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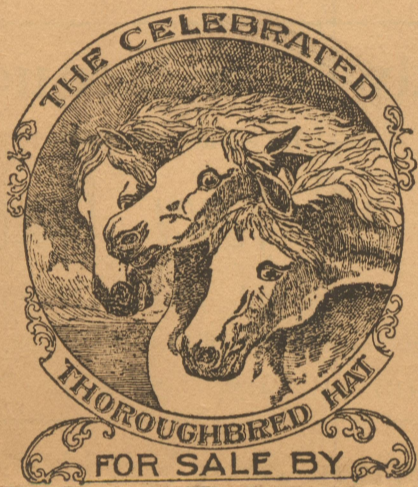
No. 17.

## Let Go Prices?

Having recently purchased a large assortment Of New Percales at Cut-Throat Prices which will arrive in a few days. We have decided to offer to the public our Entire Line of Percales now in stock at 7 1-2 cents per yard. Included in this sale are some bargains never before

## Offered in Clarendon.

Many of these goods are 84 count 1 yd wide and from prices 12 1-2 cents We include in this sale our entire line of Shirt Waist. Having had an immense trade on them our stock is limited. Come early and get choice.



**T. J. Noland,**  
Leader in Dry Goods,  
Clothing, Boots and Shoes.  
CLARENDON, - TEXAS.

We have the one line to look after and give you the best prices in town.

## T. J. Noland.

### Compare These Prices.

FORMER PRICE	LET GO PRICE.
\$ 50 cent Waists	\$ 35
75 " "	50
1 00 " "	75
1 25 " "	95
1 50 " "	1 10
2 00 " "	1 50

We also have a few Wash Dress Skirts that will go at Let go Prices.

### No Faith to be kept with Heretics.

An extract from a letter written by Mr. John Wesley, Jan. 21 1780, says:

"Suppose every word of Pope Pius's creed to be true; suppose the council of Trent to have been infallible; yet, I insist upon it that no government, not Roman Catholic, ought to tolerate men of the Roman Catholic persuasion. I prove this by a plain argument; let him answer it that can. That no Roman Catholic does or can give security for his allegiance or peaceable behavior, I prove this. It is a Roman Catholic maxim, established, not by private men, but by a public council, that no faith is to be kept with heretics." This has been openly avowed by the council of Constance; but it never was openly disclaimed. Whether private persons avow or disavow it, it is a fixed maxim of the Church of Rome. But as long as it is so, it is plain that the members of that church can give no reasonable security to any government, of their allegiance or peaceable behavior. Therefore, they ought not to be tolerated by any government, Protestant, Mohammed, or Pagan. You may say 'Nay, but they will take an oath of allegiance.' True, five hundred oaths; but the maxim, 'No faith is to be kept with heretics' sweeps them all away as a spider's web. So that still, no governors that are not Roman Catholics can have no security for their allegiance. "Again, those who acknowledge the spiritual power of the pope can give no security of their allegiance to any government; but all Roman Catholics acknowledge this; therefore, they can give no security for their allegiance. The power of granting pardons for all sins, past, present, and to come, is and has been, for many centuries, one branch of his spiritual power. But those who acknowledge him to have this spiritual power can give no security for their allegiance; since they believe the Pope can pardon rebellions, high treasons, and all other sins whatsoever. The power of dispensing with any promise, oath or vow, is another branch of the spiritual power of the Pope. And all who acknowledge his spiritual power must acknowledge this. But whosoever acknowledges the dis-

persing power of the Pope can give no security for his allegiance to any government. Oaths and promises are none; they are light as air; a dispensation makes them all null and void. Nay, not only the Pope, but even the priest has the power to pardon sins. This is an established doctrine of the church of Rome. But they that acknowledge this cannot possibly give any security for their allegiance to any government. Oaths are no security at all; for the priest can pardon both perjury and high treason. Setting their religion aside, it is plain, that upon principles of reason, no government ought to tolerate men who cannot give any security for their allegiance and peaceable behavior."

Romanism has not changed her creed, cannot change, because of the infallibility of the pope and councils—one of the most egregious falsehoods that has ever been propagated; this coupled with the doctrine of popish and priestly pardons, absolutions and dispensations is enough to make angels blush, and a Hotentot point to the place in the head where the sense ought to be. Of course, all Protestants are heretics, and no faith is to be kept with them; all governments are an acted lie, unless headed by the Holy Father, the Pope. Believe these things or be damned.  
J. L. HOLLERS.  
Canadian, Tex.

The House of Representatives recently passed the bill for the government of the Hawaiian Islands with an amendment which prohibits the licensing of saloons in the islands. Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, who introduced the amendment, said that "it was an unfortunate fact that the contact of a higher and lower civilization seemed to result in the vices rather than the virtues of the higher being ingrafted on the lower. The habits of intoxication were especially notorious and needed sharp prohibition." This is certainly true. The bill now goes to the Senate, and we hope may be adopted by it. But it is a question. The whisky lobby is very powerful in Washington, and heretofore they have not allowed any legislation to pass which was inimical to their interests.—Baptist and Reflector.

### Encouragement.

OLETHA, Tex., May 20th, 1900.  
Rev. J. R. Henson,

Clarendon, Tex.

Dear Bro.—I have been receiving the weekly visits of the AGITATOR regular for a considerable time. I like it first rate. It hits catholicism and the whisky curse square in the face and all immoral living, especially on the part of professing Christians, and it is on the side of Christianity, morality, decency and right. God bless its teaching and you, its editor, in your efforts for the betterment and uplifting of our race. I want to continue as a subscriber. I like to read after a writer who has back bone enough to speak out even in meeting, against anything that is dishonoring to God and ruinous to man, and in such way that we need no interpreter.

Yours for truth,

A. L. BRIDGES.

Brother Bridges will pardon us for publishing the above letter but it is calculated not only to encourage us but others, coming as it does from one of the leading Baptist preachers of the State of Texas, and we know him and know there is no truer man to be found anywhere.

A Wise Answer.

A bright young man of wealth

and social position, but with bad habits, recently asked a young woman to be his wife. Many girls would have felt flattered, and have accepted him. Her answer was sharp and decided:

"You say I have qualities you wish in the woman who is to be your wife. I do not know as to that. But there are habits I do not have, and I can not accept a husband who has them. I do not smoke nor swear, nor indulge in wine. I am not in debt. I do not spend my days in idleness, nor walking the streets with silly, unthinking girls, nor my nights with questionable associates. As you have most of these habits, I am not willing to become your wife. Nothing but misery could come of such a union."

It was wisely thought and bravely spoken.—California Independent.

J. A. Brannon, of Wills Point Texas, is constructing a telephone system in Clarendon. He has this week placed poles along the principal streets and in a week or two more Clarendon citizens will be able to "Hello Central" like the people of other progressive towns. The central office will be over W. T. Jones grocery store.

## The Globe Confectionery,

J. E. GRIFFIN, Proprietor.

### SPECIALTIES:

Candies,  
Oranges,  
Banannas,  
Lemons,  
Tobacco,  
La Camerita  
Gen. Arthur  
Ericsson  
Cigars.

### TO THE PUBLIC:

I am now prepared to serve you with Ice Cream and all of the latest fashionable Drinks. I use nothing but pure Fruit Juice for flavoring, and if you want something that is Nectar for the Gods, remember the Globe Confectionery is the place you are looking for. Ice Cream at all times. Thanking you for past favors, I AM YOURS TO PLEASE,  
J. E. GRIFFIN.

Agent for  
**The Dallas  
News.**

Pure Orange  
Juice Just  
From  
**Florida.**

## Ice Cold Drinks a Specialty.

Remember the Globe.  
CLARENDON, - - TEXAS.

Local News Notes.

A. M. BEVILLE, Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

Hello Central will be the next change.

Don't fail to see Noland's announcement in this issue.

Mrs. C. Goodnight spent Monday in the city.

Peacemaker flour defies competition. Sold by Sims the grocer.

Mrs. L. Graves of Goodnight is visiting in the city this week.

**10 Photos 40 cents.**

One more week only.  
ENGLISH PHOTO CO.

W. T. Jones returned from Ft. Worth last Saturday night.

FORRENT—One furnished room apply at Mrs. P. A. BUNTIN.

The Panhandle Normal opens at Memphis Monday.

J. T. Patman, made another business trip to Goodnight Sunday.

For the latest styles, shades and patterns in wall paper, see HILL & DECKER.

Dr. C. H. Nelson and wife and brother Hunter spent Sunday at Goodnight.

Hoffer & Co., have something in this issue that you cannot fail to miss.

Read the AGITATOR if you want to keep posted on the latest news happenings.

Hill & Decker will buy 2 goods, and pay you all they are worth. Give them a call.

When you purchase goods do not fail to see those who advertise in this paper.

Noland is after your trade and can give you prices that will interest you.

Rev. J. H. Walker writes that his church building at Wellington is progressing nicely.

**10 Photos 40 cents.**

For one week longer.  
ENGLISH PHOTO CO.

Most of the preachers in Clarendon District have secured their conference collections already.

James Trent has sold his cattle to C. W. Ryan and will make delivery tomorrow.

J. M. Hill has well under way of construction a 4 room residence in front of the Baptist church.

Do not fail to see Anderson's goods before you purchase. He is rock bottom on prices and the quality cannot be excelled.

**10 Photos 40 cents.**

Only one week longer come at once.  
ENGLISH PHOTO CO.

Don't miss the exercises at the college. They will all be good.

For hardware, singletrees, doubletrees, chains, collars, pads &c., see Anderson. He will give you a hard times price.

J. D. Jeffries received over 1,000 head of yearlings steers the first of the week that were shipped from Estelline.

All kind of repairing and upholstering neatly and quickly done, at prices that are reasonable,  
HILL & DECKER.

There will be a number of visitors here during the commencement exercises at the College. Open your homes and entertain all our visitors.

Quite a severe rain and hail storm visited this section last Monday evening. The fruit and vegetable crops were the worst sufferers.

Anderson carries a larger line of high grade cheese than is carried between Fort Worth and Trinidad. When you want something that is nectar for the Gods see Anderson.

Special Sale

AT

Hoffer & Co.

Thursday & Friday May 31st & June 1st.

Silk Waists, Wrappers, Skirts and Calicoes.

ON THESE two days we will offer our entire line of Silk Waists at greatly reduced prices and every lady should see them for they cannot be surpassed in beauty and style. Also our stock of Wrappers and Overskirts will be marked down to such LOW PRICES that every lady will be interested in them.

WE also offer the prettiest line of Quilting Calicoes to be found in the Panhandle, at 3 1-2 and 4 1-2 cents per yard.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR—There is not a better Assorted Stock of Muslin Underwear this side of Ft. Worth both in quality and Styles, and prices are very low in proportion to the value of goods.



We carry the Celebrated line of W. B. corsets and fore-egance of fit, Comfort and durability they cannot be equaled.

WE can show you the prettiest line of Summer Dress goods to be found in Clarendon, such as Silk MULLS, Organdies, Dimities, Lawns and in fact everything in the Summer Dress Goods Line.

WE have nothing to show you that is old and shelf worn but bright new and stylish patterns.

COME and see whether you buy or not as we do not consider it any trouble to show goods. We will continue these special sales through JUNE and JULY to make room for our immense fall purchases. Remember the days and take advantage of the bargains we place before you.

John Hoffer & Co.

Miss Bessie Chamberlain returned home Saturday night from Ft. Worth where she has been attending school.

Peacemaker flour takes premiums at St. Louis and Dallas Fairs. Take no other. See John T. Sims.

Go to the college Friday night and see the Art display. It will interest you and your presence will encourage our home art talent.

Miss Margie Caperton, of Dozier, Tex., accompanied by her cousin, Miss Sophia, Cowan, of Alabama, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Potts this week.

State Senator, D. F. Goss, of Seymour was in Clarendon yesterday and spoke at the court house at night in the interest of his candidacy for re-election.

Rev. E. R. Clark, of Estelline, spent yesterday in Clarendon trying to secure property here so as to place his family here next fall for school purposes.

J. G. Ayers, of Chillicothe while on his way to Miami to visit his son stopped over Sunday in the city with his old friend C. W. Ryan.

Bro. Stephens will begin a revival meeting with his Quarterly Conference occasion at Washburn the second Sunday in June.

Rev. T. F. Roberson expects to begin a protracted meeting at Canyon City next Sunday, he expects Bro. Whitehurst of Amarillo to assist him.

The entertainment at the court house last Saturday night was well attended and the children, and young people performed their parts in a very creditable manner.

Presiding Elder Hardy reports \$40.00 more on the thousand dollar proposition for the Clarendon College this runs it within a few dollars of all being secured.

G. W. Antrobus,  
DRAYMAN  
And Coal Dealer.

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

E. A. KELLY, Pres. B. H. WHITE, Vice Pres. W. H. COOKE, Cash.

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Clarendon, Texas.

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 securities.

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Water Works,

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

Clarendon, Tex.

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Draymen and Coal Dealers.

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Physician and Surgeon.

Office over Ramsey's Drug Store.

CLARENDON, TEX.

Special Attention to Diseases of Women.

Clifton Carter returned Monday morning from Arizona where he has been for a month. Cliff says he likes the Pandandle best for there is plenty of drinking water here and the 'chuck' comes more regular.

J. E. Griffin the hustling manager of the Globe Confectionery, is keeping right along with the season in supplying his customers with all the latest popular drinks. When he can't fix what you want it will be useless to look elsewhere.

They can all talk and argue, but when they come down to facts, in regard to the lowest prices and largest stock in Clarendon come and see,

BEN CHAMBERLAIN.

Rev. Walter Griffith has just closed a two weeks successful meeting at Floydada. He reports the church much revived. Several conversions and eight accessions to the church, Rev. Griffith is doing fine work on his charge. His people are greatly in love with him.

Rev. J. R. Henson returned Tuesday night from Weatherford O. T. where he has been ten days assisting his cousin Rev. J. L. Henson in one of the greatest revivals ever held in that country. The membership of the South Methodist church was more than doubled while many gave their names for membership in the other churches.

A. M. Beville returned Wednesday from a 10 days stay at Sulphur Springs Texas with his little son who has been sick there since early in March. Last Friday the little fellow underwent a 4th operation in which part of two ribs were removed but he stood the operation splendidly and was up about the house in a day or two and the doctors all agree that his final recovery is almost certain.

Clarendon School Census.

The public school Census just completed shows a scholastic population of 325 as against 250 last year. This is an increase of over 20 per cent in one year. ACTUAL COUNT figures show a towns growth beyond question.

I. E. Jones and James Trent have purchased from Judge White and R. A. Chamberlain their two lots on the corner of First and Sluly streets next to W. P. Blake and will shortly erect two iron clad store buildings there. We hear that Jones and Trent will likely start a feed, market and produce store in one of the buildings and rent the other.

Rev. R. O. Eustace, a member of the North West Texas conference, died at Canyon City, Tuesday, May, 28th. Bro. Eustace was appointed to Floydada charge last fall, but owing to the failure of his health was compelled to give up his charge in the winter, when he moved to Canyon City, where he remained until the end. His trouble was consumption. Bro. Eustace came to us from Missouri about five years ago and has served acceptably several charges in our conference. He was a true man, deeply pious and an untiring worker. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. Sister Eustace will have the sympathy and prayers of his many friends to sustain her in this great trial. He was a member of the North West Texas Conference Brotherhood.

Robert Hooks,

Contractor & Builder.

Plans and Specifications Free on Application.

Estimates cheerfully furnished on all kinds of repair work.

Box 6, Clarendon, Texas.

John T. Sims,

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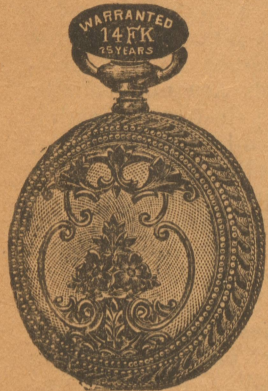
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All Competition Met.

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Write him when you want anything in the Jewelry Line. Mail Orders Solicited.  
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Prompt Attention Given to all Orders.

A Reasonable Profit is all we Ask.

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MRS. E. T. STEVENS, PROPRIETRESS.

Tables supplied with the very best the Market affords. Furnished Rooms by day, week or month. Everything in the way of conveniences to be found in First-class Hotel.

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#### POOR LITTLE THING.

"If preachers, as a rule, would take a text from the Bible and 'stay with it,' and leave the little things, like foot ball, base ball, dancing, euchre parties, etc., which are not mentioned in the Bible at all, out of their sermons, and condemn such sins as drunkenness lying, stealing, taking the name of the Lord in vain, keeping the Sabbath holy, covetousness, and other things, which are mentioned in the bible, and positively forbidden, then, and then only, will these amusements be given up and corrected, if they are wrong. Besides, if drunkenness, lying stealing, cursing etc., was corrected, or banished, what harm could either of these amusements, mentioned above, be? Base ball is no harm, it's the side issues; betting cursing and drink-

ing that do the harm."—Childress Budget.

Poor thing, now we do wish she could get married, and that to one of these professional ball players. In less than six months she would be of the same opinion as our selves concerning these professional 'deadbeats' and would write one more article advising all woman kind never to link her destiny with such fellows. How fortunate the gamblers of this country are in having such a great paper as the Budget to advocate their cause and the young miss of the ancient order of old maids to champion their noble calling and how fortunate are the preachers of this country in having such motherly advice from this fair young miss. We will further say that when the preachers of this country need a guardian appointed they will let the Editress of the Budget know.

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

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

#### SHOT SNAPS.

Why will folks persist in going out to the old town plum hunting on Sunday at this season of the year. Plums are not ripe besides we are told that snakes are bad in that vicinity.

We know something but we are not going to tell it just now for it might make some parents feel bad.

Clarendon has two public nuisances—mud holes and hell holes—CLEAN UP.

A good stout four year old club in the hands of somebody that knows how to use it might prove an antidote for some of those vile mouthed scoundrels that sit in front of the saloons and make remarks about every lady that passes.

Some of the base ball boys are in danger of losing circulation. If this wet weather continues much longer some of them will be helpless. The poor things cant get any exercise.

If the hog law is still in vogue we would like for somebody to tell us whose business it is to see that it is enforced.

The only drawback to Clarendon making the finest location for schools in the Panhandle, is the saloons and gambling dens. But they are only a question of time.

Some folks are very religious until the hat is passed for the collection.

There are a few women in Clarendon that spend the most of their time gadding about and gossiping about their neighbors. They are a disgrace to their sex.

As soon as you get these shots digested remember that we have some more for you to crack.

Some men try to do business on a borrowed reputation, but they often get left.

Clarendon has a few smart young men that make it a rule to talk about every young lady they go with. Some of this talk will be made before the wrong person one of these days.

Parents, if you want your daughter talked about, encourage her to go with some of these fellows that wear high collars and part their hair in the middle to balance their brains, and we will guarantee you satisfaction, unless you are hard to please.

The town ought to be incorporated and every one of those bums that hang around the saloons put to work on a rock pile.

We are going to give you a few more facts next week, so don't get excited.

Ephraim is Joined to his idols, might be made to fit some of the whisky drinking church members in Clarendon.

A certain man in Clarendon nearly always gets full of whisky when his wife is away from town.

Some church members persist in drinking whisky. They ought to have manhood and respect enough to quit it or quit the church.

Barking dogs seldom ever bite.

Lawrence Kendall a son of Thos. Kendall who lives in the South East part of the county, died in the hospital at Ft. World last week, and his remains were shipped here Sunday night and interred in the Citizens cemetery Monday. He had been suffering with Brights disease for some time, and has been at Ft. Worth, and Mineral Wells for the past month. The AGITATOR extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

We have received the following notice:

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Calpepper, announced the marriage of their daughter Blanch

to Rev. Wilbur Park, which occurred at their home in Lebanon, Mo., at 4:45 p. m.

May twentieth, 1900  
Rev. Wilbur Park is the preacher in charge of the Clarendon circuit. He and his bride are expected to return here in a few days and will make their home here in Clarendon. We extend herewith our heartiest congratulations.

S. J. WHITE,

### Physician and Surgeon.

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

Graduate Tulane University.  
Post Graduate New Orleans Polyclinic.

Sunday.

Remember there will be no preaching at the Methodist church next Sunday. Rev. E. A. Bailey will preach at the college at 11 a. m. and W. B. Andrews at night. These brothers are fine preachers and we desire all Clarendon to hear them.

The Emma charge has moved the parsonage from Emma to Lubbock where it will be put in good repair at once. Bro. Sharp is moving things so the presiding elder reports.

Junior League program June, 3rd 1900.

Leader, Lotus Morris.  
Song, No. 26.  
Prayer, by Rev. W. B. Andrews.  
Roll call, answered with a verse of scripture.  
Song, No. 39.  
Scripture, by Eric Clower.  
Talk, by Rev. E. A. Bailey.  
Rec. Jimmie Kelley.  
Song, No. 113.  
Talk, by Rev. J. M. Sherman.  
Rec. Katie Twombly.  
Song, No. 117.  
Closed with Lord's Prayer in concert.

FOR SALE—one good milk cow with calf. For particulars see T. N. Naylor near mouth of Lake creek.

### A Good Shave Is a Luxury....

Do you like a good shave? Of course you do. Then you should go to

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where you will always receive the best work. Hair cutting a specialty. Hot and cold baths at all hours.

Give us a Trial.

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Drummers Rigs, Hack, Buggies, Carriages and Teams. Everything New and Fresh.

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Rubber Tire Buggies for Hire.

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### ROBT. SAWYER,

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

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### W. T JONES,

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## Staple and Fancy Groceries,

Feed and Grain.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

## Clarendon Livery Stable,

Buntin & Baker, Props.

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

Feed Sold Cheap.

CLARENDON TEXAS.

**The Story of a Great work.**

The average American becomes so accustomed to large figures in financial transactions that he is apt to overlook some of the underlying facts when a statement is presented him giving figures running up into hundred millions. The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Richard A. McCurdy President, publishes a statement in this issue that rivals anything in the way of a financial character that has ever before appeared. This great company has good reasons to assume the title of "The Greatest Financial Institution in the world."

When it is understood that the combined capital of the greatest banking institutions in the world, namely: the Bank of England, The Bank of France, The Imperial Bank of Germany, and The Bank of Russia, is EXCEEDED by the assets of the Mutual Life by over 125 million of dollars, then it is realized what is meant by the last statement of the Mutual Life, which shows \$301,844,537.52 in well invested assets; the greatest and grandest trust fund ever accumulated in the world's history.

That it has been a beneficent trust is fully assured, when it states what it has paid to its policy holders since organization over 514 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. The mind can hardly grasp the enormity of the sum.

That it has been a trust fund profitably handled and in the interest of its policy-holders is evidenced by the company having paid them in profits over 100 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

That its record is still being kept is shown by the fact that during 1899 it paid to its policy-holders OVER 26 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS besides earning for them an increase of surplus of over six million and adding to its assets, as an additional trust for future settlement over 24 millions of dollars.

A statement like this certainly carries assurance to its policy holders in Texas, for which a record in the past, there can be no doubt as to the future. The General Agent for the company Messrs Chamberlain & Gillette, represent the Mutual Life's interest in Tex., with head officers in San Antonio. That those interested have been well served by the last statement filed in Austin, showing that the company had almost 30 million of insurance on the lives of the residents of this state.

**The Saloon's Menace.**

The saloon is a standing menace wherever it exists, threatening the home, the church, and all the best interests of society. There is not a good cause in the country that is not antagonized and injured by it, and there is not an evil that is not abetted and strengthened by it. Were some disease to break out suddenly and do one hundredth part of the injury that the saloon is doing, every board of health in the land would be up in arms against it. Were any influence to arise doing one hundredth the financial injury that it is causing, the national government would put forth its promptest efforts to curb it. Some time the age of blindness will have passed by, and the saloon will be crushed by an indignant people.—The Herald and Presbyterian.

Col. A. L. Mills, superintendent of the West Point Military Academy, recently informed the Board of visitors of that institution that the opponents of the canteen are people "who suppose themselves to be actuated by good motives." We very much regret to say that we are unable to form a like charitable estimate of the defenders of the canteen, Col. Mills included. When in the face of the fact that in the little village of Highland Falls, 23 licensed saloons are maintained within a pistol-shot of the main entrance of the military reservation that surrounds the West Point Academy, and that these saloons receive the greater part of their patronage from the soldiers

quartered here, and lewd women make these saloons their headquarters and patrol the reservation grounds for clandestine meetings with the cadets—when in the face of all that the superintendent of the academy, asserts, as he does in his recent report to the Secretary of War, that the canteen is an agency for keeping soldiers from outside dissipation and that where the canteen is established saloons and dives do not flourish outside the reservation it overtaxes our charity to believe him an honest man.—New Voice.

**Rum Rule in Washington.**

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Just at the present time the family and the home are in more danger than the flag. In 50 years more unless Christian people boldly assert themselves and contend for purity and sobriety in the army and in politics, the institution of marriage will be a thing for the past. As a country we are well headed that way already.

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