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Cleanings By the Way.

I have recently returned home after an absence of nearly three months, and have traveled during that time several thousand miles, enjoying nearly all the time almost continued spring.

From the time we left Austin depot until we reached Texarkana, green fields of corn and cotton, fine gardens, blooming orchards and thrifty towns greeted us in every direction, indicating prosperity and business activity, while over prairie and through woodland cattle were feasting upon the luxuriant grass which lay matted beneath their feet. Spring was in all her loveliness; clothed in her most gorgeous attire, and presenting one of the most beautiful landscapes the eye ever beheld. Not until we had left the Lone Star State, and compared her vast resources with those of her Eastern and Northern sisters, could we fully realize the productiveness of her soil, and the wonderful inducements offered the enterprising pioneer to seek shelter beneath her broad-spread wings.

While in Memphis, we were the guest of our kindred, the wife and family of Gen. M. T. Williamson, United States Marshal of that district. The General is one of Tennessee's most noble men, and his wife a type of true womanhood. Through their kindness we were shown the city, which was then in all her glory. The Odd Fellow's Orphans' Home, erected with the remaining funds contributed for their relief in the yellow fever of 1873, is far out in the suburban part of the city; is substantially built, with all the modern improvements and comforts; is pleasantly located, and, I was told, that the present matron was educated within its walls. Who is better qualified than she to sympathize with these little motherless waifs, whose merry voices were ringing through the halls, and whose rosy, bright faces indicated health and happiness? All the Protestant churches assist, in their turn, every month in providing for the home. By invitation I met with the Ladies' Aid Society of the city, in the house for unfortunate women. The building is large and comfortable, overlooking the great Mississippi. Each Protestant church has furnished a room. A noble work is being accomplished in this department; many have returned from the error of their ways and found pardon through Christ. The president of the society is a Presbyterian lady of unusual piety and zeal. Her money and influence are laid upon the altar for the elevation and amelioration of her sex. She and her co-laborers are doing a noble work and will surely reap their reward above. A lady missionary and a matron stop at the house and hunt up all such cases of pity. This society furnishes delicacies for the hospitals and administers the consolations of our holy religion to the sick and dying. They have also an intelligence office, where employment is furnished the needy. Could our sisterhood, and the world at large, look in upon this band of heroic women and realize how much woman is accomplishing for the salvation of her sex, methinks a new era would dawn upon the world, and money, which is now hoarded up, would be more generally distributed for the advancement and relief of the suffering, and reformation of the fallen. Their expenses are all met by contribution. But how little of the millions in circulation, and how few, comparatively, respond to these calls of human woe. The great temperance reform was at its zenith, and five thousand names had been enrolled, some of whom who, a few weeks before, had been reveling in dissipation and sin, were now boldly advocating reform, and contributing their money and influence to further on the good cause. The music was of the best, and every night hundreds could be seen wending their way to the great pavilion. Whisky is the greatest curse of the age; and yet men of intelligence will sacrifice their all to satiate their appetites with such demoralizing draughts! Thou accursed cup! Hurl it to

the ground, let the rays of sunlight again illumine the homes of suffering, and restore happiness and confidence to a reckless and distracted world. Next in our program was Elwood cemetery, one of the most beautiful cities of the dead I have ever seen. Centrally located, looms up the monument erected in honor of the Confederate heroes—a beautiful tribute to the loved spirits whose bodies sleep beneath its sacred dome. On one side of the shaft is the furled flag, with arms stacked, reminding all of the termination of what they held so dear. The monument was recently unveiled with becoming solemnity and true patriotism. It will repel the storms of ages. We were there eight years ago, when the cornerstone was laid by Hon. Alex. H. Stephens and President Davis. It was decoration day and a memorable event. Last, but not least, our eye was directed to a pretty monument erected by the Memphians to a heroic woman who left home and friends, against the earnest solicitations of loved ones, to nurse in the yellow fever of 1873. Like a Good Samaritan, she went forth in the discharge of duty—as an angel of mercy—administering consolation to the dying; cooling the parched lips and fevered brow until she, too, fell a victim to the destroyer, and was mown down in her youth and vigor. Upon her tomb are inscribed these simple but impressive words: "She died for us." Strange friends weep o'er her grave and deposit their floral offerings of the richest perfume upon the sacred sod. Bright feathered songsters sing a requiem, while the forests catch their sweet notes and wait them through the air. A heroine sleeps here; she died at her post.

Taking advantage of an excursion ticket, we concluded to take into our rambles the General Conference during the last week of its session, and, accordingly, were soon whirling o'er hill and dale, over mountain gorges and through canyons. We spent part of the night, both going and returning, in Chattanooga, a town of war memories. How many unpleasant reminiscences flash before us as our pulling-steam surges around the base of Look-Out Mountain. Eagerly peer into the cave, scan his weather-beaten brow, almost trembling as we contemplate those who scaled his high and rugged sides amid storms of grape and shot and realize the awful conflict of national hate and sectional jealousy.

Our visit to Atlanta was one of peculiar pleasure. We stopped at the "Markham House." We soon met a number of old friends, and made a number of new ones. The hospitality of that beautiful city, is well known to you. Brother John. The reception tendered the General Conference, and other complimented guests, by Gov. Colquitt and his wife, was a brilliant affair. Both are Christians of the true Georgia type. They will ever be affectionately remembered by the whole Methodist connection, for their unbounded hospitality, and true Christian worth.

How many pleasant, and also sad, memories cluster around us as we survey that body of sage men. There sit our "venerable Bishops," but a link has been severed since they last met: a "beloved Marvin," clothed in the habiliments of immortality, rests peacefully in heaven. Perhaps his sweet spirit was hovering near, watching with deep interest their deliberations. There were our California friends, whom we had known for many years. The popular Fitzgerald; the children's friend, Simmons; the energetic and successful Berry (whom we knew at college, now honored by the highest position within the gift of the Legislature of California—Speaker of the House), with Sister B., his Christian wife; then comes Brother Parsons, who came to us, a stranger in a strange land, who was converted, and married while with us, and is now editor of the "Pacific Methodist." Our affections are entwined around these friends and their families. We could but feel proud that California "was honored by Dr. Fitz." being elected editor of the "Nashville Christian Advocate," knowing that he would be an honor to the "editorial chair," and would wield a large influence in behalf of our church institutions located at the "Hub of Southern Methodism." How pleasant the thought, that the "Woman's Missionary Society" is managed by such an intelligent and energetic Christian woman as

Mrs. Hayes, with such co-workers as Mrs. McDevitt, Miss Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Kelley, assisted by the wives of the whole "Episcopal Board." We suggest that the gifted wife of Bishop Wightman, with Mrs. Hayes, canvass the South, and infuse some of their missionary life into their slumbering sisterhood. They could accomplish much good.

What a host of good people we found in Georgia! We feel grateful to a number for personal favors; particularly Messdames Saunders, Hoag, Jones and Miss Harris.

According to promise, we returned to Memphis, and having spent our time there delightfully, through the earnest solicitations of friends, we concluded to finish our trip to Aurora, Indiana, on the popular packet, the James W. Gaff. Our gallant boat soon steamed into the channel, fired her salute, and amid the waving of handkerchiefs, we soon receded from sight of the loved ones on shore, and were fairly started on our journey. A good many of the passengers were going North to spend the summer. The table was well furnished, and a fine "string band" discoursed sweet music during meal-time, in the large dining hall, and lent its intoxicating strains to the giddy footsteps of impassioned youth. At intervals, they would wend their way to the piano, and with restless spirits of levity, would sing the songs of sacred lore, from those soul-inspiring melodies of Moody and Sankey. This is an irreverent age, when reckless youth mingle their voices with those sacred words, in the giddy mazes of the dance! Where are we drifting?

I made a number of pleasant acquaintances on the boat, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Nicols. Mr. N. is connected with the *Memphis Avalanche*. They were both very thoughtful of me, which I greatly appreciated. On our trip up, we stopped at many places of interest, and arrived in Aurora five days after leaving Memphis. Found our kindred in usual health, and enjoyed the visit immensely. Mr. and Mrs. James Wymond, and Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, did all that was possible to make my visit a pleasant one. They showed me the sights of Cincinnati, which was only twenty-five miles by railroad from Aurora. Both places are on the river, and the scenery is grand in the extreme, and the whole country is very productive. Towns are scattered every few miles along the river's bank. The fountain, on the plaza of Cincinnati, is one of the interesting sights of the city. It is a marvel of skill and beauty, was presented to the city by a wealthy Scotchman, and is said to have cost upwards of an hundred thousand dollars. It is of bronze and was executed in Munich. The "Zoological Garden" is one of the citizens' favored resorts. The street cars are drawn to the tops of Bell-view and Look-Out Hills by machinery, and the view from these immense bluffs is grand in the extreme. There lay the city, reclining at our feet and spread out for miles, basking in a burning sun, with glittering spires and gilded domes, with its surging multitude—now full of life and hope, but in a few years, at most, will be silent in the tomb; and the beautiful Ohio, sparkling in the sunshine, sweeps by, with majestic grandeur. A short distance from the city, as the snorting steed sweeps swiftly by, we are pointed out the tomb of President Harrison. It is on a lonely but pretty mound, the weather-beaten shaft pointing out the sacred spot. The moaning winds chant their funeral dirge o'er his lonely grave. "Body snatching" is carried on to such a fearful extent that people almost shudder at having their loved dead buried out of sight. Recently, the whole nation was shocked by the announcement that the body of Hon. Scott Harrison was found suspended by the neck in a dismal dissecting room, at a Medical College, ready for the student's glittering knife.

We attended the commencement exercises of Moore's Hill College, and listened to a beautiful and instructive address by Mrs. Mary Pyle, of College Hill, Ohio. It was delivered before the "Young Ladies' Literary Society." The principal lecture of the occasion was delivered by your kinsman, President John. 'Twas the Baccalaureate address, and his subject, "Microscopic Glimpses of God." 'Twas a grand production. You may well feel proud of such a relative. In him are combined all the elements of true Christian man-

hood, and intellectual greatness. Can't you get him into one of our Texas colleges? He would be an honor to education in this State. I formed many pleasant acquaintances among the ladies of Moore's Hill. Among the number, was the president's accomplished wife.

After bidding adieu to loved ones in Aurora, and having been complimented with a free ticket to Louisville by boat, and half fare by rail, we turned homeward. Found Gen. Williamson at the Memphis depot, with a carriage, waiting for me. Then, all was happiness and sunshine in that beautiful city; now, the pall of death hangs over it. How hard to realize such a change in so short a time! "Surely in the midst of life we are in death."

REBECCA J. FISHER.
AUSTIN, AUG. 25th, 1878.

EUROPEAN LETTER.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

FRIEDBERG, BADEN, AUGUST 25, 1878.

The Black Forest, or "Schwarzwald," as it is called in German, is not precisely a land unknown to American tourists, though it is not so well known as it deserves. Pedestrians find it a kind of paradise in good weather. No part of Europe is better situated for excursions. Railways bring one over the comparatively flat and tame approaches and drop the tourist in the very lap of all that is lovely, and fresh, and romantic. Both for driving and walking the Black Forest is equally eligible; and those sensible persons who wish to enjoy the pleasures of pedestrianism without many of its unquestionable discomforts, find an excellent system of public conveyances, by which the luggage can be sent forward and the comforts of a change of clothes secured. Tramping it with a knapsack and umbrella is much more common in Europe than in America, and it is all very well for those who are fond of a wetting, and not over particular as to personal purification, and who find, or say they find, a pleasure in roughing it; but the majority of people, and those who have most common sense, will enjoy traveling all the more for having a little of their customary comforts along with them. The man who arrives at a hotel half an hour before dinner, wet with perspiration or soaked with rain, and who finds that his valise has arrived before him, with the essentials of clean linen, fresh clothing and thin boots, has an advantage over the more Spartan pedestrian, who has to sit down in his damp clothes, and either endure his hot and dirty boots, or outrage European proprieties by coming to the table in his slippers. All through the Black Forest, by making a little inquiry beforehand, and never trusting to the statements of waiters and porters, or indeed to anybody without verifying them by comparison with the guide-book, one can send his valise in advance with reasonable confidence. The stopping-places are so frequent, and the accommodations, generally speaking, so fair, that a very lazy or very inefficient walker can get along quite comfortably. Being German, the Black Forest is not a cheap place. Everything in Germany is supplied in a scanty fashion; portions are measured with such an economical hand, and the prices charged for them are usually so high, that Germany is, perhaps, the dearest country for travelers in all Europe, except Spain. There is, however, not much absolute cheating, in which respect Germany is much better than France, Italy or Spain. There is a printed tariff for almost everything, and this document must be produced on demand. The roads and conveyances in the Black Forest are excellent. For pedestrians there are ample provision of foot-paths, finger-posts and resting places in all parts; and of course, as in every part of Germany, there are most excellent maps. Take it all in all, there are few parts of Europe so suitable for walking excursions. One great source of amusement is found in the many "cures," or bathing and watering places that are so numerous in the forest. These are all available as stopping places by passing tourists, though they are intended mainly for health-seekers, bathers in mineral or other waters, and drinkers of whey, milk, and all the varieties of nastiness to be found in the almost infinite springs which bubble up in this land of streams and fountains. The manners and customs of the German middle classes may be observed much better at places like these

than at more miscellaneous places like Baden and Homburg. The young German female can be studied here admirably. She is very fair, has either no shape or a very clumsy one, is always badly dressed and drowsily, eats liberally, and is deeply sentimental. She wields the implements of the dinner table more as weapons of war than as accessories of civilized nutrition. She is a vast consumer of bread and butter, and leaves on the mind of the observer a general impression of whey.

One of the best centers in the Black Forest is Triberg, where there is an excellent hotel, the "Schwarzwald," in an excellent situation. From this point the tourist can branch out in all directions. It has a railway station; and the line of the railway from Triberg to Hausach is one of the most remarkable pieces of engineering in Europe, and quite as remarkable as the Semmering between Vienna and Gratz. Triberg is famous for clocks and watches; and it is to be remarked that over one of the largest clock-making establishments in the village there is a large clock which has no hands; and that, almost without exception, every clock to be seen in the hotels or other places is either stopped altogether or is entirely wrong as to the time.

The etiquette of these German bathing places is very peculiar. In one of them the following is written in French on the bed-room doors: "Those persons recently arrived shall place themselves at the foot of the table. A bather desiring to have a visiting friend near him at the table may be accorded this privilege but for one repeat only. Such favors as selecting a place of his own choice, passing immediately to the head of the table, or of sitting opposite whom one pleases, will not be accorded for the reason that they would result in the juxtaposition of persons not agreeable to one another." The advancement to the head of the table is not coveted merely as a matter of distinction; for it includes the appreciable advantage of a first presentation of dishes at dinner and supper; and the difference of a plate as it comes up from the chef, and the same plate when it has passed a file of hungry Germans, male and female, after their kind, is very marked. But the final right to sit opposite whom one pleases has possibly a more romantic signification, and may be intended as a check on the too ardent gallantry of susceptible youths who want to sit opposite the prettiest girls.

SUNDRIES.

The infant Prince Imperial of Japan is dead.

An agent of the Japanese Government is buying fine stock in Kentucky.

Pennsylvania supplies one-fifth of the rye grown in this country.

The Porto Rico sugar crop has been reduced fifty per cent. by heavy rains.

It is estimated that Delaware's peach export for the season, will amount to 700,000 baskets, netting the shippers \$575,000. They call it a small year for peaches, and place the whole yield within 1,000,000 baskets.

An old lady ninety years of age, recently walked from Philadelphia to Reading, Pa., in four days.

Isaac Brown, an octogenarian of Jefferson county, Ala., has plowed the same field for 62 successive years.

Edison's latest invention is ink for the use of the blind, which causes raised letters when used on any paper.

Rev. R. D. Turner, pastor of a colored church at Somerset, Ky., has been excommunicated for acting with the Democrats.

The monument over the grave of President Jefferson, will be after a design of which he was himself the author.

A firman was lately granted to a company composed mostly of Englishmen, for the construction of a line of railway from Jaffa to Jerusalem.

The new tramp law at Erie, Pa., under which tramps are sentenced to thirty days' hard labor in the chain gang, is working beautifully.

The ammonia of the commercial fertilizers manufactured in the suburbs of Augusta, Ga., has completely driven out the chills and fever and other malaria that used to infest that locality.

The London correspondent of the Edinburgh *Scotsman*, says: "It is believed that influential parties in the Indian Office, favor the annexation of Afghanistan to the Indian Empire."

Within a fortnight after the occupation of Cyprus, six companies, with an aggregate capital of \$20,725,000, had been registered in England to carry on operations in connection with the island.

There are said to have been twenty-eight railroads sold under foreclosure during the first six months of the present year, and fourteen were placed in the hands of receivers during the same time.

The editors of the Catholic press of the United States are to hold a convention, Sept. 9. One of the Catholic papers says the movement to obtain unity among the conductors of the church press will fail.

The property of the New York clergy, whether in active pastoral charge or not, is exempt from taxation to the amount of \$1,500, according to a recent opinion of Attorney General Schoonmaker.

German immigration is setting in with a stronger current than ever. The July arrivals at New York numbered 12,650; 3,050 more than in the same month last year, most of them peasants bringing money to buy farms at the West.

"Peter's pence" are coming in so sparingly as to occasion a good deal of anxiety at the Vatican, and the device of pilgrimages is to be revived. Four will set out from France next autumn, two from Spain and one from Belgium.

Two attempts have been made to burn the house of the clergyman who preached to the Montreal Orangemen on the 12th of July. One would suppose that even in Montreal, there should be law enough to suppress such cowardly ruffianism.

The Portuguese colonists at Springfield and Jacksonville, Ill., who in 1846 fled from the Madeira islands to escape religious persecution, celebrated their thirty-second anniversary, in a grove near Springfield, August 23.

It is proposed at Montreal to build a vice-regal residence in that city at a cost of \$100,000, in the expectation that the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise would accept it as their home, and thus add to the attractions of the city. The residence, if built, will be located at the foot of Mount Royal Park, a beautiful spot.

Despite the immense yield of gold in California, it is now shown that her tillable soil produces more actual wealth than her richest mines. Her grain and her fruits exceed in value the best of her placer. Her grape crop this season will be so very large that preparations are making to convert 1,000 tons of grapes into raisins.

The *Jewish Messenger* remarks that when Richard Coeur de Lion conquered Cyprus in 1171, he gave orders that no Jew should be present at the ceremony which completed the conquest; and that now, eight centuries afterward, England has to thank Benjamin Disraeli for its new possession.

A family of Christian Turks, consisting of nine persons, has arrived in New York, from Damascus, the first Syrian family that has ever emigrated to this country. The father says his object in coming to America was to escape from the tyranny of the Turks, and to afford his children an opportunity for higher education denied them in their own land. He brings credentials from American missionaries and others.

Bishop Tyrrell, the bachelor Bishop of Newcastle, Australia, is a shepherd in more than the Scriptural sense, and owns over a dozen stations in Queensland and New South Wales, from which he receives, it is said, a revenue of \$125,000 per annum. He has executed a will devising the whole of his property, having a capital value of \$1,250,000, to the various church funds of his diocese. This is probably the largest single sum ever devoted to public uses in Australia.

Dr. Riggs, of Constantinople, announces that the translation of the Bible into Turkish is finished and is ready for the press. The New Testament is printed, and it is expected that the Old Testament, in the Arabic and Armenian characters, will be printed in September.

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Correspondence

My Vacation.

It pleased the good people of my charge to offer me a vacation of three or four weeks...

Well, I have attended many camp-meetings, but never before one just like this.

Friday night the opening service was held, from which time to the close of the meeting the days were well filled...

Not much rest for the preacher on a brief vacation, but how wonderfully refreshing to visit new scenes...

After the camp-meeting I enjoyed three days of sweet rest at the delightful home of Rev. J. W. Whipple...

Sunday, September 1, I preached in Austin; enjoyed a precious communion service...

Tuesday, I enjoyed a pleasant ride with Bro. Whipple and family to "Mt. Bonnell," the highest point in the range of mountains "round about" Austin.

Wednesday, 7 P. M., was the time fixed for turning my face homeward. Kind friends accompanied me to the depot...

million of citizens would not choose to visit Texas...

This communication is already too long to allow of any description of the country...

I had a delightful time, and thank all the kind friends who contributed to the pleasure of my visit.

A. K. GOSWAMY.

A Methodist.

A Methodist is one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength...

"And he who hath this hope, thus full of immortality, in everything giveth thanks, as knowing this (whatsoever it is) is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning him."

"Nor do the customs of the world at all hinder his running the race which is set before him." He cannot, therefore, lay up treasures upon earth...

JOHN WESLEY.

Reminiscences of a Texas Itinerant.

NUMBER FIVE.

Nothing occurred on the district during the year of extraordinary interest. The usual routine of duties and rounds in office were gone through with...

"And loving God, he loves his neighbor as himself; he loves every man as his own soul. He loves his enemies; yea, and the enemies of God."

"For he is pure in heart." Love has purified his heart from envy, malice, wrath, and every unkind temper. It has cleansed him from pride, whereof only cometh contention...

"Agreeable to this, his one desire is the one design of life, namely: to do his own will, but the will of Him who sent him." His own intention at all times and in all places is, not to please himself, but Him whom his soul loveth.

"And the tree is known by its fruits." For, as he loves God, so he keeps His commandments; not only some, or most of them, but

all from the least to the greatest. He is not content to "keep the whole law and offend in one point," but has in all points a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man.

Whatever God has forbidden, he avoids; whatever God has enjoined, he does. He runs the way of God's commandments, now he has set his heart at liberty. It is his glory and joy so to do, it is his daily crown of rejoicing, to do the will of God on earth, as it is done in heaven.

All the commandments of God he accordingly keeps, and that with all his might; for his obedience is in proportion to his love, the source from whence it flows. And, therefore, loving God with all his heart, he serves Him with all his strength; he continually presents his soul and body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God; entirely and without reserve devoting himself, all he has, all he is, to His glory.

By consequence, whatsoever he doeth, it is all to the glory of God! In all his employments, of every kind, he not only aims at this, which is implied in having a single eye, but actually attains it; his business and his refreshments, as well as his prayers, all serve to this great end. Whether he sit in his house, or walk by the way, whether he lie down or rise up, he is promoting, in all he speaks or does, the one business of his life.

Whether he put on his apparel, or labor, or eat, or drink, or divert himself from wasting labor, it all tends to advance the glory of God by peace and good will among men. His own individual rule is this: "whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, even the Father, through Him."

Another extraordinary camp (or protracted) meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Hickman, on Bear Creek, in Sabine county. Mr. H. was not a member of the church, but he and his noble wife wanted to give a meeting, and did furnish a sumptuous table, feeding from two to four hundred people for several days. I could see a negro man slaughtering a fat beef every morning. A cornfield of 10 acres was furnished for the horses, every man gathering and feeding as much as he chose.

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hobler, and as the credit of his common country depended upon the good order of that occasion, I hoped that he, as chairman, would see to it that there should be no disturbance on the occasion.

The colored Baptists have a church at Petersburg, Va., with 3,000 members. It is one hundred years old. A new building for it, to cost \$25,000, is being put up. The Methodist mission in Japan has held its fourth annual meeting at Yokohama. The reports for the year represent a prosperous state of the work, the increase of members having been more than one hundred per cent. Larger than any previous year. Four new names were presented as candidates for admission to the traveling ministry.

The London Congregational Union has lately collected statistics of the proportions of church sittings in London to the inhabitants. It finds that in London, proper, which has a population of 3,500,000 persons, the Church of England provides accommodations for 578,958 persons, and the other churches for 508,868, or a total of 1,087,826 persons.

The British Wesleyan conference did not decide to co-operate with the two leading Methodist Churches of America in calling an Ecumenical Methodist Conference. The report adopted by the conference approved cultivation of the spirit of union, but expressed a doubt whether the proper time had yet arrived for holding a Pan-Methodist Council.

The New Orleans Depository, a branch of our Publishing House, sold recently at Sheriff's sale, brought less than half its valuation. The sale met only about one-fourth of the liabilities, and the editor of the New Orleans Advocate expresses the opinion that the Publishing House is liable for the balance—say thirty thousand. The church has been led to believe that the Depository was worth about fifty thousand dollars.

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"Here's your writ of attachment," said a town clerk, as he handed a lover a marriage license.

Blessing & Rev.

Some fifty-six hundred American delegates are attending the World's Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Over 100,000 copies of the new Methodist Hymnal have been issued in six weeks. Fifteen hundred copies are now being supplied daily.

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The Methodist mission in Japan has held its fourth annual meeting at Yokohama. The reports for the year represent a prosperous state of the work, the increase of members having been more than one hundred per cent. Larger than any previous year. Four new names were presented as candidates for admission to the traveling ministry.

The London Congregational Union has lately collected statistics of the proportions of church sittings in London to the inhabitants. It finds that in London, proper, which has a population of 3,500,000 persons, the Church of England provides accommodations for 578,958 persons, and the other churches for 508,868, or a total of 1,087,826 persons.

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The lessons of this quarter give us the birth of our Savior, a glimpse of His childhood, and His public ministry. Every scene is life-like, and draws us to Him with a strange fascination. He stirs feverish hopes in desponding hearts, as no other has, and as no other could. We hear the heavenly hosts that announce His mysterious birth, and then we listen to His wonderful discourses that move the dry bones of the seed of Abraham from Dan to Beersheba. We gather with eager multitudes about Him, as He heals the sick, casts out devils, and raises the dead.

THIRD QUARTER—FIRST LESSON—July 7, 78.

Luke II: 1-20: Birth of Christ the Lord. Time—A. D. 7: Place—Bethlehem of Judaea; Rulers—Augustus Caesar, Emperor of Rome; and Herod the Great, King of Judaea, Samaria, Galilee and Peraea—all tributary to the Roman Empire.

GOLDEN TEXT:
For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke II: 11.

While the simple shepherds are keeping watch on the open fields by night over their sheep near Bethlehem, suddenly an angel of the Lord, with the glory of God about him, startles them, but at once assures them with the sweet message: "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy."

FIFTH LESSON—August 4, 1878.

Luke V: 1-11: The Draught of Fishes; Time—A. D. 27: Place—Capernaum; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:
And when they had brought their ships to land they forsook all and followed Him. Luke V: 11.

Our Savior appears early in the morning, down by the seashore of Lake Gennesaret, at Capernaum, with an eager multitude about Him. To relieve Himself from the press of this throng He enters Peter's boat, which Peter, at His request, thrusts out a little from the shore. Seated in that boat He taught the people. The four fishermen, Peter and Andrew, and James and John, had toiled all night with their nets and taken nothing. The tired, despondent couple of brothers were in no condition, either in body or mind, to receive profit from the sermon from that singular pulpit.

SIXTH LESSON—August 11, 1878.

Luke VII: 1-16: The Centurion's Faith; Time—A. D. 27: Place—Capernaum; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:
According to your faith be it unto you. Matt. IX: 29.

As He closes His sermon on the mount, He enters Capernaum to heal the Centurion's servant. Thus He nails the marvelous truth to the conscience of the world with a marvelous deed. He passes over the wall of separation, between Jew and Gentile, to heed the petition of the latter and to heal his servant. He finds his faith so marvelous that He heals the servant of the Centurion, at his request, without even seeing him or going to him. Will and faith work the miracle. This, in this respect, is unlike all others. The Centurion, though in authority, was a man of humility, and though one without claims on the Messiah, being a Gentile, he yet had greater faith than all Israel. "The last shall be first and the first last."

SEVENTH LESSON—August 18, 1878.

Luke VII: 11-17: The Widow of Nain; Time—A. D. 27: Place—Nain of Galilee; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:
When the Lord saw her He had compassion on her, and said unto her, "weep not." Luke VII: 13.

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you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." He then points Him out as the One mightier than he: baptizes Him; sees God's sign resting on Him, and hears His words of approval. Having heralded the Savior he retires, is shut up in prison, and beheaded, a martyr.

GOLDEN TEXT:
And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with power. Luke IV: 42.

Jesus, after His baptism, in the last lesson, retires into the wilderness; a type of the world to man; and there successfully overcomes three great temptations: appetite, pride, and ambition. Conscious of His omnipotence, He is tempted to use His power for His personal ends. Overcoming Satan thus on the threshold of His mission to man, He arrives in His own Nazareth, among His own people, full of the Spirit and strong in zeal. He enters, on the Sabbath day, His own synagogue to expound the word of God, as was His custom. The book (a roll) of Isaiah is given Him. He reads, "the spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;" to heal the broken-hearted; to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." He then closed the book, declaring that He had thus fulfilled that Scripture. They at first listened gratefully, but when He declined to perform miracles for their gratification, and ran an unfavorable parallel between them and the hated Gentile, they thrust Him out of the synagogue in their wrath and would have hurled Him headlong from the brow of the hill on which the city stood, had He not passed out of their hands and through their midst. Thus His own city rejected Him. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not."

GOLDEN TEXT:
This day have we observed thy Sabbath; and we bid her "weep not." He touches the bier, and bids the dead arise.

ELEVENTH LESSON—Sept. 15th, 1878.

Luke XI: 5-13: Importunity in Prayer; Time—A. D. 22: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:
I say unto you, If you shall ask, ye shall receive, and your Father will give you. Luke XI: 10.

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TENTH LESSON—Sept. 8th, 1878.

Luke X: 17-24: Return of the Seventy; Time—A. D. 28: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:
Blessed are the eyes which see these things which ye see. Luke, X: 23.

Fully one year has passed since our Savior dined, by invitation, with Simon, the Pharisee, and forgave the sins of the penitent woman. Luke alone gives the incident of this lesson. He had sent out His twelve disciples to preach and to heal; He had fed the five thousand with the five loaves and two fishes, and finding it necessary to pass through Samaria on His way to Jerusalem, He sent messengers before His face. And after these, He sent also the "seventy." These unknown seventy return to Him elated with their success near Jerusalem. The devils were subject to them. Christ exults in their triumph, and rejoices in spirit. He sees the end and thanks His Father for the omens of success, and says to His disciples, "Blessed are the eyes which see these things which ye see." He had stood on the mount of transfiguration, and now He stands on the mount of exaltation.

TWELFTH LESSON—Sept. 22d, 1878.

Luke XII: 13-21: Warning against Jealousy; Time—A. D. 29: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:
Take heed and beware of covetousness. Luke XII: 15.

This lesson, like several others, is found only in Luke; and it serves to illustrate how worldly many of the Messiah's hearers were, even in the very white heat of His grand mission to save a lost race. As He sowed the seed of life some seeds fell among thorns, some on stony places, and in many instances, He cast pearl before swine. "One said unto Him, Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me." Then He taught them that life consisted not in riches; and showed them by the parable, how, when the rich man would pull down his barns to replace them with larger ones, because his fields were plenteous, God said to him, "thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." The lesson teaches the danger of riches and how they bind one to the earth. The young ruler who came kneeling to our Savior, desiring to be saved, went away sorrowfully from life to death, rather than forsake his riches. And yet, he had kept the law.

THIRTEENTH LESSON—Sept. 29th, 1878.

Luke XIII: 1-9: Parable of the Fig Tree; Time—A. D. 29: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT:
I tell you, ye shall not see here, nor shall ye see there, nor yet shall ye see it. Luke XIII: 34.

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FIFTEENTH LESSON—Sept. 29th, 1878.

Luke XV: 1-10: Parable of the Lost Sheep; Time—A. D. 29: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

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SIXTEENTH LESSON—Sept. 29th, 1878.

Luke XVI: 1-13: Parable of the Unrighteous Steward; Time—A. D. 29: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

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SEVENTEENTH LESSON—Sept. 29th, 1878.

Luke XVII: 1-4: Parable of the Fig Tree; Time—A. D. 29: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

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Luke XIX: 1-10: Parable of the Fig Tree; Time—A. D. 29: Place—Near Jerusalem; Rulers—Same as in third lesson.

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Twentieth Lesson—Sept. 29th, 1878.

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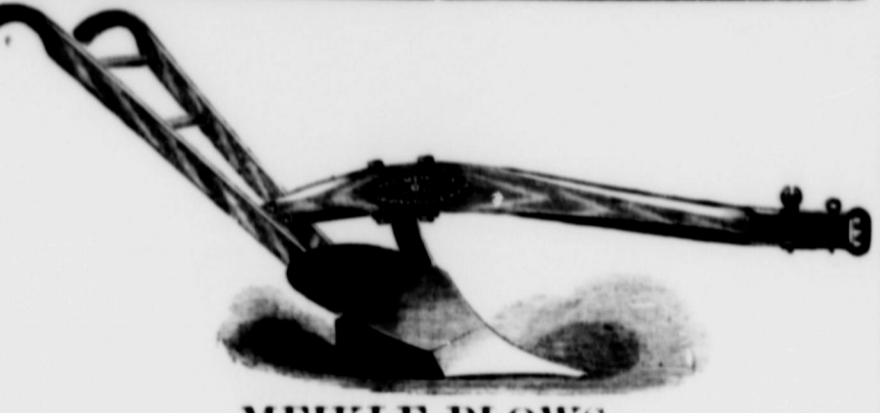
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The Course of the Epidemic.

NEW ORLEANS. On the 13th, the weather at New Orleans was clear and cool. New cases, 228; deaths, 88.

At a meeting to-night the following was adopted: The Howard Association of New Orleans, under their most grateful thanks for the noble response from all parts of our country to their call for relief of yellow fever sufferers, and request that no further collections be made, as they believe the funds received and now coming forward will be ample to meet all wants of our association.

A dispatch from St. Louis announces that quarantine there against up-river freight has been removed in response to a suggestion made in a communication published in the city papers. As a means of purifying the atmosphere and destroying malaria, fires were very generally lighted in the streets throughout the city this evening.

The Young Men's Christian Association report 96 new cases, total cases of fever attended to by them to date 1478.

On the 14th, 309 new cases and 39 deaths were reported.

The following to the Associated Press: The resolution of the Howard Association, telegraphed last evening, applies only to themselves and to their peculiar work with the sick and destitute from yellow fever, and is not intended to apply to the Peabody Association, who are at work to relieve the destitution and distress which prevail widespread from the epidemic. The Peabody Association does a noble work aside from our peculiar sphere, and is worthy of every encouragement.

F. R. SOUTHWAY, Sec'y H. A. The Young Men's Christian Association reports new cases today 92; deaths 3; Howard Association, new cases 334.

Ten nurses leave for Holly Springs in the morning. The sick telegraphers are reported in a favorable condition. Hopes are entertained that all will recover.

Sept. 15.—Deaths 59; cases reported, 149 including 66 cases dating from the 1st to the 11th inst. The Howards have received the following from Grand Junction, Tenn.: Send by next train two doctors. We will have no doctor to-morrow—all sick. Forty-two cases of yellow fever.

EDWARD BRETON, Mayor. In response to the above, Dr. C. Ball will leave on the morning train for Grand Junction. Another doctor goes Tuesday.

The Howard Association report new cases, 220; Young Men's Christian Association, 59.

Sept. 16.—Weather pleasant. Deaths, 73; new cases reported, 108—20 of which bear date prior to September 12.

To the Masonic Grand Lodges of the United States—The Masons of Louisiana, with profound gratitude to sister jurisdictions, who have voluntarily donated a large sum for relief of yellow fever sufferers of the craft in this State, beg that they would cease their generous contributions, as ample funds have been already received.

SAMUEL J. POWELL, Grand Master. Fever has again appeared at bayou des Allemandes. Several cases reported there. Dr. Godfried leaves for that place to-morrow.

The Young Men's Christian Association reports 79 new cases; the Howards' 348, including destitute.

Charles McCoy married Thursday, taken sick Friday, died on Sunday and was buried on Monday.

The Peabody Association to-day filled 3655 rations, equal to 25,558 rations.

On the 17th, new cases reported 223; deaths, 62.

MEMPHIS. On the night of the 14th, in Memphis, the report showed a large increase of cases and 117 deaths.

About noon of the 14th, a fowl stench was discovered in the neighborhood of the Mosby & Hunt block, on Front street. A negro policeman was detailed for the purpose of making an examination of the premises, and in one of the rooms he discovered the dead and decomposed body of H. L. Waring, a cotton buyer, who had evidently died several days ago.

Ninety-eight deaths were reported on the 15th. Among them we find the name of R. W. Blew, publisher of the Western Methodist.

The new cases reported by 23 physicians amount to 174.

On the 16th, there were 111 deaths. Among them there were some who had been heroic in their efforts to relieve others. In the midst of their work they were stricken down.

The following picture of the state of things at Memphis, appears under date of September 17th: Our night of misery is still dark, dimly dark, with no star of prom-

ise yet showing itself in the sky to bid us hope for the early dawn of the daylight or relief from the pestilence that has laid waste our fair city and still continues to pick out and cut down the brightest works.

Our best citizens, those who have remained homely to the self-sacrificing duty of caring and providing help for the thousands of pestiferous poor, who were compelled to remain and stand the fearful ordeal of the pestilence which strikes only to kill, are steadily reduced in number by sickness and death. The number of brave spirits that have fallen since the beginning of the present work has intensified our grief, and of those yet remaining on duty each one feels that his turn may come next.

It is a sad sight to pass up Main street at any time during the day and witness the deserted buildings, great commercial bazars, that are usually the scene of life and activity of a thrifty trade. The Relief Committee, the medical depots and the Board of Health are the only places where any life may be seen, and at these places all is hurry and bustle—applicants for physicians and nourishment for the sick often having to wait hours for their turn to be served to come round. It is almost impossible to find enough people able to serve in the various departments of the relief depots.

Some of the undertakers say today that they have no coffins with which to fill orders for burial from those abundantly able and willing to pay for decent internment. Holz & Bros. had to decline eight orders since noon. Of course all these will have to go to the potter's field, where the chances of future identification is almost hopeless.

New cases reported on the 17th, are 205; deaths, 101.

VICKSBURG. On the 12th, the following dispatch was received from Vicksburg:

James Sorley, Galveston: Nurses arrived safely and are doing good work. Can report no abatement in number of new cases or virulence of type. Weather to-day fine and cool. J. C. HARRIS.

The cool weather on the 11th, inspired hope, but the next day the deaths increased from thirteen on the 11th, to thirty-one on the 12th. On the 15th, there were eighteen deaths, and on the 16th, twenty-three.

On the 16th, 85 new cases were reported.

On the 17th, 22 deaths, and about 60 new cases reported. Amid the gloom which overshadows the plague-stricken cities, the light of human charity breaks in with cheering beams. From all quarters the gifts pour in until in some cases all wants are supplied. This is one of the characteristics of Christianity.

GRENADA. At Grenada six deaths occurred on the 14th. Among them was Dr. Woolfolt, of Paducah. His skill and arduous labors for the sick and dying endeared him to the sufferers, but could not avert the shaft of the destroyer.

On the 15th, there were five deaths and five new cases.

On the 16th, four new cases were reported, and six deaths.

On the 17th, three deaths were reported and the outlook was more hopeful.

HOLLY SPRINGS. On the 17th, at Holly Springs, nine deaths and thirteen new cases, mark the course of the scourge.

One who has shared the labors and witnessed the woes attending the spread of the disease, thus speaks of its presence at Holly Springs: The orphans who crowd around us every morning and tell us they are left alone, or the faithful nurses who come bearing the keys of homes entirely swept of every soul that lived there, and asking us to take charge, and the dying messages brought to our ears, are enough to remind us that we are in the midst of the very garden of death. One day we meet our friend and do all we can in the good work, and the next day we hear that he has fallen and asks our aid. To-day I saw great, strong men burst into tears. Oh, God! I had rather have died than to have lived to witness such scenes. I really believe were it not for messages of sympathy and offers of aid we receive from our mournful friends far away, we would die, all of us, from wretchedness and despondency. We of the little band who live here have associated with us the noblest set of strangers that ever came to the relief of their fellow-man. The death list to date reaches ninety-five, and not three weeks has past since the plague began its work of death in our midst. Express again and again to the Christian hearted people of the whole country, who have unceasingly looked after our welfare and given such generous aid, our prayerful thanks and undying remembrance.

Among those stricken in the work of mercy at Holly Springs, we note the names of Dr. Swearingen and Manning, of Austin, Texas.

At Mexican City, on the 17th, the fever was reported on the 17th, there were twenty-five cases reported. On the 16th, there were three deaths.

On the 17th, there were two deaths and 23 new cases reported at Baton Rouge.

From Canton, under date of the 17th, we have the following: The total number of cases to date is 424; deaths, 48. New cases in the last twenty-four hours, 31; deaths, 12. There are six or eight more reported dying. Dr. A. H. Cage, one of our best physicians and bravest workers is dying. The fever is worse than at any time yet. We are struggling on, trusting in God for better days. ROBERT POWELL, Mayor.

Cotton News.

Cotton seed is selling at four dollars per ton in Marlin. Bryan is to have a three-story graded school building.

Hays county has purchased a poor farm on the Blanco. Houston people continue to build factories and improve in other respects.

The Flatonia Argus says: Cotton is coming into town at the rate of a hundred bales a day.

Some farmers in Collin county are contracting to deliver new corn at fifteen cents a bushel.

A man caught a half grown bear on the prairie, near Corsicana, a short time since.

There is an artesian well near Graham only 197 feet deep. A bold stream flows out from the top. An alligator was caught out of the Colorado river at Austin, a few days ago, which measured seven feet and ten inches in length.

The Inquirer reports oats sold in McKinney at 12 1/2 to 15 cents per bushel.

A Mr. Gandy, will establish a large nursery near Brownwood this fall. He has bought nine hundred dollars' worth of trees and shrubbery to begin with.

Many farmers in Young county have raised the second crop of corn this season, some of which will make thirty bushels per acre.

The Fric Press says: There are in comal county 1568 white and 448 colored children between the ages of five and eighteen years; 6950 horses and mules, 19,258 cattle, 5019 sheep and goats, 6574 hogs and 1283 voters.

The \$30,000 appropriated by Congress for the improvement of Sabine Pass is being expended. A dredge boat is at work in the pass deepening the channel, and it is thought that twenty-five feet of water will be obtained.

The Flatonia Argus, learns of Judge A. B. Kerr, that oats this year yielded sixty bushels per acre; wheat averaged twenty-two bushels. The Judge thinks, with early sowing in a proper manner and a favorable season, wheat will average thirty bushels to the acre.

The Rockport Transcript says: Fish are now abundant in our bays. On calm evenings the flashing and dashing of fish along the bay edge has been really annoying to those who, like ourselves live near the water, and have sickness in their families.

We find the following in the Waco Examiner: A party of about ten or twelve Californians passed through this city yesterday morning, en route for Kendall county, where they intend establishing sheep ranches. They regard Texas as better sheep country than California. We understand they intend bringing out several thousand head of improved breeds.

McCulloch county contains a population of about 2000 and a taxable personal property, consisting of cattle 20,000 head; sheep 32,000 head; besides a variety of other kinds of personal property, amounting in total to about \$300,000. Settlements are to be found in many parts of the county. A fair season, such as the present year, and proper cultivation, the average yield per acre is: corn 30 to 60 bushels, wheat, 20 to 40 bushels, oats 40 to 75 bushels; cotton, from one-half to one bale per acre.

The Corpus Christi Gazette says: Mr George Gould was endeavoring to kindle a fire in the kitchen, but becoming impatient at its slow burning, he concluded he would facilitate matters by using a little coal oil. He took the can for this purpose, and turning it over the burning fire, commenced pouring the oil on the wood. Almost instantly the oil ignited, and ascending the stream of oil from the can caused an explosion, causing the oil to completely cover the clothing of the unfortunate man, which at once took fire, enveloping his form in flames. He died after the most terrible suffering for a day and a night.

"The Vagrant of Llano county furnishes the following respecting

the interest of that region. In Smith's county, who owns and having daily worked a valuable mine on an exhibition specimen taken from the shaft of the shaft of thirty-five feet which only cost him to excavate, the result and practical world that we have in our very doors treasures the value of which, when realized, will make the country famous as a mining region. Corporations are being organized, and continually more are arriving to work some valuable prospect. The old and famous Lockhart mine is soon to be reopened. Capt. J. W. Davis is the happy discoverer of what has been pronounced the best prospect in the west. The discovery was made but recently. The survey of land which holds this treasure lies about a few degrees west of north from Llano town. There are very well defined beds running parallel across the survey. It lies near the dividing line between the limestone and granite regions. An old California miner, lately sent from Galveston to this country to select the best prospect for mineral, after examining several mines in the west has pronounced this the best in the country. The richest specimens of silver can be taken from the leads on top of the ground. The ore is principally silver.

Randolph Foster, of Fort Bend county, died recently. The Fric Counties says of him: "Eighty years ago he was born in what is now called the State of Mississippi, then a wilderness but little known to the white man. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and for a while was a member of the company commanded by the late Capt. Randal Jones, which was employed in holding the Southern Indians in check while the war was raging in the region now comprising the States of Indiana and Ohio. He was in Texas as early as 1817, and his camp was situated but two miles from the spot where he died. His presence here antedated the settlement of Austin's colony. He knew Aaron Burr, Gen. Wilkinson, Gen. Long, Magee, Kenner, David Crockett, Ellis P. Bean, Lafitte, and others whose shadows flit along the haze of early Texas history, and seem to Texas of the present generation as myths of the dreamy past. But 'Uncle Ran' was the connecting link between the traditional era and the present era, and authenticated as facts what otherwise might have been deemed as fictions of poems and romancers."

Thirty-two years ago the home of "Uncle Ran Foster" was one of our homes on the old Richmond circuit. When our horse failed us, "Uncle Ran," at the request of "Aunt Lucy," placed us on his favorite riding horse, which we rode for years following. Many of the early Texas preachers will remember his hospitable home, and rejoice that, full of years, he went peacefully to the home he had long been seeking.

The Brenham Sentinel says: Judge Turner pronounced the sentence of death upon Bill Longley at Giddings last Friday morning. There was no perceptible change in the countenance and manner of the doomed man. He had prepared his statement and read it before the court. The execution takes place there on the 11th of October between 11 A. M. and 5.30 P. M.

The practice of pressing on the edge of a razor in stropping soon rounds it. The pressure should be directed to the back which should never be raised from the strop. If you shave from heel to point of the razor, strop it from point to heel; but if you begin with the point in shaving, then strop it from heel to point.

LIVE STOCK MARKET. The following epitome of the condition of the Galveston Live Stock Market is furnished the Advocate by Johnson Foster, Live Stock Commission merchant.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16, 1878. RECEIPTS—Beaves and cows, 265; Calves and yearlings, 25; Sheep, 22; Hogs, —. SALES—Beaves and cows, 33; Calves and Yearlings, 22; Sheep, 27; Hogs, —. ON HAND—Beaves and cows, 145; Calves and yearlings, 15; Sheep, 24; Hogs, —. TOTAL RECEIPTS—JANUARY 1—Beaves and cows, 7,972; Calves and yearlings, 5,299; Sheep, 4,943; Hogs 2,073.

PRESENT QUOTATIONS. Beaves and cows, good to choice, 1/16 @ 2/3. Beaves and cows, common and ordinary, 13/16 @ 1/2. Two-year olds, choice 3/16 @ 1/2 @ 12/16. Two-year olds, common 1/2 @ 10/16 @ 9/16. Yearlings, choice 3/16 @ 1/2 @ 11/16. Yearlings, common 1/2 @ 10/16 @ 9/16. Calves, choice 1/2 @ 11/16 @ 10/16. Calves, common 1/2 @ 9/16 @ 8/16. Sheep, choice 1/2 @ 11/16 @ 10/16. Sheep, 3/4 @ 12/16 @ 11/16. REMARKS—Receipts of all classes of stock have been unusually heavy during the past eight days. Buyers are well supplied, so that light sales may be expected during the coming week. Sheep—Market well supplied.

MACHINERY MARKET. (Reported by John W. Wicks, Galveston.) SKINNER PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES. 8 Horse Power, \$650. 10 " " 775. 15 " " 900. ECONOMIZER STEAM ENGINES. 8 Horse Power, \$625. COLEMAN CORN AND WHEAT MILLS. 18 in Burr rock, (s. g.) \$130. 24 in " " " 175. 30 " " " 215. 36 " " " 255. 42 " " " 315.

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