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REVIVAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Coale's Sunday Morning Sermon.

Subject: "Power of Influence."
Text—Rom. 14:7. "For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself."

One of the worst things that sin did for us was to make men selfish. I have often tried to picture what a grand thing it would be to have the world where the universal brotherhood of man held full sway and was fully realized. All the misery and woe is brought into the human race by sins. We sometimes speak of Christ revealing the Fatherhood of God. He did this more fully when he was here on earth. Not that it was not taught in the Old Testament, for it is, but Christ sought to teach man the tender relation between God and himself and the universal brotherhood of man, not only the relation between God and man but the relation of men to each other. Why was this taught? Because no man liveth to himself. There was a young man in north Texas where I was holding a meeting who I had tried to reach, and I was in his store talking to him one morning and he said, "I can't understand why it is that you are camping on my trail all the time, for if I want to go on in sin and go to hell it is none of anybody's business but mine." I told him that he was wrong there, and the reason why was that he had so much influence there in town. He said, "I had never thought of that. I never thought that I was ruining others while I ruin myself." The night before I was talking to a young man in the altar and he said that he wanted to be a Christian but he had never gotten to the point where he was willing to give up his friend Will. I told Will about the conversation I had with George, and that there was one he was keeping out of Christ because he was so wicked and his influence against God. He went down to the bank where George was at work and asked him if he said that and was answered yes. So Will told him when he was through work that evening to call at his room at the hotel, that he wanted to talk to him, and so when George quit work he went to the hotel. Will told him, "I did not know that my life was keeping you out of Christ." George asked him, "When I came here three years ago and did not know how to play cards, having been raised in a home where it was not allowed, who taught me how to play, and who gave me my first drink of whiskey?" Will said "I did." George told him that he wanted to be a Christian, but that he was afraid that he could not on account of the influence of his life, and that he had never come to the place where he wanted to part with him and so he was afraid to try to be religious. Will was all torn up by this and fell down on his knees and said, "Can you ever forgive me? I did not know that I was ruining your life, and by the grace of God, I will never lead you wrong again." And there they prayed together that God would pardon their sins and use them as a blessing and not a curse, and that night they were at the meeting and testified to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and in all the ten years experience I have had I have never seen two boys that did as much good in a meeting as they did. Hear me, "There are none living alone," there is going out from every life, and every deed in the life, an influence that will tell for good or for evil. I beg you to stop and think, what is your influence over others? One of the grandest things in the world is to see a man that lives only for God

go out and by the influence of his works pull other men over to him. There are many under this tabernacle who, if they would turn their influence over to God, this whole town would be brought to God. Many men stand as a great hindrance to the meeting, and are in the way of others because their influence is turned the wrong way. Let every word you utter be for and not against the meeting, and let your influence point to and not away from God.

Won't it be sad on the judgment morning to see men, women, boys and girls standing on the left side and say, "I would have been on the right side but in the meeting down there in Clarendon in the year 1909 you made me believe by the example you set in your life that there was plenty of time left for me. And I would have been saved if you had made the meeting the question of the day and tried to get me saved." Brother, that may be your son or daughter. Let's take the power of a kind word. God help us to realize the power of a kind word. How are you yielding your influence, are you using it to turn people to Christ or against Christ? There is nothing so well as the influence of a godly life in the homes. What we need more than all else is more christian homes.

After a while when you face the end and stop to consider what you have done for your children, the thing you will appreciate more than all else is to be able to say that we lived the best we could and thereby set the children a good example. The text said that no man dieth to himself, and when you die there is the influence of your life that will live long after you have been placed in the ground. John Wesley once said "The world is my parish." Some people say that is only egotism in him that makes him say that. I want to know now who would stand up and say that his prophecy is not true. When they put my old worn out body in the grave thank God they can not put the influence of my efforts to serve God in my weak way there with me. God help us all that we may be good and leave an influence for good behind us when we have crossed over to the other side. It is the most wonderful thing in the world to be good. After you are in heaven the influence of your life will live on and cause goodness that you do not think about and on the judgment day you will be astonished at the good that your life has wrought and praise God for your influence. Do you want to live for God and have your influence be for good? Once at the close of a funeral service I stood at the head of the casket of the wife of one of the men in a town where I was minister, the lady was a member of the church. There were the most beautiful lot of flowers on the casket I had ever seen in my life. The husband was kneeling by the side of the coffin and even the flowers seemed to mock him, and as he leaned over to kiss his wife for the last time I heard him mutter, "How I wish you could see these nice flowers that I have for you and hear the nice things I have said about you, but it is too late. You have left me forever and if I had brought you the flowers and said nice things to you maybe you would have been here now, but I brought them too late." Boys, listen, your mothers are not going to live long, and I beg you while they are still here put a path of sunshine before them and turn from your sins to their God. Jesus wants you in life to carry sunshine to the home and he wants you to be a blessing there.

May God hasten the day when

Jesus Christ shall reign in the hearts of men. That will be the days of love.

God help you give Him your heart, get right, live right and say, I am going to live so that I will send out influence that will bless and not curse the human race.

Prof. Phillips sang, "Tell Mother I Will Meet Her." His songs are always an inspiration to the workers and there is great good resulting from them.

An Oklahoma Cowboy-Farmer Fight.

Bartlesville, Ok., April 17.—A fierce fight between farmers of Osage county and cowboys employed by William Litele of Ramonia took place today when the farmers attempted to drive a large herd of Texas cattle belonging to Litele back across the Texas line.

It is reported that 50 shots were exchanged and one cowboy, L. Pugh, was seriously and perhaps fatally wounded.

The fight was the result of the effort to keep the Texas cattle from Osage county.

The farmers finally gave up the fight and retired.

Recalcitrant Austin Pie-Eaters.

In commenting on the set sent down to Austin, Uncle Zekiel in the Bridgeport Index, says:

"The necessity for the call will be due to a little coterie of obstructionists elected to both branches of the legislature through the instrumentality and manipulations of special interests who did not want the democratic platform demands enacted into laws. To charge those people and their active lobbyists with bribery or resort to corrupt practices to obstruct and defeat needed legislation, without first having such direct and unassailable proof as could not be ignored or set aside, would be foolish and wrong and would subject the acuser to the treatment meted out to Senator Thomas, but that the influence has been exerted effectually, whether by fair means or foul, it is evident from the effects produced and manifest to all thinking men who have kept in touch with the reported proceedings of our legislature.

"Those who resort to corrupt methods of influencing legislation are usually too sharp to expose

gives notice of the introduction of any measure affecting seriously the selfish interests of any given class of citizens, you will notice that at once representatives of these interests are drifting to Austin, their active friends seem to be alive all over the state at once, and call it 'lobby influence' or name it what you will, there is promptly such an influence at work in that city that no man of practical sense need make a mistake as to what they are there for, even Webb Flanagan would not ask the question.

"Were there a pending legislation affecting a local interest and we see those interested inviting our solons to accept entertainment, such as excursions, suppers, etc., at the expense of the entertainers, we may not judge correctly as to the effect produced, but a man with a thimbleful of gray matter in his cranium and at all familiar with modern methods, knows that those who pay the fiddler expect to enjoy the dance."

"Why is it that one legislature will run to an extreme in tabooring free passes on our railroads, while another accepts all the free rides and entertainments they can get? Is it right or consistent in legislators who endorse and refuse to modify the extreme position taken by the Thirtieth legislature and refuse to modify the anti-pass law, to accept free transportation and entertainment from corporate or commercial bodies when it is known of all that the sole object is to influence votes in behalf of some local or purely selfish interest?"

Taft Planning a Junket.

Washington, April 17.—President Taft, who believes the chief magistrate should keep in touch with the people, will make a notable tour of the country this summer if congress continues the traveling appropriation of \$25,000 made during the closing years of the Roosevelt administration.

The president will go to his summer home at Woodbury Point, Mass., June 1 and probably watch the maneuvers of the reassembled fleet of sixteen battleships.

Cost of the trip the president proposes to take west will probably be \$17,000, and will include a sailing trip to Alaska. He will probably visit the annual encampment of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake, the Trans-Mississippi conference at Denver, the national irrigation congress at Seattle and the Alaska-Yukon exposition in the same city.

Southern senators and congressmen are anxious to have Mr. Taft visit their section and he may include the south in his itinerary.

Dayton Stone, of Holland, Texas, won the honors for Texas in the Texas-Louisiana oratorical contest held at Baton Rouge, La., Friday night. Mr. Stone represented the Texas University, he being a junior law student there. He is a son of a prosperous farmer, A. E. Stone. He has won distinction on several occasions.

A dog went mad at the sight of a spring hat and bit the woman who wore it. This is going it rather strong, but some way or other we have a lot of sympathy for that dog.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

President Taft belongs to the "Bill" Club, and so does almost everybody along the first of the month.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

At Paul's Valley, Ok., Saturday the dead bodies of Mrs. M. A. Lee and her three-months old babe were found in Rush creek by a boy. Authorities believe it to be a case of suicide. Recently Mrs. Lee and her husband contested for the custody of the infant.

Goodnight Student Wins Medal for Oratory.

In the oratorical contest at Goodnight last Friday, the championship was won by Student W. D. Bracken of Goodnight. Three schools contested, Canadian Academy, Hereford College, and Goodnight Academy. The exercises were held in the chapel of the Goodnight administration building which was crowded to the limit of its capacity.

The subjects and names of contestants follow: Oration, "The Saloon a Factor in the Destiny of Texas," Arthur Rogers, Hereford College; oration, "A Mistaken Policy," S. B. Carr, Canadian Academy; oration, "Why We Need a Stronger Navy," W. D. Bracken, Goodnight Academy.

Claude.

News.

On last Sunday the Baptist church decided to hold their revival meeting beginning the 4th Sunday of July.

Jones, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Christian, had his collar bone broken Monday by being thrown from a horse.

Dan Bagley was quite painfully hurt last week, caused by a scuffling falling on his head while assisting in repairing a well.

Col. P. R. Stephens of Clarendon was a pleasant caller at The News office Tuesday. While in town he met Assessor Bagwell and rendered his Armstrong county property, consisting of several sections of fine land.

Col. R. E. Edmonson received this week the first poll Hereford bull and heifer ever brought to the Panhandle. They were bought in Canada last fall and wintered in Illinois. Col. Edmonson will add them to his herd of thoroughbred Herefords.

The News tells of the marriage of Robert E. Bianton to Miss Pearl Oliver; Edward I. Fox to Miss Henrietta Bondes, and Ross Mickey to Miss Clara Pennington.

Memphis.

Herald.

W. M. Montgomery of Clarendon spent Thursday in Memphis visiting relatives. He has a nice farm west of here.

J. F. Craig bought for \$1500 the V. R. Jones lot on the south side of the square between the Williams and Lane buildings and will erect a brick building on it at once.

The Memphis Baptist church has employed Rev. A. T. Douglass as financial secretary of the church. His duties in the future will be to get in the collections for the different institutions of the church, including the pastor's salary. He is an energetic young preacher, a student of Baylor and besides his work here he will preach on Sunday's at several school house appointments in the neighboring territory.

The railroad situation relative to the new line is practically unchanged since last week. Lakeview is still at work on its bonus and Memphis is going to be called no doubt. We are firmly convinced that Memphis can and will be expected to put up \$75,000 rather than have this road really built five miles to the north or south of the city. That thing may otherwise occur, as sure as fate.

At Amarillo Friday night Miss Marie Monohan, 20 years old and a waiter in a restaurant, met death while horseback riding. The animal dashed into a moving electric car and the young woman was thrown to the ground with such violence that her ribs pierced her lungs. She died after two hours' suffering. The body was sent to Whitewater, Wisconsin, the family home.

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The Inheritance Tax.

The rich are up in arms in opposition to the inheritance tax as proposed by the Payne tariff bill. This is not strange. Touch the pocket of the rich and spasms break out. To them the payment of a tax, even on ill-gotten gains, is a painful process.

But there is one tax the rich heartily favor—that on the necessities of life. These necessities, controlled by them, protected by a prohibitive import tax, afford the opportunity of getting back through extortionate price the wages paid the working class.

Not only this, but their representatives in congress are even now urging a higher taxation on these articles to still further increase the cost of living.

But the thought of an inheritance tax shocks their sensibilities and moves them to violent protest.

Class conscious? Well, I guess so. The rich favor such laws as legalize extortion and exploitation by the rich of the poor and oppose such measures as interfere with the robbery of the masses.—Appeal to Reason.

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themselves to the penalties which would likely be inflicted if proved guilty, and those influenced by corrupt methods, in other words who for any consideration give their vote or influence for or against their honest conviction of right and duty, are rarely fools enough to accept a bribe in such a way that they would likely be detected, and yet it looks very much like votes are sometimes cast or influence used so contrary to any reasonable expectation that one can hardly avoid the conviction that influence other than honest conviction must have been at work.

"We must always admit, however, that honest and sincere men sometimes entertain sentiments and opinions not only opposite, but extremely so, from each other, when it would be impossible for a third party perhaps to understand how such a wide difference of view could be entertained by men of practical good sense and honest hearts.

Where a selfish interest is involved we may often account for an opinion or act, for our human nature is prone to be influenced by selfish interests and it sometimes seems that we instinctively lean in one direction while all reason and ordinary common sense would dictate an opposite course, but when the press

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The Childress Daily Index, of the 13th issue, has been received by us, the first copy to reach us. It is well gotten up and a creditable paper for a town of Childress' size.

The democratic senators in their caucus on the tariff decided to support the income tax proposition which Senator Bailey has introduced as an amendment to the Payne bill. The amendment provides for a tax of three per cent on all incomes above \$5,000, exempting incomes from federal, state county and municipal securities and the salaries of state officials. Wonder why Mr. Bailey should be so ready to exempt the official class?

The average cost of hauling produce in this country is 25 cents a mile per ton. In France it is 12 cents a mile per ton. Were our roads, then, equal to those of France, there would be a gain to our farmers of 13 cents a mile per ton. According to the freight figures of the interstate commerce commission about 250 million tons are now annually hauled to points of shipment. Were our roads equal to those of France the annual gain in hauling, based on those figures, would be \$305,000,000.

When the broad areas of this great country are traversed by roads equal to the national routes of France, the standards of living in rural sections will be uplifted to an astonishing degree; the cost of marketing the products of the farmers will be reduced by many millions of dollars; the city and the country will be brought closer together; the public highways will be made veritable rivals of railroads for the transportation of commodities; the rural sections will be beautified; realty prices will increase and the health of the people will be greatly improved.

The Stamford Commercial Club is out after the next meeting of the Texas Press Association and wear in receipt of a letter in which its officers say: "A year ago Stamford entered the race for the 39th annual meeting of the Texas Press Association. She was unsuccessful in her ambition, being second in the race, Marlin having won. We beg now to renew this invitation with the hope that you will agree with us that we are entitled to your consideration. If you are not a member of the association permit us to hope that you will attend the meeting at Marlin May 27, 28 and 29 and become a member. If you are a member you will no doubt attend and we hope lend us your aid in realizing our ambitions."

Dan Bell spent Sunday with his family in Clarendon. Dan says the wind and sand was fierce in Clarendon that day and real estate was on the move all the time. Of course Dan must be mistaken as the wind never blows in Clarendon.—Childress Index.

For all that, Clarendon is not near so windy as a Childress editor. The fact that Dan Bell, whose employment is in Childress all the time, has consideration enough for his family to furnish them a home in Clarendon, where water is pure, where there is no fog of alkali dust and pleasant surroundings instead of moving them to Childress, is refutation enough to the above thrust.

The market place at Juarez, across the river from El Paso, was burned Sunday morning. The loss is estimated by the mayor of Juarez at \$45,000, Mexican money. No insurance.

A hail storm came up Saturday evening, and while not very thick, the stones were very large and skylights and windows suffered.

President Plans Big Trip at Public Expense.

The president's plan for the summer, as far into the heated term as August 15, have been completed. He will leave Washington as soon as he can arrange matters after the adjournment of congress. He has been told that the extra session will end June 1. The president will go direct from the White House to his home at Woodbury Point, Beverly, Mass., and will spend two months or more there as quietly and as free from official worry as possible. Mr. Taft will devote most of his vacation to golfing, motoring and perhaps will take short cruises along the northern coast.

The reassembled Atlantic fleet of 16 battle ships will maneuver off the New England coast in the summer and the president will undoubtedly desire to see some of the work of the ironclads.

The trip the president desires to make to the west in the late summer will be entirely too expensive to be paid for out of his own pocket. An outline of the proposed itinerary has been given to a high railroad official and an estimate requested. It is said the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000 to \$17,000. If he goes west at all, the president will include Alaska in the journey, sailing from Seattle, probably on a vessel of the navy or revenue cutter service. No president has ever visited the far northern territory which for so long has been a part of the United States. The president has been invited to and is particularly anxious to attend the following gatherings:

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Salt Lake City, Utah. The Trans-Mississippi conference at Denver. The National Irrigation congress at Spokane and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle.

In addition to his proposed visit to the Rocky mountain states and to the Pacific coast, the president's tentative plans for the trip include a long swing through the Southwest and the heart of the south itself.

Daring Bank Robbers.

Bartlesville, Ok., April 19.—While scores of citizens discharged weapons in an effort to intimidate them two robbers dynamited a safe in the bank of Havana, Kan., near the state line and escaped with \$2,300. They were arrested here by a lone policeman but when about to enter jail one drew a revolver and forced the captor to free them. A posse is in pursuit.

Speed Records Broken.

At Los Angeles Monday Jack DeRosier rode a 7-horse power motorcycle 100 miles in 97 minutes and 59.35 seconds, said to be the fastest record time for any power propelled vehicle for that distance. This included three stops.

On Wednesday of this week Theodore Roosevelt and the members of his party will disembark in Mombasa from the steamer Admiral and the much heralded African hunting trip will actually begin. Mr. Roosevelt will lose no time in receiving official or private welcome at the African seaport. He has requested that his special train be waiting as near as possible to the wharf where he lands. All baggage will be at once transferred to the cars and immediately the train will pull out for the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, on the Athi river. Mr. Roosevelt will be Sir Alfred's guest the first fortnight's stay in the East African protectorate, and the first shooting trips will be made from this base. After two weeks on the Athi, the Roosevelt party will go on to Nairobi, whence they will drive to the Juja ranch, to be guests of George McMillan for the second fortnights of their stay.

Will have next week a fine line of matting, cheaper and better at H. C. Kerbow's.

Four Texas Cattlemen Taken From Oklahoma Jail and Hanged.

Ada, Ok., April 19.—Four prominent cattlemen were taken from jail here today by a mob of about 100 and lynched. They were: Captain J. B. Miller, Ft. Worth. Jesse West, Canadian, Texas. Joe Allen, Canadian, Texas. B. B. Burrell, Duncan, Ok. West and Allen of Canadian were well-to-do cattlemen.

The mob organized in the Commercial club rooms and marched to the jail at 3 o'clock this morning, where they found only one man standing guard, who was overpowered and the four prisoners were seized and hurried to a neighboring barn, where all four were hanged to a rafter.

The men were held, charged with complicity in the murder of Federal Marshal A. A. Bobbitt, near Ada, in February, who was shot from ambush.

An examining trial was held last Thursday, but no indictment was returned. This aroused much resentment. The mob was well organized and composed of many prominent citizens.

Only a few wore masks and the entire procedure was most unusual for a lynching.

The mob proceeded about its work more as if its members were going to a ball game or some social function, with no excitement and no resistance.

Miller, the Fort Worth victim, is alleged to have killed from six to ten men in his career.

Miller shot and killed Frank Fore at the Delaware hotel in Fort Worth a short time ago. He was with Pat Garrett, the famous man hunter, when Garrett was killed at Las Cruces, N. M. Miller and Garrett were long comrades.

Miller leaves a wife and three children at Fort Worth. He was arrested two weeks ago in Dallas and during the preliminary trial feeling was so intense that the court forbade publication of the evidence.

Burrell, a nephew of Miller, turned state's evidence. He disclosed what he alleged to have been complete plans of West and Allen to murder Marshal Bobbitt, who was a long time enemy. It is alleged that Bobbitt forced Allen and West to flee from Oklahoma many years ago.

Fort Worth, April 19.—While J. B. Miller, one of the men lynched at Ada, Ok., bore the reputation as a "bad man" his popularity here was extensive and his friends were among the best of citizens.

Burrell, another victim, leaves brothers and relatives at Ballinger and Weatherford.

Miller killed Alex. Frazier at Toyah several years ago and was acquitted at a trial at Cisco.

Ada, Ok., April 19.—The county attorney today said there likely would be no prosecutions as a result of the lynching, "as no one in town appeared to know the participants, and he didn't know them himself."

Last night a number of friends of Marshal Bobbitt gathered and agreed that none of the four men would be convicted and therefore they could only avenge Bobbitt's murder by lynching the prisoners.

The charges in the killing for which Miller was lynched was that he was paid \$2,000 by West and Allen for shooting Bobbitt. The men accused of hiring him to assassinate Bobbitt were reputed to be worth \$100,000 each.

The French wheat crop now maturing is said to be the largest in years; still it would probably cost us just about as much to move to France as to stay at home and buy bread.—Dallas News.

Newt Whipple, enroute from Woodward, Ok., to Roswell, N.M., stopped over from Friday until day to visit his father.

Senate Knocking Guaranty Bill.

Austin, Tex., April 19.—The house bank guaranty deposit bill, passed by the house, was carried to the senate today and referred to the committee. Opposition to the measure is as strong as during the last session, and as before, the Senator-Hume bill will likely be reported as a substitute and passed. Senator Holsey this morning offered a guaranty bill modeled after the Nebraska plan, but it has few supporters.

Seven bills were introduced in the senate this morning embracing many changes in the state department as recommended by the governor. The passage of the measure will let out 40 clerks and likely to precipitate a fight.

The deficiency appropriation bill passed the house today.

The senate has accepted an invitation for the legislature to visit San Antonio Wednesday.

The bill creating the Amarillo independent school district finally passed the senate.

STATE NEWS.

Mac Geddes had his left arm broken at Estelline Sunday while playing base ball.

At Dalhart in district court J. T. Adams and a man named Walker were sent up for three years each for forgery.

Amarillo is making an effort to raise a \$5,000 bonus and a free building site for the proposed Panhandle State Normal.

At Sherman Sunday night the Central Christian Church was burglarized. Several swing electric fans and numbers of light globes were taken.

Doc Scott, aged 40, married with two children, was shot and killed at Howe Thursday by Fred Parker, 32 and also married. Both were horse traders.

J. G. Hogan, a workman at the Santa Fe roundhouse in Amarillo aged 23, while working under an engine it was started up, the wheels mangled him horribly. Death soon followed.

James Thomas, who was burned in a fire at Bowie, which destroyed the Dudley hotel a short time ago, died Sunday night. Thomas was aged 45 and his home was at Wichita Falls.

Three cars of strawberries were shipped from Tyler Thursday, which brought the growers \$4,100. Four cars were loaded Friday night. Choice berries are selling from \$2.75 to \$3 per crate there.

Reports from extreme southwest Texas state that cattle are dying by the hundred for lack of water and grass, owing to the long drouth. No rain in the Alpine country for eight months.

A Baptist church which cost \$4,500 was totally destroyed by fire at San Marcos Saturday. Insurance was \$1,500. Rev. B. A. Copass' library, valued at \$2,000, was destroyed, with insurance at \$200.

The penitentiary agent left Sherman Monday with five prisoners for the pen: Clay Mack, murder, five years; L. D. Helton, rape, seven years; G. L. Bullard, forgery, four years; S. E. Scott, forgery, two years; Clarence Wilson, a negro, burglary, five years.

An apple found on the front porch of the home of J. T. Brooks, near Whitney Monday, was suspected of containing poison and examined. It was found to contain a large quantity of strychnine. Several weeks ago a similar trick was done.

John Oliver, 15 years old, son of Bridge Foreman Oliver of the Rock Island, had his leg and hip badly injured Saturday in Amarillo. While sitting on the track in the yards near some boarding cars a switch engine bumped into the cars and one truck passed over his leg.

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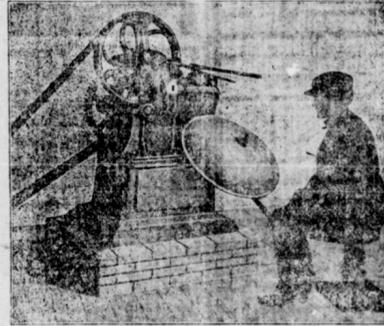
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. J. Stanton is again bookkeeping at T. H. Allen's.

W. C. Stewart and Will Guill went to McLean Tuesday.

F. A. White is thinking of going to San Antonio Saturday.

Alvis Weatherly is getting in some of his material this week for his paper.

Bond Johnson and Chas. Kinslow, of Hedley, spent Monday in Clarendon.

C. A. Burton came in from Plainview last week and visited his family until Monday.

Yesterday was a real raw day and disagreeable to thin-blooded persons. It threatened snow.

Mr. Shannon, of Boulder, Col. is here this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. S. Robinson.

B. B. Bateman has recently taught singing classes at McNight and Bray and will probably teach next at Hedley.

Homer Mulky will leave Saturday for San Antonio as a representative of Clarendon Knights of Pythias in the grand lodge meeting at that place.

At Venus Otis Platt, 17 years of age, was struck by a baseball while playing in a game with Cahill Saturday and died Sunday from his injuries.

Sidney Johnson, of Garland, Texas, visited his cousin, Gus Johnson, here Friday and Saturday, then stopped off at Hedley to visit Bond Johnson.

The interest at the Baptist church Sunday was fine and Rev. Pittman's sermon excellent. There were two additions to the church by experience at the morning service.

The jump offs on the bank corner and on the T. H. Allen corner, next to the depot should be made better. It is very inconvenient for ladies to step up or down such a distance, and worse when she has to lift a baby buggy up and down such places.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford was stricken Friday with pneumonia and grew rapidly worse until Sunday, when she was taken to Duncan, Ok., by Mr. Crawford, the doctors saying it would be best to take her to a lower altitude. Monday her life was still despaired of, but yesterday a message stated that she was a little better.

Mrs. Nick Andrus was a caller Saturday, while her and Mrs. Mat Andrus were in shopping. She is very much interested in the Chamberlain school, in which there were 40 scholars last year, and a very successful term taught by Miss Maggie Willis. The number of scholars have been cut down this year, however, by a few renters of large families moving and she is apprehensive of a shorter term of school.

The revival goes on with increased interest at the Methodist church. There have been about 70 conversions and the congregation grows larger at each service. A petition was circulated Monday by Rev. Kikerasking that the business houses be closed from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock for the afternoon services. Practically every firm asked, agreed to close and good meetings largely attended was the result, both Monday and yesterday. Services will be continued through the week at 3:30 and at night.

Donley Mineral Prospects.

Several parties recently have discovered strong indications of coal in this county. In fact, they show a pretty good quality of lignite, and we were shown a sample of peat that burns readily. The parties were rather reticent and did not care to go into details as to their discoveries or the location. We are also told that a part of the county is underlain with petroleum oil, beyond a doubt.

Peat is partly decomposed vegetable matter that has formed either where the ground is saturated with water most of the time or where it is permanently covered with water. It is the dark colored or nearly black soil found in bogs and swamps, commonly known as muck, although technically a distinction is made between peat and muck, the latter name being restricted to those forms of swamp deposits that contain too much mineral matter to burn freely. Dry peat may be very fibrous and light colored or compact and structureless and dark brown or black. It is usually somewhat lighter in color when dry than when freshly dug. When wet it contains as a rule from 80 to 90 per cent or more of water; that is, a short ton of wet peat rarely contains more than 300 pounds of dry peat and may yield as little as 100 pounds. In the wet condition it is entirely noncombustible, and the various processes by which it is prepared for use or market, consist principally of methods for ridding it of water quickly and cheaply and for increasing its fuel efficiency and transportability.

Hillian Braly jumped from his buggy in a runaway Tuesday and broke his ankle. He was driving in a funeral procession, following the corpse of Grandpa Dickerson to the cemetery, when a sudden halt in the procession toward the front caused the team before him to run backward against his buggy tongue and broke it; his team started to run away when he and Prof. Harrison jumped from the buggy.—Silverton Enterprise.

F. M. Brain, who recently moved here from Iowa, has purchased of E. H. Noland his nice residence near the Baptist church. It is Mr. Noland's intention to move to Clarendon about the first of May.—Stratford Star.

John Hunt, who has been in Dalhart for the past several months in the employ of the railroad company, came in Tuesday for a visit at the home of his father, S. H. Hunt, in the southern part of the county.—Stratford Star.

Missouri's highway engineer says that farmers can have good roads at less cost per year than telephones. And the roads won't be too "busy" to use, either.

Cabbage and asparagus plants now ready. Sweet potato slips, tomatoes and other plants ready in a short time. T. Jones & Co.

The barn of J. A. Burt, living near Brumlow, in Wise county, burned Sunday night. Mr. Burt ran to release his horses from the burning building. When he entered the barn one of his horses wheeled and kicked him in the stomach, causing injuries from which he is not expected to recover. Mr. Burt came near burning to death, and it was only by the heroic work of his family that he was removed from the burning barn. One horse, much feed stuff and several farming implements were lost.

Owing to the continued dry weather many of the wells and cisterns on the heights of West Dallas have been exhausted, and a great many people in that section of the town are hauling water from the wells in the valleys. Much inconvenience has resulted to the people generally, and much more will follow unless it rains soon, and in sufficient quantity to soak the ground thoroughly.

Close Call by Fire.

Monday night fire was discovered in Kerbow's hardware and furniture store about nine o'clock, or two hours after the store had been closed for the day.

It had started on the second floor where a lot of mattresses were stored and the pile of mattresses and other material were pretty well consumed, besides the floor beneath and ceiling above were burned through before the fire was extinguished.

The fire boys were quick at getting on the ground with a string of hose and had a stream of water flowing on the fire in a very short time. The greatest damage was from water, as under the upper floor was a lot of furniture that it damaged considerably. Disinterested parties were called in and an inspection made yesterday and the damaged stuff listed. The estimate of loss runs over \$1,500, which is covered by insurance.

Mr. Kerbow says he has not the least idea of how the fire started, as there had been no smoking by anyone that he is aware of, and the fire originated some distance from the stove.

The quick work of putting out the fire in such inflammable stuff is another demonstration of the usefulness of the fire company and plenty of water. Otherwise the best block in town might have burned.

Senator Willacy, chairman of the Senate finance committee, says that if the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. fine shall be paid and the automatic tax law shall remain unchanged, the ad valorem tax rate for state general purposes will be only 10 on \$100. He says that an error of \$200,000 was made in footing the appropriation bill, the total being too large. Therefore the rate probably will be only 10 instead of 20 as first appeared.

The Cummings income tax bill will likely be up in the senate today. Senator Cummins had considered a tax of 1 per cent on incomes from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and an increasing rate above that until 5 per cent on incomes of \$50,000 or more was reached. Several of his visitors have urged him to change the limit to \$3,000, and to make the tax one half of 1 per cent between \$3,000 and \$5,000. This, it was argued, would be fairer, since the man with a family living on \$2,000 was thought to be paying a large enough share of the taxes.

Half Block for Sale.

Near college and handy to public school with 6-room house, well, windmill, tank, nice shade, sheds, etc. For price and terms see A. W. McLean.

For Rent—Ground floor office, J. L. Davis.

Strayed—One old gray mare, blind in left eye; one bay mare, 7 years old, small white spot in forehead, branded with a square and small x on left side of fore shoulder, or box x. Hold and notify W. R. Lofflin, Groom, Texas.

Pumpkin Yam Seed Sweet Potatoes for sale. Will deliver in town on notice by card. A. L. Bruce.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

If you want a kitchen cabinet call on H. C. Kerbow.

The Peerless, long-life electric lamps, best in town, for sale by G. A. Murrell.

Bloody Butcher seed corn at \$1 per bushel at the Clarendon Mill and Elevator.

Two work horses for sale—15 and 16 hand, horses in good work shape. J. C. Asher.

If you want anything repaired call at Murrell's repair shop. We repair anything.

In the next few days will have a new line of art squares and rugs at prices to suit. Call and see them at H. C. Kerbow's.

An advance shipment of slippers just in at Rathjen's, and more on the road. Call and see them.

Phone us your local news items

Groom.

CHRONICLE Correspondence.

U. A. Wall has returned from Elk City, where he had been called to the bedside of his mother.

Mr. Bugbee shipped out ten cars of cattle last week.

Mrs. A. A. Anderson is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson.

Hughes & Hamilton shipped in several fine horses from Iowa last week.

Mrs. H. C. Bailey is spending a few days in Groom as the guest of Mrs. R. A. Fay.

A number of the young people attended the oratorical contest at Goodnight College last Friday and all report a fine time.

Mr. Shotwell shipped eight hundred head of cattle from here last week to Kansas pastures.

Laurence Knorrp and family have come in from the north this week.

Rowe W. O. W. Entertainment.

The Woodmen of Rowe Camp will give an entertainment Friday night, May 14, 1909. It will be a "Fiddlers' Contest" and an ice cream supper. Prizes will be awarded in the contest as follows:

First prize, ten per cent of admission fees; second prize, five per cent; third prize, a nice cake.

Fiddlers should get busy and enter this contest, and everybody is invited to come and enjoy themselves once more in life. You will not regret your time and money. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

N. E. ARNN,

R. E. MCGEE,

W. T. GAY,

Committee.

The Hat in Church.

In resignation's thrall I sat
At church today a weary hour
But nothing saw in front of me
Except a millinery tower.

'Tis well we walk by faith alone
When, worshipful, we go to church;
If we should need to see a bit
We'd surely be left in the lurch.
New York Sun.

The call for a meeting of the executive committee of the Texas W. C. T. U. has been made, and it will be held May 3 and 4 in Austin. Miss Hattie Henderson, vice president at large, has made all the arrangements, and the Austin W. C. T. U. has sent a cordial invitation to meet in their city. Reduced rates on the railroads will be given. Mrs. Ammerman, the president, has returned from Kentucky, and will preside at this meeting. The time and place for the State convention will be decided. Invitations have been received from Marlin and El Paso.

Col. F. P. Holland, publisher of Farm and Ranch, has given several trophy cups to agricultural and livestock organizations in Texas; one to the Texas Swine Breeders, one to the Dairy Association and one to the Texas Corn Growers' Association. Now Mr. Walter B. Whitman, managing editor of Farm and Ranch, offers a very handsome silver cup to boys under 18 who compete in the Farm and Ranch corn contest for this year. Farm and Ranch offers \$1000 in cash for the best corn grown in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:
Steers \$3.75 to \$5.90.
Cows \$2.65 to \$4.25.
Calves \$2.00 to \$5.50.
Hogs \$5.30 to \$7.05.

I Will Exchange

A mountain ranch in Boulder county, Col., having clear title from the United States. A 7-room house, timber and water, a beautiful summer resort and free grazing for six or eight hundred cattle, sheep or horses, for property in Donley county, Texas.

I. W. CARHART,
Clarendon, Tex.

Found—and left at this office, a baby shoe; also, a month ago, a pair of lady's gloves.

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Election Notice for School Trustees of the Clarendon Independent School District.

In pursuance of an order passed by the board of school trustees of the Clarendon Independent School District, an election for the purpose of electing four (4) school trustees is hereby ordered to be held at the Court House in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas, on the first Saturday in May, same being the 1st day of May, 1909.

I. W. Carhart is appointed manager or judge of said election, at which only duly qualified voters of said district shall be allowed to vote. The election shall be held as near as may be in conformity with the state election laws.

W. H. PATRICK,

F. D. MARTIN, Sec.

I have for sale within half a mile of Rowe, 50 acres of good farm land, with good 4-room house, out buildings, etc., at a bargain; 40 acres in cultivation; can give immediate possession if sold soon. See me, or address J. L. Davis, Clarendon, Texas.

For Sale.

Four tons millet hay, 1/2 mile west of town on what is known as the A. T. Cole place, at \$10 per ton. F. W. Saunders.

Six Milch Cows for Sale.

Apply to Chas. Wright, south part of town.

SAFE CAB SERVICE.

In the sale of the livery business I have retained the cab, which will at all times be in hands of a careful driver with a safe team to meet all trains, regardless of the weather. Your patronage solicited.

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K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 30. Meets every Tuesday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. G. B. BERRY, C. H. W. KELLEY, K. of R. & S.
Pythian Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 38. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights at Pythian Hall. Mrs. H. B. WHITE, M. E. C. Mrs. JOHN M. CLOWEN, M. of R. & C.
Modern Woodmen of America—Clarendon Camp No. 12,422. Meets every Saturday night at Woodmen Hall. Mrs. R. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.
Royal Neighbors—A. G. W. W. Meets every Monday night and Mrs. R. T. JOHNSON, Oracle. Mrs. H. W. KELLY, Recorder.

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Profit in Broom Corn.

At Bowie recently a correspondent of the Live Stock Reporter met J. E. Finnell of Sunset, Montague county, who said: "I am a broom corn man. I raise broom corn and I make it into brooms myself. A person can raise from two to three tons per acre and it pays from \$40 to \$80 a ton, according to the quality and color.

"If the corn gets too ripe it has red straw and does not bring as good a price as it does if it be lighter, and then heavy straw does not pay as much as it does when it is thinner. When I plant broom corn I always sow some thick and some thin. Of course a person can use heavier straw in the center of a broom, but what makes the best broom is the light flexible straw that is easily bent. You have likely sometimes bought brooms that were so stiff and hard you could hardly bend them. That was because the straw was too thick and coarse. By sowing it thick the straw does not grow so rank. I take a regular corn planter, rabbitt the drill hole, and set the machine so it will put them from two to four inches apart in the row.

"Broom corn can be planted any time from the first of April to the last of June. Last year I planted after Irish potatoes, but it is better after squaw corn. If it be planted the first of April the corn is ready to harvest in August. If it be planted the last of June it will still come off before frost.

"Broom corn is easy to raise because it doesn't have to be hoed. After it begins to boot it doesn't need plowing; by that time it will be nearly waist high, and it will shade the ground so that the weeds will not grow. Three cultivations are all that are needed.

"If the ground is rich the corn may be planted closer together than if it is poor to prevent it from growing too big and rank.

"When the head begins to come out and the seeds get heavy, if you haven't time to harvest, go through the field and turn down the heads 4 or 5 inches below the brush. This will keep them from binding and getting crooked. They will do all right for two or three weeks longer this way, but if they are left too long the straw gets red and does not bring such a good price.

"When a man sells the broom corn he gets the seed back. It is fine for feeding hogs and chickens. I claim that the seed and the pasture pay for the cultivation, for the stalk is fine for pasture after the broom part has been cut off.

"I planted my first crop three years ago. I had been looking and looking for something that would suit me to raise that would have a home market and that would not take so long to make a crop as cotton.

"This is a crop that the farmer can control himself and that can be kept out of the hands of the capitalist. A farmer can put up a broom factory for \$100. Fifty cents will buy the wire, twine, handles and locks for a dozen brooms. Where the factory is close the broom corn can be hauled right to the factory like hay on a hay rack, but for a distance it has to be baled.

"I know by experience that if a man who makes brooms will prepare to take butter and eggs he can go through the country and sell from one to a dozen brooms at every house on the road he travels.

"Any man or boy can learn to make brooms and it is nice clean work. There is a factory at Ft. Worth, one at Bonham, and there are several scattered around in Oklahoma. The largest one in the south is at Shattuck, where they have warehouses and pay \$65 and \$75 a ton for the straw. They dye and bleach. One thing sure, Texas and Oklahoma should at least meet their own home demand for brooms.

"Broom corn is such an easy crop to raise that the farmers are glad to take hold of it when they know there is a factory near that will buy their brush. This is some thing that is close to the consumer and it pays better than sending our cotton across the water. People

talk about over-production of cotton bringing the price of cotton down. That isn't it at all. It is under-consumption. Think of the farmer's wife having to darn great big holes in his socks when she had rather be out in the sunshine raising more cotton, yet she can not afford to buy more socks, and her children have to wear their pants till they are faded and torn.

"Let them raise broom corn with a market right at hand and they will have more money to afford the luxury of all the cotton goods they want. And the people who make up the cotton goods and work in the factories, it is under-consumption on their part also. People can darn and patch when their clothes come into holes, but when their broom is worn out, it is done for and gone. We need more broom factories."

Wages in Japan.

From F. G. Carpenter's letter from Japan published in the Dallas News, we take the following:

Bricklayers, equal to those who receive \$5 a day in the United States, are getting 45c for nine hours' work here, and this is 10 per cent more than they got in 1906. Brick masons get 32c a day, stone cutters 42c and plumbers 35c and that without helpers. Indeed even an ordinary man can afford a plumber in Japan.

Our printers will be interested in what the compositors receive. There are now dailies in all the towns of any size, and Osaka has several journals each of which has several hundred thousand circulation. The day's work begins at 8 a. m. and ends at 5 p. m. The wage scale is from 30c to 60c, the average being about 45c.

Coal miners get from 28c to 41c, blacksmiths 28c, iron molders 28c, and machinists almost a dollar. In the shoe factories from 45c to 50c is paid, all the work being done by hand, there being no factories, such as we have, in Japan.

Ordinary laborers receive from 25c to 35c a day when employed by the municipality, and farm hands get from 10c to 20c for ten hours' work, according as they are women or men. Think of wading through the mud of a rice field, with your dress rolled up to your knees, planting the rice sprouts with your bare hands in the filth at 1c per hour, and you have an idea of one feature of women's work in Japan. Among the poorest paid are the cart men who drag loads over the country for a few cents a day.

In the government printing office the wages are 12 1/2c a day for women, and from 15c to 25c for men; in the mint men receive 25c and in the paper factory 20c.

In the tobacco factories which the government runs as a monopoly, there are over 22,000 hands, and they get from 9c to 18c a day. The lower wages are received by the women.

The government has woolen mills, cannon factories and military clothing establishments where proportionately low wages are paid. In the woolen factory at Senju, for instance, girls are paid 11c and men on the average about 18c. In the government shipbuilding yards, the pay is from 12c to 27c and in the arsenals of Tokio and Osaka, which altogether have about 150,000 hands, the wages are from 1c to 3c an hour.

In the steel works at Kure and in the naval arsenal at Sasebo there are tens of thousands of men employed who get on the average less than 30c a day, and this is for high class labor. In those yards all kinds of fine steel work is done, including the making of armor plate for gunboats and the building of big ships.

Similar wages are paid in the government railway works scattered here and there over Japan. In the whole thousand factories there is only one where the average wages of the men are over 85c a day, and only three where they are over 35c. Of the 250,000 men and women working in these factories the average wage of the men is less than 28c and that of the women less than 12c per day of nine or ten hours.

WICKERSHAM AT WORK

New Attorney General Different From His Predecessors.

NEWSPAPERS ON THE ALERT

Head of the Department of Justice Favors an Open Door Policy and Will Keep the Reporters Busy. Some Characteristics of the Man.

When Attorney General George W. Wickersham entered upon his official duties at the Department of Justice in Washington recently it was at once evident that for the next four years there is to be an Attorney General of an entirely new kind.

Of course everybody knew that it would be a novelty to have an Attorney General who had never had anything to do with politics, much less held office, and who was known solely as an eminent lawyer in private practice. Mr. Knox occupied a similar position, but even he had had more to do with public affairs than Mr. Wickersham, and of the others in recent years Mr. Griggs had been Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Moody was a Congressman from Massachusetts, and Mr. Bonaparte had been prominent in politics for years.

But it became evident that Mr. Wickersham was to be a new kind of Attorney General in other respects. That sort of premonition or prevision that runs through Washington had been busy for some days before he came. This sort of subterranean telegraphy is a well-known phenomenon in Washington, and its accuracy is frequently surprising. Men who had never seen Wickersham and knew hardly anything about him were saying, "There will be something really doing at the Department of Justice now."

This premonition or prevision is not a joke. Its strength may be gathered from the fact that several newspapers which had hitherto left the Department of Justice uncovered assigned reporters to cover it, and to begin as soon as Mr. Wickersham got there.

Mr. Wickersham promptly declared the open-door policy. He assembled the newspaper men on a Monday and said to them, "Heretofore my clients have been individuals and corporations. In performing my duties to them I have said nothing to outside persons about their matters."

"Now my clients are the people of the United States from Maine to California, and my new clients should be kept informed about my conduct of the interests which have been placed by them in my charge. I shall do it through you. They are your clients, too, and an incorrect statement by any of you will do harm to your clients and mine. Let us work together."

These were not his exact words, but they are near enough to them. They did more than anything else to confirm the impression already gained that a new kind of Attorney General had come to Washington.

It was characteristic of him, and especially of his direct way of going straight to the heart of a thing. If one were asked to sum up his character and methods in a sentence the words "directness" and "clarity" would have to be in it.

His methods as a lawyer illustrate it, and are different from those of most lawyers of prominence. While he never gives an opinion unless he is thoroughly posted on the subject, the opinion, when it does come, comes with all the decisiveness and brevity of a shot from a gun. There are no "ifs" in it, no "ands," no "buts." While the average lawyer gives an opinion with qualifying phrases, such as "on the other hand," or "in the event that so-and-so happens," Mr. Wickersham leaves no saving clause.

At the age of 50 Mr. Wickersham is a good deal like Edward H. Harriman in appearance. He is short—not quite so short as Harriman—being about five feet six and one-half—and has the Harriman nervous energy, the clear Harriman sight, the Harriman eyes, the quick, vigorous Harriman manner. His manner of speech is quick and easy.

He never loses his temper, and in the most trying emergencies is suave and cool. He takes everything evenly and never gets upset. He has a sense of humor and can take a joke, even when it is on himself, and is good at repartee, though he is not a story-teller. His personality, in a word, may be described as magnetic.—New York Times.

Automobile Course For Farmers.

That agricultural colleges and schools are now giving courses in automobile matters to their students as part of the curriculum which is to prepare them for their practical duties in life constitutes a prophecy of how large the part of the motor car will be in farm life of the future, and also indicates the present interest which the more enterprising farmers feel in the motor propelled vehicle. Short course students at the Iowa State College at Des Moines, whose studies are chiefly on agricultural subjects, are to have an automobile lecturer from a representative of an automobile company in Kenosha, Wis., while the Michigan State Agricultural School at Lansing, Mich., is to have a special course of instruction on automobile operation and repair.

To Hunt in Africa With a Camera.

Prof. James Ricalton of South Orange, N. J., who has spent a long and active life in hunting big game and photographing it, has sailed for Africa, on a hunt with his camera. He has spent years in Africa and can tell hundreds of stories of thrilling experiences in the pursuit of game, not only with the gun, but with the camera. One of the photographs is that of a Boer shell in flight. He hopes this time to get a photograph of the grandest water fly.

GOT HIM CHEAP.

The Way a Famous Surgeon Was Once Cleverly Tricked.

Sir Morel Mackenzie once received a wire from Antwerp asking him his charges for a certain operation. He replied £500 and was told to come at once. When he stepped upon the dock he was met by three men in mourning, who informed him sadly that he had come too late, the patient had died.

"But," said the spokesman of the party, "we shall pay you your full fee." And they did. "And now," said the man, "since you are here, what do you say to visiting the city hospital and giving a clinic for the benefit of our local surgeons? It is not often they have an opportunity of benefiting by such science as yours."

Sir Morel said he would gladly comply. He went to the hospital and performed many operations, among which were two of a similar nature to that for which he had been called for. When he had finished all thanked him profusely. On the steamer going home he met a friend, who had a business house in Antwerp.

"Pretty scurvy trick they played on you, Sir Morel."

"What do you mean?" asked the surgeon.

"Told you the patient died before you arrived, didn't they?"

"Yes."

"Lies. You operated on him and a friend with the same trouble at the clinic. Got two operations for one price."

The Doctor's Orders.

Mrs. O'Harrigan—Phoy have ye stuck this empty flask under th' baby? Mrs. Carey—Th' doctor's orders. He told me O'd have to keep th' baby on a bottle!—Judge.

Not to outshine, but to shine upon, his neighbors is the successful man's mission.—Towne.

So long as you are innocent, fear nothing.—Longfellow.

Administrator's Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DONLEY, To Those Indebted to or Holding Claims Against the Estate of George Melton: The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of George Melton, late of the County of Donley and State of Texas, by J. C. Killough, special judge of the County Court of Donley County, Texas, on the 10th day of February, 1909, during a regular term of said court, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his office in Clarendon, Texas, where he has his residence and receives his mail. Given under my hand at Clarendon, Texas, this 10th day of March, 1909. A. T. COLE, Administrator of the Estate of Geo. Melton.

The Knock-out Blow.

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