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We welcome Dr. Young, our Missionary Secretary, to our columns. Our people need information respecting the mission work, and they will respond to the call. We hope to hear also from the Missionary Treasurer.

The gospel was planted in the Island in Peru in the Samoan group eleven years ago. Now there is not a heaven on the island. The people have built good chapels and school houses, support their own preachers, and are beginning to contribute for the support of missions in other fields. The mission work is yielding a noble harvest.

"Not for one week was I allowed to feel that I had not a friend, and was a stranger in this strange land." So writes a good sister of the cordial reception she met from the ladies of the Methodist Church, South, in the Texas city in which she cast her lot. We commend the example of those elect ladies to our Methodist sisterhood all over the State.

MR. GEORGE STEVENSON, of London, who is considered the most thoroughly posted of living men in Methodist history, writes to the London Watchman, that the report that Dr. Benson, the present primate of England, is the grandson of Rev. Joseph Benson, the Methodist commentator, is a mistake. The new primate is the son of Edward White Benson. Joseph Benson had no son of that name.

"How long would a church stand without women?" That is what our correspondent from San Antonio asked us last week. We can not answer the question, and are very sure we do not wish to try the experiment. Adam held out such a short time after Eve set him a bad example, that we are satisfied none would have a hard time of it were it not that a pure Christian womanhood is blessing the world with its influence.

A SOCIETY has been formed in Paris, France, for the elevation of Africa in Christian civilization. It will keep its work distinct from that of missions, but will encourage missionaries by furnishing them with agricultural implements, medicines, and such material aids as will be needed for their work. The Christian missionary is being recognized as the pioneer of civilization. The world is learning that without the gospel, the Pagan world can never be elevated out of its darkness and moral degradation.

ANOTHER of John Wesley's rules was respecting books which did not "tend to the knowledge and glory of God." Were this enforced by every Methodist parent, what a cleansing of libraries filled with dime novels and sensational periodical literature would follow. Were Wesley alive, how faithfully would he bear his testimony against the literature that today is found in the homes of many Methodists? How would some of our people feel were the Savior to examine the books and papers Christian parents permit their children to read?

MEN who travel some of our Texas frontier districts and circuits will not go to heaven on "flowery beds of ease." Bro. J. K. Lane, in his account of his late journey on Eastland district, tells of a tramp of twelve miles, with his saddle-bags on his shoulders, to a quarterly meeting. He represents the men who are planting the gospel on our border. They feel they are sent of God; and if no railroads, buggies, saddles, or wagons are offered, they still go to the work assigned them on foot, as their Master traveled through Galilee and the regions round about. These men are the heroes of Methodism, and Methodism is Christianity in earnest.

BISHOP PARKER spent several days in Galveston, preaching Sunday morning at St. Johns, and at night at St. James to large and deeply interested congregations. He left on Tuesday for Gonzales, where he expects to spend next Sabbath, and thence goes to San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Mir, Mexico, Laredo and other points announced in his published appointments. He has marked out for himself an abundance of work, and we doubt not it will yield important results to Texas Methodism. As the Bishop promised some letters for the TEXAS ADVOCATE, its readers will hear from him and of his impressions respecting this great Southwestern field. Our bishops are magnifying their office; we hear of them in all parts of our broad connection, preaching with power in the pulpit and supervising the various interests of the church. The zeal of our church pastors will send its impulse through all departments of its church work.

### CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

**Land Flourishing.**  
D. M. PROCTOR, Henrietta, March 2: Small-pox scare over; no more cases; business reviving; stock doing tolerably well. A large portion of our county being fenced for ranches, yes, thousands upon thousands of acres. A fine rain last week, and warm weather since, make the grass peep up nicely.

**Growing in Favor.**  
CHARLES H. MARTIN, Moscow, March 2: Have finished two rounds on my circuit, and commenced the third. I traveled this circuit last year, and can say that the church interest is much greater now than then. Riding the circuit is as pleasant to me as walking in flowery paths of ease. The annoyances that come up are few and far between. The ADVOCATE is growing in favor with the people; in fact, its every issue is an improvement upon the last.

**The Best Elder and the Banner Work.**  
M. A. BLACK, Martindale, March 6: We had a small attendance of the official members at our second quarterly conference. The reports were all good, and those of the stewards extra good. Bro. Joyce was with us, and is thought by some to be the best presiding elder in Texas. The San Marcos circuit this far is the banner work in the district.

**Picking Cotton and Planting Corn.**  
J. D. CROCKETT, Oenaville, March 2: Spirit opens with beautiful weather, and the people know how to make use of it, as they have had so much bad weather. Plenty of cotton in the fields yet. Much will be plowed under. Bro. Muckleroy is offering two-thirds of his cotton to get it plowed. Last Monday I took dinner where they were picking cotton and planting corn. In the same field. The people have made so much cotton here they can't save it. Truly the Lord has been good to them.

**Church Completed.**  
SAM MORRIS, Mooresville, March 2: The literary and music school here are doing well. The literary department is under the supervision and control of J. D. Cunningham, and the music under Miss Emma Morris. The outlook for the work is promising; congregations large and attentive. The new church at Mastersville is finished, except seating, and will contain favorably with many of our city churches. Our collections are coming up well; will have all up by fifth Sunday in April, which will be the time of our third quarterly meeting.

**Sunshine and Shadow.**  
H. J. HARRIS, Pittsburg, March 3: A beautiful sunshine has beamed upon us for the past week. Nevertheless, a shadow has passed over several households in this community. Death has been doing his work; in one case, by violence. In a encounter in a drinking saloon between two young men, one of them was shot and died from his wound. The largest funeral for years occurred here on Wednesday. One of our best citizens, a truly good man, member of our church, Dr. A. S. Huey, died. He was an old man, full of years and full of honor.

**Church Prospects.**  
S. CRUTCHFIELD, Morysville, March 6: Our quarterly meeting is over. Bro. Easterling was on hand in good time, attending to the work of presiding elder efficiently. He is closing his first round, and the district is in a fair condition. Our circuit compares favorably with past years, and surrounding districts. We had a very good financial report. Bro. Easterling is very favorably impressed with our Red River country. Our people are making large preparations for a good coming crop. We have had some fatal sickness on our work this winter.

**Homes for All.**  
CHARLES H. MARTIN, Moscow, March 5: All preachers in the Beaumont district intending to bring their wives to the conference at Moscow in May will please write to me, also inform me of the names of the delegates, as far as elected. Homes will be provided for all. Let every preacher in the district, traveling and local, and every delegate answer to roll-call at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, May 24th, and I believe God will bless us abundantly. The editor cannot come, so he appoints the elder, preachers, and all the by delegates deputies to represent the ADVOCATE.—Ed.

**Are Getting More Religious.**  
MRS. E. F. RAY, Cor. Sec., Waxahachie Auxiliary, W. M. S. March 7: Our missionary societies are doing well at this place, and none of the ladies will be surprised at that, when they learn that our preachers and presiding elder are both in sympathy with our movements. We have also organized a Ladies' Aid Society at this place. We are already beginning to feel that the more we work for our dear Heavenly Father, the more religious we get; and the more religious we get, the more we want to work. So we are going to have a ladies' prayer-meeting regularly from now on. Pray for us that we may do some good.

**One-Child Raised.**  
JAS. B. HALL, Killgore: The first quarterly conference of Carthage circuit was held last Monday, two weeks behind time, in consequence of high water. Presiding elder and preacher were within five miles, but could not cross Lone Bayou, so it went then by default, but my presiding elder, who is a good-headed little man, worked the harder, and met as above named. Bro. Johnson has no fail in him, if possible lifted, as in former weeks, at small congregations, have forbid, and we were not willing to sacrifice them. Preacher's claim, \$400; about one-eighth raised.

**A Camp-ground Shed.**  
E. L. OVERTON, Ridge Chapel, Fayette county, Texas, March 7: Our preacher, Bro. M. S. Hotchkiss, is with us and is loved by all who know him. He is just the man who will see how they stand. We are to have a large shed erected by the middle of July to hold our annual camp-meeting under this summer. We have the promise of five acres of land, embracing the camp-ground known as Cock-rill's mills, offered to us gratis if we

will build a shed on the land. We are going to try very hard to raise the money and build it by the 1st of July. Our prayer-meeting will be a success, and the membership is fully alive to the work.

**To the Point.**  
R. M. SPURDUE, Livingston, March 9: Our first quarterly conference is over; we had good attendance. Presiding elder present and preached to the edification of all. Congregations large and attentive. Finance well up.

**Talking for the Advocate.**  
M. A. BLACK, Martindale, March 9: I am talking for the ADVOCATE in public and private, but some how all the preachers have not done their duty with regard to the ADVOCATE.

**With They Would Read.**  
L. C. CROUSE, Henderson, March 4: I do wish all my people would read the ADVOCATE every week. I would then have better times. May the good Lord bless your work.

**W. M. S. Calvert District, T. C.**  
Mrs. F. M. MITCHELL, Pres., Texas Conf. W. M. S., Bryan, March 12: I make pleasure in appointing Mrs. S. C. Follie vice-president of the Texas Annual Conference Women's Missionary Society from the Calvert district. Sister Follie has kindly accepted the office. Her address is Centreville.

**Will Hold a Camp-Meeting.**  
W. J. KELLEY, Hempstead, March 9: A visit to the country revealed the fact that the good people of Spring Creek are much desirous with both pastor and the preacher is much encouraged. Spring Creek circuit and Hempstead and Hockley will join in a camp-meeting. We are expecting and believing we will have a gracious time in this part of the work during this year.

**Need Only Ask.**  
J. D. CROCKETT, Oenaville, March 8: I took a missionary collection here Sunday. Collected \$29, and sent \$29.85. This circuit was assessed \$43.42 for foreign missions, and raised \$43.85, twenty of which I have sent to Nashville. The weather has been so bad we have been delayed in collecting, but we expect to send all up. We have but to ask and explain, and the people are ready to give.

**From Mexico.**  
ELIAS ROBERTSON, Monclova, Mex., Feb. 19: Our congregations are usually large. Of late we have had quite a number of boys to attend preaching. Many of the people adopt our custom of standing while singing, and kneeling to pray. This is a good sign. Those who attend regularly and thus adopt our customs are called Protestants, but many care not for this and continue to manifest an interest.

**Work of the Saloons.**  
W. R. DAVIS, Gilmer, March 5: Here, as elsewhere, we have cold, rain, snow, sleet, with small congregations. I have filed up the time visiting from house to house. Had some good meetings, and feel quite hopeful of a revival of religion; this is my prayer. A man, once religious, was put to bed drunk last night, and died this morning. Another victim of our legislators and the saloons.

**To Locate the Parsonage.**  
J. N. BRIDGES, Palestine, March 7: Our first quarterly conference convened at Palestine, March 3 and 4. Dr. Finley, our presiding elder, was on hand, looking after all the interests of the church and preaching two fine sermons, especially the one on Sunday, in which he showed the absurdity of Calvinism. Palestine circuit was well represented. Collected for the support of the ministry, \$91.75; for foreign missions, \$1.15. Quarterly conference elected trustees to locate and build a parsonage.

**Good Advice.**  
T. T. BOOTH, Jacksonville, March 10: Thanks for the important lesson you have drawn from the vigilance of the devil. I suppose it is right to except information from whatever source it may come, but the being in question sometimes transforms himself, and then tells people that for such and such things they shall not do, which you know is a lie of his own make. Proceed with a large congregation, and long enough to learn what traits of character the devil possesses that they should imitate. What say you?

**Pastor and Advocate.**  
M. E. BLOCKER, Lovelady, March 7: Of the forty-one families I have visited on my work, twenty-five now take the ADVOCATE. Five others take other religious papers, leaving only eleven families entirely destitute of religious literature. In these forty-one families there are eighteen family altars, 159 children, eighty-six of whom were baptized in infancy. Of course the heads of some of these families are not church-members, which accounts in a measure for the comparatively small number of children baptized.

**A Good Outlook.**  
DANIEL MOORE, Marshall, March 8: I attended the Sunday school last Sabbath at Marshall. The basement story was well filled with scholars. The superintendent, Bro. J. R. Hartel, manages his charge well. I have known many good superintendents of Sunday schools, but none more efficient. The children at Marshall are truly blessed. Bro. Davess, the pastor, had an interesting Bible class of young men, to whom he gave a practical and interesting exegesis of the lesson for the day. After which he preached from Eph. vi:11-12 inclusive—a good sermon, applicable to the church members. Congregations are regularly increasing in numbers.

**All Love the P. E.**  
F. C. PEARSON, Walker, March 7: Our first quarterly conference closed March 4th. One week of good weather helped to give us a good attendance. The finances came up very well, all things considered. Stewards assessed for the past year \$600. The presiding elder received one-fifth of his claim. F. C. Pearson was appointed a committee of one to secure a lot and build a parsonage, which he hopes to do right away. Our new presiding elder seems at home in the chair, and like his illustrious kinsman, does not lack for something good to say when in the pulpit. In consequence of sickness and bad weather, the missionary money will not come up as soon as desired, but it will come.

**We are Gaining Ground.**  
JOHN S. MARTIN, Pine Hill circuit: Our first quarterly meeting has just closed. Our presiding elder, J. W. Johnson, was present, and (though Zacheus-like) filled satisfactorily the chair and pulpit. On Saturday he preached from the parable of the talents. He showed that while the five and ten talents men who are at the head of the most of our Israel and surveyed the great work to be done and gave orders, the one and two talents men and women were bringing up the grand work in its several departments. On Sabbath he preached from John xii:27; that the hour of faith in Christ Jesus, "showing the difference between the unity of the spirit in Christ and conformity to any church forms or methods. To be united in Christ by faith was the essential point. The service will be conducted at the usual conference. Bro. W. A. Sumpster states that the Tyler station is a model circuit. The Pine Hill circuit is a model circuit. Noble, magnanimous and large-hearted, they make ample provision for their preachers and then meet them promptly. They assessed \$145 for the elder and \$700 for the pastor, and paid first quarter \$174.50. The outlook is promising; one new church-house being built, and others repaired; four or five Sabbath-schools moving grandly on; using our own church literature. Numbers of our people have resolved to reach a higher and purer life. We believe in a growth in grace; going on to perfection in a "godly sorrow that ceases not, but it is a sorrow which needs to be repeated of." Let the Christian progression idea ever be our meat and drink. "Ye are the light of the world, a city set on a hill;" therefore our light should shine, and our lives should be so evidential that the world should be able to say, "Behold, we are at your right hand. Speak and withhold not; the God of Israel is with you."

**FROM OUR TEXAS STATIONS.**  
**TYLER.**  
March 11.—W. A. SAMPSEY, pastor: Preaching at 11 a. m. Text, John xii:29. "Blind faith in Christ is better than infidelity with its eyes opened." 7:30 p. m.—Text, Psalm viii:1. "The wicked have their portion of pleasure in this life." The outlook is encouraging.

**MARSHALL.**  
March 11.—JOEL T. DAVES, pastor: Services through the week as usual; no change to note. Sabbath—Sunday-school full, and good work done. Morning sermon—Subject: "The Barren Fig-Tree." Big to the church in reference to foreign missions. Collection taken. Will pay all our assessments—only a title of what we ought to pay. One received by letter. Congregation large and attentive. Evening sermon—Subject: "Barren Fig-Tree," applied to ordinary church and personal living. Congregation large, and for the most part, attentive and serious.

**SAN ANTONIO.**  
March 11.—W. J. YOUNG, pastor: At the morning services today a large congregation gathered, some leaving a large amount of contributions. The pastor preached. Subject: "The Scandal Monger." Text: "Whosoever keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles." A member was received. The rain prevented a large attendance at the evening services, but the occasion was a solemn one. Preaching by the pastor. Subject: "Will the Punishment of the Wicked be Eternal?" Text: "Behold, now is the day of salvation." School, now is the day of salvation.

**SEGUIN.**  
March 11.—H. G. HORTON, pastor: At 11 a. m., Feb. 25, sermon by Mr. Hammond, Wesleyan. "Decision of Ruth." Rev. 28—Good prayer meeting, led by Rev. George Hinson, of Corpus Christi. March 4.—At 9:30, large Sunday-school attended. Sermons by congregations morning and night; preaching by pastor. Morning sermon: "A living sacrifice," followed by \$50 missionary collection. At night: "Day of the Lord; warning to sinners. Women's Missionary Society meets monthly. Church Workers' work weekly. Seguin, March 10.—Have just assisted at the burial of Polk Walker, son of Bro. J. G. Walker, of West Texas Conference. He was sick more than a year; was a devoted member of our church. He died triumphantly, his last words being to his wife: "Clemmie, daylight is breaking!" We buried him on the banks of the beautiful San Marcos, and sang the "Sweet By and By." His aged father was far off on his hard mountain circuit.

**PALESTINE.**  
March 11.—U. E. PHILLIPS, pastor: Yesterday was a high day in Palestine station. Sunday-school, 102; all the officers and teachers present. School increasing in numbers and interest. At 11 o'clock every pew was packed. Special sermon to children. Text, Eph. vi:12. At night congregation good, mostly young people. Text, Luke xiii:

23, 24. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 11 o'clock. Women's meeting, Monday evening, and started off well. Stewards will hold meeting to night. Funeral to-day of Sister Bulwer. Death has claimed two of our sisters since conference.

**SAN ANGELO.**  
March 11.—J. THOS. MURKIN, pastor: Services in this station as usual—on Sunday. Morning service: "The Gospel Trumpet." Evening, "Christ Our Passover." The attendance was very good, and the attention of the congregation was marked. Our week-night services have not been held in consequence of the rain and the darkness. Intend recommending our week-night prayer-meeting very soon. Sabbath-school attendance good.

**HOUSTON.**  
March 11.—SHEPHERD M. E. CHURCH, S. H. WELLES, pastor: Bishop Linus Parker, D. D. filled the pulpit of the Shearer Church on Sabbath morning. He delivered one of those strong, comprehensive sermons, for which he is noted, and which was listened to by a good and attentive audience. At night the Bishop preached in the Washington Street Church, to the joy of the members. On Tuesday night he preached at the German Church to a devout congregation. He is beginning his round among the district conferences, and will be abundant in labor until the second of the annual conferences. Prof. Clark Braden closed his lecture here by holding a union service in the church on Sabbath night. His subject was, "Can progress retrograde? Christianity?" He spoke over an hour, and was abundantly vigorous. Mr. Johnson in Houston is evidently on the advance. Two new edifices, it is hoped, will be constructed in the near future. Owing to the prolonged inclemency of the weather, no bricks can be had in the city, and the manufacturers will not be able to supply their orders for six days.

March 11.—Services morning and evening of the 11th inst., were conducted by the pastor, who took for his morning theme "Seeking God." Acts xvii:27; and evening, "Return of Lies," Is. xxviii:15. Two ladies were received by letter. Mrs. Bettie Garwood, for years a member of the church, passed quietly away last Tuesday; she triumphed to the end. Her sickness was prolonged and painful. The Sabbath-school children were out in good number. The teachers have decided to hold a weekly meeting for the purpose of studying the lessons. At the last meeting of the Building Committee, the architect was selected and instructed to present plans for the new church as expeditiously as possible. New buildings are the order of the day in Houston. A new court house, and cotton exchange, with the three new churches, are present prospect.

**EL PASO.**  
March 11.—W. WOODRICK, pastor: A beautiful day. Sabbath-school, well attended, and exercises very interesting. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Text, Isa. vi:1. Subject: "Could God have done more." Congregation large and attentive. Interesting and well attended class-meeting at 3 p. m. At night the congregation was very large, the house being nearly filled. Preaching by the pastor. Text, Psalm iv:6. Subject: "Who will show us any good." We are very much encouraged. We are continually looking for a gracious revival soon.

**FORT WORTH.**  
March 11.—HORACE BRIDGE, pastor: Delightful weather. Large congregations to two services by certificate. Sunday-school fine. Drilling for Easter festival. Prayer-meeting last Wednesday night good. Tell your "type" next time it spells revival for me, be sure to put an after the r.

**WILSON POINT.**  
March 11.—L. P. LITTLE, pastor: 11 a. m.; a good day; congregation large. Subject: "Christ the cornerstone." At night a northern. Subject: "Christ in Judgment." A sunny, bright day.

**GALVESTON.**  
March 11.—ST. JAMES, H. M. SEARS, pastor: At 9 a. m. Sunday-school large; music splendid. Organized with Rev. G. E. Clothier, superintendent; S. L. Finley, assistant. Seven new pupils; interest good and growing. At 11 o'clock good congregation. Sermons by the pastor. Text, 2 King. x:15. Subject: "Sins in the heart." At 3 p. m. we had a good love-feast, with about fifty present. At 7:30 p. m. Bishop Parker preached, from Phil. ii:16, a strong and impressive sermon. The congregation was large and attentive. At the close of the sermon the bishop administered the Lord's Supper. It was an impressive service. We closed the day all feeling that it had been a profitable one.

March 11.—ST. JONAS, G. W. BRIGGS, pastor: Sunday-school met at 9 a. m. with over two hundred present. At the close they listened to an impressive talk from Bishop Parker. The Bishop preached to a large congregation at 11 o'clock. The congregation united in prayer at the close of the service for Rev. Jno. H. Davidson, who has been for some time quite ill. Services at night by the pastor, on "The Water of Life." Text: Rev. xxii:17. The missionary societies, during the past two weeks have been canvassing the city for the TEXAS ADVOCATE. Twenty-five per cent of the subscription goes to the mission cause. They are succeeding admirably. Bishop Parker leaves for Seguin this week, with the regret of all who met him personally or listened to his discourses.

### WEATHERFOOD.

March 11.—JOHN ALBERT MURPHY, pastor: At 11 a. m.—Text: John xii:32. Subject: "Magnetism of the Cross." Communion—100 communicants; 6 accessions to the church. Congregation very large. 3 p. m. class-meeting; well attended. 7:30 p. m.—Text: Mark xiv:34. Subject: "Limits of Human Agency." Congregation large.

**BRENTHAM.**  
March 11.—E. S. SMITH, pastor: Bright prospects. Large increase in Sunday-school. Preaching at 11 o'clock by pastor. Text, Rom. xiv:7, 8. Subject: "Unconscious Influence." 1. Indicated by certain universal instincts of our race. 2. Realized in the interdependencies of society. 3. Illustrated in the development of individual character in families and the church. Large congregation. Lectures at 3 o'clock, and at night by Prof. Clark Braden. His lectures of infidelity have done good.

**PARIS.**  
March 11.—JOHN R. ALLEN, pastor: Prayer-meeting Wednesday night. Service Saturday at 11 a. m. Sabbath services: Sunday-school, at 9:30 a. m., 123 present; preaching at 11 a. m., by Bro. T. R. Pierce, P. E.; subject: "Christ." Preaching by the same at 7:30 p. m.; subject: "The Church." It was our second quarterly conference, and we had a solemn time in the sacramental service. Our young presiding elder is fully meeting expectations, and they were large. Returns so far from Saturday's election show that local option was defeated.

**CHICAGO.**  
March 11.—R. H. H. BURNETT, pastor: Prayer-meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Ladies' prayer-meeting, Friday at 4 p. m. Class-meeting, Sunday at 4 p. m. Sunday-school on the 11th, at 9 a. m.; attendance, 143; last Sunday, 125; this time last year, 110; collection, \$2.64. At 11 a. m., sermon by pastor. Subject: Rest. Text, Matt. ii:28. About 200 communicants at sacrament of Lord's Supper. Five additions to the church, and \$10 collected for the poor. At 3 p. m., love-feast in name and deed. At 5 p. m., church conference, and among other good things done a committee was appointed to canvass the city for the TEXAS ADVOCATE. Will visit all of the other good things in my next. At 6 p. m., stewards' meeting; you shall hear the result of this meeting soon. At 8 p. m., sermon by Rev. Jno. W. Talley, Subject: Love. Text, Joh. iii:16. One addition to the church.

**WACO.**  
March 11.—JAMES MACKAY, pastor: Sunday-school 9:15; attendance, 120; officers and teachers all in their places. 11 a. m. sermon by pastor. Text, Matt. xxviii:18-20. Central idea: "Our personal responsibility, 'Go Ye' the work of the church to make disciples by teaching and baptizing. A more important part belongs to God. 'Lo! I am with you,' 3 p. m. class-meeting conducted by Bro. Appell; subject: A precious time; attendance good. At 7 p. m. sermon by pastor. Text, 1 Cor. x:1-4. Central truths: Privileges and apostasy of the Israelites. They were baptized, had some spiritual meat and spiritual drink, and the church to be kept. "But with many of them God was not pleased." Congregation morning and evening large. Four baptisms on last Thursday in the afternoon.

**GEORGETOWN.**  
March 11.—A. A. ALLISON, pastor: Class-meeting at 9:30 a. m. well attended. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. F. A. Mood, D. D. Text: Exod. xxxv:7. It was scriptural and logical, possessing a profound feeling in all minds. Nine persons were received into the church; one by ritual, eight by certificate. Sunday-school at 3 p. m., Professor S. G. Sanders, superintendent; 174 in attendance. Preaching at night by the pastor. Text: Zech. viii:21. 15 penitents at the altar, and the church deeply interested. Very large audiences night and morning. Monday morning, March 12, prayer-meeting at 12 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. McLean. There were 250 or 300 persons at the meeting. The regent and every professor in both the university and young ladies' school, literary and musical departments, were at the prayer-meeting. I suppose 150 of the students were in attendance. I mention this to show the religious spirit, in our great church school. Seven penitents at the altar, and the church greatly quickened. Preaching at night by the pastor. Text, Matt. vi:2. Twenty-four penitents at the altar. Three backsliders reclaimed and the church greatly blessed. There were five or six hundred at church. We are working and praying for a revival.

**REV. DR. DEPUY**, for eighteen years assistant editor of the New York Christian Advocate, has resigned his position. He, with others, prepared for publication the "Peoples' Encyclopedia," which meeting extensive sales, demand, with other literary work on hand, his entire time. He is a man of marked ability.

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The Baptism of Fire. BY ANNIE NORLAND.

This was the name given to one kind of death by fire which the Christians suffered under Henry II. The victim was suspended from a scaffold and immersed repeatedly in torturing flames. It seems to me that in the long list of tortures and deaths inflicted in the true and faithful, none could have been a greater offense, or a more flagrant mockery in the eyes of a holy God. If the persecutors had been heathens, seeking to mock a God in whom they did not believe, we should say they were eminently successful in falling upon this mode of punishment and giving to this name full derision and scorn. But what shall we say of them as they stood in the livery of the church, and baptized the quivering bodies of the Huguenots in the devouring flames in misery of a holy orator.

How to Secure Church Attendance. Read before the preachers' meeting at Fort Worth by Rev. Horace Bishop, and published by request. To the Advocate. I am not sure but the importance of this topic is magnified. I mean its importance as a distinct topic for the minister to study. There is an element of perversion common to men. Effort on the part of the minister to secure large congregations, if recognized, will stimulate the innate stubbornness of the people so that they will avoid the influences thrown out to them. I think I have known ministers whose desire to secure good congregations has emptied their pews. The hearer should never imagine that his presence in the sanctuary is a compliment to the preacher. While it is a fact that a preacher without hearers can do no good by preaching, it does not necessarily follow that the probabilities for doing good are in proportion to the number present. A preacher may be so dazzled by a multitude as to let his rhetoric eclipse his religion; or many of the multitude may be there because it is a throng. One of our Lord's richest sermons, if I may so speak, was to one woman by the side of a well. Some of the most effective sermons I have ever heard have been where a few were gathered together in the name of Christ. I would much rather preach to one, as did Philip, and see that one converted, as he saw it, than to preach to many hundreds without any conversion. It is freely admitted, however, that all other things being equal, the more present the better. These things being understood, I take up the topic you have appointed me to discuss.

Nashville Circuit in 1843. To the Advocate. In the night of March 15, 1843, there fell a snow deep knee, to grow people, and it lay on the earth until April. During that time we had a quarterly meeting at Smyrna, nine miles south of Nashville; and the men had to cut channels in the snow from the buggies and carriages that the ladies might walk to the church door. It was a large house, but it was filled with people, even on Saturday. Dr. A. L. P. Green was the presiding elder, and he was there. I traveled under him about twelve years, and I do not remember his having missed a single quarterly meeting. He was there in time; rain or cold, did not stop him. He would swim swollen streams to reach the meeting in time. After preaching he would labor in the altar, and sing all the songs of that day with great delight, even with a very good choir. The colored man's music he could excel even the children of Ham. He carried no ministerial dignity that could not sing and rejoice with God's children anywhere. He was delighted with many of the pious negroes' simple ditties, and almost saw him now singing in a great strain of camp meeting melody.

Woodville-Burkville. To the Advocate. Woodville is the county-seat of Tyler county, and is one of the most beautiful places in our State. It contains many new buildings. The good people, with a working preacher at their head, are building a neat parsonage, which will be furnished by the ladies of the church. The pastor is doing all the work of a Methodist preacher. To Spurger, eighteen miles, Bro. McDow is pastor. Quarterly meeting was on Wednesday; a liberal support of the pastor was promised. He has very favorably impressed the people. To Jasper, twenty-four miles, roads bad, and the weary preacher chafed to the bone, but, thank God, a big fire, a warm room, and larger and warmer leavies were ready to receive him. Would that we had more Jaspers in the world. Every day a horse is killed in this place is the preacher's home. The trouble is, we can't go to all, and it is hard to make a selection. We (the writer) often wish there was more of us.

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Women are called "the weaker sex," and yet up to the hour of death...

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"Look out!" exclaimed a man over whose face a barber was moving his razor. "You're cutting off my mustache..."

What makes I cry and folks say I'm naughty? Cause mamma can't see in my mouth...

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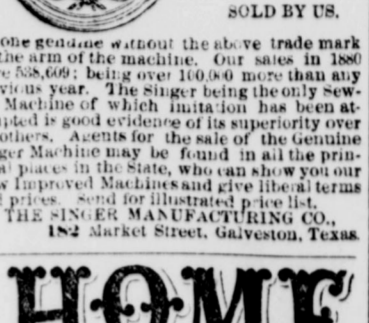
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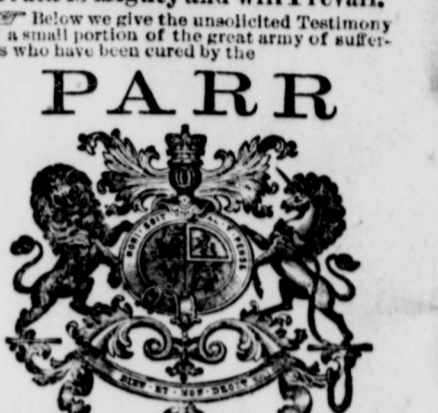
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To the Advocate.

The Rev. Z. P. Wilds, well-known city Missionary in New York, and brother of the late eminent Judge Wilds, of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, writes as follows:

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Texas Christian Advocate.

SECULAR SUMMARY.

MEDINA COUNTY is to have an ostrich farm.

TYLER'S WATER-WORKS are completed and give satisfaction.

THE STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION was held at Fort Worth last week.

LETTER POSTAGE has been reduced to two cents from October next.

THE GAMBLING HOUSES of San Antonio have been closed. How long?

IT BEGINS to look as if the Land League will be convicted of patronizing crime in Ireland.

THE NEW POSTAL ORDER bill passed by congress will permit sums as small as 50 cents sent by mail for 1 cent.

RIGHT REV. JOHN QUINLAN, D. D., bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Mobile, died in New Orleans, March 9.

THE LEGISLATURE has been working for two dollars a day since the 9th—which is \$1 75 more than some among which are worth.

Two hundred factory girls have left Limerick for New Hampshire. This may be termed the importation of immoral contagion.

THE COLUMBUS CITIZENS opines that our legislators "sat down on prohibition." Some of them will find it a bent-pin before they strike bottom.

WIGGINS' storm arrived by late train on the Atlantic coast; but his gulf-coast tidal wave must have over-slept itself, as it missed connection entirely.

THERE is not much profit in spending half a lifetime to make your mark if you have to spend the other half in fear that somebody will rub it out.

RAILROAD legislation has consumed much time at Austin. It is no new thing for a legislature to attempt adjustment of a question of which it knows nothing.

THEASTOR LUBBOCK has succeeded in getting his brother a "soft sit," by the removal of the present fish commissioner, Mr. Robinson. Official fish appears to run in families.

THE AUSTIN STATESMAN thinks all things should be sold by weight. Yes, the heavier an article the higher the price it will bring in the market—legislative influence not excepted.

A TEXAS SOLON wants to authorize mayors and aldermen to celebrate the rites of matrimony. They have done this in Galveston by uniting a corporation with the city treasury.

J. W. FISHER, for many years editor and proprietor of the Mexia Ledger, died suddenly on the morning of March 12. Capt. Fishburn was in the front rank of Texas journalists.

IT IS said the Prince of Wales is dissatisfied with the degradation of the Orleans Princess. Any degradation that dissatisfies the Prince cannot be first-class. He knows what the simon pure article is.

SENATOR TERRELL is all right on the penitentiary question—and all wrong on the Sunday-law and temperance questions. Whether his constituents will esteem it a "stand-off" remains to be seen.

A SOCIAL scandal, or society or church trouble, resembles a boil. Occasionally either may be checked by an inelegant attempt—but otherwise the best plan is to draw them to a head as speedily as possible.

THE reduction of national revenue will be nearly sixty-five millions. But there will be no reduction in the number of officials to collect it. Politicians do not generally reach in this economical direction.

THE last Harper's Weekly has a full page engraving of A. H. Stephens. This journal has been for several weeks full of interest—containing, in addition to other valuable features, elaborate sketches of the floods along the great rivers.

THE New York Herald estimates that there are over 10,000 drinking saloons in that city—one to 125 inhabitants, or 25 families. Who can marvel that it requires an army of police and unlimited revenue to maintain only qualified peace and order?

RAVONIAHENTRARIHO and Ramanarkka, the Malagassy Embassadors to the United States, after attending to their duties at Washington, will make a tour of the larger American cities. They have a very nice pair of names to spread upon a hotel register.

ON the night of March 7th, an attempt was made to rob a train near Van Buren, Arkansas, on the Little Rock and Fort Smith railroad. The conductor and one brakeman were killed. The robbers, becoming frightened, did not succeed in their design of robbing.

AT the election in Lamar county, March 10, local option was defeated by a large majority of the votes cast. Only about half the votes of the county were polled, and but little interest was taken in the election. The same report applies to the election in Fannin county. That's the trouble. It is painfully evident that before a temperance reform can be thoroughly effected in Texas, there must be an advance in the moral tone of public sentiment.

WATER SUPPLY IN WEST TEXAS.

I have spread open before me the map which was published with Yoakum's History of Texas, in 1856. On that map a vast area of Western Texas is marked as "Eliano Estacado," and was formerly described as the great American desert. It is stated in this map that this "is a desolate and sterile plain, from 100 to 200 miles in width, elevated about 4,500 feet above the Gulf of Mexico, without water or timber and with a scanty vegetation."

When the question of building a railroad through this region was first agitated, it was thought the scarcity of water would prove an almost insurmountable obstacle. To obviate this difficulty the railway construction companies provided cars with immense tanks to transport water as they progressed westward through the desert. However, a more thorough survey of the country discovered innumerable running creeks, fed by permanent springs, and comparatively little difficulty is now experienced in procuring water. There are artesian wells in Mitchell county from which there is an abundant flow of water, some impregnated with sulphur, others chalybeate, and others pure freestone water. At Van Horn's well water was reached at five hundred feet, and at Monahan's well an excellent supply was secured at fifty-five feet. At Toyah, Pecos county, there is a fine flow, and at Murphyville water was struck at eight hundred feet, and flows out at the surface in an abundant supply. At Sierra Blanca, where the Texas and Southern Pacific roads form a junction, water was found at nine hundred feet; but fails to rise to the surface, as the augur passed through a fissure in the rocks, and when the water reaches it, it flows off instead of rising to the ground.

Twenty-five years ago, when Dr. Gid. Lincoln was sinking an artesian well at his plantation in Washington county, experienced geologists, especially Col. Forshey, expressed a doubt whether the dip in the rock strata of Texas was not too great to reach water at any practicable depth, and Col. Pope's failure to find it in the Southwest, when sent by the government to bore such wells, rather confirmed this doubt. But in 1881, near Burton, and not a great distance from the point of Dr. Lincoln's experiment, at ninety-eight feet, Mr. Knittel obtained a copious supply that, in a pipe, rises three feet above the surface.

At Crawford, McLennan county, there is a well less than four hundred feet deep, that throws out water seven feet above the level of the ground.

In 1851, a few miles from Hearne, water was reached at two hundred feet, and throws out eighteen gallons per minute. At Fort Quitman water was struck at seven hundred feet. A shallow artesian well at Yorktown furnishes an abundant supply. There are a number of such wells at Glen Rose, Somervell county, and in Kaufman county. Before the war there were wells on the Capitol Hill at Austin, and in Corpus Christi; the flow was weak, and the water not palatable. Indeed, it was said that at Corpus Christi was used, after the blockade, as a substitute for whiskey; but this is probably a mistake. It smelled as offensively and tasted as disagreeably as bad whiskey, but it did not make those who imbibed crazy drunk. At Monahan's well, Tom Green county, an excellent supply of water was obtained at a depth of only fifty-five feet. These different wells, in so many places, prove the possibility of obtaining water for stock and for irrigation in any portion of Texas.

I have just made a trip into the southern portion of what was the "Great American Desert," and certainly I never saw a finer supply of pure water in all my journeyings. It was at the Nueces Canon, in Edwards county, in one of the spring branches of the river on which the new town of Barksdale is located, I counted eight or ten separate springs in a walk of a hundred yards. Within a mile of General John R. Baylor's place, at Montell, in the same canon, I speak within bounds, when I say there are scores of similar springs, and branches on either side of the river, sufficiently strong to turn cotton gins or grist mills. In the counties of Uvalde, Edwards, Crockett, etc., there are, perhaps, hundreds of such springs, and spring branches.

Besides surface springs there are caves found in the adjacent mountain ranges, and in some of these large streams of water, showing that the whole under crust of the earth is perforated with these flowing streams. In November last Mr. Waymiller, in digging a well at his rancho, in the southern portion of Uvalde county, struck one of these subterranean caves in which he found an inexhaustible supply of excellent water.

Western Texas is not certainly a second paradise, but it is far from being the arid desert that former geographers represented it. If the reader will look on a map of the State he will see that the Canadian, Red River, Wichita, Brazos, Colorado, Concho, Guadalupe, Cibolo, San Antonio, Medina, Nueces and Pecos rivers, with most of their tributaries, flow from this same region, all of which shows conclusively that that vast plain must receive a pretty bountiful supply of water from the clouds.—H. S. T.

Rev. G. W. HINKLE, an Episcopal clergyman of Cleveland, Ohio, not only hears "confessions," but grants "absolution" in cases where he thinks repentance justifies it. His congregation is one of the largest and most ardent in the city, which accounts for the fact that they endorse the preacher in his tofology.

In the postoffice at Ballydeob, Ireland, a parcel was deposited to the address of Earl Spencer, containing several ounces of dynamite and a fuse—a species of transmutation to which the earl would no doubt object.

WHAT with 140-bond transactions, penitentiary leases, school-land spoliation, etc., the members of the late State administration ought to be pretty well "fixed." This is an age of what for a better name might be called "A-whack-up-with-officials-age," and it is not to be presumed Texas' official integrity has been an exception.

Wonder if the people of Texas, or even a respectable minority of them, will thank the 18th legislature for excluding the Bible from our public schools. The people who pay the taxes certainly have some right to be consulted in such a matter. Any school community with the Bible read in their school, we ask whose rights would they infringe?—True, See E.

It would infringe the rights of the purely-political political bosses of a corrupted party to use this circumstance to catch the foreign and Catholic vote—the former never and the latter seldom influenced by American patriotism.

THE Texas State senate has ratified the lease of the two penitentiaries to Messrs. Cunningham and Ellis, of this county, and to Gen. Hamby and Cherry O'Connor, of Nashville, Tenn. They get the convicts and prison machinery for ten years at \$20,000 per year. It is estimated that the losses will make not less than \$150,000 a year, clear of all expenses, on the bargain. Metaphorically, there is no "streak of lead and streak of fat" about this slice. It is so fat the grease almost drips off.

Col. Tom CHILLIE says the government cannot take his perdition. He says that a judgment has been standing against Senator Winfree for eight thousand dollars ever since he has been in the senate, and that there are half a dozen members of congress against whom there are judgments in the treasury similar to the one against him. It must be consoling to this Texas congressional growth to reflect that he is not the only sick transplant to congressional soil.

In the late Galveston municipal canvass, the mayor elect, Mr. Fulton, had against him all the vicious elements of the city. The gamblers were especially active in their efforts to elect his opponent. This grew out of the fact that the opposing candidate was supported by the corporations that are attempting to rule the city, and hence was able to pay the higher price for all salable influence. Mayor Fulton's previous administration does not justify the inference that the gamblers, et al., supported him from a fear that he would attempt to enforce the law against them. The friends of Mr. Fulton assert that he will certainly go to the full limit of the law during his present administration. It remains to be seen whether he will have the wisdom and nerve to do so. If he prove equal to the emergency, all good people will endorse him.

murder. SWEETWATER, P. O. March, 10: The people of this place were shocked with the intelligence of the murder of two men, and three wounded, which occurred February 25th. It was Sunday evening about 8 p. m. while a part of the citizens were at church, which afforded the murderers a better opportunity for their murderous design. The scene of this tragedy was in a saloon. The proprietor and his clerk were killed. Great indignation manifested by the people at this outrage.

Cotton, Crops, Etc. SAM'L MORRIS, Mooreville, March 2: There is lots of cotton yet in the field. Nearly fifteen hundred bales have been ginned at this place. Three thousand or more ginned within three miles of this place. This is one of the best farming communities in the South. The health is generally good. Hundreds of acres of small grain was killed by the late frosts. Farmers are very much behind. Stock has done well considering the amount of cold, bad weather.

THE following are among the bills passed through both houses of the legislature: An act to withdraw the public lands of the State from sale. Approved January 22, 1883.

An act to amend articles 245 and 247 of the revised statutes. Approved January 27, 1883.

An act authorizing the commissioner of the general land office to employ six extra clerks. Approved January 26, 1883.

Joint resolution appropriating \$4,500 for repairing the governor's mansion.

An act concerning public lands hereafter surveyed by railroads or corporations, or any company or person for the benefit of the public free schools of this State. Approved February 3, 1883.

An act to amend article 1265 of chapter 8, title 29, of the revised statutes. Approved Feb. 5, 1883.

An act to amend article 1,000 of the revised statutes. Approved February 6, 1883.

An act to amend article 240, of title 8, chapter 6, of the first section of an act entitled "an act to adopt and establish a penal code and code of criminal procedure for the State of Texas," passed Feb. 21, 1879. Approved Feb. 9, 1883.

An act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Morris county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court to such change. Approved February 9, 1883.

An act to prevent certain county officers, their deputies and employes from purchasing property at tax sale. Approved February 9, 1883.

An act making an appropriation for the deficiency in the amount appropriated for public printing, for the year beginning February 25, 1882, and ending February 25, 1883. Approved February 12, 1883.

An act to amend article 800 of chapter 3, title 9, of the second section of two hundred feet into the air. One fragment knocked off the ball from the flag-staff of the custom-house, one hundred feet from the ground. Two or three persons were severely bruised, but no lives were lost. Twenty tons of earth were thrown up.

An act to amend article 1,135, chapter 1, title 28, of the revised statutes. Approved Feb. 12, 1883.

An act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and the establishment, location and construction of, a brain asylum in north Texas, in the care and treatment of the insane, and to make an appropriation therefor. Approved Feb. 16, 1883.

An act making a special appropriation for the support of the asylum and the enlargement of the asylum grounds, and to make an appropriation therefor. Approved Feb. 16, 1883.

An act to amend article 1083 of the code of criminal procedure. Approved Feb. 16, 1883.

An act to provide for the improvement and repairs of the lunatic asylum and the enlargement of the asylum grounds, and to make an appropriation therefor. Approved Feb. 16, 1883.

An act to amend article 1000 of chapter 1, title 13, of the revised statutes. Approved Feb. 16, 1883.

An act to amend article 311 and 315, chapter 3, of the penal code. Approved Feb. 19, 1883.

An act amendatory of an act entitled "an act to prevent the wool-growing interest of the State of Texas," with emergency clause. Not signed by the governor. Feb. 11, 1883.

An act to repeal an act entitled "an act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by wounds received while in the service of this State or of the Confederate States, and land to restore criminal jurisdiction to the county court of Henderson county, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith." Not signed by the governor.

A joint resolution requesting the senators and representatives from Texas to add the passage of an act to equip and station an agricultural and experimental station in each State.

An act to provide for the payment of certain debts of the State, out of that half of the proceeds of the sale of the public lands not belonging to common schools. Approved Feb. 23, 1883.

An act to amend article 180, chapter 1, title 7, of the penal code. Approved Feb. 23, 1883.

An act amendatory of title 83 and supplement thereto of the revised civil statutes. Approved Feb. 25. This law takes effect immediately.

destructive fire. A fire at Hillsboro, Texas, March 11th, destroyed property to the value of eighteen thousand dollars—sweeping the territory from Sweeney's blacksmith shop, on Elm street, to the Mills House on Waco street.

Eleven Men Burned. A Deadwood dispatch says: A building at Brownville Wood Camp, consisted of partitions, was on the 12th inst. burned within thirty minutes; and eleven of the eighteen occupants (all men) were burned with the building.

A Gambler Killed. C. E. Dixon, sheriff at Texarkana, shot and killed a gambler by the name of S. J. Johnson last week. The shooting was generally conceded to have been in self-defense, and grew out of a feud caused previously by Dixon having caused Johnson to be prosecuted for gaming.

The Flood. According to reports prepared by the Cincinnati police, the number of business houses inundated in that city during the flood was 1,743; number of residences, 451; number of families occupying these houses, 3,691; number of persons in these families, 15,283. There were 17 railroad depots inundated and 15 coal yards.

A Truth Well Put, Governor Shelby Crosby, of Montana Territory, in his late message to the Territorial legislature, states a sound political truth with admirable point in recommending a registry law to avoid evils which are fostered by the present loose arrangements for voting in the Territory. He says: "It is less a hardship that an honest voter should lose his vote than that a dishonest one should annual many honest votes by repeating."

The Other Kind of Reform. A committee of the Re-organized Church of Latter-Day Saints, have invited the state department at Washington, to ask that the circular letter of Secretary Everts to foreign governments, which requested that emigration of Mormon proselytes to this country be prevented, be so modified as to allow the settlement of polygamists, Mormons and the petitioners church, which holds polygamy in abhorrence. Their petition will be considered by Secretary Frelinghuysen.

The Fate of In-penitence. In the brief words spoken upon his retirement from the presidency of the senate, the occasion being also the termination of his membership of that body, Mr. Dixon said: "The public man who steps outside of regular party lines is exposed to misrepresentation of his motives and to the charge of weakness in his conduct. He gains little credit for moral courage or self-assertion, and none for casting aside ambition in defense of his principles."

Quarrelling Over the Dead. There is a quarrel between Protestants and Catholics in Milwaukee as to the fund collected for a monument to the victims of the Newhall house fire. It was the first intention to apply all the money to the erection of a monument in the Forest Home (Protestant cemetery). To hear the names of all those known to have perished in the disaster referred to; but now the Catholics claim a share, that a memorial may be erected in Calvary cemetery to those of their communion who were lost in the hotel fire.

An Explosion. Several men connected with a gas company in Eastport, Me., discovered a leaking main near the custom-house recently. The ground was frozen hard, so they built a fire to soften it before digging to find the leakage. In a few seconds there was a violent explosion, tearing up the earth the whole width of the street, and the cobble-stones flew two hundred feet into the air. One fragment knocked off the ball from the flag-staff of the custom-house, one hundred feet from the ground. Two or three persons were severely bruised, but no lives were lost. Twenty tons of earth were thrown up.

Getting Tired of Truce. The decree regulating the liquor traffic in Russia, recently signed by the emperor, is one of the most stringent character. There is to be only one liquor shop in a village, and where two or three villages are almost contiguous one shop must suffice for their combined inhabitants. The publican must be a native of the place, appointed and paid by the common council, and must sell food as well as liquor.

A Great Danger. The New Orleans Times-Democrat says: "The total discharge of the Mississippi during the flood of 1882 was 2,200,000 cubic feet per second, and it was estimated that the Atchafalaya carried off one-sixth of the volume of the river. This year the Atchafalaya is discharging at the rate of 600,000 cubic feet per second, equivalent to 20 per cent, or nearly one-third of the volume of the Mississippi, having more than doubled its outflow since last year. There is a danger that is threatening and immediate."

Still Insists on His Play. Judge Donahue, of New York, refused an injunction against police interference with the "Passion play," which was being performed in the city. Judge Donahue said that the play was a religious and historical drama, and that the police officers were not to interfere with it.

The Last Tribute. At the funeral of the late Gov. Stephens, at Atlanta, 50,000 visitors were in the city, and fully 75,000 people were on the street. The hall of the house of representatives, where the memorial services were held, would not accommodate one-twentieth of those who tried to get an admission. Addresses were made by Senator Joe Brown, Gen. Toombs, Hon. Martin J. Crawford, and other distinguished Georgians. The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, who was a personal friend of Mr. Stephens, delivered a beautiful eulogy from New York for the purpose, made the closing prayer at the grave.

Star Route Incident. An unusual case occurred in the courtroom in Washington last week during the progress of the star route trial. Re-ell the State-evidence-man in his testimony gave the impression that Congressman Bedford had received a check for \$200 from the star route. The fact was that the witness denied the statement, but the judge decided this could not be done. In passing the jury box, Bedford raised his hand and said: "I state before the living God that I never saw such a check." The judge then allowed the witness to deny the statement, and the witness attempted to pass out of the room, but was stopped and carried before the judge, who fined him \$100 for contempt.

Wants Another Kind of Death. The son of Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, of New York, has made experiments upon his own person, in the presence of other physicians, to show that complete strangulation, as produced immediately by the use of a ligature, is not essential to a painless death on the gallows, but that strangulation will cause death with less agony. He advocates the use of a soft rope, and instead of having the body of the person to be executed suddenly jerked up with a force that almost tears the head from the body, Dr. Hammond would have the rope drawn gently at the neck, and in an instant around it, and then the body was drawn from the ground with a pliable cord, strangulation would cause death without pain.

To Kill by Electricity. One of the English electric light inventors has devised a simple apparatus for the killing of animals by electricity. The inventor claims to have killed a pig, a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a guinea pig, a mouse, and a rat, and that the death was instantaneous and painless. He says that this method is not essential to a painless death on the gallows, but that strangulation will cause death with less agony. He advocates the use of a soft rope, and instead of having the body of the person to be executed suddenly jerked up with a force that almost tears the head from the body, Dr. Hammond would have the rope drawn gently at the neck, and in an instant around it, and then the body was drawn from the ground with a pliable cord, strangulation would cause death without pain.

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St. Pat. in Danger. It is said some of the Land Leaguers of St. Louis are about to spring a new issue. They propose to discuss the proposition to celebrate Robert Emmet's birthday instead of St. Patrick's day as the national Irish holiday.

Senator Edmunds. It is reported that Senator Edmunds will resign the presidency of the senate in December, and Anthony will succeed him.

For which the Banks will Thank Him. It is the general impression in the treasury department that the attorney general will decide that the banks are entitled to rebate or remission of the taxes on capital and deposits for the current half year.

No Lawyers Needed by Pension Claimants. WASHINGTON, March 12: Commissioner Dudley, of the pension bureau, decides that he will not recognize any attorneys who appear for claimants under the law passed last season, allowing an increased pension in certain cases. He says that all that is required is identification, and the services of an attorney are not needed.

Small Chips. A new post-office has been established at Leadville, and the public schools have been closed on account of small-pox.

The mystery of the theft of two kegs of gold coin from the United States paymaster at Panama is unsolved.

Traffic through the St. Gothard tunnel exhibits an astonishing growth, and smuggling increases faster than trade.

The fishermen who supply the New York market struck work till after the Wiggins storm dates have passed.

Ira H. Hosmer, three feet high, and Robert H. Hays, three feet six inches, were married on the stage at Brooklyn Museum, New York, in which they are attractions.

After serving twenty-eight years under a life sentence for murder, Samuel Uman has been pardoned out of the Michigan penitentiary, his innocence of the charge against him having been fully established.

Premier Ferry has formally refused to prepare a bill for the revision of the French constitution, declaring that such a measure would indicate instability on the part of the government. Moreover, he professes to believe the ministry would be defeated should they try a revision bill before the chambers.

A London society for the suppression of blasphemous literature proposes to make war upon the writings of the modern philosophical agnostics.

THEASTOR LUBBOCK wants to make affidavit that he had nothing to do with the appointment of his brother as fish commissioner. Now-a-days, an official's affidavit is all that is necessary to establish a fact to the satisfaction of the people. Governor Ireland just went fishing around for somebody that knew nothing about fish culture, and happened to catch the Treasurer's brother. That's all.

COMMERCIAL. EXPENSES OF TEXAS. The following from the elaborate report of the late Comptroller Brown is the estimated expense of State Government from March 1, 1882, to February 28, 1883:

Table with columns for Department and Amount. Includes Executive Department (\$25,200.00), State Department (\$18,000.00), Treasury Department (\$18,000.00), Comptroller's office (\$4,700.00), Department of Agriculture (\$2,700.00), Department of Insurance (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Safety (\$15,000.00), Department of Education (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Health (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Works (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Lands (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Buildings (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Printing (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Accounts (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Records (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Archives (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Libraries (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Museums (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Parks (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Gardens (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Zoology (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Botany (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Geology (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Astronomy (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Meteorology (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Climatology (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Oceanography (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Hydrography (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Topography (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Cartography (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Chronology (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Genealogy (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Heraldry (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Genealogy (\$15,000.00), Department of Public Heraldry (\$15,000.00).

Exchange and Coin. Official quotations of the Cotton Exchange revised as follows: Commercial, Bank, Sterling, six days, 47s 4/8; New York, sight, 47s 1/2; New Orleans, sight, 47s 1/2; Silver, American, 1/16; Silver, Mexican, 80 nominal.

Quotations for Spots—Galveston. Low Ordinary, 7 1/2; Good Ordinary, 8; Good Middling, 9; Middling, 9 1/2; Good Middling, 9