genuine article."

The butcher was perplexed to lose the customer, and gazing wistfully after him, reproachfully muttered:

"Ya, ya—it is sometimes better uff I toldt de truth."—Chicago Evening Journal.

Nose Bleeding.

Placing a small roll of paper or muslin above the front teeth, under the upper lip, and pressing hard on the same, will arrest bleeding of the nose by checking the passage of blood through the arteries leading to the nose. It is sometimes cured by sponging the forehead and face in ice-water. Raising both arms above the head and keeping them there will often have the desired effect.

A College Joke.

Senior to Freshman, as they stroll along the street at midnight: "How wonderful are the heavens! Only think, it takes thousands of years for the light from some of those dim stars to reach us." Philosophic freshman: "Yes; but I say, suppose a ray of light has just started from one of those stars, and after it has traveled a thousand years to reach the earth, suppose the earth to be annihilated; what a terrible disappointment not to find the earth, after all! Or, suppose an astronomer traces up a ray of light and finds no star, but only a hole at the end of it, the star having gone out a thousand years before—how unsatisfactory that would be!" Utter collapse of Senior.—Vale Record.

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Dyspepsia.

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JASPER, TEXAS, March 25.—I have just closed my first round on Beaumont District. The preachers are diligently engaged in their respective fields...

This is the way the world moves: A lecture is to be delivered in Cincinnati and telephoned to an audience in New York...

The Vicksburg Herald chronicles the noteworthy fact that one of the most refined and beautiful young ladies of Warren county...

Fair Charmer (who thinks that she knows everything about college affairs)—"Is it possible, Mr. Tomking, that you are not acquainted with my brother at Harvard? Why, he sings second base in the University base-ball crew."

It is announced that Wm. Henry Harrison, the grandson of President Harrison, who attacked and dangerously wounded Miss Moore, of Boone county, Ky., some time ago...

The occupant of the White House has, according to the Boston Post, decided to abolish the old practice of having visitors at the receptions introduced by the Marshal.

F. C. Humphreys, Florida elector, becomes Collector of Customs at Pensacola.

Hon. Richard McCormick qualified as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, this morning.

EDINBURGH, Ap'14.—The Queen's Theatre has been burned. No one hurt.

Wise and Otherwise.

There are two reasons why we don't trust a man—one because we don't know him, and the other because we do.

The town clerk of Shaftsbury, Vt., has just received his fifty-fourth consecutive election to that office.

The Radical organs can easily ex-Blaine what is the matter with Hayes.

"No pains will be spared," as the quack said, when he sawed off a man's finger to cure a felon.

They may fill Justice Davis' place on the bench, but who will fill his chair?

The London Lancet says ladies' high-heeled boots produce hysteria in the wearers.

Perpetual motion has been established. Dr. Mary Walker says she won't rest until she gets even with Secretary Sherman.

A Baltimore lawyer, who found his cupidily running away with his conscience, put himself under the blue-glass treatment...

All the world is a stage, and the most of the passengers are obliged to go on foot up the hills, and to pry the wheels out of the mud.

One of the rarest books printed in the nineteenth century is the first edition of the "Book of Mormon," published at Palmyra, N. Y., in 1830.

Half the fools in the United States think they can beat the doctors at curing the sick; two thirds of them are sure they can beat the ministers preaching the gospel...

General Tom Thumb is coming West on another annual farewell tour. We are pleased to note that the General is still twenty-three years of age...

The freezing-out process, as applied to office-seekers, must have raised the price of ulsters considerably in the Washington clothing stores.

A Sacramentan who has heard and read a great deal about the blue-glass cure, concluded that he would try it for his rheumatism.

There was recently a trial for murder in Ireland in which the evidence was so palpably insufficient that the judge stopped the case and directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not guilty."

Orders have been given by the Russian government to the manager of the Imperial Iron Foundry at Tula to construct without delay 40,000 iron huts for the accommodation of troops.

On a small island in Louisiana are a dozen boxwood trees, the only ones in the United States, and are supposed to have been planted by coasters in the Spanish reign.

One of the latest improvements in fancy-goods stores is the wrapping up of small articles for ladies to carry home in light pasteboard boxes, with a tape string which serves as a handle.

The author of "Home, Sweet Home," never had a home; and George McDonald, who has eleven children, is the author of "Annals of a Quiet Neighborhood."

The present style of weather calls to mind the remark of a sable brother, that "he had 'most allers noticed if he lived for de month of March he lived for de year."

The Boston Globe has dropped local items, and serves its readers with "Primordial Gorms Evolved from the Organic Cells of City Life."

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The gates of heaven are low-arched; we must enter on our knees.

Old Dr. Sam Johnson knew what he was talking about when in his dictionary he put this definition: "Network—Anything reticulated or decussated at equal distances, with interstices between the intersections."

"Miss Grundy" relieves the public mind by writing that, though the president does not wear gloves at his receptions, he holds a pair of fresh white kid gloves in his left hand, while he shakes hands with his right.

Ohio will be the scene of another political struggle next fall. A Governor and Legislature are to be elected, and the Legislature will choose a successor to Stanley Matthews, in the United States Senate.

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Texas Items.

Wheat in Dallas county is about ten inches high and looks fine. The average of cotton in Coryell county will be about double that of last year.

The stock law is being discussed in Johnson county. The Cleburne Chronicle says the Commissioners' Court has ordered an election on the 9th of July to decide the question of fences.

The Tyler Democrat advises the merchants and others to utilize their leisure time, of which they have an abundance, in clearing up their back yards and preparing for the heated term.

The Cuero Bulletin says the grasshoppers are gradually disappearing in spots, and assembling in the bottoms, apparently for consultation. They are now enjoying themselves on the young corn.

Corsicana Observer: The following is a report of the receipts and shipments over the Central Railroad from this point during the month of March:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Bales of Cotton 617, Cattle, head 17, Freight, Mide, forwarded 61,593, Hides, pounds 20,840, Freight rec'd, mds 1,549,595.

Cleburne (Johnson Co.) Chronicle: Cotton planting brisk. Hoppers have begun to hop away. Wheat looks splendid. Corn is coming up finely; a first rate stand has been obtained. Mrs. Campbell was burned to death by her clothes catching fire as she was standing over a kettle of soap in the yard. Little hoppers hop northward. A bunch of alfalfa fifteen inches high has been left at our office. It affords fine grazing for cattle, horses, sheep or hogs, and will stand the drought of this country.

The Lampasas Dispatch devotes a column to writing up the town and the springs, which, it may be inferred, will one day become as famous in the great Southwest as the celebrated White Sulphur Springs in old Virginia, or Saratoga Springs, down in York State. The town of Lampasas is fast becoming a city. There are numerous stores, school houses and churches of the various denominations. There are five or six springs, with as many varieties of water, adapting themselves to the various diseases which present themselves.

The farmers of Texas and Louisiana have a mania for raising cotton. Low prices and high provisions have no effect on them. Says the Natchitoches (La.) Vindicator: "Of the 9000 bales of cotton raised in this parish, 4000 go for labor, 1500 for meat, 1120 bales for shipping and selling expenses, leaving but 2380 bales to pay the planter's expenses,—interest and tax on lands, mules, etc. The moral is obvious."—Marshal Herald.

The Waco Black Hills expedition will, for the present, remain in Waco.

The Brenham "Fire Fighters" will go to Houston to celebrate San Jacinto day.

The Waco Examiner says cotton planting has actively commenced. The grasshoppers are steadily moving northward.

At the municipal election in Brenham all the old officials, with the exception of Marshal, were re-elected.

Wade Smith's store and contents at Morrisville was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. Incendiarism.

The Fort Worth Standard is satisfied that the Pacific road will not be extended to Weatherford for some years to come, and considers the proposition as simply preposterous.

The Brenham Banner is still annoyed by negroes. It says about one-fifth of a hundred negro boys congregate daily in the vicinity of its office and "put in the entire day marbling." Work would be more conducive to their health.

A correspondent of the Victoria Advocate says: "Most of our farmers have found out that we have to turn over a new leaf, that it would not do any longer to plant only cotton and corn. Several farmers of this county have experimented with wheat, barley, oats, millet, timothy, tobacco, etc." It is said by those who claim to know, that tobacco can be profitably cultivated in this latitude.

The Brenham Banner says the prospect of a full crop of mustang grapes was never better. Dewberries will soon be ripe.

Many hogs are dying of cholera in the vicinity of Mineola. The city marshal is kept busy hauling dead hogs out of town.

The Castroville Era acknowledges a call from several gentlemen from Aransas county, and also from Rockport. It says they were on their way to the Sabinal, Frio and Nueces canons, in search of lands for the establishment of cattle ranches.

The Victoria Advocate has some well timed remarks regarding Texas beef. It says that stockmen have heretofore paid too little attention to the quality of the cattle they have put upon the market, they considering everything four years old and over as beef, regardless of its condition. Texas beef that has reached the English market has given good satisfaction. Texas will eventually be found to meet the requirements of that trade more fully than the expensively fed beef from the North and West. The introduction of improved stock will go far towards bettering the quality of Texas cattle.

Messrs. Shaw & Blaylock, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the Abstract of patents issued from the Land Office up to date, are ready to do the work, and we trust that Commissioner Groos will provide the copy without any further delay. The work is very important to the public, and is anxiously looked for. Messrs. S. & B. propose to establish a branch office at the capital, and to do the printing there.—Galvestonian.

The hoppers have seriously injured the wheat crop in Johnson and Parker counties.

Apricots are successfully grown by a citizen of Brenham. He has a tree that is literally loaded with apricots more than half grown.

The survey of the G., C. & S. F. Railway has reached a point within a few miles of Caldwell, Burleson county. The route is said to be a good one.

The Sherman Register denies the report that the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway has ceased its connections with St. Louis. Freight and passengers will be transferred at Sedalia.

The city of Marshal took charge of her public schools on the 25th of February and opened them with a roll of 111 scholars. On the second of April there was on the register 319 pupils.

The Austin Statesman says a man named Ruediger who has so long been going about with a white apron selling cakes at five cents has just bought a house and lot paying \$1,200 in cash for it. All of it was made selling cakes.

They had a considerable storm at Fort Worth on Saturday last. The local of the Standard gives a little specimen of his descriptive powers in making a pencil sketch. He says: "It was grand, it was sublime, and one could imagine (he don't say that he did) the gods were in battle array, hurling the clouds at each other." There was nothing left to show for the storm except the moist condition of mother earth.

Waco is about to inaugurate a thorough system of water works. In Waco the barbers hire clerks instead of journeymen.

Ten or twelve new brick houses are about to be erected in Mexia. Crops are looking better in Waller county than they have for years.

The Postoffice at Belton will be made a money order office on or about the first of July.

The city of Corpus Christi polled 362 votes for Mayor, at her late municipal election.

The Hempstead Messenger says farmers report that all danger from the grasshoppers is past.

Waco is soon to have a street railway line one mile in length. The iron has been bought and is now enroute.

The gasometer of the Fort Worth Gas Works is twenty-five feet in diameter. The gas is made of naphtha instead of stone coal.

Jefferson Jim: Early vegetables are now plenty in our market. Farmers are plowing out their corn. Cotton planting is going on rapidly.

The municipal election in the "city" of Marlin passed off quietly. J. D. Oltorf was elected Mayor. The Ball does not say how many votes were polled.

Two Iowa gentlemen have recently purchased 600 acres of land a few miles from Marlin, for the purpose of raising Hambletonian horses—fine draft stock.

Track laying on the Dallas and Wichita Ky. goes rapidly on. The grade has been finished some distance beyond Lewisville, in Denton county.

Waller county imports more than half the butter used, and makes no cheese whatever. Milk is almost unknown. Cattle are very abundant in the county.

Texas Observer, Rusk: Thirty-one marriage licenses have been issued since the first of January last. Cotton planting has commenced in this county. There are 33 white and 15 colored school communities organized under the late school law.

Colorado Citizen: The grass is "wearing of the green" and the cattle are already improving. Everything is growing well where the ubiquitous grasshoppers are not. A number of fine beehives have been shipped to the Eastern market during the past few days. Prospects for fruit, especially peaches, are very fine.

Brenham Banner: Gentlemen from Austin county report grasshoppers thick, but not destructive as yet. Several horses have been stolen in the neighborhood this week. Strawberries most ripe. Cotton receipts to April 6th, 24,496 bales. The Ralston cotton condenser saves a great deal of labor in condensing cotton and adds greatly to its value by removing the dust.

The fruit crop will be abundant in Freestone county.

Hoppers are destroying garden and field crops at an alarming rate in the vicinity of La Grange.

The Corpus Christi Gazette says John Bryden has 2700 head of selected cattle ready to cross the Nueces river in the vicinity of Cusa Blanco.

The town of Marshall presents quite a city like appearance caused by the arrival and departure of express and freight trains at all hours of the day and night.—Herald.

The Mason News-Item learns from a gentleman from Menardville, that they are expecting about forty families from Indiana and also considerable immigration from France and England.

An important seizure was made by the Custom House official of Corpus Christi. Forty-three horses were seized, a portion of them are supposed to be contraband Mexican stock that was smuggled over.

One day last week the citizens of La Grange and visitors from the country were entertained with an excellent animal show, consisting of cattle, of short-horn and Ayer-shire varieties, jacks, donkeys etc.

The Palestine Advocate says a lot of fellows who are too lazy to work for a living, have engaged in the business of trapping mocking birds, which they send up North and sell at ten dollars a pair.

The Dallas Mail says the application of molasses or tar, in a ring, around the body of a fruit tree, will prevent the hoppers from crawling up the tree. No provision is made against hoppers with wings.

Palestine is in a thriving condition. The Advocate says: "Only a year ago, at least one-third of the town now crowding beyond the city limits was a dense wilderness. New lots and vegetable farms are opening in every direction.

The Austin Gazette says that a concerted movement will be made by several gentlemen to have a dam constructed across the Colorado river below the bridge at that place. The purpose will be to utilize the water power for manufacturing.

A Houston man has inaugurated a new branch of business, and one that should prove remunerative—the chief contingencies are high freight tariff and the danger of decay—that of shipping new Irish potatoes to St. Louis. The market for this commodity usually opens there about the first of May and lasts until the home crop comes in, say about the 1st to 10th of July. The St. Louis market has heretofore been supplied by New Orleans and Mobile, and there is no reason, railroad tariff being equal, why Texas should not do an extensive business in the article.

News Items.

MADRID, April 10.—Cushing sails for Havre on the 14th, on leave.

The Freedmen's Bureau is now in the hands of the army adjutant.

Two negro prisoners set fire to the jail at Conyers, Ga., and were burned up in it.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—D. M. Boyd, Jr., the general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died at Jacksonville, Fla.

GALENA, ILL., April 10.—Responding to a horn serenaded, Gen. Grant, who is here, said: "Fellow citizens of Galena—I am obliged to you for this serenade and manifestation of esteem. All I have to remark is that it affords me gratification to make periodical visits to this city, and to come back to you again, after sixteen years of official life, like yourselves, one of the sovereigns of this great republic."

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 10.—The United States troops were formed and marched out of the State House at 12 M. to-day.

LONDON, April 10.—The Standard's dispatch from Constantinople reports that the belief of the imminence of war increases. It seems that there is no doubt that the protocol and Montenegro ultimatum will be publicly refused.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Tribune's New Orleans special says that President Hayes' special commission labored for four hours with a delegation of leading business men of the city, with the object of persuading them to organize a movement to compel politicians to form a consolidated Legislature of all the members of the rival bodies, whose election is conceded. The members of the commission made earnest speeches. The business men were, however, inexorable; they said that rather than run the risk of having to endure Packard, as Governor, they would resist with arms, so as to make a military government necessary.

"To-day's experiment," says the special correspondent, "ends this compromise plan. The commission may now try to bring about an adjustment, on the basis of a Legislature made up from face parish returns. This is the only compromise that has the least prospect of acceptance by the Conservatives."

WASHINGTON, April 9.—It appears that new complications have arisen in South Carolina affairs. Chamberlain and his friends, it is said, have determined to make an effort to have him continue to assert his claim to be Governor on the ground that if neither he nor Hampton was properly inaugurated, then Chamberlain holds over under a clause of the constitution of South Carolina, which provides that all officers shall continue to discharge the duties of their office until their successors are elected and qualified. Wright, the third Judge of the State Supreme Court, holds this doctrine.

Chamberlain, who arrived at Columbia yesterday, and his friends, insist that the legislature must meet, if at all, under the Chamberlain call, and order a new election, re-canvass the vote, or do whatever is to be done, as the case may be.

It is not expected at the White House that the change of policy of Chamberlain and his party in South Carolina will have any serious effect in delaying pacification. There is much curiosity as to the political clique which engineered the change. It is known that before going north Governor Chamberlain was contented to allow the wishes of the President to rule him. There has been an intrigue. General politics are devoid of interest, as all prominent appointments are held as reward for personal support in carrying out the views of the administration.

In respect to the pacification of Louisiana, the tone of the papers in speaking of the maneuvers of Chamberlain and Packard, which has heretofore been one of gentle ridicule, is becoming threatening. War, noth urges the Packard legislature to disband and join Nicholls.

Navigation on the Delaware and Hudson Canal begins April 12th.

New York, April 7.—News is received of the death of Philip Clayton, United States Consul at Callao, in Peru. He was a Georgian.

The pay of German generals in high command is 31,500 marks (about \$7,654) a year, with furnished dwellings, fuel, and forage for eight horses.

Judge Peleg Sprague of Boston is the oldest ex-United States senator now living. He was a member of the Maine Legislature fifty-six years ago.

John Chamberlain, the gambler, paid his creditors one cent on the dollar. Now let's see how much the other Chamberlain will pan out.—Boston Post.

An Iowa youth invested \$1 50 in a New York firm to discover "How to appear in society." The receipt he received by return mail was short, simple and easily understood: "Always keep your nose clean, and don't suck more than one finger at a time."

Eastern papers say that among the effects of a lady who lately died in Portland, Me., has been discovered a handsome china service that formerly belonged to the unfortunate Marie Antoinette, and presented to the late Mme. Wington by General Lafayette, after his visit to Portland.

Six school-maams of Central New York have recently started for Buenos Ayres, South America. They each get \$500 in gold for the expenses of their passage, and a salary of \$2,400 in gold for five years. Then they are to get a six months' leave of absence and \$500 in gold for the expenses of their trip to this country and return.

Commercial.

COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Yesterday, Today. Low Ordinary 8 1/2, Ordinary 9 1/2, Good Ordinary 10 1/2, Low Middling 11 1/2, Middling 12 1/2, Good Middling 13 1/2.

GALVESTON RECEIPTS.

Table with 4 columns: This day, This season, Last season, Total. Net Receipts 292, Stock on hand 46,737.

RECEIPTS AT U. S. PORTS.

Table with 3 columns: This day, This season, Last season. Galveston 292, New Orleans 1942, Mobile 46, Savannah 594, Charleston 202, Wilmington 22, Norfolk 43, Baltimore 4, New York 4, Boston 441, Philadelphia 609, Providence 105, Port Royal 25,777, Indianola 12,954.

Table with 2 columns: Total 4,176, Total to this day last year 3,859,071.

EXCHANGE, GOLD AND SILVER.

Table with 3 columns: Buying, Selling, To-day Yesterday. Sterling 60 days 508 513, New York sight 1/2 prem 1/2 prem, New Orleans sight par 1/2 prem, Gold 105 105, Silver 99 100.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations are not applicable to small orders, but represent cash prices for large lots. Bacon—Market dull, prices unchanged. We quote clear sides, 9c; clear rib, 9c; breakfast bacon, 11c; shoulders, 7c. Bagging.—Weak; no demand. Extra heavy, 13c; per yard. Lightweight 12c. Ties 6c. Bailing twine 14c. Bran.—Supply ample, prices steady; 100 pounds, 95c. from the store; by the car load, 90c. Beans.—Prices are steady and unchanged at 26c/27 for prime yellow, with light receipts and not much inquiry. Belting, Rubber.—Sold according to list with 30 per cent off. Butter.—Stock ample and prices lower for all grades. We quote Goshen, 27c/30c; western, 18c/22c; Kansas, 16c/20c. Broom-corn.—Is selling at 24c/34c. Supply ample. Brooms.—2 00c/3 25c—per dozen. Caniles.—Quiet but steady; favorite brands 15c/16c. Cheese.—Western cream, 15c/16c. Corn.—Active. We quote yellow 52c/53c; white, normal; mixed 52c/53c in round lots; selling from store, 53c/55c, per bushel. Corn Meal.—Firm. Selling at \$3 05/3 10 in round lots; jobbing from store \$3 10c/3 15c. Candy.—Good demand; assorted stick 13c/14c; fancy 16c/20c; rock 20c/22c; cream 18c/20c; gum-drops 24c/30c; maple sugar none. Coffee Mills.—Per dozen: Parke's No. 50 5; No. 60, 6; No. 7, 7 50, with 10 per cent discount.

Coffee.—Stock in importer's hands 5000 bags. Quotations are lower for all grades. Ordinary 15c; Fair 19; Good 19 1/2; Prime 20 1/2; Choice 20 3/4. Dealers are selling from store at about 1c advance.

Crackers.—In fair demand; Soda 5c/5 1/2c; cream and ginger 9c/9 1/2c. Castings.—Hollow ware etc., 5c/6c sad irons 5c/6c.

Can Goods.—Per dozen cans: Peaches 2 lb \$1 30c/2 00; strawberries, 2 lb \$2 00/2 75; damsons, 1 1/2 lb \$2 00/2 75; apples, 2 lb, \$2 00/2 75; 1 lb full weight, \$1 65c/1 75; 1 lb full weight, 5c/1 00; oysters 1 lb light weight, 95c; 2 lb light weight, \$1 25c/1 50; tomatoes, 2 lb \$1 60c/1 75.

Chains.—Trace, per pair, 6c, 10, 2c; 60; 64, 10, 2, 70c; 64, 10, 1, 85; 0, 1c; 3c, per pound.

Drugs.—Acid Citric \$1 10; acetic 16c; tartaric 60c; oxalic 23c; sulphuric in carboys 34c; C. P. 40c; Aloes Cap. 20c; alcohol \$22c; alum 5c; ammonia aqua 3 P. 8c; ammonia, spirits aron. 48c; arsenic, common powdered 5c; Bismuth subnit. \$2; blue vitrol 15c; borax refined, 20c; caustic, lunar, pure \$1 00; chloroform \$1 00; Copperas 3c; Calomel, English, \$2 00; American, 30c; stock 70c; Cinnamon bark 35c/60c; cream tartar, pure, 45c—; grocery 25c/40c; Chloral hydrate 25c/28c; morphine, sulph, \$5 00.

Flour.—Market active and unchanged. Prices are as follows for different grades. Superfine \$6 00c/6 50; Double Ex. \$6 75/7; Treble Extra. \$7 25/7 75; Family \$8 25c/8 75; Fancy Brands \$9 00/9 25.

Eggs.—Ample supply and firm, selling at 10c/11c, in patent boxes; Bay 13c/14c; Island 16c/18c, per doz.

Fruit, Dried.—Raisins, layers per box, \$2 25c/2 40; figs, per lb, 16c/18c; prunes 8c/9c; currants, Zante, per pound 7c/8c; dates 9c/10c; almonds, soft, 18c/20c; shell, 45c; hard shell, 18c/20c; filberts 16c; Brazil nuts 10c/11c.

Fruit, Fresh.—Ample supply; nemand light. Apples \$3 50c/3 90 per barrel for choice from first hands. Lemons \$4 50/4 85 00; Cocoanuts, \$1 50c/2 00 per 100; Fish.—Mackerel, barrels, No. 2, \$9 00/9 75; half-barrels, No. 1, \$7 50/8; No. 2, \$3 25/3; kips, No. 1, \$1 65c/1 75; No. 2, \$1 35c/1 40; herrings, Dutch, \$1 40c/1 50; per keg, dried, No. 1, 45c/50c; No. 2, 50c/55c per box; codfish; quarter boxes, \$1 75c/2; half-boxes \$3 25c/3 50; 100 lb boxes, 6c, per pound.

Glass Goods.—Per dozen in cases Pickles, per gallon, \$5 00c/5 25; half-gallon \$3 40c/3 50; quarts \$2 40c/2 50; pints, \$1 25c/1 30.

Hams.—Dull; prices lower. Choice sugar cured, 12c/13c; 3d quality, 10c/10 1/2c.

Hay.—Good supply; and active, Prime Western, at \$2 25c/2 40; choice 21c/22c in round lots. Jobbing at \$23c/23; Northern, \$18c/20.

Hides.—Dry selected, over 16 lbs, and under, 14c; light salted, 14c; stack salted, 11c; kips, 11c; damaged kips and glue stock, 5c. Wet salted, 50 lbs and upward, select 1 7c; below 50 lbs 7c; butchers' green, 6c.

Hardware.—Axes, per dozen; Collins Kentucky light, \$10 50; medium, \$11 50; heavy \$13 50.

Iron.—Per dozen, planters A. B. No. 0, \$6 50; No. 1, \$7; No. 2, \$7 50; No. 3, \$8 00; H. B. N. O., \$6; No. 1, \$6 50; No. 2, \$7 00; No. 3, \$7 50.

Iron.—Per pound, common bar, 4c; band 6c/6 1/2c; hoop 5c/5 1/2c; sheet, common, 7c; R. G. 8c; galv. 17c; Russia, 30c; imitation Russia, 22c; pile slabs 5c; nail rods, 10c; axels, 8c; horse shoes, Burden's 6 50c/7 50; mule-shoes \$7 00.

Lard.—Market weak, price unchanged. Refined in tierce 10 1/2c/11c; keg 11c/12c; barrels, 11 1/2c/11 1/2c.

Lumber.—The demand is light, and stocks ample. Rough yellow pine, \$22 second quality \$20; dressed yellow pine, \$22 boards \$26c/28; surfaced boards \$25c/28; ceiling \$20c/25; flooring \$25c/30 cypress lumber by the cargo \$25c/30 ash \$40; shingles \$14c/15 by small lots \$3c/50 by the cargo.

Lime, Cement, Etc.—In limited demand. Austin lime \$2 00 per barrel; Alabama \$2 25; cement \$2 25/25; plaster Paris, \$1 50c/4 00; laths \$4 40 per M.

Moss.—Scarce and in demand at 2 1/2c, per lb.

Molasses.—Choice 50c/55c; per gallon; Prime 43c/47c; Fair 40c/42c; common 36c/38c.

Oils.—Market firm and prices unchanged. Lincseed, raw 77c; boiled 2c Lard No. 1, \$1 10; W. S. \$1 10; Proctor & Gamble's \$1 25; Turpentine 50c. Kerosene \$2 60 per case; barrels 22c/23c per gallon. Insurance oil, \$45 in cases. Pratt's Radian's 25c/28 in round lots; Pratt's Astrol 34c/40 in round lots from landing.

Oats.—Active, prices advanced; 48c 50c in car lots; 52c/54c, in job lots.

Onions.—Firm; prices higher; \$4 00 c/5 25 for Western choice, Peas.—Quiet, but steady at 4c/5 per pound.

Potatoes.—Firm, and selling at \$2 50 c/3 00 per barrel.

Poultry.—Chickens firm at \$4 00c/4 25 per dozen; turkeys, none in market; geese \$5 00c/6 00 per doz; ducks \$4 25c/4 50 per doz.

Powder and Shot.—Market steady; demand good. Drop-shot, \$2 25 per bag; buck, 2 50. Rifle powder, 5c, per pound, less 5 per cent, to city trade; blasting, 4 15 per pound net.

Starch.—Dealers supply the demand at 4c/4 1/2c.

Sugar.—Continues active, and unchanged, as will be seen by quotations. Choice 9c/10c; prime, 8c/9c; fair, 8c; common 8c; yellow 10c; clarified 11c.

Rice.—Louisiana fair 6c; Ordinary 5c. good to prime 6c/7c.

Salt.—Is quoted at \$1 00c/1 05 gold for coarse; fine at \$1 25c/1 30 per sack. Demand fair; supply ample.

Tallow.—Steady; prices unchanged; good to prime, 6c/6 1/2c; for small lots in shipping order 7c/7 1/2c; common 4c/6c.

Tin.—In plates per box, 1X, \$12 90; 1C, \$10 40; 1C lead \$3 85; Pig 25c per pound.

Tobacco.—Supply ample and prices stiff, with upward tendency. We quote 11 inch extra fine per pound, 75c; 11 inch, fine 70c/75c; 11 inch good common, 47c/55c; twist, all grades 55c/75c; smoking tobacco 45c/55c; snuff, per dozen bottles \$3 00c/4 15; cigars, domestic per thousand, \$30 00c/30 00; cigars, imported per thousand, \$75c/2 25c.

Tubs.—Wanted, \$3 each, 3 in \$2 25, 8 in \$3 25; white pine, 3 in \$3; 8 in \$4; cedar, 3 in \$3 75; 8 in \$6 50.