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## Starting Migration.

Several western states are alarmed by shrinking population. The tide of emigration is changing, and they feel the drain. In some sections people and press are up in arms to stay the movement. The drain on Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Wisconsin has become serious enough for the railroads of those States to give attention, and it threatens to grow. A strong tide of emigration has set in from those States to the south. Even Illinois feels the current, although not seriously. Curiously enough, Illinois people prefer to move westward into the very regions which are being deserted by their early settlers.

For a year past railroads having large tracts of land in the South have been at work among the farmers of the Northwest with enticing pictures of life below the Mason and Dixon's line, and they are now beginning to reap the fruit of their labor. They have agents scattered over several States, who are gathering the brawn of Western prairies and sending it South to fill forests and till farms. The feature of the work is the organization of a number of colonies, which will give the Northern people the society of neighbors and others who have ideas and tastes in common. These settlements are to be conducted somewhat on the plan of the farm villages of Germany. The colonists will live in a central village, and they will go to and from work on their farms laying on the outside.

An incidental feature of this migration is the fact that most of the emigrants are Republicans. While politics does not figure in the plans of the railroads, the movement has attracted the attention of politicians who, in some cases, notably in Nebraska, have been present to prevent emigration. It is said that in the State of Iowa many serious doings are being done by the railroads to prevent the migration of the Southern people on account of their politics. They find fault with the State and raise malaria as a bug. They point to the negro population as a menace, a nuisance and a drag on all progress.

But neither press, nor railroads, nor politicians have been able to stem the tide, and the farmer, filled with the pleasant prospect of working the year 'round in his shirt sleeves, turns a deaf ear to their wails. The emigration agent tells him he cannot afford to raise corn for the Chicago market on land worth \$40 or \$100 an acre, when he can buy land in the South for \$5 to \$15 an acre. The agent talks of balmy breezes all winter, of magnolia blossoms for Christmas and of a soil that only needs to be tilled to yield milk and honey, or their equivalents. He even talks of two and three crops a year, and promises low freight rates to reach markets.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The young man who is petted at home is becoming a nuisance, is seldom of any good. Wanted nowadays is a man who can do something besides smoke cigarettes and a cane. The time to learn book habits is in one's youth. He leads the life of a butterfly until he is 25 or 30 years of age and then recognizes the fact that he has a donkey of himself and a little to recommend him who applies for a job. This chestnut but it finds not young men of every city. The boys on the farm are better off if they only knew it than thousands of the boys who are at large. There is nothing like being practical, and there is but one way to do so. Acquire business habits and train yourself to do good, honest, hard work. Don't waste your learning to tie a cravat. You can buy a cravat already tied.—Ex.

The Adams and the Quincy families are still in evidence in Massachusetts. A Quincy has just been elected mayor of Boston, and Chas. Francis Adams II., a great-grandson of President John Adams, is the new mayor of the town of Quincy.

## Another Crying Evil.

At the close of a criminal trial in Sherman, District Judge Bliss addressed the jury in these words: "Gentlemen, this verdict is an outrage. It is just such things that cause killings and bloodshed." These are strong words to come down from the bench, but the necessity for their use was apparent. The circumstance throws a calcium light on the uncertainty of justice and the pliability of the average jury. That Judge Bliss used such language is full proof of its appropriateness; that there was occasion to use it is a reproach to our system of trial by jury.

From one end of Texas to the other a demand is being made for a reformation in the court of appeals, based on reversals and dismissals for technical errors, regardless of the measure of justice. The demand is timely, but it falls far short of what is needed unless the lower courts are included in the reformation and juries are taught their duty to the state. Unfortunately the judge is powerless; he can condemn a case, but is without recourse in criminal cases, and law and order are left to the mercy of juries selected with reference to their lack of knowledge, rather than for their ability to weigh the evidence and administer the law.

The pathway of Social Order between the devil and the deep sea is becoming very narrow and tortuous, and the sooner it is broadened, and leveled, and macadamized, the better it will be for the whole people. The court of appeals is not the only crying evil.—Denison Herald.

## Europe's Hoard of Gold.

Since the above was written it has been learned that Box had a divorce from his wife at the time of his bankruptcy, and that he had promptly hoarded. Mr. Box reports that Russia, "not only withdraws from circulation the products of her own mines, but the foreign coin and gold bars which it imports." In the ten years from 1883 to 1893 this accumulation increased threefold. In the last three years five European states have augmented their gold reserves over \$232,000,000,000, while the U. S., since 1889, have lost \$5,000,000 more than its total gold production. So fearful are these European nations of a possible diminution of their hoards that the first appearance of an abnormal outflow is instantly checked by raising the discount rate.

The neighbor who thinks you are a fool for buying eggs of pure breeds will come along next spring and ask you to "exchange eggs" with him. He is mean enough to discourage your attempt to improve, and also mean enough to impose on you after you make the attempt. When a man buys eggs, he is buying stock. Eggs can be had at market price, but pure bred stock is not so easily procured. A man might as well ask you to exchange a shire pig for a long nosed spike, as ask you to exchange pure bred fowls for those of those nondescripts. When a neighbor asks you to exchange, really does not want the eggs; he wants better stock. He will pay for his share as you country keeper.

War flury did some good; it gave the foreign press a chance to "talk right out in meeting" and to tell how British and other capitalists could injure the United States by withdrawing gold from Uncle Sam's treasury. They have unwittingly done this country a great service; they have satisfied everybody except a few goldbugs in the northeast that the quicker we get away from the single standard the better it will be for us. Go right on with your blowing.—Weatherford Democrat.

All of the great republican journals are standing by the president and the Monroe doctrine. Only the mugwumps oppose him, which is to say that he has the cordial support of all Americans who are not sorry because they are not Englishmen.

## Irish Throughout.

A young Irishman in want of a £5 note wrote to his uncle as follows: "Dear uncle—If you could see how I blush for shame while I am writing you would pity me. Do you know why? Because I have to ask you for a few pounds, and do not know how to express myself. It is impossible for me to tell you, I prefer to die. I send you this by messenger, who will wait for an answer. Believe me, my dearest uncle, your most obedient and affectionate nephew, —"

P. S.—Overcome with shame for what I have written, I have been running after the messenger in order to take the letter from him, but I cannot catch him up. Heaven grant that something may happen to stop him, or that my letter may get lost."

The uncle was naturally touched, but was equal to the emergency. He replied as follows: "My dear Jack—Console yourself and blush no longer. Providence has heard your prayers. The messenger lost your letter. Your affectionate uncle."

## Stabbed With a Knife.

Bowie's Christmas tragedy was a sad one and was the result of a childish quarrel. It seems that little Virgil McDaniel, known among his playmates as Jack, was having some fun at the expense of a little country boy named Will Oliver from Wise county. When the fun was at its height, and it appeared that the little country boy was getting the worst of it, he undertook to defend himself with a knife. Then taking his grievance out on Jack, he stabbed him just over the heart, from which he died in a few days.

Brothers Cunningham and Foster were in a team when they were conducting by Rev. W. A. Stuckey. Will Oliver, the boy who did the killing, was tried here to-day and was released on \$400 bond to await the action of the grand jury.—Bowie Standard.

A well-known business man of Dallas being solicited for some work by a representative of a northern firm, replied: "No sir; I cannot do anything for you. My policy is to patronize home institutions, even when I do so at a loss to myself. We can never hope for our institutions to become established and prosper if we do not sustain them by our co-operation. Come into our midst and I will do all I can to encourage you; but as long as we have men in our town in the same business as yours I consider my first duty toward them."—Texas Farmer.

That's the stuff. There's a whole sermon in the above and it ought to sink down into the brains and hearts of every business man in this Western and Southern country. It is the only way to build up young industries of this section. We have been paying tribute to the manufacturing east long enough. Buy some-made goods.—St. Louis Globe and General Merchant.

The Associated Press wastes twenty-one lines to inform the public that Levi P. Morton is really a candidate for president. He always has been.

Ex-Gov. Hogg, while on a hunt at Shepherd, San Jacinto county, killed his first bear. It has made him feel bigger than being governor.

Steel has been used for ship building only about thirty years, yet it is estimated that 96 per cent of the vessels built at the present day are of steel.

The taking of the census in Japan is simple, but the figures are utterly unreliable. The houses are counted, and an average of five persons is allowed for each house.

In Norway a law provides that no person shall be permitted to cut down a tree unless he plants three saplings in its place.

Railways in Holland are so carefully managed that the accidental deaths on them average only one in a year for the entire country.

## A Curious Prophecy.

Over forty years ago an old German hermit published in a Bavarian paper a curious prophecy. In it he foretold the Austrian-Russian and the Franco-Prussian wars, the death of Pope Pius and the Turco-Russian debate at arms. He said that Germany would have three emperors before the end of the century, and indicated the death of two United States presidents by assassination. All these things have come to pass.

In the same article he said that when the twentieth century opens great seismic disturbances will take place, which will cause the submergence of New York city and the western half of the city of Havana; Cuba is to break in two, while Florida and Lower California are to suffer total extinction. The shock of these earthquakes will raze buildings to the ground in almost every city on the continent, and millions and billions of dollars worth of property will be lost.

There is to be a change in the economic conditions of almost every civilized nation. He foretells the growth of a democratic spirit in England, which will result in a revolution that will overthrow the present form of government and make the country a republic. He says the last ruler of England will be the best the country ever had and the first president of the new nation will be one of the royal family. Queen Victoria is by long odds the best ruler England ever had, and the Prince of Wales said in a recent speech that it was his desire to live to see England a republic. According to the hermit, Russia, France and Italy will form an alliance and enter into a war with Turkey. This war is to be the outgrowth of Turkish persecution of Christian subjects. This triple alliance will conquer the dominion of the sick man of the east. At the expiration of the war, complications will rise which will plunge Italy and France into war with Russia. The result will be that the two countries will be gobbled up by the northern powers and will cease to exist as independent nations.

While the war is being waged the pope will move the seat of Catholicism from Rome to some town in Southern Ireland. A rebellion will take place in the land of the shamrock, in which the country will become independent of England. Then a conflict will arise between ultra Catholics of South Ireland and the ultra protestants of the north, in which the southerners will be victors. A kingdom will be established, and it is predicted that the reign of the first potentate will become historic for its tyranny.

The prophet points a dark future for the United States. He says at the close of the century a feeling of unrest will seize the people. This will be the outgrowth of unequal social and economic conditions. He predicts that during the administration of the twenty-fifth president the discontented masses will break into open rebellion, and the established forms of government will be overthrown. The United States will be rent asunder and for a year or more anarchy will prevail. When order shall be brought out of chaos, six republics will be formed with capitals in the following cities: San Francisco, Denver, New Orleans, St. Louis, Washington and Boston.—Topeka Press.

The Globe Democrat, which has never joined the Pulitzer admiration society, says of that gentleman: "It may be, as a contemporary observes, that Joseph Pulitzer is a man whose personal integrity has never been justly assailed, but what is simple, but the figures are utterly unreliable. The houses are counted, and an average of five persons is allowed for each house."

So far Speaker Reed has held his team well in hand, but the strain has been hard at times and something may break and cause a disastrous runaway any time.

## Green Goods Business.

An Ardmore, I. T., correspondent of the Dallas News writes that paper as follows: This section in the last few months has been flooded with letters and circulars from green goods or confidence men purporting to be located at New York city or Hoboken, N. J. They represent that they make a counterfeit treasury note almost perfect in cast which cannot be detected from the genuine and offer great inducements, even going so far as to pay the entire expenses of a trip to New York and return for the party should be decide to handle their goods. They give explicit instructions as to how they may be communicated with and found in the great metropolis, the hotel to stop at while in New York, etc. R. C. Bell, to whom one of the green goods letters was addressed, decided to try and trap the confidence man. He replied to the letter as he was instructed to should he think favorably of handling their goods which was to wire box 71 Hoboken, N. J., "Ship lot 79," signing as signature the figures "312," when a letter of full instructions as to how to proceed, would be mailed him. A few days after sending the telegram the letter came. Upon receipt of this letter of instruction from the confidence or green goods men he immediately inclosed the communication to the secret service division of the United States treasury department at Washington, asking that they apprehend the swindler. The reply from the treasury department is given herewith in full:

United States Treasury Department, Secret Service Division. Office of Chief, Washington, D. C., Jan. 2, 1896.—R. C. Bell, Ardmore, I. T.: Your letter of Dec. 15, 1895, received. From its tenor I am led to infer that the party offering to sell counterfeit money is of the numerous class of swindlers known by the title of "hoodlers." Such persons never deal in it, but make a pretense of doing so on purpose to inveigle dishonest persons who would buy counterfeit money if they could into parting with their good money in the hope of getting counterfeit. The swindlers are usually located in large cities, but New York contains by far the greatest number. They send circulars in imitation of letters by thousands all over the country inviting their correspondents to visit New York, naming the hotel at which they should stop and offering them great inducements to purchase. Those who go after such bargains never obtain counterfeit money and seldom return home without leaving all of their good money in the hands of these plausible but dangerous men.

In August, 1895, James T. Holland of Abilene, Tex., allured to the city of New York by a circular similar to that forwarded by you, met Tom Davis and his brother, Theodore. These men, while pretending to sell money, but which were genuine notes, cheated him of his good money. Holland at once discovered the cheat, shot Tom Davis, killing him instantly. A jury subsequently acquitted Holland.

Another practice is to toll on their victims by sending a genuine \$1 or \$2 note or part of same and represent them to be specimens of the counterfeit notes they have for sale. Under these various names of "green articles," "green cigars," "green leaves," etc., they offer for sale counterfeit money which they have printed on plates stolen from the government. Not a plate of any kind has ever been stolen from that establishment.

Those who have counterfeit money for sale do not write letters requesting strangers to buy it. Even after the introduction of a new man by one counterfeiter to another it takes a long time to establish such friendly relations as would induce a counterfeiter to trust a newcomer. Yet thousands of criminally foolish people believe they can purchase counterfeit money as they would butter or cheese and in their attempts to obtain it are robbed and an honest public sentiment says "serves them right."

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is guilty is covered by section No. 6480 U. S. revised statutes as amended and approved March 2, 1880, and the offender upon conviction is liable to a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for eighteen months. It is next to impossible to obtain any evidence against these swindlers and were one of them arrested and brought to trial the testimony of the main witness (he who lost the money) would be weakened by the fact that he would have been a criminal if he could. This office is daily in receipt of "hoodler" letters and circulars sent in from all parts of the country similar to yours. Thanking you for your efforts to apprehend a guilty party, I appreciate fully yours,  
A. L. DRUMMOND, Chief.

## Love, Led by Baby Hands.

Two little waifs, a boy and a girl, who were overlooked by Santa Claus, were standing before a shop window Christmas morning looking at the toys, and wondering why they had been forgotten, when a drummer came along and asked them what they had got in their stockings. The little boy spoke up and answered: "I ain't got no stockings." Sure enough he was barefooted. The drummer took the pair in charge, bought the boy a suit of clothes, hat, shoes, stockings, and the girl a dress, hat and other wearing apparel, gave them a dollar apiece and sent them home rejoicing. Then when some one reminded him of the generous deed he remarked: "Well, once I had a little boy and girl myself, and Christmas used to be a great time with us. We would romp and frolic and blow the horns and home was the happiest place on earth for me, and now whenever I can, I like to make happiness for others."

"And your home," I asked, "I have not been there for five years," he replied; "the little children and their mother are sleeping in Greenwood."—Dallas News.

Senator Hill has declared war against the women of Washington, and wants all of them sent away from the national capital. The senator has withstood the wiles of the sex for a long time, but he is evidently afraid to trust himself for another leap year.—Gazette.

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Wichita Falls had a \$30,000 fire last Sunday morning. The losses were pretty well covered by insurance.

M. E. Tilton, of Hall county, suicided by the morphine route at the Delaware Hotel, in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Judge Reagan of Texas, the only surviving member of Jefferson Davis' Cabinet, has written a letter commending President Cleveland's Venezuelan policy.

Turkey must shell out that \$400,000 in cash for burning the American mission buildings at Harpool, and demanded by this government, or it will be collected by force.

According to a statement in the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record "bonds to the extent of \$1,000,000 will be issued to complete the deepening of the harbor at Aransas Pass and to construct docks at that port."

The grand jury at Chattanooga has returned two indictments against Chief Justice Snodgrass of the supreme court of Tennessee, one for carrying concealed weapons and the other for felonious assault upon John R. Beasley.

Dr. John F. Lennox was shot and instantly killed at Detroit, Texas, Monday afternoon. Worth Duncan, a merchant of that place, and he had a difficulty, the outgrowth of a business transaction. Lennox was shot four times. Duncan has been arrested.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says that whether the old Confederates are jingoes or not, there are a good many people still living who know that they can fight, and that when they line up with the yankees people who do not want to get hurt had better keep out of the way.

In a pensive retrospect of the holidays, the Austin Statesman gives to the world the following mixture: "It looks paradoxical, but it is nevertheless true, that too many horns will keep empty the horn of plenty, or in other words, the horn of plenty leaks through too many horns."

In the latest message, recently sent to the Mississippi legislature, Gov. Stone says the way to put an end to mob violence is to give speedy trials. He is particularly emphatic in regard to prompt action, and declares that "there is no more effective weapon in the hands of justice than a speedy trial."

The avoidance of jury duty by the better class of citizens is also complained of.

Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 12.—The body of Jeff Coates, who was killed in Oklahoma the 9th, was brought here to-day for identification. It came via the Santa Fe and will be returned to Aledo this evening by the Texas & Pacific railroad, where it will be turned over to his family.

J. W. Tevis, who was injured by falling and hanging himself in the fence a few days ago, died this morning at ten o'clock.

County Judge Orr of Jones county set aside the jurors selected by the commissioners and ordered the sheriff to summon twelve good and lawful men to serve for the term. In addressing the sheriff he said: "I want no rampant, prejudiced, third party men. I want no rampant, prejudiced democrats, but men free as far as possible from political prejudices. I want no 'professional jurors.' They are known to the court and should be known to the sheriff. And if any such should be selected I will have no hesitancy in discharging them."

Alcohol regularly applied to the farmer's stomach will remove the board from the fence, let the cattle into his crops, kill his fruit trees, mortgage his farm, and sow his field with wild oats and thistles. It will take the paint off of his building, break the glass out of his windows and fill them with rags. It will take the gloss from his clothes, and the polish from his manners, subdue his reason, arouse his passions, bring sorrow and disgrace upon his family and topple him into a drunkard's grave.—Ex.

## Cuban Independence.

General Gomez has or is about to knock the persimmon. His guns are barking in the suburbs of Havana. Not intimidated by the frowning battlements of Moro castle, he is veritably thundering at the gates of the doomed city. Havana is loyal to Spain, but it has a large and turbulent element that has or will rise in its might in the confusion and help the Cuban rebel to plunder the Spanish merchants of that city. What hot haste must there be to any kind of transports in the harbor of Havana. How wealth has been melted down to a convenient size to conceal and take out of the country by Spanish citizens. What a vacancy there must be just now in the fine mansions of that delightful city. Plenty of room even to stable the horses of the rebel cavalry in the marble palaces of the city.

If Gomez has entered Havana, it is not the most pleasant place to be in at present. Naturally there must be great insecurity to both life and property in the city that has been the goal of the rebels so many, many years. We may expect to hear of riot and plundering. Nothing less could be expected from such an army that will be marched into Havana by Gomez, but that will soon pass off and a government will be organized in short order that will protect life and property and insure to every citizen the liberty for which they have been struggling. They will be free from the Spanish yoke. The shame is to us that congress has not recognized the will of the people of this country and recognized the rebels as belligerents. Their struggle was very much like ours in the revolutionary war.

There are great epochs in the history of the world when the small formalities should be brushed aside, unworthy of consideration. We ought not to have waited until Cuba won its independence before acknowledging their belligerent rights and thereby giving them an equal opportunity with their enemies to obtain arms and munitions of war. It was expected that as soon as congress convened this would be done. Now they have virtually gained their independence without any aid from us and they owe us no thanks or obligations. They will win their independence unaided by any but their brave hearts and strong arms and the wisdom of their leaders. God grant that they may enjoy it rationally and as befits a Christian people.—Austin Statesman.

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## Burned by a Mob.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 12.—Patrick Morris, a white railroad hand, and his colored wife met with a terrible fate at midnight last night. They lived in a flatboat near the Westwego wharf of the Texas & Pacific a few miles above the city, on the opposite side of the river. On account of their difference in color as well as the charge that they kept a disorderly place for negroes, there has been a growing sentiment against them.

They were sitting up in their boat when a body of men came down and set fire to the hull. They sought refuge on shore and as soon as they made their appearance they were riddled with bullets.

The woman was killed outright, but the man fell crippled and the two were burned to ashes with the boat.

The citizens in the vicinity say the place was a nuisance and that the couple had been run away from several places. They think that the mob went there for the purpose of giving Morris a whipping, but that he showed fight and infuriated his oppressors to encompass his own doom.

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## LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Mrs. W. J. Berry is reported quite sick.

Miss Belle Cunningham is visiting friends at Markley.

Preston Brooks went to Dallas and other points Tuesday.

John L. Steen left Monday morning on a business trip to Ft. Worth.

The roads are muddy again, and freighters are having a tough time.

John B. Girard has moved his family to town and is now a city gentleman.

Eld. Ira Adams has been on a trip to Seymour and other points this week.

E. H. Wade has bought lots on South Elm street and will erect a dwelling at once.

Ira Parker of Dallas has been visiting his mother and old friends in the city this week.

W. S. McJimsey boarded the outgoing stage Monday morning for Dallas and other points.

Dr. G. H. LeGrande is building a commodious barn to replace the one burned last summer.

Eld. Ira Adams will fill his regular appointment at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

W. M. Matthews has built an addition to, painted and otherwise improved his cozy home on Pecan street.

Catarh can be successfully treated only by purifying the blood, and the one true blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

R. H. Choad had the misfortune to lose about 2000 pounds of pork last week, the weather being too warm when he killed.

Messrs. E. and J. W. Jackson are happy over the arrival of their mother, who is out from Tennessee on an extended visit to them.

Miss Flora Baskett, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. A. Ford, returned home last week.

Dr. W. A. Morris received the following from Dr. W. A. Morris, at Childress: "I have been away from Graham now nearly three months and with the exception of occasionally finding a copy of THE LEADER around some printing office, have been badly off for home news. Send me three or four back numbers to this point and also copy of your next issue."

"This section of our great state is all right after a fashion, but for those who want all the good things of life in abundance, without the attendant evils, Young county offers ten attractions to the settler where this country offers barely the shadow of one. I did not think so much of Young county until I flew to evils I knew not of; but having covered the greater portion of the great panhandle, I am prepared to say that Young county offers more attractions to the settler, in the way of schools and comforts, than any section in Northwest Texas. Respectfully,  
W. A. MORRIS,  
Childress, Tex., Jan. 7, 1896."

Andrew Irvin, an old citizen of the county, was arrested last Wednesday upon a complaint sworn out by his son, charging him with abusive and violent treatment toward his family. He was put under a peace bond of \$300.

The weather has been intolerably mean this week; trying to rain, and succeeding just so far as to make the streets disagreeably muddy, and the humid atmosphere makes one's bones ache as if break-bone fever was epidemic.

There are but one or two vacant houses in Graham and the demand for dwellings is constantly increasing. Here is a chance for some capitalist to make a profitable investment, as a few neat cottages would find ready and permanent tenants. Build more houses.

A couple of "insurance" men spent the greater part of last week in town and left Saturday morning without liquidating their hotel bill. Mr. Marsee overhauled them a mile or so from town and informed them they would pay the bill or return to jail. The bill was paid.

At the regular meeting of Adelpia Lodge No. 261, I. O. O. F., last Saturday night, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: W. J. Henry, N. G.; S. A. Killion, V. G.; Edgar Rye, R. S.; G. H. Crozier, T. J. H. Wood, W.; W. L. Graves, G.; J. T. Cunningham, R. S. to N. G.; J. L. Payne, R. S. to V. G.

R. F. Short and family have returned to Graham from Duncan. T. and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Short will return to Duncan to wind up his business and will move here next month.

T. C. Marsee, proprietor of the Marsee House (formerly the Bell House), has repainted and remodeled this popular hostelry and is now better prepared than ever to take care of the traveling public. When you want a square meal or a nice room give the Marsee House a trial.

Mr. Thos. G. Black and Miss Ernestine Keeter were married at the residence of Judge N. J. Timmons, uncle of the bride, last Sunday, Eld. G. W. Black, father of the groom, officiating. The contracting parties to this pleasant union are well known and have hosts of friends to bid them God speed in the voyage of life upon the sea of matrimony. THE LEADER joins in wishing them every happiness and no disappointments, together with a long and prosperous life.

County court convened Monday with a light docket, which was promptly disposed of as follows:

State vs. Wee DeVashier, carrying a pistol; jury verdict, not guilty.

State vs. Chas. Ford, carrying a pistol; plea of guilty, fined \$25.00.

State vs. Wm. Wooley, giving liquor to minors; jury verdict of guilty, fined \$25.00.

The following pleas of guilty were received during vacation:

State vs. Bernie Jewell, disturbing religious worship; fined \$25.00.

State vs. John Hart, carrying a pistol; fined \$25.00.

Last week Sheriff Williams sent a subpoena to the sheriff of Kaufman county to summon Tom Box to appear at the next term of district court here as defendant in a suit for divorce. The sheriff of Kaufman county at once arrested Box on a charge of bigamy, he having a living wife in that county at the time of his marriage here.

Box will be brought back and tried for bigamy.

Since the above was written it is learned that Box had a divorce from his wife at the time of his marriage here.

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## The Institute at Goose Neck.

The teachers of Young county met at Goose Neck Bend school house for the second institute of the year. The following teachers were present: Misses Mollie McJilton, Georgia Jewell, Alice Lindsay, Ida Jarvis, Emma LeGrande, Lula O'Donnell, Lillian Earnest, Mrs. A. R. Greenwade, Prof. T. K. Timmons, G. A. Gray, R. Lindsey, H. Fowler, Geo. McLaren, Farley.

The citizens of Goose Neck gave a royal welcome to all comers, having dinner and supper on the grounds, and turning out en masse to hear the discussions and exercises. They took part in the discussions and cheered the hearts of the enthusiastic pedagogues by their words of wisdom and hearty commendation. At night the house was crowded almost to suffocation, with an eager throng of listeners, who evinced their appreciation by frequent applause.

The discussions were at all times earnest and thoughtful, vigorous and animated, and strong appeals were made for our public schools and for the cause of public education. The subjects of "Educational Cancers," "Are We Called to Teach," and "Co-operation" brought strong and cogent arguments from the teachers for every point advanced. The talks on these subjects were worth going a hundred miles to hear. They touched the very heart of the profession. In spirit the meeting was notable and uplifting. No envy or ill-feeling, prejudice or carping criticism marred the occasion, but all seemed to realize that they were brothers and co-workers in a common cause.

The Institute is reaching the people, and soon the spirit animating the teachers will diffuse itself and permeate the fathers and mothers of Young county, then the public school will be the most cherished institution of our country.

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## Sowing and Reaping.

"So shall thou put away evil from among you." To THE LEADER: "Citizen" would indeed be an ingrate if he should fail to express his appreciation of the kind words of encouragement and endorsement he has received from THE LEADER and the Call and from "W. J. M." Consciousness of right becomes more than pleasant when we realize that we have the cordial support of good people.

In our previous article we branded the saloon as it exists locally, as an "unmitigated evil," a "menace to society," and a "public nuisance." We are gratified to see that no "Richmond" has entered the list to attempt a defense of the saloon, and we take it that it has no defense, no palliation, no mitigation, no excuse for its existence in our midst. It is simply tolerated—that's all. It exists by sufferance, subject to the will of the people around it. So careful have been our legislators on the subject of saloon regulation that they have provided that even a minute subdivision of a county may vote it out of existence. It may be prohibited within the bounds of any fixed territory and it has no vested rights to be disturbed. It is simply a wart, an excrescence, a parasite, which may grow and flourish, live and wax fat, or be abated at the will of the people at any time they see fit. It is like a rotten potato in the middle of the bin; it may be safely removed, if found in time, but if it is allowed to remain long in the bin it will cause other potatoes to decay. It is no trouble to prove that the saloon is man's worst enemy and it affects every relationship of existence.

## RELIGIOUSLY.

The saloon is the worst enemy of the christian religion, the "chief concern of mortals here below." Religion and whisky don't mix any better than does oil and water, and the influence of the church and the saloon are diametrically opposite. Nearly every religious denomination has by resolution, discipline, creed or canon, declared against the saloon. In this connection it is worthy of note that the Romish church, so long too liberal on the subject, has recently taken an advanced stand against the whisky traffic. The church opposes the saloon and the saloon opposes the church. In some places ("Timbuctoo" for instance) they even run an opposition business on Sundays. Both sinner and sinner alike admit that there is no compatibility between the church and the saloon, and the bibulous church member is always counted below par, even by the man who sells him the liquor and is usually subjected to pastoral remonstrance or rebuke, and sometimes excommunication at the hands of the ecclesiastical authorities.

## FINANCIALLY.

A man's money is generally next to his religion in his estimation: sometimes it ranks above and sometimes below; so we will treat the saloon with reference to finance next. And on this point we are a met, at the outset, by the prevailing idea that the saloon is a factor of "flush times" and a "lively town" and that a dry, sober town is necessarily a "dead town" and the blatant defender of the grog shop usually illustrates by calling attention to some drouth-stricken waste of a place, hardly habitable for prairie dogs, and says "look what prohibition did for A—and B—?" They never attempt to give a reason for their argument but they are prolific in examples for one to "look at." The fact of the business is that the idea is an indefensible fallacy, contrary to all rules of economy and founded only upon the old "wild and woolly" superstition that it takes saloons, gambling halls, dance halls, etc., to make a town lively. It is worse than a fallacy—it is an absurdity—and we have only to trace up the dollar spent for liquor to prove it. A dollar spent and taken out of the local channels of trade is a dollar lost if it does not buy a thing of value. What does it get if spent for whisky? The partners in business, nation, state, county and saloon man get a divide of the profits of the sale here, but the big end of the dollar goes into the capacious vaults of the whisky trust, north and east. The only local trader benefitted is the saloon man. He gets a living, the consumer gets drunk and the consumer's creditors get left when it comes to collecting his bills and his wife gets disappointed in regard to that new pair of shoes she needs or the new dress

## Lacy Locals.

Will Richardson is on the sick list.

Miss Clara Hawkins returned home Monday from Antelope, where she has been visiting friends for several days.

Mr. Griffin of near Graham, made a flying trip to Lacy Saturday evening. They called on Mr. Daniel's family.

Mrs. Williams and sister have arrived from Arkansas. They will settle in our midst, we hope. Mr. Williams brought some very fine apples with him.

Mrs. Emma Hazzard is visiting her sister, Mrs. McEntyre, near Olney.

Lee Richardson and Steve Hazzard have gone to Baylor county with a load of potatoes.

L. M. Midyett is building an addition to Mr. Blakey's house.

The meeting of the literary society was called in last Saturday night on account of the measles, which are reported near us. Let every one be careful and not bring them in our school, as it would nearly break it up. Only two out of 45 have had them.

Will Cox has leased some land from "uncle Jim" Hawkins and will soon move in our midst. Will passed through with a load of rock, and said he "had a contract to haul all the rock out of Jack county." Be sure, Will, you do not faint in well doing.

What is the matter with Gee A. Gee? We did not hear from him last week. We suppose he has not recovered from the north. The last we heard of him he was still shivering.

## Rheumatism Runs Riot

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## True Tidbits.

It is fine weather for turning the soil, and the people have gone to work in earnest since the beginning of the new year.

True is on another boom. There is talk of three new new dwellings to be built soon.

Tom Richardson is off to Bowie with a load of cotton.

There was a spelling bee at the Clifton school house last Saturday night, and some of our people went over and showed them how to spell. They all had a nice time, but some came back with the sore eyes.

C. P. Benson makes a specialty of colony lands. Call and get prices before buying.

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Elasville Echoes.

The farmers are all busy. There is a better prospect for a wheat crop this year than was ever known in the country.

Mr. Ritchey has sold his interest in the grocery firm of Ritchey & Davis to S. H. Harris and has moved back to his farm on Fish creek.

Our school has an enrollment of 87 pupils. We are informed that the daily average since Christmas is in the eighties. In Young county Graham has the "Public School," Farmer has the "High School," but Elasville has the "Big School."

Carl Peters has not returned from Louisville, Ky., where he went a few days ago to attend the funeral and burial of his brother.

Louis and Vard Souther are expected home in a few days from their Christmas trip to their old home in Mississippi.

Jerry Stinson is rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at his house.

Misses Flora and Fay Robertson of Crystal Falls came down to preaching last Sunday.

Miss Fanny Beldin of Palo Pinto is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Donnell.

Mrs. Newell gave the young folks a sociable last Friday night, which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our postoffice has been moved from Belknap street to the square. P. J.

## Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Pay cents and \$1.00 at Akle's Drug Store.

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W. W. Hunter started yesterday for the Fort Worth market with a drove of fine porkers.

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Wichita Falls had a \$30,000 fire last Sunday morning. The losses were pretty well covered by insurance.

M. E. Tilton, of Hall county, succeeded by the morphine route at the Delaware Hotel, in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Judge Reagan of Texas, the only surviving member of Jefferson Davis' Cabinet, has written a letter commending President Cleveland's Venezuelan policy.

Turkey must shell out that \$400,000 in cash for burning the American mission buildings at Harpool, and demanded by this government, or it will be collected by force.

According to a statement in the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record "bonds to the extent of \$1,000,000 will be issued to complete the deepening of the harbor at Aransas Pass and to construct docks at that port."

The grand jury at Chattanooga has returned two indictments against Chief Justice Snodgrass of the supreme court of Tennessee, one for carrying concealed weapons and the other for felonious assault upon John R. Beasley.

Dr. John F. Lennox was shot and instantly killed at Detroit, Texas, Monday afternoon. Worth Duncan, a merchant of that place, and he had a difficulty, the outgrowth of a business transaction. Lennox was shot four times. Duncan has been arrested.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says that whether the old Confederates are jingoes or not, there are a good many people still living who know that they can fight, and that when they line up with the yanks people who do not want to get hurt had better keep out of the way.

In a pensive retrospect of the holidays, the Austin Statesman gives to the world the following mixture: "It looks paradoxical, but it is nevertheless true, that too many horns will keep empty the horn of plenty, or in other words, the horn of plenty leaks through too many horns."

In the latest message, recently sent to the Mississippi legislature, Gov. Stone says the way to put an end to mob violence is to give speedy trials. He is particularly emphatic in regard to prompt action, and declares that "there is no more effective weapon in the hands of justice than a speedy trial." The avoidance of jury duty by the better class of citizens is also complained of.

Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 12.—The body of Jeff Coates, who was who was killed in Oklahoma the 9th, was brought here to-day for identification. It came via the Santa Fe and will be returned to Aledo this evening by the Texas & Pacific railroad, where it will turned over to his family.

J. W. Travis, who was injured by falling and hanging himself in the fence a few days ago, died this morning at ten o'clock.

County Judge Orr of Jones county set aside the jurors selected by the commissioners and ordered the sheriff to summon twelve good and lawful men to serve for the term. In addressing the sheriff he said: "I want no rampant, prejudiced, third party men. I want no rampant, prejudiced democrats, but men free as far as possible from political prejudices. I want no 'professional jurors.' They are known to the court and should be known to the sheriff. And if any such should be selected I will have no hesitancy in discharging them."

Alcohol regularly applied to the farmer's stomach will remove the board from the fence, let the cattle into his crops, kill his fruit trees, mortgage his farm, and sow his field with wild oats and thistles. It will take the paint off of his building, break the glass out of his windows and fill them with rags. It will take the gloss from his clothes, and the polish from his manners, subdue his reason, arouse his passions, bring sorrow and disgrace upon his family and topple him into a drunkard's grave.—Ex.

## Cuban Independence.

General Gomez has or is about to knock the persimmon. His guns are barking in the suburbs of Havana. Not intimidated by the frowning battlements of Moro castle, he is veritably thundering at the gates of the doomed city. Havana is loyal to Spain, but it has a large and turbulent element that has or will rise in its might in the confusion and help the Cuban rebel to plunder the Spanish merchants of that city. What hot haste must there be to any kind of transports in the harbor of Havana. How wealth has been melted down to a convenient size to conceal and take out of the country by Spanish citizens. What a vacancy there must be just now in the fine mansions of that delightful city. Plenty of room even to stable the horses of the rebel cavalry in the marble palaces of the city.

If Gomez has entered Havana, it is not the most pleasant place to be in at present. Naturally there must be great insecurity to both life and property in the city that has been the goal of the rebels so many, many years. We may expect to hear of riot and plundering. Nothing less could be expected from such an army that will be marched into Havana by Gomez, but that will soon pass off and a government will be organized in short order that will protect life and property and insure to every citizen the liberty for which they have been struggling. They will be free from the Spanish yoke. The shame is to us that congress has not recognized the will of the people of this country and recognized the rebels as belligerents. Their struggle was very much like ours was in the revolutionary war.

There are great epochs in the history of the world when the small formalities should be brushed aside, unworthy of consideration. We ought not to have waited until Cuba won its independence before acknowledging their belligerent rights and thereby giving them an equal opportunity with their enemies to obtain arms and munitions of war. It was expected that as soon as congress convened this would be done. Now they have virtually gained their independence without any aid from us and they owe us no thanks or obligations. They will win their independence unaided by any but their brave hearts and strong arms and the wisdom of their leaders. God grant that they may enjoy it rationally and as befits a Christian people.—Austin Statesman.

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## Burned by a Mob.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 12.—Patrick Morris, a white railroad hand, and his colored wife met with a terrible fate at midnight last night. They lived in a flatboat near the Weswego wharf of the Texas & Pacific a few miles above the city, on the opposite side of the river. On account of their difference in color as well as the charge that they kept a disorderly place for negroes, there has been a growing sentiment against them.

They were sitting up in their boat when a body of men came down and set fire to the hull. They sought refuge on shore and as soon as they made their appearance they were riddled with bullets. The woman was killed outright, but the man fell crippled and the two were burned to ashes with the boat.

The citizens in the vicinity say the place was a nuisance and that the couple had been run away from several places. They think that the mob went there for the purpose of giving Morris a whipping, but that he showed fight and infuriated his oppressors to encompass his own doom.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Mrs. W. J. Berry is reported quite sick.

Miss Belle Cunningham is visiting friends at Markley.

Preston Brooks went to Dallas and other points Tuesday.

John L. Steen left Monday morning on a business trip to Ft. Worth.

The roads are muddy again, and freighters are having a tough time.

John B. Girand has moved his family to town and is now a city gentleman.

Eld. Ira Adams has been on a trip to Seymour and other points this week.

E. H. Wade has bought lots on South Elm street and will erect a dwelling at once.

Ira Parker of Dallas has been visiting his mother and old friends in the city this week.

W. S. McJinney boarded the outgoing stage Monday morning for Dallas and other points.

Dr. G. H. LeGrande is building a commodious barn to replace the one burned last summer.

Eld. Ira Adams will fill his regular appointment at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

W. M. Matthews has built an addition to, painted and otherwise improved his cozy home on Pecos street.

Catarh can be successfully treated only by purifying the blood, and the one true blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

R. H. Choat had the misfortune to lose about 2000 pounds of pork last week, the weather being too warm when he killed.

Messrs. E. and J. W. Jackson are happy over the arrival of their mother, who is out from Tennessee on an extended visit to them.

Miss Flora Baskett, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. A. Ford, returned home yesterday.

Brothers Cunningham and Foster returned from their recent pedagogical tour of the county believing that a better day than any they have seen was ahead of them.

Brother Foster from Dr. W. A. Morris, at Childress: "I have been away from Graham now nearly three months and with the exception of occasionally finding a copy of THE LEADER around some printing office, have been badly off for home news. Send me three or four back numbers to this point and also copy of your next issue."

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T. C. Marsee, proprietor of the Marsee House (formerly the Bell House), has repainted and remodeled this popular hostelry and is now better prepared than ever to take care of the traveling public. When you want a square meal or a nice room give the Marsee House a trial.

Mr. Thos. G. Black and Miss Ernestine Keeter were married at the residence of Judge N. J. Timmons, uncle of the bride, last Sunday, Eld. G. W. Black, father of the groom, officiating. The contracting parties to this pleasant union are well known and have hosts of friends to bid them God speed in the voyage of life upon the sea of matrimony. THE LEADER joins in wishing them every happiness and no disappointments, together with a long and prosperous life.

County court convened Monday with a light docket, which was promptly disposed of as follows:

State vs. Wes DeVashier, carrying a pistol, jury verdict, not guilty.

State vs. Chas. Ford, carrying a pistol; plea of guilty, fined \$25.00.

State vs. Wm. Wooley, giving liquor to minors; jury verdict of guilty, fined \$25.00.

The following pleas of guilty were received during vacation:

State vs. Bernie Jewell, disturbing religious worship; fined \$25.00.

State vs. John Hart, carrying a pistol; fined \$25.00.

Last week Sheriff Williams sent a subpoena to the sheriff of Kaufman county to summon Tom Box to appear at the next term of district court here as defendant in a suit for divorce. The sheriff of Kaufman county at once arrested Box on a charge of bigamy, he having a living wife in that county at the time of his marriage here. Box will be brought back and tried for bigamy.

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The citizens of Goose Neck gave a royal welcome to all comers, having dinner and supper on the grounds, and turning out en masse to hear the discussions and exercises. They took part in the discussions and cheered the hearts of the enthusiastic pedagogues by their words of wisdom and hearty commendation. At night the house was crowded almost to suffocation, with an eager throng of listeners, who evinced their appreciation by frequent applause.

The discussions were at all times earnest and thoughtful, vigorous and animated, and strong appeals were made for our public schools and for the cause of public education. The subjects of "Educational Cancers," "Are We Called to Teach," and "Co-operation" brought strong and cogent arguments from the teachers for every point advanced. The talks on these subjects were worth going a hundred miles to hear. They touched the very heart of the profession. In spirit the meeting was notable and uplifting. No envy or ill-feeling, prejudice or carping criticism marred the occasion, but all seemed to realize that they were brothers and co-workers in a common cause.

The Institute is reaching the people, and soon the spirit animating the teachers will diffuse itself and permeate the fathers and mothers of Young county, then the public school will be the most cherished institution of our country.

Prof. Lindsey is a faithful member, even if he does impart instruction. He travelled seventy miles to attend the institute, thus exemplifying the theory that distance or weather can be an excuse for non-attendance.

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Sowing and Reaping.

"So shalt thou put away evil from among you." To THE LEADER: "Citizen" would indeed be an ingrate if he should fail to express his appreciation of the kind words of encouragement and endorsement he has received from THE LEADER and the Call and from "W. J. M." Consciousness of right becomes more than pleasant when we realize that we have the cordial support of good people.

In our previous article we branded the saloon as it exists locally, as an "unmitigated evil," a "menace to society," and a "public nuisance." We are gratified to see that no "Richmond" has entered the list to attempt a defense of the saloon, and we take it that it has no defense, no palliation, no mitigation, no excuse for its existence in our midst. It is simply tolerated—that's all. It exists by sufferance, subject to the will of the people around it. So careful have been our legislators on the subject of saloon regulation that they have provided that even a minute subdivision of a county may vote it out of existence. It may be prohibited within the bounds of any fixed territory and it has no vested rights to be disturbed. It is simply a wart, an excrescence, a parasite, which may grow and flourish, live and wax fat, or be abated at the will of the people at any time they see fit. It is like a rotten potato in the middle of the bin; it may be safely removed, if found in time, but if it is allowed to remain long in the bin it will cause other potatoes to decay. It is no trouble to prove that the saloon is man's worst enemy and it affects every relationship of existence.

RELIGIOUSLY.

The saloon is the worst enemy of the christian religion, the "chief concern of mortals here below." Religion and whisky don't mix any better than does oil and water, and the influence of the church and the saloon are diametrically opposite. Nearly every religious denomination has by resolution, discipline, creed or canon, declared against the saloon. In this connection it is worthy of note that the Romish church, so long too liberal on the subject, has recently taken an advanced stand against the whisky traffic. The church opposes the saloon. In some places ("Timbuctoo" for instance) they even run an opposition business on Sundays. Both sinner and saint alike admit that there is no compatibility between the church and the saloon, and the bibulous church member is always counted below par, even by the man who sells him the liquor and is usually subjected to pastoral reprimand or rebuke, and sometimes excommunication at the hands of the ecclesiastical authorities.

FINANCIALLY.

A man's money is generally next to his religion in his estimation; sometimes it ranks above and sometimes below; so we will treat the saloon with reference to finance next. And on this point we are a met, at the outset, by the prevailing idea that the saloon is a factor of "flush times" and a "lively town" and that a dry, sober town is necessarily a "dead town" and the blatant defender of the grog shop usually illustrates by calling attention to some drouth-stricken waste of a place, hardly habitable for prairie dogs, and says "look what prohibition did for A—and B—?" They never attempt to give a reason for their argument but they are prolific in examples for one to "look at." The fact of the business is that the idea is an indefensible fallacy, contrary to all rules of economy and founded only upon the old "wild and woolly" superstition that it takes saloons, gambling halls, dance halls, etc., to make a town lively. It is worse than a fallacy—it is an absurdity—and we have only to trace up the dollar spent for liquor to prove it. A dollar spent and taken out of the local channels of trade is a dollar lost if it does not buy a thing of value. What does it get if spent for whisky? The partners in business, nation, state, county and saloon man get a divide of the profits of the sale here, but the big end of the dollar goes into the capacious vaults of the whisky trust, north and east. The only local trader benefitted is the saloon man. He gets a living, the consumer gets drunk and the consumer's creditors get left when it comes to collecting his bills and his wife gets disappointed in regard to that new pair of shoes she needs or the new dress

for the baby. It takes an imagination badly distorted by prejudice or bug juice to figure out how the grocery man and the dry goods man, the hardware man, etc., are benefitted by the presence of the saloon. On the contrary it is inimical to their interests. It may be a source of profit to peaces officers and criminal lawyers but it is a dead loss to a town and country. But there are men who will never see it that way and will continue to believe and argue that prohibition "kills trade." There are doubtless a few characters in our country who would not live in it without a saloon, in fact we have heard men say so, but the county can spare all such and bid them adieu. There may be a few who are so blinded by a disordered appetite that they would trade elsewhere if there were no saloons in Graham but they are few indeed. Texas is rapidly becoming too "dead" for some people anyway. It is too "dead" for prize fighters, (and we hope soon will be for cock fighters, too, Mr. Call); about one-third of the state is "dead" dry by local option and the good work goes on. In some future article "Citizen" may present proofs by way of certificates of business men in counties that have voted dry, but for the present we rest this proposition upon what we regard as self-evident truth, viz: That the saloon costs annually hundreds, yea, thousands of dollars to the people of Young county, and in return give only wretchedness, drunkenness, poverty, misery and vice, and as recent exposures indicate it is training up the youth of the land in the broad road to destruction.

We are proud to see the people aroused and taking an interest. It augurs well for the future. We have been too long silent on this subject. We have not done our full duty as citizens in the premises. We have waited too long already before applying the pruning knife. The tree has already cast its crop of bitter fruit. Hearts and homes are already blighted; lives are already ruined; hopes of fond parents are already crushed 'neath the heel of the fell destroyer; appetites, rendered inordinate by indulgence, are already fastened upon young men who will carry them as a "thorn in the flesh" to their graves; aged men and women are already going in sorrow to their rest beyond the river—sorrow, not because of the uncertainty of their own reward, but because of the temptations left behind in the path of those near and dear to them. Shall we sit supinely by and wait for new victims to be added, new homes to be wrecked, new hearts to be broken? God forbid! The conditions disclose the necessity for action, the law points out the way and all things are now ready for the work.

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P. S. In my next I expect to treat the saloon in its relations to law and order and may touch upon its influence and methods in elections. Will try to get my copy in the meantime I want to make some inquiry about a "fraudulent ticket game" the saloons worked two years ago.

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W. W. Hunter started yesterday for the Fort Worth market with a drove of fine porkers.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. MOST PERFECT MADE. A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Eliasville Echoes. The farmers are all busy. There is a better prospect for a wheat crop this year than was ever known in the country. Mr. Ritchey has sold his interest in the grocery firm of Ritchey & Davis to S. H. Harris and has moved back to his farm on Fish creek. Our school has an enrollment of 87 pupils. We are informed that the daily average since Christmas is in the eighties. In Young county Graham has the "Public School," Farmer has the "High School," but Eliasville has the "Big School."

Carl Peters has not returned from Louisville, Ky., where he went a few days ago to attend the funeral and burial of his brother. Louis and Vard Souther are expected home in a few days from their Christmas trip to their old home in Mississippi. Jerry Stinson is rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at his house. Misses Flora and Fay Robertson of Crystal Falls came down to preaching last Sunday. Miss Fanny Beldin of Palo Pinto is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Donnell. Mrs. Newell gave the young folks a sociable last Friday night, which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Our postoffice has been moved from Belknap street to the square. P. J.

Cure for Headache. As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at Akis' Drug Store.

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HER FATHER'S SECRET.

Emily Vane sat at the drawing-room window which overlooked the sea and the Cleveland hills, but she saw neither sea nor hills. She and her father, with the servants, had been some months at the manor of Salthurston in a large house which Mr. Vane had rented for the summer. Henry Vane, Esq., owned a good-sized manor in Belgravia, where he had lived for the past eight years during the London season; and an estate near Nottingham, and a small manor near Salisbury, but he had retired from the world, and he had taken up his abode in the country.

His money had been acquired abroad, and though of his family nothing or little was known by society, he was well received by some excellent houses; for even a titled person does not care lightly to offend one whose income is £4,000 a year.

Emily Vane saw neither sea nor hills. Her thoughts were wholly occupied by the man who had been her betrothed some months ago at a country house, since which time he had been her devoted admirer. She frankly confessed to herself that she liked him, that she liked his society, and that she knew that he loved her. But Hubert Wells was not rich and had no particular position. He had only about £200 a year, which his father, long since dead, had left him to live upon.

Emily Vane still sat, looking first at this proposal, then at that. She had, for the past week or two, expected both, and so unsettled and doubtful was she that she had given neither suitor any chance of proposing personally. But now it had come—both on one morning. The ordeal had to be faced; the decision to be made! Her pride, her love for her father, her wish to raise the name of Vane, said: "Sacrifice! yet there was a small voice underneath which whispered: "Hubert!"

In her perplexity she picked up the letters, and went to see her father in his study. Emily Vane's mother had died at her birth; her father was her closest confidant. As Emily entered, he rose up and kissed her lovingly, then smoothing her hair, said, quietly, "My dear child, which of the two do you like best?"

"Which of the two do you like best?" "The beautiful girl gazed at him with eyes half dimmed with tears, as she answered, blushing: "Whichever my papa likes. He always chooses for the best."

"Well, my dear, suppose I should say Lord Sacerot? I have always wished such a husband for you—titled, yet noble in nature's best way."

"Yes, papa."

"I like this Mr. Wells."

Emily's heart beat a shade quicker. "Can you not tell me anything of the earl of Sacerot, and what I have often pictured you; and yet—yes—he is his father's son!"

"The girl gazed, half in fear and astonishment, for her father was as pale as death, and shook visibly."

"What is it, papa?" she said.

"Sit down, my love," replied Mr. Vane. "It has only come, as I felt certain some day it would. God has brought it out in life time. I must tell you now. Don't be afraid, Emily. It is the secret of my life which I've hidden for 25 years, and now you must share it. I feel I should not be doing right if I let you choose to-day without telling you of it. When you have heard my story, you must choose for yourself, and be assured your choice, whichever it will, please me. As for what you will hear, it will remain your secret and mine; I will keep it as before, and I must beg of you to do the same all your life, even from your husband."

Emily sat in doubt and fear, sure that her kind father who had so loved her would not tell her anything to distress her, if he could help it; and yet anxious as to what such an awful secret could be. The master of Olton sat in a chair with his face away from the light, watching intently that dear, sweet face of his daughter, upon which the full sunlight shone.

"Thirty-five years ago a convict ship was sailing from England for Botany Bay, under the command of a brave captain and crew. There were no fewer than 40 convicts on board—desperate fellows of every description: thieves, highwaymen, man-stealers, kinds of villains. Among them was one whose case had excited much interest at home, since many people believed him innocent—morally, at any rate—of the crime he was said to have committed. Among a gang of poachers one night he, their superior in rank, had had the misfortune to shoot one of the keepers who had watched for them and attacked them. The shot had killed the keeper, but there was some doubt as to whose gun it had come from, and when the convict in question was arrested and charged the keepers swore that he had fired the shot. For himself, he knew not whether this was so; several of his fellow poachers said he was innocent, and that the real culprit had escaped. His sentence, however, was that of penal servitude at Botany Bay for life—probably the doubt alone saved him from being hanged."

"Naturally his spirit was galled; he became morose, wild, severe in aspect as in temper, and his reputation on the convict ship was that of the worst criminal on board. He rebelled at his jailers, at his food, at his confinement, and felt ready for any dark deed. The chance soon came. The vessel was off the Cape of Good Hope, some miles away, when he first got knowledge of a projected mutiny, in which the captain, crew and jailers were all to be murdered; and the successful mutiny was to be followed by a voyage to some unknown point in Africa and land there."

"It was a desperate scheme, and with the mutiny he was thoroughly in union, but not with the murder. He was

not yet as black as that, and tried hard to dissuade his fierce companions from it, but in vain. As they persisted in their plans, he felt that all he could do was to keep quiet till the time for action came; but the captain and his wife had been really kind to him, and he determined they should not die. Yet he would not betray his companions, like a coward."

"On September 8 the attack was made. He stood near the captain's cabin to protect his unsuspecting inmates. When the mutineers, having seized the watch on deck and killed the crew, rushed down, he ordered them back from that cabin; they refused to go, and a fight ensued. The captain became roused, the alarm was given, and after a desperate resistance, the rebels were overpowered and slain in iron. The captain begged of the guards to set the convict who had saved his life at liberty, but they declined, pretending that, in reality, he was as bad as the rest. So he was closely guarded."

"It was on touching at Perth that the captain's opportunity came. Having received the consent of his inmates, he entertained the whole of the guards to dinner one evening, and made them hopelessly drunk. In the meantime, one of his party contrived to secure possession of their keys, and in a few moments the convict's irons had been loosened and he was free. The captain himself came and shook hands with him ere he sent him off in the boat which was waiting for him."

"I know," said he, "that what I have done for you is risky, and may cost me something if my secret is discovered; but you saved my life, so I will take this risk to save you from the crushing penal servitude. All I have to say to you is, get away from the coast, after you have landed as soon as possible, change your name and appearance as much as you can; go into some honest business, and though it is not likely, if ever I do hear of you again, let it be in such a way that will do you credit, and repay me for giving you your freedom to-night."

"The tears stood in the convict's eyes as he thanked his benefactor, and grasped his hand."

"Sir, I shall take your advice. My little bit of good was almost gone by the brutal treatment I have suffered—for I don't think I killed that game-keeper, but even if I did, it was purely accidental. You have proved to me that all the kindness and gratitude I can not yet get out of the world, and I hope some day to be able to show you how I appreciate it."

"Within a few minutes more the boat had landed him on the mainland. He watched it return to the ship, and then departed."

"It was six years after this that, with money made in sheep farming, Joseph Turnell, the former convict, turned up at Ballarat just as the first rush of the gold fever occurred. It was Turnell who bought the great tract of land which was thereafter discovered to be almost wholly gold under the surface, and who sold it, after getting some thousands out of it, for a very large sum. But nobody in England or Australia, when Joseph Turnell's name was mentioned, ever thought for a moment that he was the convict who had been set free by the earl of Sacerot."

"Joseph Turnell was wealthy, and had married a dear girl in Victoria, who had borne him a daughter, when she died. He had no more children, and he died, leaving all he had to his only daughter, Emily. He came to England and took the name of Harry Vane, owing to having had some estates left him, as he told his friends; in reality, to throw any chance of acquaintance of the secret of his fortune on any discovery of or disagreement with his wife. I felt nervous the first year or two, but now the only two who know all this are you and I, for even the good old captain is dead. So, you see, I was imprisoned unjustly for all, but it has turned out a good thing for me in the end, and now you have wealth and beauty, I wanted, for my own ambition, to see you a lady by title and position, and the earl of Sacerot could have no finer daughter nor you a more desirable husband."

"She sat pale and agitated, yet smiling now, for was not her dear father free of that awful, even if unintentional, crime which had made her feel so sick as he told her the story?"

"So you think I must choose Lord Sacerot?" asked she.

"Nay," replied Mr. Vane; "I have scarcely done yet. Hear the rest and choose for yourself. As you know now, all I have to do is to give you the freedom, my wealth, my fair fame;—promised—and God knows I have tried never to forget him and his wife. Emily, that girl's name was Hubert Wells, and this Mr. Hubert Wells is her son! I found out all easily by my senses. I have never repaid the father, never can, nor the mother, either, for what they did. My own dearest daughter, if she chooses—and I half suspect it will be agreeable—sacrifice with me our ambitious hopes and repay the son for his father's sake!"

"Yes, dearest papa, and she will."

"God bless you both," said he. "The captain, though far away, will be as delighted as I am."—N. Y. Sun.

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True Form of the Moon. You were doubtless taught, as was the writer, that the moon is globular-shaped, or, in other words, that its form is similar to that of the earth. According to the teachings of advanced modern astronomy this is all a mistake. It is believed nowadays that the moon is a perfect ellipse, its figure being nearly exactly one-third longer than it is broad. This elliptical theory of our satellite's shape is founded on the well-known fact that a certain side (end, rather) of the moon is always presented to our view. This is caused by the moon revolving once on her axis in exactly the same period of time that she revolves around the earth. Her elongated shape was probably caused by the attraction of the earth when both planets were young and soft.

A SERMON.

It may be that our Heavenly Father, or some of the angelic host, keeps an eye on man, and every time he sees the great Damn, kisses the painted lips of his friend's better half, chaseth his neighbor, or takes an overdose of the juice the bible prescribes for the stomach, and places to that man's debt a demerit—but we think not. The Lord may keep tab on man's actions, but we imagine that He, Who made the earth, sun, moon and stars; made a man of mud and a beautiful woman from a rib foundation, can find more profitable and congenial employment than chasing around after man with a balance sheet. The day may come when we will have to give an account of our cussedness, but this does not signify that all-seeng God need turn our Promised Land into book-keeping establishment in order to keep posted on the meanness of mankind. If Almighty God was to bother Himself about temporal affairs—He would, ages ago, have become disgusted with man's infernal cussedness and would, no doubt have destroyed the whole "shoot-ing-match." If He, of heavenly fame and with all-seeing eye, keeps watch over our actions, how proud He must be of His masterpiece—man!

When that Great and Final Day shall come and we stand before the Judgment Bar of God, we are going to be participants to a surprise party; for many a so-called criminal and many a branded bawd will hear the welcome plaudit: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord;" while many a pious hypocrite, who knows no more of the effects of christianity than a razor back sow does of glory, will hear the dread order: "In Satan's kingdom a Lake is awaiting thy coming; depart ye." And then there will be "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth," for few will there be who can stand the test prescribed in Heavens' Unwritten Law.

"Prepare to meet thy God."

But this does not mean to carry around with you a long face and indistinct upon sinners an aggravated case of religious blues, nor to sit in a listless way, as if you were a member of a fashionable church, and listen to a preacher discuss the proper mode of baptism. It means for you to live honestly and uprightly; pure in conversation and Godly in your walk. It means for you to remove that half-bushel measure from over the candle of your actions and let the world know you as you really are. How many can afford to do that? We fear they are almighty scarce.

Charity does not mean to give unto the beggar; neither is it always charity to give to the poor. But an encouraging word to the fallen, a smile and a few words kindly spoken to the heavy of heart, words of wisdom to the erring; is charity without alloy; is a boon more precious to trail humanity than all the wealth of a Croesus. But the average man would rather tramp a quarter to a beggar or bum, tramp or thief than to spend a few seconds talking to some unworthy unfortunate. Until we are more thoroughly filled with the milk of human kindness, we can never hope to emulate the example of the King of the Jews. Christ never went down into His jeans pants and gave to the beggar, nor raised a contribution for the needy; He never "pounded" the preacher nor gave him a vacation on full pay; never tilted His nose staward at sight of the unfortunate, shunned the erring nor haughtily passed the fallen. To the latter He spoke words of kindness, of wisdom and of salvation—took them by the hand and said "Go thy way and sin no more." If we were to contrast the life of the modern christian with Him Whom we try to personate, it be a sight to make the gods goggle. And yet we proudly boast that we are christians par excellence, and besides us there are none; that we are devout followers of the meek and lowly Christ and He must be proud of us.

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