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You Can Talk

About the Klondike region, but when I went to T. E. Powell's I found everything in a rush. They found time to wait on me, and he certainly has a courteous set of Clerks. And just think of it has anything you may want in Dress Goods, Millinery, Etc. You can't "send off" and get Silks, Ribbons, Etc. as cheap as Powell can sell them--this has been proven. You ought to see his line of Millinery. Well, he has anything you may want--if not Miss Emmerson, his milliner, can fix it up for you in all the latest styles.



ADMIRAL ALMANAC.

Nov. 16--Grandpa Alexander Barahli is, we are glad to learn as far restored in health that he could return to the home of his son near Clyde. His children and grand-children and the whole neighborhood vie in the noblest competition to do their duty toward the old gentleman, who is really a landmark of Callahan Co. Madame Sophie Hill and Sam Hill have returned from Ft. Worth. The health of both ladies is materially improved.

Prof. A. B. Martin left Sunday for Navies, Coleman Co., where he will be again in charge of the public school. The fact that the trustees of that community have secured the services of our young friend for the third time speaks exceedingly well for the young man, whose earnestness and zeal is supported by a superior natural gift for teaching.

The telephone has not yet reached this borough from Bella Plaine, but we learn from another reliable source that a lady new corner graces the household of Pomp. Cabbrietta since last Friday. Since Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Gibbbling south of Bella Plaine are rejoicing over the arrival of their son and a reporter has really to see his pencil sharpened to record such and similar events.

Mr. Thos Stratton has returned with her children from a long visit at the home of her parents in Navarro County. They say Tom sings "Home Sweet Home" with much feeling.

The kind words Mr. Editor you wrote in memoriam of A. J. Stewart were highly appreciated by his family and friends and were very appropriate. Deceased was a hard worker and a man of indomitable energy. When the west crop failed he fell back on cotton, but never gave it up. Owing to deplorable domestic troubles he was sometimes in straightened circumstances, but always he was honest to the penny and you could rely on his word. More than that he was a character hard to understand and

may be hard to manage, but I confess that I never had expected to see him and his troubles in this way. But nobody knows the fearful struggle, the soul-rending agony of the poor human being who destroys his own life. Nobody should condemn him; all we can do and should do is to pity him and his dire fate.

H. B. was down with a very severe attack of neuralgia of the heart the third time in his life. If it had not been for the good luck that a neighbor stepped in before daylight and if it had not been for the still better luck that Dr. Broadnax was in close neighborhood I think that I would by this time perchance be on the other shore. Since I said: "Doctor I am a-sinking" two full hours passed where and when life and death were at a hard struggle. Thanks to the skill and experience of Dr. B., who acted like a true friend as well as a father and whose sterling qualities of heart prompted by the noblest impulse of humanity I never shall forget--the crisis went over. But I have seen a kind of handwriting on the wall and as I like to face any situation square in the eyes I do not flatter myself in the least degree about my condition. Everybody has to swallow his medicine and chew his lot. H. B.

CLYDE CLIPPINGS.

Nov. 15th--After some delay we come again. We would have written last week but the fact is news is so scarce in this section that it has to wait two or three weeks to accumulate in to have enough to honor the press with.

Several of "our boys" are "taking 'em" the Abilene fair this week, among them may be mentioned Messrs. J. W. Conch, B. E. Smith and M. A. Darden; if we were not falsely informed you all went up Sunday eve didn't you "put boys"?

Mr. W. J. Dugan is helping to pump the hand car these days, he is

Yes, we are in the
DRUG BUSINESS,

And what is more we propose to please you, if up-to-date methods will do it. If we should be out of something you call for that is usually kept in a first class drug house, depend upon it we will not be long without it--it goes upon our want list at once and in a few days time is in our store. Our Holiday Goods were bought by our Mr. St. John in person. He was right on the ground and selected a nice assortment. They will be in in a few days, Don't fail to call on us.

ST. JOHN & POWELL.
Baird, * * * Texas.
Sole Agents in Baird for the "Gen. Cabell" Cigar.

THE SITUATION IN COTTON.

New Orleans Progress.

Yesterday, for the first time in quite a while, cotton showed a decided disposition to react from the depressed condition into which it has fallen. Deliveries advanced. The point here, Liverpool reported a good demand from spinners, and American spot markets showed a good inquiry for export. Of course, this reaction may be merely temporary, but again it may prove the beginning of revival from the depression into which the cotton industry has apparently fallen.

Everybody is agreed that as soon as spinners believe cotton has about reached bottom prices, there will be an active demand, as stocks are generally light, particular spinners stocks. The sales at Liverpool yesterday would seem to indicate that spinners have entered the markets on the up grade, speculators would in all likelihood experience one of those wild and protracted bull campaigns which commonly follow a period of uncommonly low prices.

The great trouble with the market so far this season has been the lack of speculative activity. Speculators were out of the market; hence spinners, having no competition, have been able, by taking sparingly, to force down prices to a point not justified by any statistical facts yet developed, not even by large crop estimates commonly believed in on the other side of the Atlantic. The downward movement of the past few weeks has been based, not on the current crop movement, but on the theory that cotton has been held back by quarantine. This may be so, in a measure, but it is equally probable that the increase in the movement likely to follow a general relax of quarantine has been very greatly overestimated. Besides, present prices are not tempting to producers and country merchants, and so these would be justified in holding back as much

as possible; in the fact, it is certain that they will hold water-able. Should the movement not increase sufficiently over that of 1894 in the near future to justify the large crop estimates accepted in Europe, an advance of considerable proportion is certain.

There are no signs that speculation is reviving, and that is lacking to give speculation courage in evidence of a disposition to react on the part of the market. Speculators are commonly bulls; hence, as soon as they can be induced to take hold in earnest, nothing will be able to resist the upward movement of prices. The producers and merchants should consider these facts carefully, and not seek to crowd the market with deliveries any more than their actual necessities demand.

The sales of the entire crop at present prices would be ruinous to this section; hence the cotton trade, in a race to its own interests, must use every endeavor to promote a healthy reaction. Our cotton is selling for less than its worth, just as it did in 1894 and unless we show some firmness we are likely to delay a tremendous advance in prices until we have parted with our crop and see the profits, which we should have made, pocketed by our friends across the Atlantic. Let us market our cotton deliberately now, plant less of it next spring and incidentally do all we can to encourage speculation, instead of seeking to legislate it out of existence.

VIRGINIA PASTURE POSTED.

Owing to the many depredations committed on the Va. Ranch, Land & Cattle Co. I am forced to forbid all persons from hunting on the lands or fishing in waters of said company, and any person so hunting or fishing will be prosecuted.--The lands of this company are posted.

F. S. DILL.

on in place of Mr. John ---, who left for parts unknown.

Mr. Dick Conch made a short trip north Sunday night--as far as Mr. Kenarda's.

Mr. W. K. Kuykendall is erecting a new dwelling.

Mr. O. A. Luman has a severe case of the sore eyes this week, guess he looked at Miss --- too hard over at Pecan last Sunday.

Mr. F. J. Miller who is attending school at Simmons College was down to the Fifth Sunday meeting, and by the way, you were not alone when you went to "granda's" between 8 and 8.30 p. m. yere you Ed?

Misses Nansie and Minnie Klopfer have been visiting "in the country" this week.

J. F. Jackson went up to the fair Tuesday.

It is not so that the new "Snipe" plays mumble pug with his procs. The Catholics have secured the services of a new priest. Rev. Kelly

who was formerly here, being called to leave the new priest's name.

The bicycle craze has not struck our city yet, but we are confident that it will soon be a frequent sight to see girls by the dozen in bloomers, four-in-hand ties, jaunty sailor hats and at the same time sailing crewing gum sailing up Main St. on a "bike." S.S.

DOCTOR BILLS.

Please settle your old account or quit calling for me. I am in debt and must have money.

4117 E. G. POWELL.

MCCOY PASTURE POSTED.

I have made a contract with J. E. Foss to gather all peccos on my lands on the Bayou. All other persons are hereby forbidden to in any way gather or molest said peccos.

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Dallas, Texas.

Government Ownership in New Zealand

The principle of state ownership has been carried into effect on a very large scale in New Zealand, a little country usually supposed to possess one-fourth of the national wealth and intelligence of the United States, yet of the government of this little nation and its benefits, T. W. McBride in the Twentieth Century says:

"Usually when 'Australian of New Zealand legislation is referred to in the Canadian or American press it is said to be a socialistic experiment, a social, experimental or trial legislation, and the people look to wait for explanation. A person who has had a very brief reference to some of the measure will assist the reader in coming to a correct conclusion as to the merits of New Zealand laws as the interests of a few privileged individuals."

First—The land and income tax assessment act now in force in New Zealand imposes a tax upon houses and an ordinary tax upon land and mortgages—the amount of which is fixed according to a rating act. There is also an additional graduated tax upon the unimproved value of land held in large lots, the proceeds for the most part being used for the improvement of water-ways, public parks, roads, recreation, health building, etc. Late is considered worth living, and shorter hours per day also compensate for the loss of the income tax levied by the general use of machinery.

Sixteenth—The large estate, practically acquired by squatters who located their holdings early in the history of New Zealand, and for which little or no money was paid, are being purchased by the government for the benefit of the actual settlers—that is, the bona fide settler for taxation purposes at the owner's valuation, the government reserving the right to take over the land (excepting a homestead, required at the owner's valuation) up to 10 percent, if the owner's valuation is considered too low.

Seventeenth—A conciliatory board has been established to investigate any case where any difficulty is likely to arise between capital and labor. These boards are comprised of three representatives from the trustee nations and a district judge. A strike is impossible in New Zealand.

Eighteenth—Public libraries, museums, parks and gardens have been established in every city and town. Public baths are also found in many places.

Nineteenth—Considerable of the land owned by the city or the trustee stands for the artisan class.

Twentieth—Wednesday afternoon is a special half-holiday during each week.

"I do not know of any country where there are so very rich and so few very poor as in New Zealand. The law tends toward providing an equal opportunity to all and to check the overreaching influence of those possessed of wealth. It is one thing to say that party politics still prevail and that the government opposition in New Zealand is dissatisfied, also the money-lending and land-monopolizing classes, likewise those who hold or wish to have special privileges, which are to be abolished by a gradually strong spirit of the press."

The writer spent over eight months in the Australian colonies and never met a man who could give good reasons why the so-called national law should be repealed. On the contrary, the general opinion is that on almost every account the law will secure for the people of New Zealand unprecedented contentment and prosperity."

No more slot machines are to be allowed to operate in Leviston, Maine.

STEEL TUBE TRUST

Central America Wants to be Annexed to the United States.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 15.—The Shelby Steel Tube company, which was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, Oct. 27, 1897, was reorganized here. The capital stock is \$1,000,000. The officers are: President, W. E. Miller of Elkhart, O.; Treasurer, J. W. Hill of Erie, Pa.; Secretary, J. H. H. Stokely of Shelby, O.

The company has acquired the stock, patent rights, goodwill and assets of these companies: Shelby Weldless Tube company of Shelby, O.; Elwood Tube Company of Elwood, Pa.; Green ville Tube company of Greenville, Pa.; American Weldless Tube company of Toledo, O.; and Brewer Tube company of Toledo. The new concern will manufacture iron and steel welded tubes. It will control 87 percent of the output in this country and will also be in control of the entire American trade, as well as a good part of the American consumption.

The general offices of the Shelby Steel Tube company will be at Elwood, Pa. The selling offices are to be located at Cleveland, O. The company has already established in London and Birmingham, England.

Up to Date Smuggler.

A curious case of smuggling on the Mexican border lines was discussed recently by customs officials at Nogales, Ariz., and equally curious case has been taken up by the U. S. Customs at the same place. A man named Nogales was declared subject to entry and among those who took advantage of the right to go in and out of the country without paying duty. On the Mexican side, a man named Nogales was declared subject to entry and among those who took advantage of the right to go in and out of the country without paying duty. On the Mexican side, a man named Nogales was declared subject to entry and among those who took advantage of the right to go in and out of the country without paying duty.

Pullman Family Trouble.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—Frederick Kebring, who claims to be an illegitimate son of the late George M. Pullman, was fined \$500 by a justice court for disturbing Pullman's grave. The engagement of Mrs. M. Pullman and Felicie, daughter of the late George M. Pullman, was broken off by mutual consent.

The widow and family of the late George M. Pullman are making considerable trouble since the latter's death. Kebring, the man who says he is Kebring, is making the most trouble.

It is claimed that he is a frequent visitor at Pullman's office and received assistance during the latter's lifetime.

National Grange Meeting.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 15.—At a session of the National Grange and Patrons of Husbandry, held at Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday last, the president, the greatest part of the time was taken up with minor committees and resolutions.

Oliver Wilson of Illinois offered a resolution directing the worthy master to invite Secretary of Agriculture William Wilson to the body during its present convention. The resolution was adopted. A telegram was sent to Mr. Wilson, and he replied, stating that he would address the National Grange at Washington, November 25.

The finance report of the executive committee showed that the present permanent invested funds amounted to \$2,215,490, an increase of \$103,292.

LIFE GROWS DEAFEN.

Those Who Insure Must Pay Higher Premiums on Policies.

A New York telegram announces that the largest American life insurance company, the Mutual Life, the Equitable Life Assurance Society and the New York Life have decided to raise their rates to change the basis of calculating premium rates so far as the interest on some good investments, such as bonds, is concerned. On January 1, 1898, these companies will increase their premium rates by a per cent basis to a 3 1/2 per cent basis. This change is made because the companies are unwilling to make guarantees extending over a long term of years upon the assumption that they can earn a 4 per cent compound. They consider it safe to figure on earning 3 1/2 per cent. At the age of 30, the increase in the premium rate on this change will be 88 cents per thousand. It is expected that other companies will follow the example of the "Big Three." If they do, a single year's increase will result in an increase of the business of the lesser companies.

LATE GENERAL NEWS.

Near Fairburn, Ga., Henry Turner, his wife and sister, while going to town were shot and killed by some unknown parties, less than a mile from the town of Fairburn. Bloodhounds were put on trail, but pursuit of the murderers was abandoned. It is reported that the following is the report of work done by the frontier rangers for the month of October. They have killed 150 deer and wild fowls, all species except 7; assisted different sheriffs nine times; scouted on horse back for 3,125 miles; covered 153 head of stolen stock, and returned it to the owners. They traveled 6728 miles during the month.

Up to date thirteen whalers and four tenders have arrived from the coast of South America, and they have brought 5416 barrels of oil, 141,084 pounds of whalebone and 2046 pounds of ivory. Besides a large quantity of sealion tallow, a conservative value of what has come down is \$750,000. Some of the others have a number of whales to their credit, but there is no chance of their reaching San Francisco.

Within the past few days a deal has been closed whereby Dr. W. A. Adams of Foxcroft, Va., has purchased the Carolina Bros.' farm on Brook creek, in Parker county. This farm, which is one of the largest and richest in this county, contains 3000 acres, and lies for six miles along the banks of the Fox creek. The price paid for Dr. Adams was \$40,000. He proposes to employ the best farm hands in the county, and to give them the highest protection.

Thomas H. Cavanaugh, manager of the Lake Bonneville Irrigation company, of the Utah state board of land commissioners of Utah for the reclamation of land under the Carey act, has been elected to the chair in Millard county. About \$2,500,000 is involved in the contract. Although the name of Philip P. Jones is president of the company. It is claimed that this enterprise, when completed, will double the production of the entire state.

Despatches from Kingston, Jamaica, concerning an outbreak of yellow fever on that island, has given rise to considerable comment and uneasiness. Heavy rains, which it was thought would check which it was thought would check it into renewed virulence. Many new cases have occurred during the past few days. The mortality cases is fatal. Indeed, so violent is the disease, and so great the reputation of the yellow fever, that it is feared that unless something occurs to check it, the dread disease will soon spread all over the island.

Hunger and desperation led to a double tragedy in Boston, Mass., on Nov. 15. Frank McLoughlin and his wife, Mary, were found in an unconscious condition in their home in South Boston. Both had died. The man revived and informed the police his wife had been in a single day's illness. But that she afterwards attempted to kill herself. McLoughlin, who was in an unconscious condition, had been ordered to the hospital. The police believe that the man had intended to take the life of both of their lives. They had lived in abject destitution, and there was no money for a single day's support. Two months ago a child was born to the couple and died at the age of two. The woman was very much wasted. They had been married about a year.

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THANKSGIVING!

Yes, we will meet more like observing it, if our subscribers who are in arrears on subscription will generally observe and send the little blue X on their paper this week. Some of these little accounts are only a few months old, some of them run back from one to ten years. As previously announced we cannot carry these accounts over another year. We hope all who are in arrears will make an effort to pay up as we are compelled to raise a considerable amount of money before we can get the list. All who pay up between now and that time can settle at one dollar a year on all past due subscriptions, but after that date we positively will not carry credit subscriptions at cash rates. After Jan. 1st all subscriptions must be paid in advance and we will not carry credit subscriptions at any price because we are unable to carry them.

Baird is the best town of its size in Texas.

These beautiful Italian shoes are all right; but it would be dead more pleasant if we could get a good rain to lay the pecksy dust.

Baird will soon have a telephone exchange. Guess we will have to start a Daily Star in the subsequent to keep up with the procession. We are ready for such a venture as soon as the business will justify it.

The Abilene Fair and Round-Up was a howling success—especially the Round-Up part of it—the people were there by the thousands. We hope that the fair was a financial success and that steps have already been taken to have a fair right next year.

Thursday Nov. 21st has been designated by the President as Thanksgiving day. Let us all return thanks. Some may think they have very little to be thankful for, owing to the low price of cotton; others because things have not gone as well with them as they thought they had a right to expect; but most of us can be like the old brother that was buffeted by the world and seemingly had nothing to be thankful for, yet he said he was thankful that it was no worse. If we have nothing else to be thankful for, let us at least be thankful it is no worse.

Baird will receive more cotton this year than ever before, and probably the same can be said of every town in this section of the state. As low as prices have been it will bring in money in circulation in West Texas. Callahan County farmers will sell this season close to one half million dollars worth of cotton. But when we deduct the price of planting and seed, and so forth, it will knock a considerable hole in the farmer's pile, and leave him only a small margin for his toll in raising the crop. The farmer that did not have a good part of this in paying the merchants for supplies, such as meat, bread and molasses, that can be produced on every farm in Callahan County, is the one that will be in the best financial condition at the close of the year.

Judging from present indications there will be more candidates for office in Texas next year than ever before. We want it understood right at the beginning that all candidates for state and district offices who write expecting a reply must enclose stamp. Letters from aspirants have already begun to come in asking information about the chances etc., and naturally they expect a reply. Why should we spend 2 cents in postage besides time and paper answering letters from persons we never heard of, and who do not care two raps for THE STAR or its editor unless they can use both to advance their own personal interests. We have some good citizens ready for state and district offices, and are willing to help them in a reasonable way if possible; but we do not feel disposed to spend money for postage for the Dicks, Tomes and Harveys whom we do not know, and who would not know us over no matter how much we helped them. Send postage if you want information in this ball-cast to the condition of your political issues.

SETTING HIM RIGHT.

A Georgia farmer employed the poet of the village to write some obituary verses on the death of his brother. He gave the poet all the points at his command, and the latter began as follows:

"He lived the life of pain as 'till, 'Till all that he did saw, 'Till he had said 'I don't want to stay, 'Till I reckon I'ma go."

"That's just what he did say," commented the farmer, "go on."
"Upon the chair he laid his eyes—
The Christian brass and bed;
As 'till he took the heavenly prize—
A crown as 'till he died."
"Stop right that, John," explained the poet. "He was for silver ter the last!"—Constitution.

S. Lapowick, of Abilene, one of the largest dry goods houses in West Texas made an assignment, Tuesday. The firm had branch houses at San Angelo and Greenville Texas, and have been doing business in Texas for nineteen years, at Abilene twelve years. Liabilities estimated from \$250,000 to half a million dollars. Assets not known. This is the heaviest failure ever known in West Texas.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Take up by W. H. McGee and estray sold. I, J. A. Babbitt, of the Police is and for Proviso No. 1 Callahan Co. Tex. on the 2nd day of Oct. A. D. 1897 following described stock to wit: One iron gray horse about 3 years old, about 14 hands high, brand on hip and on left side of neck. If you have any information as to the whereabouts of the above named horse, please call on W. H. McGee at his residence on the 17th of Oct. 1897. J. A. BABBITT, Sheriff, Callahan Co. Tex. by W. F. Cochran Deputy.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton has sold in Baird this week from 4.50 to 5.25. One lot sold this morning, Friday, for 5.15, the best price paid up to time we went to press.

MASONIC NOTICE.

Baird Chapter No. 187 meets tonight, Nov. 19th. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Sojourning companions cordially invited to attend.

AT CROSS PLAINS.

On Sunday, Nov. 14th, the following young people: Mr. Walker Derivation and Miss Blanche Ramsey, Mr. Ross Norton and Miss Janie Mobley, Mr. Walter Norton and Miss Dora Mobley, Mr. O. D. Haley and Media Norton, Miss Belle and May Norton and Miss Minnie Strayhan, accompanied by Mrs. Douglas Robinson made a flying visit to Cross Plains the guests of Mrs. J. M. Coffman. After attending church at 11 o'clock we returned to the home of the hospitable hostess where the most long and appetizing repast was served. We can not with pen do justice to the delightful repast, which was very much enjoyed by all present. After dinner the guest repaired to the parlor where until the time of their departure, were entertained by music and conversation. After bidding our hostess good-bye we returned home and to bed to dream of pork and turnips.

ONE OF 'EM.

Mr. Barton of Abilene arrived last week, and will spend the winter with his daughter Mrs. W. B. Wilson.

If you don't find a blue X on your paper this week examine the date in your address again and see it is correct.

Foster Bros. gin at Baird, had cleaned 2000 bales of cotton up to Wednesday night. They will probably gin 500 bales more this season.

L. D. Brannon received the switch board for his telephone system yesterday, and expects to have all the phones in working order in a few days.

ROBBED.

It is reported here this morning that John Sigler's safe at Putnam was broken open last night, Thursday, and four hundred dollars in cash stolen. No particulars.

FREE TO LADIES ONLY.

A BEAUTIFUL FLORAL CALENDAR FOR 1897.

To ladies who have taken Orders for the Floral Calendar, without advertising on it. Send two 2c. stamps for postage. Write address plainly and be sure to mention this paper. Knowles-Lowe Business Co., Baltimore, Md.

CALLAHAN COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society will be held on Monday, Nov. 22nd at the Methodist Church in Baird at 7 p. m. Rev. W. B. Haskin, district superintendent will be present. All invited to attend the meeting. J. W. E. LANE, Pres. J. M. COFFMAN, Sec.

NOT AT ALL SCARED.

The Commendable Attitude of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

The Express understands through Messrs. Edwin Chamberlain & Company, general agents, that The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has again put itself on favorable record as far as the interests of its Southern policy holders are concerned.

While other companies, becoming alarmed, have notified their agents to discontinue business, the "Grand Old Mutual" throws itself into the breach and declares itself ready to receive with open arms all who desire to take advantage of its shelter and protection. Not only does this apply to Texas, but even to New Orleans, where there has likewise been no change or oppression in its welcome.—San Angelo Express.

THE HICKS 1898 ALMANAC AND PAPER.

We are informed that the 1898 Almanac of Prof. H. R. Hicks is now ready, and judging from its past history, it will not be many weeks in finding its way into homes and offices all over America. It is much larger and finer than any previous issue. It contains 116 pages, is splendidly printed and illustrated on fine book paper, having the finest portrait ever given of Prof. Hicks. It can be no longer denied that the publications of Prof. Hicks have become a necessity to the family and commercial life of this country. His journal, "Woman and Woman's," aside from its storm, weather and astronomical features, has taken rank with the best literary, scientific and family magazines of the age. Do not believe hearsay and reports. See the Hicks Almanac and paper for yourself. You will then know why they are so popular. They are educators of the millions, and unrivaled safeguards to propriety and human life. It is a matter of simple record that Prof. Hicks has testified for many years all great storms, floods, droughts and tornadoes, even the recent terrible drought over all the country. The Almanac alone is 25 cents a copy. The paper is \$1.00 a year with the Almanac as a premium. Send to WORD AND WORKS P. B. CO., 3201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

J. C. Berry, one of the best known citizens of Spencer, Mo., that he cured himself of the worst kind of piles by using a few boxes of Dr. H. C. Witch Hazel Salve. He had been troubled with piles for over thirty years and had used many different kinds of so-called cures, but Dr. H. C. was the one that did the work and he will verify the statement if anyone wishes to write him. St. John & Co.

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When you need anything in my line give me a call.

J. J. STOLLER
Putnam, Texas.

LOOK AND READ.

If you wish to sell your wheat bring 15 lb. in the next 2 weeks, as I wish to clean up for the season. All good wheat, 50 lbs and over, will pay \$6.75. Nothing under 50 lb wheat wanted. 55 to 57 1/2 lb wheat will pay \$6.00. So to Nov. 1st last chance this season to sell your wheat in Baird. Yours S. D. 21. J. NORTON.

NOTICE TO FOREIGN ADVERTISERS.

THE STAR, following the custom of most all country weekly papers, has given special rates to foreign patent medicine advertisers. Of late years the terms demanded by these concerns has become more and exacting—demanding concessions in price and position until we have reached the point where we do not propose to yield anything more. The advertising is not worth the time and annoyance they give us in keeping it up with them. Therefore notice is hereby given that no new contract for patent medicine advertisements will be made with any one from and after this date for less than our regular rate. We have a few contracts on hand, but each one is hereby notified that we positively will not renew them on the old terms. If parties don't want to pay our regular rate they have our permission to stay out. W. E. GILLILAND, Proprietor THE STAR, Oct. 29, 1897.

It often happens that the doctor is out of town when most needed. The two year old daughter of J. Y. Schenk of Caddo Ind. Ter. was threatened with croup, he writes: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor at once, but as he was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which relieved the child immediately. A bottle of this remedy in the house will often save the expense of a doctor's bill, besides the anxiety always occasioned by serious sickness. What is it given as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. Thousands of mothers always keep it in their homes. The 15 and 50 cent bottles for sale by W. E. Gilliland, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Putnam."

L. M. SLAUGHTER,
DEALER IN
Groceries, Bacon, Lard, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Etc.
I keep a general assortment of Goods, and would be pleased to have my friends and the public generally to call and see my stock.

Fortunate Bicycle Riders
are those that know what Ballant's Snow Lotion will do. No soreness from stretched sinews or strained muscles. Quick recovery when mishaps befall. No liniment penetrates like this one. It has all the virtues of other liniments and is equally as effective of its own. Cures where others only relieve. Banishes Rheumatism, Neuralgia, relieves Strains, Cuts, Bruises and Frost Bites. Pain and Inflammation simply carry stage when it is applied. Try one money order if you wish to satisfy. Price 50 cents. Sold by Nelson & St. John. No 2.

I will handle coal this winter and will greatly appreciate your orders. S. H. GARY FRANK.

Millinery.
Come and see my Fall and Winter Stock. EVERYTHING UP TO DATE. Will guarantee satisfaction in PRICE, STYLE AND TRIMMING. Prices lower than anyone in town. Thanking you for past patronage, and ask a continuance of the same, I remain Yours for Trade. Mrs. ANNIE CUNNINGHAM, 41

Jewelry did you say? Well then go to PHILLIP'S DRUG STORE. He has just received a new and complete line of the latest Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Etc., no cheap trashy goods in stock. Call and see his stock. Repairing promptly done and all work guaranteed or money refunded. SCHOOL BOOKS ARE STRICTLY CASH.

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IS EQUAL TO
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SAVES THE CONSUMER, INSIST ON HAVING
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DEAL IN FRESH GROCERIES.
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Thanksgiving 1897

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GIVE THANKS

That you are living.
That you are prospering.
That you are blessed beyond the majority.
And that you are enjoying privileges and benefits in the United States that can be enjoyed in no other country.

W. D. Boydston is now in St. Louis buying our second new stock of fall Goods. Picking up goods now for cash at half former prices. Those who have old stock on hand cant compete and live at our new prices. In 5 days from to-day our stock will be complete once more. Capes and Cloaks at prices to sell at sight, All kind of Christmas Goods for our Customers. Durable presents to give and last IN MEMORY, FOR GIVER.

T & P's SCHEDULE

WEST BOUND. 9:00 a. m.
EAST BOUND. 5:10 p. m.
J. B. Hanson, Agent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Many subscribers promised to pay their subscriptions as soon as they could sell cotton. That time has come and this is to remind all who have not paid that we need the money.

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Bring that wood you promised THE STAR.

Maj. Nelson is now a fulfilled gentleman.

Get one of those nice fur robes as Boyles', all the latest designs. 49¢

John Trent Sr. has accepted a position, as clerk, with J. Norton, the grocer.

Rev. A. T. Ford, from Cottonwood, was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office Tuesday.

L. J. Cook, from Putnam, joined T. E. Jewell's already large force of clerks this week.

F. T. Scott, the popular hardware merchant from Cottonwood, was in the city Wednesday.

Jack Hobby, we learn, will probably locate permanently at Baird and open up a law office.

G. O. Cresswell, of Tecumseh, brought in some cattle he sold to parties here, Wednesday.

It was right cool in this section Tuesday and Wednesday and there plenty of ice Wednesday morning.

Henry Lambert was up from the Ravol, Wednesday. He brought in a load of household goods for Mr. Eaton.

Mr. Frank Holcomb, from Shackelford Co., visited his cousin Mrs. Nell Edwards, last Saturday and Sunday.

Small pill, safe pill, best pill. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation sick headache. St. John & Powell.

Will Boydston and Maj. Nelson shared a bunch of cattle to St. Louis this week, where Will is trying his hand at buying goods.

Judge J. E. Thomas, wife, and little daughter left Wednesday for Alabama. Judge T. says he expects to return by commissioners court Nov. 29th.

Rev. W. B. Wilson and wife, Chas. and Grant Bowles and others left Tuesday for Weatherford, some to attend the annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, and others to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Price, of Taylor County, spent a few days in town last week visiting Mr. Price's parents. Miss Eliza Gilliland returned home with her sister to spend a week or two visiting relatives in Taylor county.

The Oaks Co. of Swiss Bell Ringers and Vandyville Artists, including that clever comedian, Nat Blossom, and a complete company of artists will appear at the school house on Wednesday evening, Nov. 26th, in one of their pleasing entertainments. Don't fail to hear this clever company of artists. Popular prices 15, 25 and 50 cents. Reserved seats now on sale at R. A. Speer's Drug Store.

A young lady in Baird whose sense of shame would not permit her to address a certain unmarried clerk in one of our leading dry goods stores in ordinary English, called for a pair of garters thus: "If my desire to obtain a pair of circular elastic appendages capable of being contracted or expanded by means of coiled spirals furnished steel appliances that sparkle like particles of gold set with Alaskan diamonds, and which are utilized for keeping in position the habiliments of the lower extremities which I desire to display forbids me to mention," It is said the clerk fainted.

No Family

Can be well regulated without a good Cook Stove, the LEADER is the best Peacemaker for House Keepers. Sold at HARRY MEYER'S Hardware Emporium.

Call and see our nice line of buggies.

Harry Meyer.

You can't cure consumption, but you can avoid it and cure every other kind of throat and lung trouble by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. St. John & Powell.

Capt. J. K. Bumpass, of Terrell and Senator Boyer, of Dallas, members of the 24th and 25th legislatures were on the east bound train, Tuesday.

Capt. Bumpass had been out to his farm in Jones County and Senator Boyer had been west on business.

Fred C. Switzer came down Wednesday from Sweetwater, where he has been working for the Sweetwater and Colorado Valley rail road. Fred says they are going right ahead on the new road; have about 8 or 10 miles of road graded and four miles of track laid.

THE STAR has received on an average on new subscriber for each day of this month, and not lost any old ones. Not much to brag about to be sure, but it shows a steady increase of our subscription list. Every one in advance except four. May the tribe increase!

J. M. Thierwell, of Groesbeck, Tex., says that when he has a spell of indigestion, and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers at night and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? St. John & Powell.

I want to trade my residence and lots in Baird for brood mares. Apply to R. F. or W. T. GURNEY. 49 St. Putnam, Texas.

R. Phillips went to Ft. Worth yesterday.

Ed Merchant is visiting relatives in the Indian Territory this week.

R. L. Harris was in town soliciting funds to build a church in his neighborhood.

W. T. Gurney of Putnam, and his brother, R. F. Gurney, of Ft. Worth, were in town on business last week.

The Baird Hardware Co. will put up your stove in a neat and attractive way. Renovate your old fires, or make you new ones. Price them 50¢

FOUND—Key ring, containing one door key and name plate. Owner can get same by calling at THE STAR office and paying for this notice.

The water question is becoming serious in West Texas owing to the long continued drought. Baird is on the shortest water rations experienced for several years.

It is rumored that Editor Wilson will move the Prodigal printing office back to Cotabawood soon. This information was received from Cottonwood partner this week.

If you need a lawyer call on J. H. Wood, Baird, Texas.

Just received a new and complete line of 97 wall paper. Prices to suit all. St. John & Powell 141¢

Disfigurement from fire burns or sores may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. St. John & Powell.

Ex-County Commissioner, Phillip Yost came in from Tecumseh Tuesday with Messrs. Wolfe and Scheldermeyer of Dayton, Ohio, brothers-in-law of Mr. Yost, who have spent a month visiting at Tecumseh. Messrs. Wolfe and Scheldermeyer and son of Mr. Wolf left Wednesday for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend a few weeks before returning home.

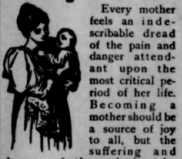
F. McQueen manager of the Baird Hardware Co. is making rapid progress toward shaping up their stock of hardware and in a few days will have in a full line. Their stock of cooking and heating stoves are complete and attractive in price and quality. Mr. McQueen is a practical tinner and is prepared to figure on all kinds of tin work. He makes a specialty of galvanized iron fens, roofing and guttering. 50¢

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson stopped over in Baird Monday night on their way home, to Dallas, from Alliance where they went to attend the fair.

Mr. Johnson showed us some the specimens of pears, grapes, Japanese persimmons and other fruit raised in his orchard at Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson both take great interest and pride in horticulture and have medals and diplomas awarded them by fairs in fourteen different states for the best horticultural exhibits.

We never have seen the time that wood was so scarce in Baird as it has been this fall. Lots of people in town have been forced to burn coal simply because they cannot get wood to burn. We have not been able to buy a load of wood on the streets for three months and many others have had the same experience. Had it not been for Mr. Carter's wood yard most of us would have had to eat our grub raw as wood could not be obtained elsewhere and part of the time he could not supply the demand.

Baby Mine!



Every mother feels an indescribable dread of the pain and danger attendant upon the most critical period of her life. Becoming a mother should be a source of joy to all, but the suffering and danger of the ordeal make its anticipation one of misery.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

is the remedy which relieves women of the great pain and suffering incident to maternity; this hour which is dreaded as woman's severest trial is not only made painless, but all the danger is removed by its use. Those who use this remedy are no longer distressed by nausea and other distressing conditions are avoided, the system is made ready for the coming event, and the serious accidents so common to the critical hour are obviated by the use of Mother's Friend. It is a blessing to women.

61-00 PER BOTTLE at all Drug Stores, or sent by mail on receipt of price.

Containing valuable information of FREE to all women, will be sent THE REGISTERED REGULATOR CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

A CARED.

To those who owe me for medical bills. Please call and settle as soon as possible. Protracted sickness has forced me to go in debt and I must have money to pay out. R. R. SAUNDERS.

A little child of J. R. Hays, living near Colquitt Ga., overhauled a pot of boiling water, scalding itself so severely that the skin, neck of his breast and limbs. The distressed parents sent to Mr. Hain, a merchant of Colquitt, for a remedy, and he promptly forwarded Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The child was suffering intensely, but was relieved by a single application of Pain Balm. Another application or two made it sound and well. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam, Tex.

IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. BOYCOTTING ILLEGAL.

Every Important Opinion Reached Upon the For Bill.

Last week in the district court at Lawrence, Geo. J. Reimold held one of the acts of the late legislature unconstitutional.

The occasion was the compliance with the preparation of criminal cases for trial. Substantially the court said:

"The constitution guarantees to every person accused of crime compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses."

That a penalty is provided to punish disobedience does not make the process compulsory.

Incidentally the court intimated that the section contained in the so-called fee bill, which provides penalties for non-compliance with the law of attachments, will probably have to be held void.

It also violates the provision of the constitution that every act shall bear its own burden of proof. It is required to be intelligibly defined in the caption of the act.

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BOYCOTTING ILLEGAL.

United States Circuit Court Holds That It Is an Illegal Weapon.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 14.—An opinion handed down in the United States circuit court of appeals holds that the boycott is not a legal weapon.

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GENERAL NEWS.

President Pirola, of Peru, has been stricken with fever and is now confined to his bed.

An Alabama negro, ravisher of a 12-year-old child, who was lynched at Carroll, Pickens county.

The Bank of Chile has raised a loan of \$1,000,000 in London to redeem its bills, as required by the new convention law.

A big fire in the Aspen mines of Colorado is raging with threatening effect. Spontaneous combustion has taken place in several places.

Lynching is not a climatic epidemic. Up in North Dakota a lynching been reported in which three lives were offered on the altar of vengeance.

Warren Beck with a professional baseball player, along with Jessie Lincoln, daughter of Hon. Robert L. Lincoln.

Joseph Williams, a fireman on the Northern Pacific transcontinental train, committed suicide by jumping from the front of the engine before the engine could pull him out.

A dispatch from Chelsea, N. J., says: It is reported by the Indian agent of the Five Tribes that the Indians are refusing to allow the Dawes commission to enter their names on the new census roll.

Dr. P. K. Drummond, one of the best known practicing physicians in Chillicothe, O., is in jail, having confessed to having assisted in stealing the body of Dr. Kelley from the cemetery.

The recent importation of 2000 bags of Austrian refined sugar by the Wall Street syndicate is attracting considerable attention in the sugar trade.

Willford Laurier, Canadian premier, and Sir Louis D'Aquila, minister to marine.

Dr. Edward Newberry of Brentwood, L. I., is dead from pneumonia, contracted at the funeral of Henry George, who was a intimate friend of Henry George, and an earnest advocate of the single tax.

The negro section of the Georgia legislature has for several days ago. There were many arrests at the time the fire broke out, inmates and all, over 700 persons.

News has been received from Taboring, capital of the Chickasaw nation, to which the legislature acting on the resolution passed some days ago.

Passengers who arrived at San Francisco, on the steamer City of Sydney, declare that the buried treasure of Coos Island has been discovered.

At Haden, Ky., John Seab, a wealthy farmer, was engaged in a discussion of politics with the late Dr. F. W. Taylor.

A bill will be presented to the next Maine legislature to punish the man who kills a woman or the man in the woods. The measure is prompted by the occurrence of a case which occurred during the present term of the legislature.

A deal of trouble from the Santa Fe Pacific rail to the Union Trust company of New York is being settled for record at Prescott, Ariz.

Theodore Durrant was sentenced to hang last Friday, but by the intervention of the California Supreme Court secured a stay.

The news of the further delay in the execution of Theodore Durrant creates mingled feelings of disgust and of approval.

Scoff and Cough. The man who scoffs at friendly advice to "take something for that cough," will keep on coughing, until the coughing has ended in pneumonia, pleurisy, or some other residence.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for twenty years, and recommend it to others for coughs and colds.

St. James Hotel. 271 Main Street, Dallas, Texas. Rev. W. S. Wheeler, the converted clown, was married to Mrs. Mary Whipple at Dallas.

Late Texas News. Gov. Culbertson has issued a proclamation revoking his former proclamation regarding the removal of New Orleans, Memphis and other fever infested districts.

A New Triumph. The Dreaded Consumption Can Be Cured. A. H. Stewart, the Great Chemist and Inventor, will tell you how to cure the disease.

James Baker, a printer well known in throughout Texas, was found cold in death in the rear of the Gen theater at Dallas last Sunday.

The duck hunting season is just opening. Reports from Caldwell county that ducks are coming to come in large numbers.

A. R. Martin, constable of precinct No. 12 in Wink County, was killed on the edge of his wagon home from a circus at Dunlap.

THE PLEBEIAN PEANUT. A valuable addition to most grocers. The peanut, which for so many years has been the popular nut.

MARY FRASER

Mystery Cleared Away by Truth and Woman's Love.

CHAPTER II—(Continued)

"Well, Nancy, where's your father? I've brought my niece to see you, and the Vicar has said, 'How do you do?' with her next quaint politeness; but I feel disappointed because I had my blue eyes.

"What is it, Nancy?" the Vicar asked.

"Nursy said that perhaps she would be a little girl and play with me," Nancy replied.

"I am not a little girl but I can play all sorts of games, Nancy," Agatha said.

"Can you? Will you come and play with me and Arabella and Giolanna? They are only dolls, you know, but they do like games. Only Nancy can't run; but she has them, no—her legs are so old, she says."

"Of course I will! I love dolls! What grand names they have! Did you come to meet?"

"Father told me about them; he has them to see me out of a lock, with a lot of other names; but I liked them last," and Mopsis liked them.

"Who is Mopsis? Is it another doll?"

"Yes—Mopsis is my dear darling child! Once she was a kitten, you know, and she was like a white rooly ball; but now she has two long little white kitten ears, and you would you like to see them?"

"—Indeed I should!"

"By this time Nancy had slipped her hand into Agatha's and chattered so happily.

"Is your father in the library, Nancy?" asked the Vicar. "Then we may as well go round this way. And they turned off from the road along which they had followed through the garden and across the lawn to the steps in front of the house which Mopsis entered.

Nancy pulled away her hand, as though to run in search of her father, but at the top of the steps she turned round to look at Agatha.

"Do you like primroses?" she asked, and held out the bunch in her hand. Agatha, who had been stooping, kissed the sweet little face held up to her.

"In all Nancy's little life it was the first time she had been kissed with a bound to her new friend. With a sudden intake of breath she threw her arms around Agatha's neck and returned the kiss.

Lord Craythorne, hearing his niece's noise, had come to the window to see what was going on. He saw the little Miss Fraser, and with the child clinging to his hand he went forward to welcome the unexpected visitor. It was four years since a lady had crossed his threshold.

"Nancy brought my niece to see you, Craythorne," said the Vicar. "Lord Craythorne—Miss Blount."

The color rushed to Agatha's face as she held out her hand, and a thrill went through her as she felt the understanding of the little Miss Fraser.

Lord Craythorne gave it. She was not usually shy, but it was with difficulty that she raised her eyes to his, and in the life of her she could not have spoken in answer to the few words he said in a low tone full of feeling.

"It is good of you to come here, Miss Blount! I am very glad to see you."

Nancy however came to the rescue.

"Father, she says she likes dolls and kittens. May I take them?"

"Yes, certainly, if she would like them," said the Vicar.

"Then Agatha found her voice, and she said the kindly face fixed up with her with an amusing friendliness.

"I should like it very much, but I don't think she'll want them."

"Yes, Nancy—take her off to Mopsis while I talk to your father!"

"I'll do something in this article. I can't quite make out, Craythorne, even your note doesn't make it altogether clear to me, and the Vicar turning over the pages of the magazine he had brought back with him.

"I am quite sure," said Agatha, Lord Craythorne turned to his friend, but he was scarcely as attentive as usual, something in the expression of the face into which he had just looked had awakened feelings he had thought not to entertain since he had clasped a woman's hand in greeting. In spite of all his old experiences, he was still a young man. Fortune

some tea before your bring Mopsis and her babies."

CHAPTER III.

"And you mean to say, Jean, that which I thought to tell him, not to come here, had after all been really wanting to help him, and I hate the idea of painting a man in his position."

"Yes, I mean to be letter to a little firm now than to have it left later on that Agatha is going to be married, and she believes him guilty? And, Alexander, even you must have noticed Lord Craythorne was in the room on one thing; and other people must have seen it, too."

"Yes, I mean to like to be with her—I have seen that—and Agatha appears to me to be quite willing on her side."

"And you mean to tell me that you would be content that our niece should marry a man who would be so unfaithful to her?"

The Vicar considered for a moment.

"Yes, Jean, I think I should," he replied. "But what is my idea of talking it, as you say, Agatha is going to marry Julian Craythorne about a week or so ago. I suppose I must; and Mr. Fraser went out of the drawing-room at the door with an impatient bang."

Miss Jean, when left alone, did not feel happy, though apparently her little bit of maneuvering had a chance of success. She always tried to be truthful, and she well knew that she had gone beyond actual fact in what she had said.

She had not had a very comfortable time lately. Overborne by her brother and niece, she had accepted a man's assurance and received him with a friendly heart in her heart of hearts she had strong doubts that she was doing her own duty in his presence. She very soon perceived the strong attraction between him and her niece, and she felt powerless to stop his coming to the vicarage. The hint she gave her brother fell upon deaf ears, and she was in an awkward position in her hands in the shape of a letter from Lady Fraser, the result of a conversation between her and Julian.

"Do you see what Laura Morris says that that unfortunate brother of yours has been friendly to her. It seems he is all the vicarage constantly, and Miss Fraser is there with my niece. It is done in the Vicar's part. If he chooses to make friends with him, in at least he should not expose himself to the same treatment."

"Why don't you have her up here soon, mother? There's a Drawing room on the twentieth floor, I might write and ask, if you do not mind, Julian? If Mr. Fraser does not take care, he will have Craythorne wishing to marry the girl."

This speech was an experiment on Lady Craythorne's part, and it had proved even better than she hoped.

"Craythorne never says Agatha Blount! Good heavens, mother, do not say such things! I would be absolutely scandalous—and Julian would be very angry if he knew of this excitement being talked about the room."

His mother looked at him curiously.

"Agatha is perfectly free to do as she chooses, and she has five thousand a year of her own—at least as long as John stays."

"Does he manage her affairs for her?"—So Miss Fraser said.

"Then he ought to be warned, and he ought to be satisfied if he can't help it. I have a good mind to go and tell him."

"Perhaps he will think you want to do my niece's good."

"Well, and if he does? He might not be so far from the truth if he were any other man. I'm sure if I were a woman, I should not choose to be so beautiful and refined, her relatives are unobjectionable, and she is a most interesting girl. I must have money with my wife, whoever she is. To tell the truth, I don't know any other man of a woman of late that it would not be bad."

"This is a wife with money would improve your position in many ways, and as for me, I could not do a better thing than to be married to her."

So Agatha Blount here it was as soon as you can mother, and I'll see that you are not ungrateful to me. "We were very good friends in Italy last year; I don't fancy I could do a better thing than to be married to her."

His mother's face clouded a little, and she said to her niece:

strongest love of which she was capable, but even she could not be quite blind to his intense egotism. As for her niece, she forgot for the momentary pang of dissatisfaction in the reflection that she seemed likely to fulfil her hopes with respect to her marrying; and she said that she decided to write the letter to Miss Fraser which had in fact been written in her talk with her brother.

Lady Craythorne made the most of her son's liking for Agatha, and expressed a desire to see her with warm invitation and come to her home. Her letter to the aunt was marked, "Private and confidential."

The Vicar was a little surprised when his niece positively refused to leave Craythorne earlier than she had originally intended; but he concluded it was one of the ways of woman, so to be understood by an old bachelor like himself.

The poor man found it terribly hard to make his promised communication to Lord Craythorne, but at last he succeeded in saying something that raised his niece's sensitive feeling on the subject at once. Lord Craythorne turned pale, but he spoke in a voice that had had some difficulty in keeping steady. "Will you tell me exactly what you mean?" he said; and he would not be satisfied till he had written a letter of good knowledge to the matter, a knowledge that opened his eyes immediately to the state of affairs which he had not known.

When the Vicar was finishing with rather a lame sentence about his sister's thinking it right that Lord Craythorne should know something of Agatha's probable future, she said as far as "before it is too—"; then suddenly believing himself to be in a state of falling in love with her niece he never had entered his friend's head.

"Too late! Fraser, you must not hesitate to finish your sentence," said Lord Craythorne. "The fact is, I am concerned, it is too late. I think it possible that a man who is in a cold but still very much of a woman like Miss Blount and not married to her? No; but I had a heart of stone. I'll tell all these years, can you realize what it means to me that she should have come of her own accord, in a letter of good knowledge to put her hand into mine, trusting me as no one of those women who have known me all my life has done? But Heaven knows that not for one moment have I even thought of expecting her to be more than a friend; I have never said anything to her that you or your sister could object to. I have known all along that Miss Fraser accepted of me, because you and Miss Blount did not; I could not resist the temptation of visiting once again a brave woman good woman lived. It was, in my mind, and stop away."

"But, my dear fellow," said the Vicar, laying his hand upon his companion's arm, "I will tell you that for one moment! It is my little secret, but even your sister just now, and as for your niece, the less I see of her the better. It is true she is really to be my sister's duty to try to face the idea as best as can be. It is years since I was just as you are now, and we were among very good friends. With justice he despised me for my idleness, and still more for my marriage with Miss Fraser. It is not the going into such matters now. In all probability she is a very good friend, and I would always be a true friend. I trust he will make her as happy as she deserves to be; and, as for me, there is not much likelihood that we shall ever meet again. Mr. Love, of which she will never hear, cannot hurt her; and for me, at least, it will be something to have the memory of her goodness—her kindness to me and my poor mother's—his longevity. His only voice broke as he ended, and there was a long silence.

Lord Craythorne had been into the village to take a letter to the early post, and, as they talked, they strolled back towards the big house. He did not say a word that recalled them, the Vicar spoke.

"You will not stay away altogether, Craythorne, will you?" Agatha said after you, but she shall account for your absence."

"Really enough, I have had a letter from Miss Fraser this morning. He wants that article I told you about as soon as possible." Say

as busy with that. When does she go? Not for another fortnight."

"No, no," Nancy down to see her. Poor child, she would break her heart if I kept her away altogether; and Miss Fraser cannot do anything but see her, I should like to see her once again before she goes, if possible. How—well, she can't come out through our front door. He opened the gate as he spoke. "Will you come up with me to Miss Fraser's study?"

"No—I have a sick visit to pay down at the mill; but I can't go you like this, Craythorne."

Lord Craythorne could not resist the appeal. He gave the hand held out to him a warm shake. "You have been kindness itself to me, Fraser, as you know well. Don't make yourself unhappy about me. Later on I know that I shall be glad to see you again when you give me, and—Look—some one is coming to comfort me!" For, as he spoke, Nancy could be seen flying down the drive towards them.

Agatha Blount was puzzled. Let the Vicar tell her, she went down to see her several times; and the small maiden had many a stroll in the garden. Her father had never once visited them.

"Father's very busy writing an article," she was all she could get out of Nancy.

(To be continued next week.)

JOHN BROWN.

Letter from the Man of Harper's Ferry

FRATERNAL SOCIETY—Sole Agent. THE GREAT T & P. "SUNSET LIMITED."

A New Hartford, Conn., dispatch says: "Rev. Luther Humphrey, a cousin of the famous abolitionist John Brown, died here recently. Among his effects has been found a letter written by John Brown to the late Governor of Connecticut, V. H. Chapman of Hartford, Va., after his raid on Harper's Ferry. It is claimed that this is the last letter that he ever wrote. It is dated "Charleston, Jefferson county, Va., Nov. 19, 1859," and is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Chapman: My dear friend—Your kind letter of the 13th inst. is now before me. "So far as my knowledge goes of your mutual kindred, I suppose I am the first since the landing of Peter Brown from the Mayflower that has ever been sentenced to imprisonment or to the gallows, but, my dear old friend, let not that fact alone grieve you, but you cannot have forgotten now and where your grandfather, Captain John Brown, died in 1776. I am sure you, too, might have participated on the scaffold had circumstances been but a very little different."

The fact that a man dies under the hands of an executioner or otherwise, has but little to do with his true character, as I suppose I have seen in your case a great and good man, I suppose, but his being so does not prove that he was a good man or otherwise, in his way was good or otherwise.

"Whether I have any reason to be of good cheer or not, I am sure of my end, I can assure you that I feel so and that I am totally blind if I do not really improve myself and find consolation in my duty to my fellow men, and of our fathers reward your fidelity."

"I neither feel mortified, degraded, nor in the least ashamed of my imprisonment, my chains, my next best prospect of death hanging. I feel assured that not one hair shall fall from my head without my Holy Father's will, and that I have long been endeavoring to hold exactly such a part as God has chosen."

"I have a wish which you have granted, and I have been most grateful to you for it, and I humbly trust that so far as the present is concerned, I have secured a great blessing in my present imprisonment, and I have been enabled to see the victory through infinite grace."

"I should be sixty six years old were I not, so that I concluded that I have already enjoyed fully an average number of waking hours with the joy which reaches their three score years and ten. I have not as yet been driven to the use of glasses, but can still see to read and to write, but more than that, I have generally enjoyed remarkably good health."

"I do not go on to recount unnumbered and unmerited blessings,

among which would be some very severe afflictions, and those the most needed blessings of all. And now when I think how early I might be able to spill all I have done or suffered in the cause of freedom, I hardly dare risk another voyage, if I even had the opportunity. It is a long time since we met, but we shall soon come together in our Father's house, I trust. Let us hold fast what we already have, remembering that we shall reap in due time if we wait not. I think I have been ever unto you, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord. And now, my old warm hearted friend, good-bye. Your affectionate cousin "John Brown."

This is the year for pine cones in Maine.

Gas pipes are now made of malleable iron.

Vermont history will be used as handle-bars for bicycles.

There are 60 miles of snow sheds on the Central Pacific railroad.

Portland soon expects to see foreign steamers sailing from that port all the year around.

Berlin says banks note an increase of \$20,000,000 last year in the sum of the deposits.

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All parts coming now for glazing are hereby notified that contracts have been left with T. E. Powell, B. L. Boydston, Julius Norton and W. D. Whisen, either of whom is authorized to collect and receipt for same.

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I request all those who owe me to come in and settle early. My land notes fall due soon and I need the money. You will favor me by acting promptly. R. F. Barrett, 40 Putnam, Texas.

GILLILLAND PASTURE POSTED.

Owing to the many deprecations committed by hunters in my pasture on Fock Bayou, I am compelled to forbid all hunting on the land or fishing in said pasture. Any person so trespassing will be prosecuted. This pasture is posted. J. Y. Gilliland.

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Taken up by A. H. Howard and estrayed before W. T. Wheeler, J. P. T. W. C. Callahan Co. One brown horse about 15 1/2 hands high. It had 12 years old, both feet and hind feet branded 809 on left hind and on right side. The owner of said animal is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take said animal after the same has been held with me for 30 days. Gives under my hand and seal of office this 16, day of Oct. 1897. W. W. DUNSON, Co. Clerk Callahan Co.

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