

THE AGITATOR.

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"Be Sure You are Right, Then go Ahead."

ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

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No. 34.

Your Opportunity!

We Carry a Line of Goods
That Pleases Everybody.

Our line of Winter Goods is now complete, and we
can show you Boys' and Men's

*Suits, Overcoats, Boots, Shoes,
Caps and Woolen Underwear*

And all the latest styles in winter Dress Goods. Another
shipment of our

Famous Ladies' Tailor Suits---\$4.95

will arrive this week. Our stock of Ladies', Misses'
and Men's

.. Mackintoshes ..
ARE ALL UP-TO-DATE.

The thermometer indicates that you will want
goods of this kind. We are prepared to sell them to
you at the **LOWEST PRICES.**

T. J. NOLAND.

The Leader of Dry Goods
in Clarendon.....

WHAT'S YOUR VIEW.

Do you believe in temperance?
This question comes today
To you, my Christian brother, and
will not be turned away.
Are you opposed to the saloon,
with all its crime and woe?
Speak out! There is no neutral
ground; you're either friend or
foe.
Do you believe in temperance? If
yes, then take your stand
With those who pledge themselves
to drive this evil from the land.
Shall campaign lies or party ties
prevent your doing right?
You are your brother's keeper, and
must take part in this fight!
Can Christian voters license sin,
for sake of revenue?
Let's make this matter personal!
My brother, what's your view?

The Prohibition State Ticket.

The State Prohibition ticket
has been completed as follows:
For Governor—Hon. H. G.
Damon, of Corsicana.
For Lieutenant Governor—Hon.
J. B. Adams, Fort Worth.
For Electors-at-Large—Hon. E.
C. Heath, of Rockwall, and Hon.
D. H. Hancock, of Farmersville.
No general Prohibition tickets
will be printed. Each Prohibition-
ist in the state is requested to
write on the ticket he votes the
names of our candidates. We
have designedly refrained from
nominating a full state ticket and
district electors, so that it may be
easy for the Prohibitionists to use
the general tickets that will be
furnished at all the polling places,
by writing in the names of our
nominees for governor and lieu-
tenant governor and electors-at-
large. Cut this out and keep it.

Hear That Sermon.

Next Sunday night, at the Meth-
odist church, we will preach a
special sermon. We will tell you
which church is right, which is
the proper mode of baptism, when
the Christian churches will unite
and on what grounds. We will
also show you what name the
church should wear. All this we
will answer, and we believe we
will do it to the satisfaction of
most every one present. Come
and hear for yourself.

J. R. HENSON.

The Anti-Canteen Law.

Section 17 of the army act,
passed by congress March 2, 1899,
reads:

"That no officer or private sol-
dier shall be detailed to sell in-
toxicating drinks as a bartender
or otherwise, in any post ex-
change or canteen, nor shall any
other person be required or al-
lowed to sell such liquor in any
encampment or fort, or on any
premises used for military pur-
poses by the United States; and
the secretary of war is hereby di-
rected to issue such general order
as may be necessary to carry the
provisions of this section into full
force and effect."

After vainly trying to find some
other method of evading the law,
Secretary Alger, then the head of
the war department, obtained
from Attorney General Griggs
the opinion that the army saloon,
known as the canteen, could run
as usual if only the bartenders
were not soldiers. Griggs said:

"The designation of one class
of individuals as forbidden to do
a certain thing raises a just infer-
ence that all other classes not
mentioned are not forbidden. A
declaration that soldiers shall not
be detailed to sell intoxicating
drinks in post exchanges necessa-
rily implies that such sale is not
unlawful when conducted by oth-
ers than soldiers. * * * The
act having forbidden the employ-
ment of soldiers as bartenders or
salesman of intoxicating drinks,
it would be lawful and appro-
priate for the managers of the
post exchanges to employ civilians
for that purpose. Of course, em-
ployment is a matter of contract,
and not of requirement of per-
mission."

This opinion, pronounced an-
archy by every judge and every
lawyer, outside of the president's
cabinet that has spoken upon it,
is upheld by Secretary Root, the
new head of the war department,
and by President McKinley.

OUR BARGAIN COUNTER.

We have inaugurated a Special Bargain Counter, and will announce from time to time some of the exceptional
prices which we will put upon staples placed on this Counter. It will pay you to keep in touch with

Our Bargain Counter Prices!

L. L. Sheeting, - - - 5 1-2c per yard | Dress and Apron Gingham at - - - 5 to 8 1-3c per yard | New Prints and Calicos at - - - 4 1-2 to 5c per yard

We will place on our BARGAIN COUNTER, for a limited time, our entire line of

.. John Hoffer & Co.'s Boots and Shoes ..

For Men, Women and Children's wear. This is one of the best brands of footwear on the market, and is manufactured **Under Our own Name** as a guarantee.
Our big line of Rubber Goods in footwear for Men, Women and Children goes on the Bargain Counter. Ladies' Misses' and Men's Mackintoshes for wind, snow
and wet weather.

MEN'S CLOTHING.

We wish to emphasize the fact that our Fall Suits have that neat style and fit that places them above the ordinary ready made suits. They cost you
no more. We have a big line and know you will be pleased to see them. Comparison invited. **THEY ARE ON THE BARGAIN COUNTER.**

UNDERWEAR --- Our stock of Men, Women and Children's Underwear, selected with great care, embraces all kinds, sizes and qualities—unquestionably
the largest and best stock ever bought for this trade. All placed on **OUR BARGAIN COUNTER.**

P. S.—**HOFFER'S BEST FLOUR** is not a premium taker, but a bread maker. Your money back if it does not give entire satisfaction.
Price only \$2.15 per one hundred pounds

JOHN HOFFER & CO.

Clarendon, Texas.

The Agitator.

ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY.

J. R. HENSON, Editor.
FRANK KENDALL, Bus. Mngr.

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Special Notice!

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THE DANCE HALL.

We understand that the Dance Hall, sometimes called in a joke "Opera House," is hereafter to be run by a stock company or, in other words, there was needed a stage and some scenes and the dancers took this means of raising the money. So far as we are concerned we would have no objection to a public hall seated, so it could be used for public gatherings, such as protracted meetings, political gatherings and such like, but a hall used for public dances, where all classes gather without any distinction, where four nights in a week they hold high carnival by a crowd that has no regard for God or man, as seen by this gang when the Odd Fellows had their supper. We enter our protest. A variety theater in our judgment is but little benefit to any town, where every sort (but the right sort) of a troupe that comes along has free access for all such we have no use. We do trust that the men who are lending their influence and money to this enterprise of the devil, for the sake of society and home and right will enter their protest against this hall being a common dance hall, and if it is allowed to run as it has been heretofore, we do trust that all good people will have nothing to do with it whatever.

LYING ADDS.

In glancing over a religious paper this week we were surprised to find many of the adds carried by this same paper to be of a very questionable character. But there was one that took our eye in particular: It was the offer of a genuine Sheffield razor that was offered by a New York company free to anyone sending ten cents to pay the postage. They claimed to have only ten thousand to give away as an advertisement, and unless one should "bite" at once they might not get in on time. How many have been taken in by this concern we have no knowledge, but some that we know of—in fact, we have understood that the postoffice department has returned some letters to this company marked fraud. Whether this be true or not, we all know it is a fraud. The idea of a firm giving away \$15,000 in razors to anyone paying the postage on the same! We believe there should be a law making it a heavy penalty for any firm or paper to advertise a fraud, and no religious paper should be guilty of such a thing. Reader, look through your paper and see if this and many other such as free jewelry, etc.—questionable advertisements are not there. And when will the world ever learn to let such things alone? When you are offered something for nothing, or nearly so, you may put it down as a

WANTS TO BE SMART.

The editor of the Hall County News tried to say something smart last week, but failed to do so. He went clear out of his way to say something hateful about a little notice we had in the AGITATOR that was no concern of his at all. We admire a man and a paper that where a principle is involved is ready to speak out, but to be forever saying something little and mean like the News about religion and the church, or some preacher, in order to wound someone's feelings, is a very unenviable calling. But we suppose, as usual, that Lockney was out of anything to say, as a careful reading of the paper will show, and we should suspect about out of subscribers also. It is true that a little notice from the AGITATOR would be quite a help in bringing the dead thing to life just now. We did that once, but we can't afford it at present. If he is looking for a scrap the Hall County Herald of his own town has been daring him for some time. Why don't he take up the challenge?

What can we expect when church members of a town put their money and give their influence to aid the dance hall.

If we have a hog law in Clarendon, why is it that the streets are full of hogs? Whose business is it to see to this matter, anyway?

We want to get the names of the stockholders of this dance hall, so people can see who they are and how many belong to the church.

AS TO ADVERTISING.

Whether it Pays or Not.

A. M. Beville, who has been from time to time advertising real estate bargains in the AGITATOR, reports that in the last three or four months he has sold 5 sections of country land and 150 head of cattle, 30 acres of land adjoining town, 13 resident and business lots and 12 houses and lots in Clarendon, and nearly all to non-resident people, who saw the advertisements in the AGITATOR, and there is hardly a mail that does not bring inquiries from other parts of Texas and other states regarding advertisements of property read in the AGITATOR. The AGITATOR, with its 1,050 subscribers, has a general circulation and is read by the masses, and takes pride in the fact that many good citizens now in Clarendon and Donley county were induced to come here and locate by impressions gained by reading the paper.

A Good Chance For the Right Man.

A Bakery, 8 Room brick and frame house, good cellar, well and out houses, Bakery underground; Situated one block from the depot. Good bakery business established. Must change climate on account of sickness.—This is a bargain. For particulars call on or address,

The Agitator,
CLARENDON, TEX.

Notice.

Our "phone" is No. 14 2-rings. If you need coal or hauling of any kind "phone" us or leave order at our office with A. M. Beville. EASUM & POSEY

A SAD DEATH.

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in our county for many a day happened last Friday, and cost Wm. Wagner, one of the oldest settlers in this part of the Panhandle his life. He left for his home nine miles north of town Friday morning, with lumber on his wagon, and when he got a short distance from his place the team got beyond his control and he was thrown violently to the ground, the wagon passing over his shoulders and chest, and he died from the effects at 3.15 o'clock, Saturday evening. He was buried at the Citizens' Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. J. N. Kendall at the grave. Those who knew Mr. Wagner say that he was an honest, hard working man, a good neighbor and citizen, but was addicted to the habit of drink, and this is said to be the cause of his death. May God lay this crime at the door of those to blame and that will be not only the saloon keeper and bar tender that sold him the stuff but every church member that votes to keep it here, and that with all the murders committed by it will be required by President McKinley and the law makers and every man that votes to license it. This is not the first crime committed by whisky in this town. Two dead men lay on the saloon floor and another mortally wounded. Surely their blood will be a witness against some one in the last day. Long ago the accursed saloons would have been moved out of Clarendon if we did not have so many hypocrites in the churches that endorse it, and to all such we say, go and stand at this man's grave, and as you gaze upon it, may you feel that you helped to dig it. Already the old toppers are saying, why don't Henson let the dead alone! It is the living we are trying to benefit.

FOR SALE.

A new two-room residence, with corner lot, situated in the east part of town. Price, \$350!

A. M. BEVILLE, Agent.

I have customers to buy 3 or 4 small 3 to 4 room dwellings, preferred in the West or South part of town. If you have any of the kind for sale, see me.

A. M. BEVILLE, Agent.

FOR SALE—An undivided one-half interest in 320 acres of land! This section lies West of George Antrobus section, North of Ben Chamberlain, East of J. H. Kelly and joins the town on the Southeast. Price \$5.50 per acre. Terms one-half cash, balance 6 months.

A. M. BEVILLE, Agent.

J. S. MORRIS,

Division Surgeon, F. W. and D. C. Ry.

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

S. J. WHITE,

Physician and Surgeon.

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

Graduate Tulane University. Post Graduate New Orleans Polyclinic.

T. W. CARROLL,

Physician and Surgeon.

Graduate of the Medical Department of the State University.

Office in Nelson Building. Room at Clarendon Hotel

We Have Come to Stay!

THE CLARENDON STEAM LAUNDRY,

BROOKS BROS., Proprietors.

Solicits the patronage of the Public. Give us your work and keep your money at home. Reductions made on family washing. Flannels a specialty.

Give us a Trial!

John T. Sims,

HEADQUARTERS FOR

GROCERIES,

Corn, Hay, Oats, Bran and Salt.

All Competition Met.

Your Patronage Solicited.

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

TERRELL BROS.

General Blacksmith

And Repair Shop.

Horse Shoeing a Specialty.

We Solicit Your Patronage.

E. A. TAYLOR'S Old Stand, CLARENDON, TEX.

EASUM and POSEY,

Draymen and Coal Dealers.

Prompt Attention Given to all Orders.

A Reasonable Profit is all we ask.

Telephone No. 14, 2-rings

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

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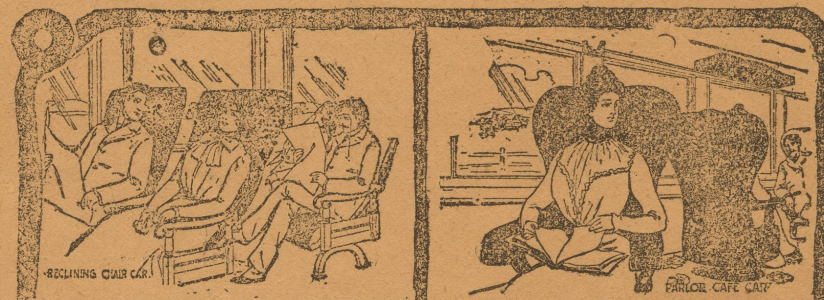
Water Works,

G. A. LATIMER, Proprietor.

Agent for Wind Mills, Pipe Casing and a General Line of Well Supplies.

Clarendon, Tex.

Monthly water rents payable at the office of A. M. BEVILLE.



Best Line to the "Old States"

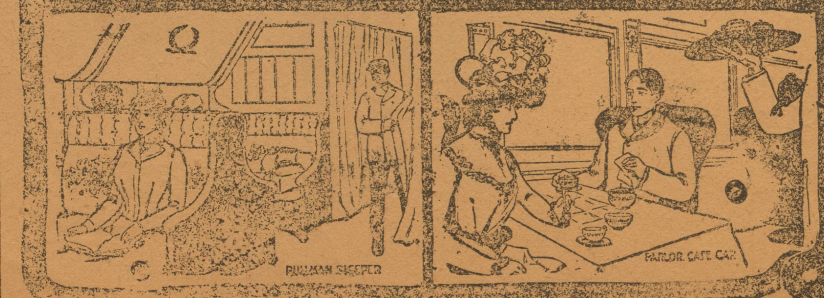
One reason why most people go back to the "Old States" via the Cotton Belt is because the Cotton Belt makes from one to five hours quicker time than other lines.



The Cotton Belt offers you the quickest and shortest route to the "Old States," without unnecessary change of cars. Both day and night trains are equipped with comfortable Coaches and Reclining Chair Cars; also Parlor Cafe Cars by day and Pullman Sleepers at night.

Write and tell us where you are going and when you will leave, and we will tell you what your ticket will cost and what train to take to make the best time and connections. We will also send you an interesting little booklet, "A Day on a Parlor Cafe Car."

S. G. WARNER, G. P. & T. A., Tyler, Tex. D. M. MORGAN, T. P. A., Ft. Worth, Tex.



Local News Notes.

A. M. BEVILLE, Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector,
W. H. OLIVER,
AL GENTRY,
V. S. TERRY.

For District and County Clerk,
GEO. F. MORGAN,
J. E. MOORE.

Tax Assessor,
G. W. BAKER,
LEE S. SMITH,
J. S. STEPHENS.

For County Treasurer,
H. D. RAMSEY.

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2,
J. D. JEFFERIES.

Cool weather this week and fires were in demand.

Those Silk Skirts and Jackets at Noland's are beauties!

President St. John, of Clarendon College, was sick the past week.

Mrs. Coulter will furnish good table board for \$3.00 a week.

A Mr. Anthony, of Silverton, is here this week prospecting with a view to locating.

We are sole agents for Heekin's Coffee, CALDWELL & JACQUES.

B. F. Newam is building a new residence on lots opposite the Christian church.

Go to Ramsey's Drug Store for your school books and school supplies.

E. Brotsman is building a new two-story addition to his residence in the north side of town.

Have you seen those pretty carpet samples at Noland's?

Remember Friday night week the meeting begins and C. W. Byron will be here. Don't miss a service.

Ramsey will have all school books for the college pupils and the public school.

W. S. Henson and Bert Wilcox, of Jacksboro, father and nephew of Rev. J. R. Henson, arrived this week on a visit.

Your money back if Heekin's coffee fails to please. C. & J.

Mrs. J. R. Henson and little daughter, Leona, are away on a visit to friends at Roswell, N. M., and Hereford and Amarillo, Tex.

FOR RENT—Rooms, furnished or unfurnished. For particulars see A. M. Beville.

Sam Bucklew, the hustling accident insurance man of Fort Worth, was doing business with the railway boys in Clarendon this week.

One trial of Heekin's Coffee will convince you of their superior qualities, CALDWELL & JACQUES.

The family of Rev. Arthur W. Jones, pastor of the Christian church, have arrived in Clarendon, and they are now "at home" on the north side.

The Latest Styles in Fall Hats at Miss Gage's. Call at Collier & Jackson's store, next door to Ramsey's and see them.

Building operations are nearly at a standstill for want of building material. So much building recently that they have consigned material faster than it could be shipped in.

If you are looking for a fine silk or rainy day skirt, don't forget that Noland has them!

Rev. B. R. Wagner, of Silverton, is in town, and reports his charge in good condition and they hope to be able to make a clear report at the conference. He preached Wednesday night at the Methodist church.

W. T. Ford, from east Texas, is now with Dr. J. D. Stocking as prescription druggist!

The Hammar pant is the best and cheapest and sold under a guaranty. Stocking keeps it.

Thos. Kendall, from the east part of the county, was a pleasant caller at the AGITATOR office last Saturday. He has our thanks for a subscription for himself and also for his son-in-law, J. C. Hamill, who lives in California.

Miss Colgan, Smith, Walker & Co.'s Special Milliner from Amarillo; has had a display of fine millinery on exhibition at John Hoffer & Co. since Tuesday.

Rev. G. S. Hardy returned Tuesday from a three weeks' trip out in his district. He reports the district in good shape and that good reports will go to the conference from every charge.

YOUR last chance to secure a sewing machine at such figures. Call at Stocking's drug store.

Frank Ward was quite seriously hurt last Saturday by a horse running into a wire fence in the west part of town. The cut extended from knee to ankle and though not dangerous will confine him to his room for some days. The horse also fared badly in the transaction.

Who ever heard of a Ladies' all wool, silk lined, nicely trimmed Tailor Made Suit for \$4.95. Noland has them for you.

In this issue will be found an "ad" of E. E. Strauss & Co., the Merchant Tailors of Chicago. John Hoffer & Co. are their representatives at this place and keep a full line of samples on hand. If you need anything in their line call and see them.

Now is the time to buy your winter's coal before the blizzards come. See us. EASUM & POSEY.

For up-to-date

Shaving & Hair-Cutting

Barrett's Old Stand is the place you are looking for.

Sharp razors, clean towels and satisfaction guaranteed.

Bath Room in connection. Give us a call.

WILLIS HOLSTON,
Manager.

Willis Holston has leased the Barrett barber shop and will conduct it in the future at the same stand. For first-class hair cutting and up-to-date shaving his shop is the place you are looking for. Bath room also in connection. See his card elsewhere in this issue, and when you need anything in his line do not fail to call on him.

I have one sewing machine left that I am offering at a bargain. Call at the drug store and see it. J. D. STOCKING.

Rev. Arthur Jones and family were the recipients of a severe "pounding" at the hands of their many friends on Tuesday night of this week. A large crowd gathered early in the evening, and many were the substantial tokens that were left. The evening was spent very pleasantly by all. Rev. Jones said this was the most extensive "pounding" that had ever been tendered him, and showed the Clarendon people to be liberal hearted.

When our goods and prices leave the store they start on a journey of advertising for us. H. D. Ramsey's Drug Store.

J. D. Jefferies.

We this week present the name of J. D. Jefferies as a candidate for county commissioner for precinct No. 2—Clarendon precinct—Donley county. Mr. Jefferies is well and favorably known to all our people, having lived here for a number of years, and has every qualification necessary to make a first-class county commissioner, and we bespeak for a close consideration of his claims by the voters of this precinct at the November election.

Get your blotters, day books, cash books, journals and ledgers at Stocking's store

J. T. Wimberly, of Silverton, Tex., was here the first of this week placing his step-daughter, Miss Allen, in Clarendon College. Miss Allen is one of last year's pupils and has many friends in Clarendon who gave her a hearty welcome on her return to college. Mr. Wimberly was a pleasant caller at our office and left his subscription for the AGITATOR.

Hats Latest Fall Styles and complete line of Sailors. Call on Miss Lee Gage at Collier & Jackson's store next door to Ramsey's and save money.

Thanksgiving.

The ladies of the Methodist church, South, will serve Thanksgiving dinner and supper, and will render an interesting program of music and recitations. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to join with us in this Thanksgiving. Program will be published beforehand.

MRS. J. H. KELLEY, Sec.

If you need anything in blank books, from a pocket memorandum to an 800-page journal or ledger, you'll find them reasonable at Stocking's store.

T. J. Noland, our hustling dry goods merchant, is not only doing his share of business here at home but is making a bid for the outside trade, and has sold several bills lately to adjoining towns. Mr. Noland keeps nothing but first-class goods and is not afraid to use printer's ink to advertise them; and when you need anything in the dry goods line he keeps them, and at prices that are eye-openers to people. His winter stock is now on hand and it will pay you to investigate before buying.

Dr. Stocking has secured the services of W. T. Ford, an experienced prescription druggist, who will at all times, day or night, carefully attend to the wants of the public at Stocking's store.

It is named "Perfect" Baking Powder and is in truth Perfect. Try it.

Light, healthful and nutritious food guaranteed from any flour by using the "Perfect" Baking Powder. Try it.

Have you any Lots For Sale?

I have continuous applications for resident lots in the west part of town, near to Clarendon College. If you have lots for sale in any part of town if you will list them with me for sale likely I can secure you an early purchaser. A. M. BEVILLE, Agt.

A 4 room residence with 2 lots, barn and out buildings. Will make a desirable home situated in the East part of town. Price \$550. A. M. BEVILLE, Agent.

FOR SALE—A three room house with 2 lots all fenced with water connection. Situated on East second street. Price \$450.00.

A. M. BEVILLE, Agt.

No use to wait for a special Tailor Agent, to come to town. Noland keeps one all the time and will guarantee you a perfect fit. What more do you want?

Why are those large crowds at Noland's? They are after those Tailor Made Suits at \$4.95.

Ramsey's prices on school books and school supplies is about what smaller dealers pay for theirs.

Every woman, in justice to health and pocket-book should try the "Perfect" Baking Powder. Once used always used.

CALDWELL & JACQUES.

Try the celebrated "Perfect" Baking Powder. Satisfaction and purity guaranteed or your money refunded. CALDWELL & JACQUES.

Fine Piano.

If you want a fine instrument at a bargain, call on JOHN HOFFER & Co. Don't delay, as it is going to be sold.

I Have a Party

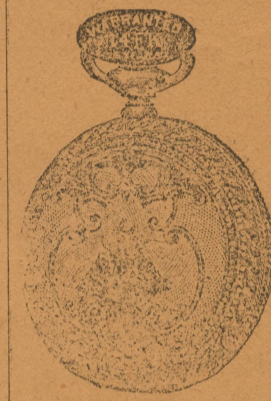
WHO WANTS a 10,000.00 Dollar Ranch and 20,000.00 Dollars in Cattle. Please send a complete map and full description of Ranch and Cattle. Also want Ranches ranging from 2 to 6 Sections.

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GUY WADE,
Real Estate And Live Stock,
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Grain, Hay and Ranch Supplies.

Exclusive Agents for WHITE FALCON Flour.

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President.

B. H. WHITE,
Vice President.

W. H. COOKE,
Cashier.

The Citizens' Bank.

Opened for business Nov. 1, 1899. A general banking business transacted. We solicit the accounts of Merchants, Ranchmen, Farmers and individuals.

Money to Loan on Acceptable Security.

Directors: E. A. Kelly, B. H. White, W. H. Cooke, M. Rosenfield, and J. G. Tackitt.

Clarendon, Tex.

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Buntin & Baker, Props.

Drummers Accommodated, First-Class Turnouts, Horses Boarded by Day Week or Month.

Feed Sold Cheap.

CLARENDON

TEXAS

ROBT. SAWYER,

DEALER IN

LUMBER,

Sash, Doors, Blinds Building Material, Etc.,

My Stock is New and Complete and of Best Material. Give me a Call.

CLARENDON,

TEXAS.

W. T. JONES,

DEALER IN

Staple and Fancy Groceries,

Feed and Grain.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

CLARENDON,

TEXAS.

Why a Christian Should Vote for Prohibition.

1. A vote is an expression, as we view it, of one's highest and truest convictions concerning public policy. There is no other way by which the deepest convictions as to what is the best public policy can be registered or made known except by the ballot. We have aimed, in our exercise of the right of suffrage, to express our convictions on what we regard as one of the most vital issues in American politics.

2. According to the testimony of judges and justices of high repute, intemperance is the source of by far the larger part of crime committed in this country. According to the highest medical testimony, it is injurious to the human system and the cause of many diseases and of frequent deaths. According to the best authority in economics it is one of the most prolific causes of poverty and of want among the people. By common consent the liquor traffic is the source, not only of individual wretchedness, but of domestic unhappiness and of political corruption. In the face of all these acknowledged facts the leading political parties of this country shun the problem of the liquor traffic. They are afraid to touch it. So strong has the liquor power become in this country that politicians and political leaders become cowards in its presence and refuse to put one word in their political platforms which can be interpreted as antagonistic to this gigantic evil and prolific source of disease, crime, poverty and public debauchery. We detest the moral cowardice that prevents the political leaders of the old parties from assuming some attitude toward this great evil and proposing some sort of treatment of it. We have no way of expressing our opposition to so hardly policy so effectually as at the ballot box.

3. We know of no way of bringing any influence to bear on either of the leading political parties to make them face this issue except by making the prohibition vote so large that politicians will respect and fear it. There are enough prohibitionists in this country, if they would act in concert, to hold the balance of power. If the makers of platforms knew that to shun this issue meant to lose the prohibition vote and knew that without such vote they could not hope to elect their ticket, then they would not dare to ignore what is really a paramount issue in American politics. For this reason we would be delighted to see a million votes registered the coming autumn in favor of prohibition. Nothing would do so much to call the attention of politicians to the threatening peril of the liquor traffic—peril to the party that ignores it as well as to the life of the nation.—Christian-Evangelist.

A Burning Shame.

There are fakirs of all kinds, and thieves and thugs abound. They have some kind of an enterprise to fleece the unwary. We stepped up to one stand; there were eight or ten men running a gambling scheme; one of them had an old gray-headed farmer in tow who had a roll of greenbacks. He was induced to make change for one of the sharks, who, by investing, winning and reinvesting his supposed gains had won a wonderful sum of money. The greenhorn farmer invested two or three times and won, he then invested his winnings and half of his roll and lost; and at an extraordinary offer to get back his

money he deposited the other half of his roll and lost that and turned away penniless and with tears in his eyes as large as beans. Passing on we saw a row of prostitutes on a stage, and small boys, ten and twelve years old, were told that they could go inside and see the real natural managerie of Egyptian dancing girls for ten cents. It is needless to say, but it deserves to be said and ought to be heralded over the entire state of Texas, that the Dallas fair, while excellent in many respects, is a most damnable outrage upon decency, law, order and good government. Gambling halls and saloons abound there and every device possible to catch suckers is allowed, if the fakir who runs such places will only pay tribute to the fair management.—Amarillo Champion.

SODOM AND GOMORRHA.

We intended some time ago to write an article on the shameful things coupled with the Dallas Fair. We knew something of its history in the past, but as all the religious papers and preachers of Dallas were quiet on the subject we have said nothing so far, but instead of growing better it has grown worse and the present management is a disgrace to civilization. Gamblers and prostitutes are at the helm this year. We give a short extract from the Amarillo Champion that may give some idea of what is there, but the half is not told, nor can we publish what is there to be seen. Few places on midway where a woman dare enter, in fact, from what reliable men tell us that have been there, it is no place for a woman at all. Racing, gambling and Sabbath desecration is bad enough to condemn, and it seems to us to keep Christian men and women away, but shows of nude women without one rag of clothes can be seen for ten cents; and all this in the Fair grounds, and allowed by the managers. In the name of decency what is the world coming to? Has the world gone mad over money, and what does the press and preachers mean by not crying out against these things? Is the honor of Texas to be sold out to tin-horn gamblers and prostitutes? And why will civilized, and especially Christian people, support the abominable thing with their money or presence. Verily, it is a Sodom and Gomorrha.

Harder Times for Drunkards.

In the meantime, while the world is discussing his case, the lot of the drunkard, the all-the-time drunkard, grows worse. He is no greater nuisance than he was a hundred years ago, but he is not as tenderly and tolerantly regarded as he was then. Courts and the general public do not care as formerly for the plea that he is a good man when he is sober. The unfeeling answer is returned that his spells of sobriety should come nearer together and his intervals of drunkenness further apart. His offense is not condoned by society as it was in the days when drunkenness, once a religious, became a social rite. Habitual drunkenness is a bar to employment now. The drunkard is black-listed and boycotted without any formalities.—Exchange.

"And I am glad and proud to believe that I have never drawn back a hair's breadth from uttering any fact that needed to be spoken. If it cost money, or popularity, or friends, I paid the price and spoke. If it incurred a penalty, I suffered it, and said my say."—Woolley.

Last Sunday the people were disturbed on their way to church by the firing of guns at the lake. We believe a stop should be put to this business. It does not speak well for our town, and we hope the officers will see that it does not continue. We wonder if these fellows know that it is a fifty dollar fine to hunt game on Sunday, if not, they had better look up the law in the case.

A shooting scrape took place in Panhandle City last Sunday night between J. N. Webb, a prominent stockman of Clarendon, and Byron Holland, in which Holland received a severe wound, the bullet entering the breast and coming out at the back. Mr. Webb was not hit, but one bullet cut through the front of his coat. From what we can learn Mr. Webb tried to avoid the difficulty and was justifiable in what he did. He waived preliminary examination at Panhandle Tuesday and was held in the sum of \$3,000 to await the action of the grand jury. Holland, it is thought, will recover.

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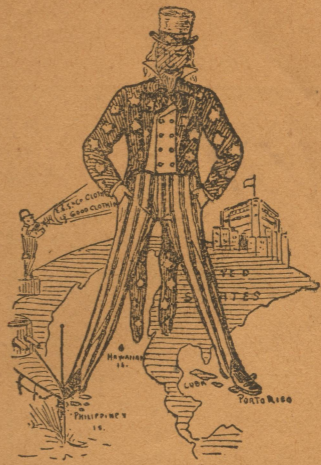
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