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Railroad Rates Coming to Conference at Galveston.

The following are the terms which we have been able to obtain for the benefit of members coming to and returning from the session of the Texas Annual Conference, to be held at Galveston, Dec. 19, prox., viz.:

The Texas Central will take full fare on coming to conference, and one-fifth fare returning from conference over the same part of the road. To secure this benefit, the party will have to present to the ticket agent a certificate from the Secretary of the Conference in the form agreed on between the company and myself.

The International and Great Northern Railroad will sell tickets for the round trip for one and one-fifth fares. The agents will probably inform the members at the time of purchasing how long the tickets will be good, since I am not in possession of specific information.

The Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad will sell round trip tickets for one and one-fifth fares. The tickets on this line will be put on sale on the 15th, and will be good to the 25th December.

The Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad will sell tickets for one and one-fifth fares, and will require delegates to show certificates of their election to conference. The agent informs me that he will have tickets sold on the 18th and 19th, to be good to the 26th December.

The Texas and Pacific will sell round trip tickets for one and one-fifth fares.

It would be well for all delegates to carry certificates of their election, as the agents will very naturally desire some proof that the party wishing to purchase round trip tickets are entitled to the concessions made for the benefit of members.

It would have given me great pleasure could I have secured these benefits for all our friends attending upon the session of our conference, but this is the best that could be done.

H. V. PHILLIOTT, secretary.

Birdtown.

As it is so seldom that anything appears in the ADVOCATE from Birdtown, doubtless there are very few of your readers that know there is such a place in the Northwest Texas Conference; nevertheless, it is true; and we all, or most of us (Methodists), take the ADVOCATE, and are highly pleased with it—would not do without it—and I am glad to say, some that felt themselves too poor to take more than one paper, have discontinued their county and other papers, and are taking the ADVOCATE. So you see, if we are not known and read of all men, we have a desire to know and read of the interests of the church we so much love.

The membership of our church at this place is quite small, though more than double what it was two years ago. Our good Brother, Rev. S. C. Vaughn, who was assigned to the Birdtown circuit this year, has done a good work. Though young in the ministry, and has not the experience of many others, yet his highest ambition has apparently been the performance of duty to the best of his ability; and regardless of what the world might say of him, he has labored hard to meet the obligations resting upon him, leaving the results alone to God; and whether he returns or not to the same field of labor next year, the prayers of the good people of Birdtown will follow him, wherever the bishop, in his judgment, finds it best to send him. Our fourth and last quarterly meeting for Birdtown was held on the 27th and 28th of October. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. John S. McCarver, was present, and, as usual, did good and effectual preaching. No accessions or conversions that we know of; but we believe good seed was sown that will be gathered many days hence. Our sacramental occasion was one of good feeling. The exhortations given by Bro. McCarver while administering the same were very touching and, we believe, impressive to all.

T. A. HAYES, BIRDSTOWN, Nov. 12, 1877.

The Evangelistic Movement.

We have had quite a large share of the labors of those who are styled evangelists in Marshall, our county town. These visitations have been, apparently, very attractive, if not very useful. The people flock to hear them, and a goodly number have professed conversion. Whether these men are really doing permanent good or evil, is a problem of rather difficult solution, however well intended. If their presence and labors beget in the hearts and habits of our people a greater zeal and love for God, His institutions and the regular pastorate, we would be at no loss to determine their character; but if the result is the reverse of this, may we not have some cause at least to ponder well the matter, and try and arrive at correct conclusions in regard to it?

This thing is assuming wonderful proportions, and demands much prayerful consideration, and prudent, yet decisive, action. Does it not tend to create a morbid longing after strangers, under the fascinating name of evangelist, to the neglect and crippling of the regular ministry? Truly, this love of novelty is a dangerous element combined with our holy Christianity, and is calculated to dispirit and fetter the zeal and usefulness of the settled pastorate, creating a necessity for some distinguished stranger, having the prestige and bearing the cognomen of evangelist, to be present before anything like a revival spirit can be made to burn upon the altars of the hearts of our people. Your correspondent would inquire if this state of things is a necessity in certain localities, and if so, had we not better menacelize the next General Conference of our church to amend our old system of itinerancy so as to adopt the new and more extended one; originate and establish another office in the church—the office of evangelist—whose field of labor shall be as extensive as the exigencies of the times may demand; say one, at least, for every presiding elder's district, and make it his duty to go to the help of these unevangelized circuit and station preachers? But to be serious, this condition of things is alarming, and causes us to inquire whitherward we are drifting. Is our present system apostolic and in accord with the early New Testament Church? If so, shall we change our economy to meet the capricious demand of the times? We say, nay. Our itinerant system has worked well, and has been the means of converting more of our race than any system ever devised. It works well yet, and is now doing more to give the Gospel to the masses than any other. Indeed, it is God's plan. Shall we change it and tack on this fifth wheel, which will act as an incubus upon our already well adjusted machinery? Lastly: Does not this new departure bring our old-fashioned and time and God-honored altar exercises into disrepute?—those altars rendered sacred by the conversion of our fathers and mothers, and our fathers and mothers in Israel; those altars where thousands and multiplied thousands found peace in believing in our Lord Jesus Christ, and have proven faithful, and are to-day engaged in singing and shouting God's praises in one continuous strain around the throne of the Majesty on high. If it brings them into disrepute, and its tendency is to abolish them, does it give us, as a substitute, something better? Have we not reasons to fear the substitute, lest we fall into a head instead of a heart-felt, experimental religion; lest we fall into a cold, formalistic profession of Godliness? Let us beware of innovations. Let us stand in the way of sin, and inquire for the old paths, where is the good way, and let us walk therein.

JAMES E. HALL, RIGGERS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER, 1877.

The Chamois.

There is perhaps no animal so peaceful, and at the same time so timid, as the chamois. Nature, therefore, beside endowing it with a facility for climbing into the most inaccessible places, and thus avoiding the approach of danger by the great acuteness of its senses of sight, smell and hearing. It is this which makes it so very difficult to get near them. A rolling stone or a spoken word at once attracts their attention, and they will look and listen to discover whence the sound has come that breaks the silence of their mountain solitude. For an incredibly long time they will then stand gazing fixedly in one direction, quite immovable, and if it happen to be toward something in your neighborhood that their attention has been attracted, you must lie still close, indeed, to escape their observation. The eyes of the whole herd will be fixed on the spot, in a long, steady stare, and as you anxiously watch them from afar, they always look like fragments of rock, so motionless are they while they gaze. You begin to hope they have found no cause

for alarm, when "Phew!" the sharp whistle tells they have fathomed the mystery, and away they move to the precipitous rocks overhead; unless panic-stricken, they stop from time to time to look behind, and then suddenly uttering the peculiar shrill sound, again move on. A chamois, when dashing down the mountain, will suddenly stop as if struck by a thunder-bolt, and yards from the spot where recent foot-prints are to be found in the snow, and, turning scared away, rush off immediately in an opposite direction. The taint which the presence of hunters has left behind is perceived by it long after he has passed.

The chief strength of the animal is in its hind legs, which, if extended, would be longer than the others. On this account it springs upward with more ease than it descends the mountain, and on the level ground its walk is clumsy and ungraceful. It is not made to run, but bounds over the ground. The hoof is cloven, long, and pointed, and the slot of the chamois resembles that of a sheep. The edges are sharp, which causes it to slip easily on the ice, and on this account it rather avoids passing the glaciers.

When standing, the hind legs are always bent, as if the animal were preparing to lie down, which no doubt helps considerably to break the fall when leaping from a great height. Notwithstanding this, the croup is somewhat higher than the fore part of the body. The elastic force which the hind legs possess is immense. With a sudden bound the chamois will leap up against the face of a perpendicular rock, and merely touching it with his hoofs, rebound again in a opposite direction to some higher crag, and thus escape from a spot where without wings, egress seemed impossible.

When reaching upward on its hind legs, the fore hoofs resting on some higher spot, it is able to stretch to a considerable distance, and with a quick spring will bring up its hind quarters to a level with the rest of the body, and with all four hoofs close together, stand poised on a point of rock not broader than your hand. On narrow over-hanging ledges some thousand feet high, they walk and gaze about, enjoying the security from pursuit, which such spots afford.

A Ludicrous Mistake.

A correspondent of the Boston Journal relates the following: The little suites of rooms at the National Hotel open upon little halls, uniform in appearance, connected by long corridors, and are all furnished alike. One night Senator Mangum, of North Carolina, then President pro tempore of the Senate, a dignified gentleman of the old school, had just returned from a party, when Gov. Upham, a Senator from Vermont, came in without any ceremony and took a seat. The two chatted away on politics, the weather, the social amusements, etc., until the clock on the mantel-shelf struck one. "Really, Gov. Upham," said Mangum, "I'm always pleased to see you, but I really believe it is getting very late." "I have thought so for some time," replied Upham, but he made no movement. Presently the half hour sounded, and Mangum remarked: "I thought, Gov. Upham, that you had decided to go to bed, sir?" "So I had, Mr. President," answered the Vermont, yet he did not budge. Mangum stared at him in amazement, and at last plainly said: "But why don't you go to your room, Governor Upham? It will soon be two o'clock!" "My room, Mr. President! why this is my room, and I have been waiting for you to go away for two hours past!" Mangum sprang to his feet, looked into the sleeping-room adjacent, and found that he was in Upham's room instead of his own.

Superstition.

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North Texas Conference.

We are glad to welcome to Texas, once more, Rev. W. H. Hughes, who is transferred from the Tennessee Conference. His old friends on the Dallas district will give a warm welcome to their former presiding elder. Bro. H. is full of wonder at the development of North Texas during the few years of his absence from the State. New towns have been built, and the towns he knew only a few years ago have grown into cities. Texas Methodism needs more stalwart men to build up the church as rapidly as enterprise develops the rich natural resources of the country. Rev. H. G. Rainey also is transferred from the Memphis to the North Texas Conference.

The missionary anniversary on Saturday night was an interesting occasion. Effective addresses were delivered by Drs. Read and McFerrin.

The friends of the Missionary Secretary all over our State will be glad to learn that he retains the vigor and vitality of youth. He is younger than many men who have not seen half his days. Some men never grow old, though their bodies wear out. The heartiness with which the Doctor magnifies his office is refreshing. He is impressed with the conviction that the cause of missions is the chief business of the church. It is certainly the leading thought in the commission Christ gave to the church when He ascended to his mediatorial throne. The offering the church is laying on the altar is but a faint response to that authoritative command. The North Texas Conference raised the past year \$1,077.47 for foreign and \$1,200 for domestic missions. It has 20,000 members within its bounds. The Secretary, as all who have listened to his missionary talks well know, has a way of putting these figures together, in a shape that is by no means comforting to our self-complacency. We do not think many of the Texas Conferences will do much better than North Texas. We have in the State about 65,000 members, and we question whether the aggregate missionary collections for both the foreign and domestic fields will be much over \$6,500, or say, ten cents per member. As a Texas preacher we feel bad about it. Our church is included in the commission which sends out the evangelical army among the nations. Our people are not so poor nor so parsimonious that we could not, if we would make the effort, raise one cent a week from each member. Where we will find one family so poor that it cannot pay the pittance, we will find five hundred that could give ten-fold that amount. Fifty cents per member would swell our gifts next year to over thirty thousand dollars. Will any Christian say this is too much? It was not the addresses at the missionary anniversary alone that suggested this line of thought, but a statement made by one of the preachers. He had presented the claims of the heathen world to the children of his charge, and proposed to as many as he could interest in the work, that they would ask of their fathers the privilege of setting apart a row of cotton, which they might pick, and give the proceeds to the mission work. The little people responded eagerly, and he expects that the net result of the children's offerings will amount to a bale and a half of cotton. If, in each Methodist family in the State, the children were educated in this direction, next year their offerings would make their parents ashamed of the meagre gifts they have been presenting annually at the altar. We commend the example of that preacher to all his brethren in Texas. If we can induce each Methodist farmer to set apart a row of cotton, each wife to set apart a like proportion of chickens and eggs, and each boy and girl to give a few days' work, like those little missionary cotton pickers, Texas can send up next year a larger collection than is now

raised by the entire Southern Methodist Church.

We always try to attend the conference love feast. We wish the entire church could have listened to the testimony of some of the gray-haired veterans, who told, last Sunday morning, of their toils and triumphs in the service of God, and of the glorious hope that cheers them on as they hasten toward the open portals of the eternal world. The love feast prepared the conference for the weighty and impressive words of the Bishop, who set forth the order, the dignity, and the perpetuity of the priesthood of Him who is "a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." Then followed the ordination of deacons. In the afternoon Dr. McFerrin preached, and the ordination of elders followed. The old are passing away, and young men are stepping into the ranks. In the altar were McKenzie, Lane, Fields, Piner, and others, with their locks white with the frosts of time, and with hearts glowing with unabated zeal, and here were men preparing to catch the trumpet when it would fall from their nerveless grasp and sound the alarm from the walls when they shall rest from their toil. What a future the young men just entering in their career of usefulness have before them! The field is opening as in no period in the history of the church since the days of the apostles. If those whom God is calling to the work measure up to their grand opportunities the sixty-five thousand Methodists in Texas of to-day will only be as the "handful of corn on top of the mountains," to the harvest which shall "shake like the cedars of Lebanon."

The educational interests of the church received special attention. We mentioned last week the meeting in behalf of the Southwestern University, and the liberal response of the people. The action of this conference showed its hearty sympathy with this central educational movement of our church. The Dallas Female College and the North Texas Female College were reported in a remarkably prosperous condition. Their halls are crowded with pupils, and both merit and receive the liberal support of the church and public.

The North Texas Conference is awake as to the importance of the Sunday-school work. It reports 148 schools, 970 teachers, 8063 scholars, and has raised the past year, \$1670.27 for the support of their Sunday-schools.

The reports show 222 local preachers and 20,977 members, 1454 adult and 930 infant baptisms. Methodism is evidently planting itself firmly in this rich and prosperous region.

The conference decided to raise the amount called for to aid the Publishing House at Nashville. We trust each Texas conference will take measures in the same direction. The honor of the church is imperiled. The debt must be wiped out.

The action of the conference respecting the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE was all the editor and publishers could ask. Next to the approval of the Master comes the assurance that we have the sympathy and support of our brethren. If our friends in the North Texas Conference will bear to their charges the purposes they expressed in resolutions, the ADVOCATE will double its circulation in that field this year.

The words of Bishop Wightman on reading out the appointments will linger in the hearts of the preachers through life. As we looked in the faces of men who in a few moments would have, possibly, a hard appointment, and read in their tearful eyes and glowing cheeks the evidence of their devotion to the Master's cause, we felt the days of apostolic zeal have not departed from the church. A man is honored whose name is found on the roll-call of such a company.

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BOSHAM, Nov. 13, 1877.

"I HAVE not seen a drunken man, or heard of a serious difficulty since the law (prohibition law in Cherokee county) went into force.—*Rec. J. W. Johnson, in Letter to Advocate.*

We submit that this simple statement speaks more in favor of prohibition than all the learning and logic its opponents can array against the law.

A CASE IN POINT.—KENO DEN AT SHERMAN.

We stepped from a train at Sherman the other day and with a friend took a seat in a lunch-house at the depot. Men usually eat fast at such places, but before we had finished our sandwich and cup of coffee we had learned some things about the place of which both citizens and police are either ignorant or criminally oblivious. There were three young men present. They were talking of the keno den in town. A few questions were asked and we learned the exact locality of the establishment and the fact that it was doing a very handsome business. Two of the young men had been there and knew all about it. One of them volunteered to conduct us to the spot. "But is not such an establishment in violation of State laws and city ordinances?" "O, yes, I suppose so; but that makes no difference." "Have you no police officers in your city?" "Of course we have." "Do they know of the existence of the keno?" "I suppose so. The doors are wide open, and any one can enter who wishes." And with a knowing expression he intimated that the police did not care to interfere with these establishments. That town is a sample, we presume, of many others in our State. Men in broad daylight, or with lights blazing at their doors at night, run a business which is a direct violation of the laws of city and State. Their locality is known to every man who will keep his eyes open. Young men frequent them by the score, and are beguiled to ruin. A passing stranger at the railroad depot, in a half-hour after his arrival, learns of their existence, and can find his way without a guide to their tables; and yet the police march around them day and night, see men, young and old, enter their unlawful precincts, and make no arrests. Unfaithful officers are among the chief curses of the land. Crime is fostered under their protection. Law is violated and they wink at it; and yet they are sworn to enforce its mandates. Galveston is not alone in carrying on this wretched farce. When men, from the mayor down to the night watchman on his beat, take an oath in which the name of God is invoked, and their fidelity to the laws of the land is sacredly pledged, and then forget their sworn duty and see the laws openly violated, it is time for every good citizen to utter his indignant protest. When men are paid to perform certain duties, they prove themselves unworthy the trust assigned them, when they fail to meet their obligations. When a vice that no honest man dares to defend, which is debauching the morals of young men by hundreds in all the cities and towns of the State, pushes itself right across their track and prospers through their unfaithfulness, they make themselves parties to the offense and deserve to share the penalties they fail to enforce on the guilty parties.

THE BISHOP QUESTION.

We have been careful to keep this question out of our editorial columns. The difficulties and delicacies involved in its discussion, as well as the diversity of opinion among both preachers and people, counsels prudence in every utterance through the press. We have deemed it wise to be silent, believing that the voice of the church will be heard through our coming General Conference. At the same time, we have recognized the right of others to discuss in the columns of one of the organs of the church questions of vital importance. Each writer is responsible for his own opinions. The discussion has revealed a broad difference in judgment. Of course we do not approve all; nor do we deem it best to commit the ADVOCATE to any one line of policy. Some things possibly had been better unsaid. We have endeavored to preserve the true line, and have declined about as many communications as we have admitted, and are no doubt as freely censured for what has been rejected as for what has appeared. This is one of the unpleasant consequences

of editorial responsibility. We are trying to get used to it.

We must just now venture some advice: Discussions often become wearisome, because each one wishes to have the last word. Again: those who engage in the discussion are often more concerned in their triumph over an antagonist than the triumph of their policy. Possibly this is a very small affair with their readers. Personalities are out of place in manly discussion. They always recoil on the parties who indulge in them. Our readers have rights as well as our correspondents, and when they become weary of the debate it must be closed.

RAISING COTTON.

During the late civil war the newspapers of Texas, with great unanimity, declaimed against planting cotton. The cotton planter was looked upon as one who indirectly gave aid and comfort to the enemy; albeit, at the same time cotton was our only article of export—the only product which we could sell to procure the necessary supplies for our people and army. Since the close of the war many of our editors have kept up the same deprecatory tone on the subject of cotton raising. Time and again their readers have been assured that the planting of so much cotton is impoverishing the State. Especially has this cry been dimmed into the ears of our planters of late, because the cotton worm cut short last year's crop.

Notwithstanding the editorial protests, our planters continue to raise the fleecy staple; and it is well that they do. Cotton is, and must continue to be, our staple product. A review of some State statistics shows that it is cotton which supplies the means to run our railroads, and carry on almost all our commercial operations. It is true that this crop is liable to be cut short by the worms, and to be injured by storms, and cut short by drouths; and so is every other agricultural product. The wheat, especially in Central Texas, is liable, during the rains in May, to be injured by rust. Twenty-five years ago, Rev. John W. Kinney, of Austin county, procured a reaper, thrasher, and a bolting cloth to manufacture flour. Some of his neighbors planted largely in wheat. A few years later we asked one of them why he had given it up? For two reasons: first, the wheat was subject to rust; second, when it turned out well it did not yield a remunerative crop. The cotton picked upon one acre would buy the flour raised upon two or three acres. We suspect this is one of the reasons why planters still prefer to plant cotton rather than wheat.

Soon after the annexation, when sugar bore a high price, a good many planters built sugar houses and prepared for its manufacture. In 1855 about 5,000 hds. of sugar were produced in the State. But an early frost destroyed the cane the next year, and the crop fell off to 124 hogheads. Since that but little cane has been planted. 2,000 hds. is the highest crop of any years since the war.

The most valuable crop, all things considered, raised in Texas is corn. This can be produced on every acre of arable land in the State. The corn crop for 1877 is estimated at forty million bushels, valued at \$20,000,000. It is supposed that at the same time there was produced eight million bushels of wheat, valued at \$8,000,000. The cotton crop for 1876 amounted to 667,443 bales, which, at \$50 per bale, would amount to over thirty-three millions of dollars: more than the value of both corn and wheat. For the same period, the money received for the sale of cattle, hides, tallow, etc.—cattle products—amounted to about \$5,000,000, showing that the money received in the State for the sale of cotton amounted to more than six times as much as that received for cattle. It is well that the planters pay but little attention to the protests of editors against cotton raising. In spite of all declamation, cotton is still king, and bids fair to maintain its empire. The price has probably reached its lowest figure. Its manufacture is rapidly increasing in the United States. In

1875 the exports of our cotton fabrics amounted to \$3,000,000. For the year ending in June last, the exports of the same fabrics amounted to \$10,780,000. The demand for cotton fabrics throughout the world is increasing more rapidly than the product, and the price is bound to keep up.

The people, especially in Western Texas, are under the impression that this is a stock country, and that the great, all-absorbing interest of our State is in its boundless stock ranges. But the truth is, Texas will soon become—if our editors will permit, and perhaps without their permission—the first cotton producing State of the Union.

The following table shows the number of bales and their value, at \$50 per bale, produced in Texas for the even years since 1870. We also annex the number and value of all the horses, mules and cattle in the State for the same years—the latter taken from the reports of the Comptroller of the Treasury. Recollect, it is not the horses and cattle sold, but the total number given in for taxes in the State. It will be seen that the price of the last year's cotton crop would pay for every horse, mule and beef in the State:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE VALUE OF COTTON AND LIVESTOCK.

COTTON.		
Years.	No. Bales.	Value.
1870.....	319,271	\$15,963,550
1872.....	343,450	17,172,500
1874.....	590,000	29,500,000
1874—(estimated).....	671,278	33,563,900
1876.....	667,443	33,372,215

  

HORSES AND MULES.		
Years.	Number.	Value.
1870.....	625,515	\$16,437,675
1872.....	718,247	21,695,546
1874.....	871,278	21,781,950
1876.....	848,084	19,702,104

  

CATTLE.		
Years.	Number.	Value.
1870.....	3,651,516	\$13,581,272
1872.....	3,175,682	14,361,518
1874.....	2,911,912	13,634,228
1876.....	2,819,399	14,096,991

THE TURCO-RUSSIAN WAR.

The reading world has received a very decided sensation by the intelligence that Kars—the redoubtable—has fallen!

On Sunday, the 18th of November, 1877, the Turkish fortress of Kars, in Armenia, was carried by the Russians after a fierce resistance. This is, indeed, an important and memorable event.

Much, very much, depended upon the maintenance of this frontier position, and Turkey must have strained every nerve to preserve its integrity. The event shows conclusively that the Ottomans are overmatched in numbers and weight. They have displayed, it is true, repeated instances of equal fighting qualities in the line and superior generalship in the staff; but the "strong battalions" are in favor of Russia.

Inch by inch the determined invader has won interior ground, until now she holds in her bloody hands the key of the rearward gate to Constantinople.

The situation is evidently a critical one to the Turks. We are not surprised that the Sultan is desirous of peace, "for the sake of both sides." We are not surprised that Beaconsfield is again waving the bloody flag in England, and is endeavoring to form a pro-Turkish coalition; but it is not probable that the Russians will now listen to any accommodation that is not based on a full indemnity; or that the English Premier will find any great following in his egotistical and perilous course.

That the Russians now will push on with all their vigor the siege of Erzeroum, and thence on the road to the Bosphorus, is inevitable. That with the contingent furnished by Serbia to occupy Bulgaria, they will, upon the fall of Plevna—which cannot be long delayed—push on in front for Adrianople and the capital, is likewise to be expected. When, therefore, a strong army in front and another in the rear, knock at the gates of Constantinople, then, we opine, will Europe, as a whole, decide whether the Romanoff flag shall fly "at the fore" upon the waters of the much coveted Bosphorus.

BISHOP WIGHTMAN.—Bishop Wightman spent last Sabbath in Galveston; and at 11 A. M. preached in St. John's Church. The Method-

ism of the city turned out in full force to wait upon the ministry of this able and polished servant of the church; and his sermon was good to the use of edifying. Of course the congregation was entertained and profited. The bishop did his full work in setting forth the true standard of Christian character and life. Now, if the hearers will appropriate and practice his clear expositions, great will be the profit.

REV. J. B. McFERRIN, D. D.—Dr. McFerrin spent several days in Galveston waiting the arrival of the steamer which would bear him to Corpus Christi, the seat of the West Texas Conference. He preached on Sunday night a most admirable sermon to a crowded congregation in St. James Church. It was pointed and powerful. He gave to each his portion. He laid on heavy stripes, yet mollified them with the ointment of Christian sympathy and love. It will not soon be forgotten by the hearers.

It is strange (and we can neither vouch nor account for it) that if, during a long drouth, you hang up a "black snake, it will rain;" and if you kill toads the cows will "dry up." It is also strange and beyond our ken to divine why the attraction in church is always on the opposite side from the collection basket.

We are pleased to note that the members of North Texas Conference are promptly filling blanks, giving their address, together with a list of postoffices in their work. These blanks will be of incalculable benefit to the publishers. Let those who have not, send them in.

An interior exchange has a very consoling (?) remark for Bro. J. B. Smith, who was robbed of missionary and other moneys on his way to the North Texas Conference. It says: "It was well, as the money went where it was intended—to the heathen."

The following patents were issued to citizens of Texas for the week ending Nov. 4, 1877. Furnished for the ADVOCATE from the office of J. McC. Perkins & Co., Counselors at Law and Solicitors of Patents, 513 Seventh Street, Washington, D. C.:

- 196,211. Insect-Destroyers. Eugene H. Fordtran, Flatonia. Filed Oct. 3, 1877.
- 196,031. Pump-Buckets. William D. Mayfield, Fort Worth. Filed June 16, 1877.
- 196,199. Cotton-Gin Feeders. S. J. Dorris, Milford. Filed Aug. 29, 1877.
- 195,579. Preparations of Chewing-Gum. Robert Cotter, Houston, assignor to R. Cotter & Co., same place. Filed June 23, 1877.
- 195,944. Sewing-Machine Shut-tles. Henry J. Nott, St. Mary's. Filed June 30, 1877.
- 196,032. Cotton and Hay Presses. B. J. Methvin, Longview. Filed Sept. 1, 1877.
- 196,323. Pipe and Bar Cutters. Jesse Astrall, Galveston. Filed May 21, 1877.
- 195,919. Ballast-Distributing Cars. Adam B. Dockstader, Sherman, assignor to himself and Wm. D. Blackman, McKinney. Filed Sept. 1, 1877.
- 196,130. Soldering-Irons. Hennell Stevens, Brazoria. Filed March 21, 1877.

(Communicated.)

BIRCH CREEK MISSION, AUSTIN DISTRICT, Nov. 16.—"The Lord has done great things for us this year, whereof we are glad." I was sent as a supply to this work by Rev. J. W. Whipple, presiding elder. I found three organized societies, with a membership of 126 on the entire work. We have had about eighty conversions and sixty accessions to the church. I have baptized fifty-six infants. The mission is now in a very good condition, spiritually. To the Lord be all the glory. Our people have been very unfortunate: suffering from the effects of drouth, grasshoppers and cotton worms, consequently money is very scarce. We have tried to get the people to subscribe for the ADVOCATE, but they plead poverty, and justly, too; for most of them are very poor. I will try, however, to get as many as I can by conference. May the good Lord open the hearts of those that are able to respond to your generous proposition and sustain our noble ADVOCATE.—W. WOOTON.

SEE offer of railway and United States Government homestead lands in another column.



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Rates on Standing Advertisements: To find price of an advertisement for a given time over three months, multiply the price of an advertisement for one month by the number of months; then deduct...

The fire which occurred the past week in Galveston destroyed the candy factory of G. Seeligson & Co., wholesale grocers and confectioners. This firm is peculiarly unfortunate. This is the second loss they have sustained within the past six months from the fiery fiend.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT. FIRST ROUND. Oakland circuit, third Sunday in December. Sulphur Springs circuit, 1st Sunday in January. Greenville circuit, 5th Sunday in December. Sulphur Bluff circuit, 1st Sunday in January.

Unanswered Letters. Nov. 16-8 W Turner. R H Adair—turned over to editor. A H Sutherland—E D Pitts—had answered. H V Philpott—due care shall be observed. Hugh Griffin—H V Philpott—railroad notice inserted.

Nov. 19-8 Wm Allen—W C Sells—glad you will "do what you can." L B Hickman—H Brown. Nov. 20-8 Jno Penman—G W Eller—all satisfactory. Jas B Hall—W B Manning—Hugh Griffin—you did not give postoffice of Seymour.

It is a rare thing that physicians give any countenance to a medicine, the manufacture of which is a secret. About the only exception we know of is Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. This, we believe, all endorse, and many of them use it in their practice with great success.

Commercial.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE OFFICE. Galveston, Texas, Nov. 21, 1877. COTTON. At New York, the market for spots opened dull; closed steady. Sales this day 992 bales.

Exchange—Gold and Silver. Sterling 60 days. New York Sight. New Orleans Sight. Gold. Silver.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Quantity, Price. Includes 'Beef and cows', 'Calves and yearlings', 'Sheep', 'Hogs', 'Wool', 'Lard', 'Butter', 'Eggs', 'Poultry', 'Turkeys', 'Ducks', 'Geese', 'Pigs', 'Hens', 'Chickens', 'Doves', 'Rabbits', 'Squirrels', 'Mice', 'Rats', 'Snakes', 'Lizards', 'Turtles', 'Shells', 'Fossils', 'Minerals', 'Plants', 'Animals', 'Birds', 'Insects', 'Fungi', 'Mosses', 'Lichens', 'Algae', 'Fungi', 'Mosses', 'Lichens', 'Algae'.

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Dr. Geikie's book, we believe, is so exhaustive that we scarcely think any scattered grains of information are left for gleaners who may wish to follow in the same path. "The author has brought to his difficult and noble task the stores of an eloquent, well-informed and devout mind. He has, in a very great degree, accomplished what he proposed, and brought before his readers the world in which Jesus lived; the country in which He lived; the people among whom He grew up and ministered; the religion in which He was trained; the Temple services in which He took part; the ecclesiastical, civil, and social aspects of His time; the various phases of His life; His character and His spirit; the customs that ruled; the influences that prevailed; the events, social, religious and political, not mentioned in the Gospels, that formed the history of His lifetime so far as they can be recovered. To have accomplished such a task as this in anything like completeness is no small achievement, and it is a credit to the author, and to this Dr. Geikie may fairly lay claim."—London Standard.

No. 9431. CITATION. F. A. McKINLEY vs. D. A. McKINLEY. In the District Court, The State of Texas vs. the Sheriff or any Constable of Galveston County, Texas. Whereas, on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1877, F. A. McKinley, residing in said county of Galveston, and State of Texas, filed his petition in the District Court of Galveston county, complaining of D. A. McKinley, who is not a resident of this State, and alleging in substance: That on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1865, plaintiff and defendant were legally married together in Glasgow, Scotland, in Europe; that they were actual bona fide inhabitants of this State at the time of the commission of the various acts hereinafter mentioned; that plaintiff is now an actual bona fide resident of this State, and has resided in this county for more than six months before the institution of this suit; that at divers times in the months of April, May and June, A. D. 1873, in the city and county of Galveston, State of Texas, the said defendant was guilty of cruel and outrageous conduct towards plaintiff, by beating and striking plaintiff in anger, and by applying to and calling plaintiff the most obscene and vulgar epithets and names; that on the first day of September, 1874, the said defendant abandoned plaintiff with the intention of final abandonment, and has not up to the present time, returned to plaintiff; wherefore plaintiff prays that said defendant be cited by publication to appear at the

February Term, 1878, of said Court to answer this petition, and that the marriage now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and for general relief. You are, therefore, commanded that by making publication of this writ in some newspaper published in the county of Galveston for four weeks previous to the return day thereof, you summons said D. A. McKinley to be and appear before the District Court to be held in and for the county of Galveston, at the courthouse thereof, on the

First Monday in February, A. D. 1878, then and there to answer the aforesaid petition, herein filed, but have not up to the present time before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same, on the First Monday in February, A. D. 1878.

Witness: J. P. HARRISON, Clerk of the District Court in and for the county of Galveston, with the seal of said Court, at office, in City of Galveston, this 16th of November, A. D. 1877. J. P. HARRISON, Clerk D. C. Co.

By A. B. HARRISON, Deputy Clerk. A true copy I certify. C. JORDAN Sheriff D. Co. By W. H. PROWSE, Deputy.

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From the Mountains.

Although we live away out in the western wilds, among rocky hills, beetling cliffs and miniature mountains, I thought a word from our land would not be amiss. The preacher in charge of the Perdenales mission, wishing to make a final grand charge (for the year) on the powers of darkness, gave out an appointment for a camp-meeting on Rocky, to begin on the 2d of October. The time drew near, and for several days the wind blew a perfect gale from the south. Dark, ominous clouds were blown across the sky; the thunder rolled, and glimmering lightnings flashed athwart the angry-looking clouds, which threatened to burst in unmitigated fury on our devoted land. The day for starting came; the clouds began to rise higher and drift slowly and majestically to the northward. Of course we were glad, and at ten o'clock we started. Our company consisted of twelve persons. The camp-ground was about ten miles distant. The sun now shone out in all his splendor. The road led us over a broken, hilly region of country. On one side the road the fire demon had, with insatiable greediness, swept away every vestige of verdure. The rock-crested mountains, with blackened sides, stood frowning in sullen grandeur. The trees were scorched and brown, and so wintry in aspect was the scene that we almost shivered as we contemplated it. But how different the view that greeted us on the other side. The rugged mountains were mantled with verdure and gemmed with bright autumn flowers. Lovely little dells, all green and flowery, nestled at their feet, and leading off in every direction were deep-clefted ravines, on whose banks grew shrubs of various kinds, over which the wild grape-vine clambered and hung out its purple fruit in tempting luxuriance. At length we reached our destination. The camp-ground was on a slight eminence that commanded a view—wild, grand and romantic. Before nightfall several tents were gleaming through the dark green foliage of the trees that surrounded the arbor. Ere long the sun went down behind the western hills, leaving on their lonely summit a glorious flush of golden and crimson light; twilight came, gray and sombre, and then was heard the shrill call of the horn summoning us to the arbor for worship. After service we repaired to our tents and spent some time in pleasant conversation ere we retired to court the favor of "Nature's sweet restorer." When we arose next morning, what a gloomy prospect greeted us. Murky clouds covered the sky, and ever and anon soft, misty showers came gently down. We began to fear that our coming had been in vain; but, by-and-by, King Sol's resplendent beams came glinting through the tree-tops, setting in golden myriads of rain-drops bright as diamonds, glittering on the verdant foliage. Zephyrus came with his cloud-dispelling influence, and from that time we had bright sunny days and lovely starlight nights. Oh, such preaching as we had. Every sermon was a perfect soul-fever.

There were about ten conversions. The main work was in the church. Some of the members were in a fearfully back-slidden state. Some had grown cold through a neglect of duty; but a victory was gained, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wanderers were brought back and made to rejoice through a consciousness of their sins forgiven. On Thursday, the last day of the meeting, we had a regular pentecostal shower. Several were filled with the spirit to overflowing; among them was the preacher in charge, Mr. Editor, did you ever see a Methodist preacher shouting-happy? Isn't it a sight worth seeing? On Friday morning came leaves-

taking of the dear friends whose companionship we had so much enjoyed for the past few days. 'Tis ever thus in this world. Farewells must be said; but in the sweet by-and-by no partings will pain our loving hearts. The people of the Perdenales mission are a noble people, and I pray that they may improve and not bury the talents entrusted to them.

KATE ROUNTREE, Blanco, Nov. 2, 1877.

(Communicated.)

Pointed Questions.

Having been taught to believe the Bible and the Christian religion to be true, I want to ask a few questions, which I hope you, or some of your correspondents, will be kind enough to answer directly. I was present at a house, not long since, where there was a minister and wife, and another minister's wife present. At the supper table, a young lady, a minister's daughter, engaged in conversation with an elderly gentleman, a non-professor, in discussing the horse-races that had recently taken place at one of the "Fairs" in Texas. She almost monopolized the conversation and seemed to be well posted as to the character of the different horses and their different races at many other places on similar occasions. All present looked at her with some degree of surprise. A religious young lady, and a minister's daughter, in a mixed company descending so fluently on horse-racing! Does the history of the "buf" constitute a part of our religious literature, and is witnessing horse-racing and the betting on the speed of the horses in strict accordance with the Bible and the obligations of the Christian religion? If preachers preach against and denounce as they do all these things, and their children are with those who engage in such things, what is the verdict of the world? May the church members, the young especially, attend balls and dances? What sort of religion have the people in these days when men drink, swear, gamble, bet and play billiards? If the religion of this age accords with this way of doing, I have been deceived in the Bible and what is called the Christian religion. Men and women attend masked balls! Why mask, if they are proper places to go, and the devotions of the occasion are in accord with the proprieties of refined and cultivated ladies and gentlemen? I have traveled some and observed a good deal in my life, and admit frankly I cannot reconcile the Bible with the conduct of a large class of professing men and women of Christianity. If it is right in us Christians to drink, swear and dance, gamble and indulge all our passions, is it wrong in people of the world? I want some one to answer these questions, as they will go a long way to confirm my faith in the divine efficacy of the Christian religion as I have been taught it. If religion does not change our conduct in life, I see no use in building such fine churches and paying men to preach in them, if people are not morally improved. Living in the back-woods, I want light.

SYLVESTER EDGERTON, Rusk, Cherokee County.

(Communicated.)

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"The Lord has been doing great things for us," here on the Cherokee Circuit "whereof we are glad." The fourth quarterly meeting for this circuit was held at the Mt. Zion Church, Oct. 27 and 28. The meeting was protracted and our beloved presiding elder, Rev. John Adams, remained with us until Wednesday night. The church was revived; sinners were convicted and earnestly sought their souls' salvation. The meeting was continued until Sunday night, November 4, and resulted in 11 bright conversions and eight accessions to the M. E. Church, South; perhaps more will join. The last night of meeting was indeed a glorious time. There were six conversions—one after another. In the ecstasy of joy, my mind went back to the day of "Pentecost, when they were all with one accord in one place." We were all with one accord in one place," praying for the salvation of sinners when the "Holy Ghost" came in its converting power into our midst. Everybody was happy. Salvation's waves seemed to flow like a crystal stream into every heart. To God be all the glory now and forever. M. D. LONG.

(Communicated.)

Rusk and Jacksonville Station.

We are now closing up our second year's labors in Rusk and Jacksonville Station, where we have considered ourselves pleasantly situated. Perhaps no other place affords more congenial society for a preacher and his family than Rusk. The people are civil and generous, and scarcely a family but more or less of its members are religious. Rusk has been a station many years and quite a number of faithful ministers have lived and labored here. Both years of our labor here have been blessed with a revival; about forty-five have been converted and as

many have been received into the Methodist Church. The building of the east branch of the State Penitentiary at this place is progressing well; from one hundred to one hundred and fifty hands are employed. Jacksonville is a new and thrifty town built upon what is said to be the prettiest site on the International R. R. It is a remarkably civil place, with a larger per cent. of the people in the church than any town of my knowledge. The prohibition law has been in force here several months and is working charmingly. I have not seen a drunken man or heard of a serious difficulty since the law went into force.

We have at Jacksonville a comfortable church house and a membership of one hundred and sixty-five members. We have had some good meetings here and a few conversions; but no extensive revival. Altogether this is a good work, and if the finances could be brought up a little, I see no reason why it should not be as desirable a work as any in the conference.

J. W. JOHNSON, Rusk, Nov. 14th, 1877.

(Communicated.)

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 11.

The Rev. John E. Akin, of the Northwest Texas Conference, died at my house in Fort Worth, Texas, at a quarter to two o'clock this morning. He fell asleep without a struggle—calm as a summer sun. He had been confined to his room for sixty-six days. An obituary will appear in time. His father was with him most of the time. God buries his soldiers, but carries on the war. May God bless the bereaved relatives.—M. D. FLY.

(Communicated.)

Chappell Hill, Nov. 9.

I want to send you several subscribers before conference. Money has been so scarce that I have been able to do but little as yet. Your paper is appreciated by our people very much and is read with great interest.—T. B. BUCKINGHAM.

(Communicated.)

Throwing the Old Shoe.

Very few, probably, of the thousands who throw old shoes after bridal parties as they are leaving home know anything of the origin of the custom. Like almost all our customs, its origin is ancient, and can be traced to Bible times. It was then the custom for the brother of a childless man to marry his widow, or at least he had the refusal of her. If she chose to reject her, the ceremony was public, and consisted in her losing her shoe from his foot, and spitting in his face. His giving up the shoe was a symbol of abandoning all dominion over her; spitting in his face was an assertion of independence. There was an affair of this kind between Ruth and Boaz. In some parts of the East it was a custom to carry a slipper before the newly-married pair, as a token of the bride's subjection. The custom, as it exists with us, is very old in England and Scotland. The usual saying is that it is thrown for luck, and that is the idea in this country; but originally it meant a renunciation of authority over the bride by the parents. It was formerly a custom among the Germans for the bride, when she was conducted to her bed-chamber, to take off her shoe and throw it among the guests. Whoever caught it in the struggle to obtain it, received it as an omen that he or she would soon be happily married. Train in his "History of the Isle of Man," says: "On the bridegroom leaving his house, it was customary to throw an old shoe after him; and in like manner, after the bride on leaving her home to proceed to church, in order to insure good luck to each respectively; and if by stratagem either of the bride's shoes could be taken off by any inspector on her way from church, it had to be ransomed by the bridegroom."

In Kent, England, after a couple have started on their tour, the single ladies are drawn up in one row, and the bachelors in another. An old shoe is then thrown as far as possible, and the ladies run for it, the successful one being the first female who it is supposed will be married. She then throws it at the gentlemen, and the one who is hit by it is deemed the first male who will enter wedlock. Generally it is considered, the older the shoe, the better.

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ACCIDENTS.—Some wiseacres started the report that "accidents will happen, even in the best regulated families." Perhaps in the chapter of accidents resulting in fire, at least half may be put to rest or exploded lamps; and the explosion of lamps invariably results from the use of the many defective oils that now-a-days are palmed off as non-explosive. Now, if people would only be careful to purchase their oils from first-class houses, such accidents would cease. In another column appears the advertisement of Jervey, Pettit & Co., dealers in kerosene or coal oils, paraffine, headlight, insurance, safety, and gasoline oils; also, lamps, lanterns, chandeliers, burners, lamp-chimneys, and every other article in their line of business. This firm is indorsed by insurance companies and stands A1 in every particular.

Boiling Meat.

There is all the difference in the world between boiling meat which is to be eaten and meat whose juices are to be extracted in the form of soup. If the meat is required as nourishment, of course you want the juice kept in. To do this it is necessary to plunge it into boiling water, which will cause the albumen in the meat to coagulate suddenly, and act as a plug or stopper to all the tubes of the meat, so that the nourishment will be tightly kept in. The temperature of the water should be kept at boiling point for five minutes; and then as much cold water must be added as will reduce the water to 165°. Now if the hot water, in which the meat is being cooked, is kept at this temperature for some hours, we have all the conditions united which give to the flesh the best quality adapted for its use as food. The juices are kept in the meat; and instead of being called on to consume an insipid mass of indigestible fibres, we have a tender piece of meat, from which, when cut, the imprisoned juices run freely. If the meat be allowed to remain in the boiling water without the addition of any cold water to it, it becomes in a short time altogether cooked, but it will be hard and almost indigestible, and therefore unwholesome.

News of the Week.

Hog cholera has been prevailing in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Kentucky. The prospects of a crop in the famine districts of India are so favorable, that the Governor of Madras has telegraphed the Mayor of London that subscriptions may be closed. They reached the sum of \$2,230,000. At a late fire in Louisville 1000 barrels of whisky were destroyed, and yet the papers call it a loss. The report of Gen. Sherman gives the strength of the army, aggregating officers and men, 24,591. He speaks in praise of Gen. Howard, who made the capture of the Nez Percés, by Miles, possible. A Republican Senatorial caucus was held on the 17th instant, in which the President's policy was discussed. A communication was received from the President, to the effect that he was desirous to be in harmony with the party, and inviting advice and candid criticism. The appointment of Democrats to office in the South did not meet the approval of the leaders.

The unhealthy climate of Liberia, the unstable government, the absence of enterprise, and other matters, are discouraging emigration to Liberia.

Up to the 25th of October the Russian losses amount to 61,942. The loss of the Turks is not given, but it cannot be less than the Russians.

The Pennsylvania militia last year cost \$227,665 64, and the people are tired of it.

Prof. James Orton, who lately died in South America, is another martyr to science. He gave time, health and life to the extension of scientific knowledge.

The steamer City of Bristol, which lately passed through the jetties channel, is the deepest draught vessel that ever went from New Orleans. She drew twenty-two feet nine inches.

Export of grain to Europe is active. All the tonnage of vessels sailing in November from Boston was engaged early in the month.

Cuba has 80,000 Spanish troops; the Governor-General asks for 15,000 more; and we are told that the insurgents are defeated.

The expenses of New York for militia during the late strikes were \$250,000.

A large cotton factory has been started at Mobile.

There are forty-five young women attending the Chicago University.

Spain has paid \$200,000,000 to suppress the Cuban rebellion, and is not certain the job is ended.

In London the taxes are \$10 per head; in Paris, \$17.20; in New York, \$27.20.

In 1875, Price, the express messenger, was made a hero, because he shot an express robber in a car, and is now under arrest for stealing money to the amount of \$10,000.

Among the nominations confirmed is Bryan, postmaster for Brenham. He is a Democrat.

News has been received at San Antonio from a reliable source that a large body of Kickapoo Indians in Chihuahua are making application to leave Mexico.

The Mexican authorities have been notified that there are three parties of raiders in Texas, and that the Mexicans are expected to assist in their arrest as soon as they cross back over the Rio Grande.

On the 20th, Maj. Jones telegraphed to Gen. Steele that he had arrested Judge Howard and brought him to El Paso, and that he is released on bond. Much excitement exists. He has 20 men. Gen. Steele has forwarded Winchester rifles by stage. By this means a force can be organized and armed for the enforcement of law sooner than troops can be transported from the lower Rio Grande.

The body of a Mexican murdered by Indians was brought into Uvalde the 19th. He had been killed eight miles from Uvalde. The brother of the murdered man is trailing the Indians, who are eight in number, and a company from Fort Duncan is endeavoring to intercept them.

No news from Lieut. Bullis or Col. Young, who at last account were after raiders in Mexico.

Official returns from Wisconsin give Smith, Republican, 78,753; Mallory, Democrat, 70,482, and Allen, 26,163.

The cigar-makers of Springfield, Massachusetts, have struck.

A Mrs. Doran, in New York, on the 19th, was kindling a fire with kerosene, when the can exploded, and herself and her two children were burned to death.

On the 20th, Orland Abbott and wife were crossing the railroad track at Lawrence in a light wagon, when they were struck by an engine and both killed.

Port Royal has been declared clear of yellow fever.

The Paris Exposition bill passed the House. It accepts the invitation of the French Government; provides for the appointment of a Commissioner from each State and Territory; allows the use of one or more vessels of war, and appropriates \$150,000.

The bill naturalizing Indians, before the Senate, was postponed till December.

The Senate passed the Army Appropriation bill as it came from the House, and it goes to the President.

On the 20th, Senator Thurman submitted a resolution, that the Committee on Privileges and Elections be discharged from further consideration of the credentials of Mr. Butler, as Senator from South Carolina. A lengthened debate followed. Mr. Thurman contended that the committee had been dilatory, and remonstrated against depriving South Carolina of its Senator. The resolution was laid over. The discussion indicated the near approach of action respecting the contested elections from South Carolina and Louisiana.

On the 19th, during service in the Church of the Ascension, New York, Alexander B. Sayers walked up the aisle and shot his wife, who was seated in a pew several feet in advance. The bullet entered her back. She was in the hospital dying at last accounts. Sayers was arrested. The parties have been separated for several years.

A reporter of the Sunday Mercury, New York, states he has seen a Chinaman in a tenement house slowly dying of leprosy. In the Chinese hospital he saw two children of Irish-Chinese birth, both suffering with the same disease.

The condition of France is still alarming. The resignation of the Ministry is anticipated by all parties. The resignation of McMahon will meet stern resistance from the Bonapartists and Clericalists, as it will destroy their hope of ruling the nation. The government would no doubt resort to force did it not fear Germany and Italy. Unless the President can come to an understanding with the moderate members of the Left, the probabilities of civil strife are very strong.

On Sunday, the 18th, the fortress and city of Kars, with 300 cannon, and a large amount of ammunition stores fell into the hands of the Russians. The Turks lost 5000 killed and wounded and 10,000 prisoners. The Russians lost 2700. The fortress was captured by 15,000 Russians, who climbed the steep rocks and scaled ramparts and walls in the face of an equal number of Turks. Gen. Melikoff directed the battle during the day. The Grand Duke Michael was present. The capture of Kars opens the way to Asiatic Turkey. If Turkey withdraws troops from European Turkey, Constantinople is exposed. Without the intervention of European powers, the overthrow of Turkey is inevitable.

Texas News.

Ten Texas stock raisers own 1,023,000 head of cattle.

Sherman received 161,000 bushels of wheat in ninety days.

Gov. Hubbard, in his speech at Belton estimated the taxable property of Texas at \$350,000,000.

Mr. Rollins and two negroes in Houston county, mistook toad stools for mushrooms and ate them. Mr. R. died, and the others are in a dangerous condition.

Immigrants coming into Hays county are delighted by the rich lands and beautiful waters of the San Marcos.

Much attention is being paid to improved stock in Hays county.

The Kerrville Frontiersman says emigrant wagons pass through the town daily for the regions beyond.

Liberty county is off the road and people entering Texas by the Southern gate are not aware that on the lower Trinity lands of the richest quality can be bought at low figures. It has fine timber and good range.

Ilano county complains that the cattle thieves have not all been cleaned out of the county.

Wheat fields in Erath county are nearly in condition for pasturage.

The Herald predicts that Dallas will have 40,000 inhabitants in ten years. It has only to keep up the speed of the past five years to make the point.

The North Texan recently said Paris is in receipt of more cotton than at the same day last year.

San Antonio has more Mexican silver coin than the bankers know how to manage.

One farmer in Erath county has made 1593 gallons of sorghum syrup. Each farmer can make his own sweetening in Texas.

It is reported in the papers that twenty-two persons, and among them several young ladies, left Fort Worth recently to join the Mormons.

The Round Rock Reflector reports over fifty wagons in sight in that town at one time, loaded with cotton. Freight depot loaded with produce.

The News Echo gives a glowing description of Lockhart, with its groves of live oak, its springs of pure water, girdling part of the town, with fine lands all around and an industrious, thriving population. The picture is not overdrawn.

The Waco Examiner notes the arrival of ten car loads of Durham calves and yearlings from Illinois, for Mr. C. C. Conger, who has a stock farm in that vicinity.

The Belton Journal says some citizens favor the abolition of the corporation and the performance of the official duties by magistrates, constables, and sheriff. They say that it takes all the city taxes to pay the officers. This would, perhaps, be a good thing for the people but what about the officers?

Ten thousand sheep belonging to one firm recently passed through the town of Oakville.

Dr. Kingsbury informs the San Antonio Express that one thousand English farmers and agriculturists will come to Texas this year most of whom will settle near San Antonio.

The Hempstead Courier thinks Waller county will make only one-third as much cotton as it made last year.

The Banner does not think the cotton crop will turn out as large as has been anticipated. Rainy weather has delayed picking.

A family near Brenham, after eating mushrooms, as they took them to be, which they had gathered from a stump in the field, were all taken sick and narrowly escaped death. Toad stools are poisonous.

Eight years ago an Italian boy, grinding an organ, came to Webb county. His monkey died, and he hired himself out as a sheep herder. He is now rich, and is hiring other men to herd his flocks of sheep.

Anderson county is filling up fast with new settlers. Palestine has now 3500 inhabitants. There has been an increase of the population since 1870 of over 7000. Fine farming lands can be bought for from \$1.50 to \$6 per acre.

The flour mill of Bastrop turns out 5000 pounds of the finest quality of flour daily.

The Bastrop Advertiser reports business unusually dull in the criminal court. The criminal court on a recent Monday had one case, and fined the defendant one dollar and costs.

The Record says that the roads are thronged with wagons carrying cotton to Round Rock. Most of them return loaded with lumber. A great many improvements are going on in the northern parts of Williamson and Bell counties.

At Grand Salem Station, in Van Zandt county, salt works are in successful operation.

With a rich mast, plenty of hogs, and a moderate supply of corn, the people of Anderson county are consoled over their short cotton crop. With full cribs and smoke-houses, people are a long distance from hard times.

Mr. Epperson, of Bell county, reports sixty bushels of corn per acre on twenty acres as the result of improved modes of cultivation.

A party from Indiana has visited Clay county, looking for the best location in the State.

The Henrietta Journal says the buffalo hunters are more numerous than ever before, and that the quantity of hides shipped are almost double any previous year.

Twelve families from Michigan have reached Denison in a body, and propose settling near that place.

A California man wants to plant 10,000 acres of wheat in Grayson county.

The Echo reports a specimen of five coal found on Carroll Creek, Jack county. It is thought it will justify the opening of a shaft to test quality and quantity.

Indians recently made a raid in Kimble county.

There have been 1200 bales of cotton shipped from Kosse up to date this season.

Farmers in Lee county complain that the wolves are so numerous that they can not raise hogs.

The total shipments of cotton from Hempstead up to the 13th were 1715 bales.

Shipments of cotton from Rockdale up to the 14th aggregate 4977 bales.

Late rains have set back cotton-picking in Montgomery county. The spring rains had delayed planting. Then came the worms and a short crop. The farmers, however, raise their own supplies, and with a large acreage in corn, and raising their meat, syrup and small grain, they are independent of short cotton crops and low prices.

Church News and Views.

The Wesleyan missionary collections for the First London District, \$19,066; and for the Second London District, \$31,936.

It is said the Chinese converts to Christianity in Oregon have contributed \$1000 for the establishment of a Chinese mission in Portland, Oregon.

Bishop Crowther has left England for Africa. The steamer he asked for is being built at Glasgow, and will be sent out next winter.

The British Wesleyan Missionary Society has now seventy-six young men under training in the Richmond Theological Institution for the foreign missionary work.

The Index says that a Christian's trust in Christ at the hour of death is more foolish than the Hindu's trust in the cow whose tail he grasps when about to die. The Index meant to be blasphemous, but it is also silly.

Two more Episcopal clergymen—Rev. H. Van Rensselaer, New York, and the Rev. F. Mackall, Baltimore—have withdrawn, and joined the Roman Catholic Church. They were young deacons.

A Southern Baptist missionary, in China, Rev. T. P. Crawford, has published a book to show, by the analogy of the Chinese dynasties, that the successive names in the antediluvian genealogies represent dynasties.

Rev. Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, D. D., was consecrated as Missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Shanghai, China, in Grace Church, New York.

The moderator of the Presbytery of Egypt, of the United Presbyterian Church, is an ex-Coptic monk, now a Presbyterian minister. The minutes of this presbytery are written in Arabic.

The American Bible Society received during the past year \$643,580, of which \$188,000 were legacies. This is \$16,000 more than the previous year. The American Tract Society during the same period received \$470,000, of which \$100,000 were legacies.

Rev. Dr. Thornton is having much encouragement in his Calcutta work. On August 26, notwithstanding unusual heat, the church was full both on the floor and in the galleries, and nine men were forward for prayers. Among the hearers were scores of Hindus.

A man of wealth said lately to his pastor after a morning sermon: "My first contribution for missions was, as I remember, eight dollars. I think I am now a thousand times as able to give as then," and there he laid down his pledge for eight thousand dollars.

The government of China has issued a proclamation which not only favors religious toleration, but mentions with special favor the work of Christian missions, and enjoins upon the provincial governments to favor their work.

A pastor in Virginia, last spring, gave six kernels of corn to each Sunday-school scholar, 252 in all. They planted them, and returned five barrels, which were sold for \$20 and given to the missionary cause. Remember that next spring.

The great missionary societies, one after another, are entering Central Africa. A liberal English Baptist has offered \$5,000 toward the establishment of a station in Central Africa by the Baptist Missionary Society, which is considering his proposition.

The late chaplain of the House of Representatives, the Rev. Dr. John Poisal, was once a shoemaker in Martinsburgh, West Virginia, and has reached it, it is said, the fiftieth year of his ministry in the Methodist Church. He is almost blind, but knows a good part of the Bible and hymn-book by heart.

The Irish Presbyterian Church has a mission in India, which during the last three years has numbered about four hundred conversions, or as many as during the thirty previous years. Its field embraces six principal and six branch stations, at which ten ordained European missionaries are laboring. There are more than 1,700 scholars in the mission schools.

The Rev. John Nelson, the oldest minister of the Irish Wesleyan Conference, died at Drogheda, near Dublin, May 21, aged 94 years. He was baptized by Rev. John Wesley on his last visit to Ireland. For 68 years he had been a minister of the Wesleyan Church. For many years he filled some of the best and most responsible positions in the Irish Methodist Church.

The Irish Presbyterian Church reports a total present membership of 107,000, or about a thousand less than last year, and this while congregations have increased and also contributions. The total sum raised for all purposes is \$142,729, being \$1500 more than last year. The total of Sunday-school scholars is reported at 70,832, divided among 965 schools, with 8792 teachers.

Methodist missions, in almost every quarter of the globe, are in the midst of growing prosperity, and most of them are at just that point in their development where the workers can clearly see just before them the possibilities of yet more rapid advance. It is most tantalizing to see the means for this cut off.

Rev. Joseph Cook recently said, in one of his Monday lectures, in Tremont Temple, Boston: "Infidelity in Germany is no stronger than it is in Boston. Out of the thirty universities of that most learned land of the globe only one is called rationalistic to-day." "In two hundred languages of the world the Scriptures were read yesterday; in two hundred languages of the world hymns were lifted to the Triune name yesterday; in two hundred languages of the world the gospel was preached to the poor yesterday."

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