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### Teachers' Institute.

Farmer, October 23 and 24, 1896.

FRIDAY.

Paper.—Institute Work Theoretically Considered. H. Fowler.

Institute Work Practically Considered. G. A. Gray.

Recitation. Miss Mollie McJilton.

Personal Habits of the Teacher. J. N. Johnston.

Discussion. R. Lindsey, T. K. Timmons.

Essay.—Professional Ethics. Miss Ella Fort.

Recitation. Miss Georgia Jewell.

NOON.

The Educational Ideas of Socrates. J. A. Fairly.

Discussion. J. E. Simpson, Geo. Compton.

Paper.—Education the Foundation of Habits. J. H. Aynesworth.

Recitation. R. L. Johnston.

What Habits Should be Formed by School Work. Miss Mollie McJilton.

Discussion. J. W. Collier, Miss Georgia Jewell.

NOON SESSION.

Recitation. Miss Lizzie LeGrand.

Ideal Teacher versus the Real. Miss Lillian Earnest.

Exciting Interest in Study.

NOON.

Discussion. G. A. Gray, C. G. Teffler.

Recitation. Geo. A. Hill.

SATURDAY.

The Necessary Elements of a Successful School System. J. P. Moreland.

Discussion. Geo. Compton, H. Fowler.

Recitation. Cornelia Jewell.

Has Our State Superintendent Too Much Authority? Geo. McLaren.

Discussion. J. N. Johnston, J. H. Aynesworth.

Paper.—Franklin's Ideas on Education. J. N. Johnston.

Recitation. J. W. Collier.

NOON.

Discussion of questions not on the program.

Recitation. J. M. Hughes.

Miscellaneous business.

How Can a District Best Increase Its Educational Facilities. Miss Grace Darling.

Discussion. Miss Lillian Earnest, Miss Lee Blakey.

Song. Misses Georgia and Cornelia Jewell.

From The Blind Asylum.

I thought I would take the liberty to write to you as I am a citizen of Farmer, and wish to give you some news of the school here in Austin.

But first let me tell you of our journey from Farmer to Austin. On Thursday morning, the 10th of September, 1896, in company with father and mother, my sister and I, having bid our brothers, sisters and friends a loving good-bye, started for the railroad at Bowie, Texas. After watching the last glimpse of home disappear from our observation, we settled down to enjoy the trip, and we certainly did.

We passed through several little villages and small towns and at last arrived at Bowie on the 11th, and prepared to take the train at half past 2 o'clock p. m.

At the depot we met Miss Nannie Adams, a pupil of the Institute, and Miss Sallie Thornton, a young lady who spent vacation with Miss Adams.

After buying our tickets and bidding our father and mother good-bye, we took the Fort Worth and Denver bound for Fort Worth. We arrived at Fort Worth at half past 6 o'clock p. m., and after a few minutes delay boarded the M. K. & T. south bound.

We passed stations too numerous to count and too hard to spell, but at each I looked for school mates to join our party. At last my anticipations were more than gratified, for when aroused from a pleasant nap I heard a familiar voice exclaim, "Why, Raymond, is that you?" Turning, I recognized my teacher, Prof. Gay, who I was surprised though glad to see. Among the first questions that I asked him was: "Are you married?" I was partly satisfied by his answering, "No, not yet."

We arrived at Taylor at one o'clock a. m., and at half past three o'clock a. m. we took the I & G. N. Ry., which arrived at Austin at 5:50 o'clock a. m. At the depot we found our kind Superintendent waiting to carry us to the Institute in a bus. In thirty minutes we were safe back to our old school, and very glad indeed to see our old school mates and teachers again. When the greeting of our old friends was over, and we had settled down to our studies, what should disturb us but Prof. Gay announcing his intention to get married. So Friday night, at 11:40 o'clock, he left us with many wishes of joy and success to bring home his bride. He returned Monday morning and brought with him a beautiful and accomplished lady whom he declares to be the sweetest bride in the world, and he defies any one to deny it. Monday night we boys serenaded them with our orchestra, which they appeared to enjoy very much, and I think some others enjoyed it also. Those wishing to know please inquire at girls' department. We congratulated them with many happy wishes for the future. RAYMOND WANK, Blind Institute.

### Will Silver Win or Lose?

Will it be a triumphant victory or an ignominious defeat? The foregoing question is just now wholly engrossing the attention of everybody and the political prophets especially, who in their own arrogant estimation pretend to foreknow all things which are destined to come to pass. But judging from the present complicated condition of politics, it seems as if it would be actually necessary to invoke the assistance of the Omnipotent One, if in advance they assume the effrontery to prophesy with regard to the final outcome of the absorbing issue. Notwithstanding the situation, the prospects are altogether favorable and indicate a complete triumph at the final conquest on the third of the incoming month.

However, the ultimate decision may be quite contrary to present, as has often been the case heretofore, and the result favorable to the opposition. And if so, what then? A simple continuation of the present oppressive financial policy together with other excessive, repugnant and oppressive measures, is all that we may expect and is furthermore all that we will get—rest assured of that—if we assist in the election of Wm. McKinley to the office of chief magistrate of these United States. Unless we initiate those worthy New Yorkers and contribute about \$100,000 apiece to his campaign fund and thus secure to ourselves limitless profits and abundant protection by the government in the event of his election (as they will surely be.) And as the richest of all rich men once said, "the people be damned," will be the only natural consequence. For who under the canopy of God's Heaven would contribute such enormous amount for campaign purposes unless it were for that specific purpose. Admitting the fact that contributions by the wealthiest members of each party have been ostentatious enormous, it does not necessarily follow that they should be specially provided for by the government. But also, it is too often the case. However, by way of return to our subject. Nobody doubts the ability, the honesty, or the patriotism of Mr. McKinley, but the manner in which his campaign is being conducted certainly has some tendency to create within the people a suspicion regarding his fitness for the position to which he aspires. We ask our opponents, why has he never gone forth in advocacy of his theory? Why has he never denounced it "expedient to do so"? Why should he submit the leadership of his party to others when he himself should be the foremost one? Why should he refuse to meet that gallant Bryan in joint discussion of the issues, as is customary? Surely his opponent is worthy of his steel. Finally, why should he remain quietly at home and say nothing. No other cause is assignable than that of fear of the foundation upon which he stands, and is determined if possible to buy his way to the presidency through the patriotic efforts of Lieutenant Hanna. Will he do it? The question is yet to be answered and while we sincerely hope he may not let the love of money overcome the patriotism of the people and result in his election. And if so, may the God of Heaven forever frown upon the fellow who sells his vote. If we ever expect to return to a bimetallic standard of money we will be forced to do so upon our own responsibilities. The highest European and American authorities have said so, among whom is Prince Bismarck, he having recently said such action on our part would, in his opinion, have a tendency to hasten similar action by the other leading commercial nations of the world. Then why should we longer hesitate? Is it because we doubt our own ability? Certainly not, because as a nation we are the most enlightened, progressive and powerful on earth, fully capable of controlling ourselves without any assistance whatever. (Or should be at any rate.) Then shall we assert our independence or still remain subservient to the greedy, selfish and unscrupulous Money Kings of America and Europe, whose god is gold, whose ambition is riches and whose every action is contaminating to our free institutions and detrimental to the property and happiness of the American people. Finally, we hope everybody may voice his honest sentiments and abide the decision with patience, firmness and confidence. W. T. LLAKEY, Lacy, Texas, Oct. 8, 1896.

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**FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,**  
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3rd. NED MORRIS,  
4th. H. F. O'NEAL,  
5th. E. L. AGNEW,  
6th. F. P. POWELL,  
7th. D. H. HARDY,  
8th. M. M. SCOTT,  
9th. T. B. COCHRAN,  
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11th. A. S. THURMOND,  
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13th. S. P. RUFF.
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- For Lieut. Governor,  
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- For Attorney General,  
M. M. CRANE.
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- For Comptroller,  
R. W. FINLEY.
- For Land Commissioner,  
A. J. BAKER.
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J. M. CARLISLE.
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JOHN H. REAGAN,  
L. J. STORY,  
ALLISON MAYFIELD.
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JOHN H. STEPHENS.
- For Representative 104th District,  
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- For County Judge,  
O. E. FINLAY.
- For County and District Clerk,  
CHAS. GAY.
- For County Attorney,  
JOHN C. KAY.
- For County Treasurer,  
J. A. DIXON.
- For Sheriff,  
H. C. WILLIAMS.
- For Tax Assessor,  
S. H. JAMES.
- For County Surveyor,  
ELISHA T. HIGGINS.
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1,  
A. J. WHEAT.
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2,  
H. L. LEBERMAN.
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3,  
ALLEN C. CASEY.

Nearly all the New York preachers have taken their turn in denouncing Bryan and free coinage of silver. But Bryan is impressing the country with the idea that he has more real earnest religion, and a heart of greater sympathy for humanity than all the gold standard preachers in New York.

## THE FUSION DEAL.

Pops Are to Get \$25 000 to Influence the Rank and File—Kearby's Slate is Made up.

Dallas, Texas, October 8.—These are the terms of fusion submitted by the Populist managers, and accepted by the Republican managers:

1. Republican support of Populist state and county tickets.
2. Republican support of Populist congressional candidates in certain districts.
3. A Republican contribution of \$25,000 to the Populist campaign fund.

This is the Populist share of the pie. The Republicans are to get:

1. As many Populist votes as the Pop bosses can throw to seven candidates for electors on the Republican ticket.
2. Certain state appointments under Kearby.
3. The most interesting provision under the latter clause of the contract relates to Mr. N. W. Cuney, the colored leader of Galveston. He is to be made superintendent of a state eleemosynary institution.

It is understood that Mr. Kearby has his cabinet slate already made up, and that Mr. E. L. Wood, Populist orator, figures on it for secretary of state.

Hoke Smith's noble act of giving up a cabinet position to serve the party that elevated him to that place will be recorded in history as a shining example of true Americanism.

## The Unholy Alliance.

Circumstances, known to all men, point with unerring certainty to the fact that an effort is on foot to combine the republican and populist parties in Texas for the purpose of giving the vote of the State to McKinley and Kearby. Now there is no particular objection to the fusion of any two political organizations that can unite upon principles held in common by both, but this fusion is carried on with a degree of secrecy that smacks of political rascality and corruption of the deepest dye. Each of these parties have placed their interests and the whole management of the campaign in the hands of a very few men, vested with plenary powers. These men have been caucusing together behind closed doors for weeks, while the rank and file of these parties have been fed upon promises and put off with evasive answers.

Chairman Grant of the republican committee, came very near letting the whole cat out of the bag in his circular last week in which he says "The Populists and sound money Democrats are our friends and we want to affiliate with them. \* \* \* \* \* We should do everything honorable in our power to get votes for McKinley and we should also assist all those who vote our national ticket."

But Hon. W. M. McDonald of Kaufman, let the whole thing out last week when he resigned his position as one of the republican campaign managers because of the fusion sought to be forced on him. He says in his public letter of resignation, referring to the decision of the republican committee, "Your plenary committee contemplates doing that which could not have been done in our state convention." \* \* \* "Combination after combination has been discussed, looking toward enhancing the best interests of Texas, and in the meantime to secure to Maj. McKinley the electoral vote of Texas. To accomplish the latter would require a sacrifice of manhood, principles and all those things which a good citizen holds dear." \* \* \* "I know that principles and patriotism cannot be found in this unholy combination." What combination? One party cannot make a combination alone! McDonald quit because of an unholy combination which he, being one of the committee and on the inside, KNEW ALL ABOUT!

Now the populist managers are keeping very still about this combination. Local orators deny its existence. The people have a right to know what their plenary committees are doing. Why don't they make public the fusion, if there is fusion? Why don't they give the public the names of their electors and tell the people how these electors are going to cast the vote of Texas if they are elected?

It has been charged in the daily press as coming from chairman Green, that the combination contemplated is six electors for McKinley, six for Bryan and Watson and three for the McKinley aid society. Is it true or false? There are thousands of honest populists in Texas, and hundreds of honest republicans who will not swallow this secret deal if they know it. We call upon the populists of Young county to investigate this. We demand the truth. We demand that our neighbor, the Call, publish a list of its electors and tell the people how, when and where, and by whom they were selected. We demand an open and honest campaign. We demand that our political enemies have the courage to make public their negotiations. No dark lanternism, no secret trades, no midnight deals and combines must be worked in Texas. If Mark Hanna's cash has bought the populist plenary committee in Texas we demand that the privates in the ranks be informed about it.

An old soldier gives McKinley's war record. He shows that Commodore McKinley entered the army as a cook and served in that capacity until he was promoted to the position of commissary sergeant.—Ex.

## Buck Walton Resigns.

On Monday last Hon. W. M. Walton tendered to Chairman Bradley his resignation as candidate for attorney-general on the populist ticket. Mr. Walton has quit the party because of "the populist-republican fusion, and says he will vote for Bryan and Sewall. He says it is not even a possibility to carry Texas for Bryan and Watson, and if he can prevent it the vote of Texas will not be cast for McKinley.

On the subject of fusion Mr. Walton says:

It is too late to doubt that there exists between the populist campaign committee and those in authority in the republican party some scheme, design, purpose, arrangement or fusion, hitherto and now withheld from the rank and file of the populist party (and I as well, although I am on the state ticket), whereby in some as yet unknown way the populist vote will be thrown to the republican electoral ticket, and thus against their will the populists be made to move Texas into the republican column. I do not believe that populists will knowingly or willingly vote to put Mr. McKinley in power over this country. He is the exact opposite in every particular, in doctrine and in political advocacy, to what the populist is in theory and practice. If your prejudices will not permit you to vote for Bryan and Sewall, and through them make populism save the country from ruin, I urge you and warn you to scan your ticket closely, that you may not be by fraud, deluded into voting for Mr. McKinley.

I say to you as friend to friend, as populist to populist, as patriot to patriot that I shall vote for Bryan and Sewall because I will not vote for McKinley and Hobart. I would like to vote for Bryan and Watson, but to do so in Texas at the coming election is to cast a half vote for McKinley and Hobart.

If the scheme of fusion which I have spoken is carried out Bryan is in danger in Texas, and every populist should rush to the rescue, and to the extent of his power and influence thwart the infamy that the schemers would bring on the right-thinking and liberty-loving people of Texas.

We hope every populist in Young county will read these burning words and we ask every individual democrat to call the attention of their populist neighbors to these utterances. We are glad to see honest populists denounce the dirty trickery of the campaign managers and declare for the right.

## A Bold Scheme.

The Dallas correspondent of the St. Louis Republican, in writing to that paper on the subject of Republican and Populist coalition closes his article with the following paragraph:

"One of the schemes of the Republican Bureau of Election came to the knowledge of the Democratic managers to-day. It is to use bogus election tickets in the strong Populist districts remote from the large cities, with a Bryan and Watson heading and two Bryan and Watson electors-at-large, Wood and Call, printed under the heading, but with thirteen McKinley and Hobart district electors beneath these. The idea of the promoters of this rascality is that the country P populist, seeing their heading and two electors-at-large on the ticket will read no further, but vote it under the impression that all the electors on it are genuine Populist."

If such a scheme could have been kept close, it might have fooled many a voter who had confidence in his party leaders; but nine times out of ten such fraudulent practice "will out," and become a boomerang to their inventors. The frequent hobnobbing of the Populist Plenary Committee with Mark Hanna's agents and emissaries has put honest Populist on their guard for "a bug under the chip," and such plans as the above are well calculated to make them more alert and it is safe to say that voters next November will read their ticket before placing them in the ballot box.—Weatherford News.

A Utah silver paper gives this reason for the extremely hot summer: "Every semi-roasted down-caster is asking some explanation of the unprecedented hot season. This is an easy one. It is because under goldbuggery and monopoly rule, the whole country has gotten so much nearer hell than it used to be."

# Gloom

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## Bradley Retires.

Judge H. D. Wood of Greenville, populist nominee for elector-at-large, and Marion M. Williams, a district elector, having bolted the nomination of W. J. Bryan, a News reporter asked Chairman J. S. Bradley yesterday what action would be taken by the state committee.

"I decline to be interviewed," was the reply.

"Is it true that the populist electors will vote for McKinley if the peoples party is successful in November?"

"Again I say I decline to be interviewed," was the response. When Chairman Bradley refuses to submit to an interview it is a waste of time to harass him further, Mr. Williams announces that he has washed his hands of Bryan. He is the populist elector in the ninth district.—Dallas News.

## The Popular Vote.

Many voters believe that a vote cast for Bryan and Watson will be a vote for Bryan independent of the candidate for vice president. This is an erroneous opinion. We do not vote for president and vice president direct, but for elector who cast the vote of various states for president.

If Texas has three sets of electors one set for Bryan and Sewell, one set for Bryan and Watson and one set of electors for McKinley and Hobart, then the popular vote will determine which set of electors will cast the fifteen votes of Texas in the electoral college.

To illustrate, if the McKinley and Hobart electors receive 175,000 votes in Texas; the Bryan and Sewell electors receive 150,000 votes, the Bryan and Watson electors receive 150,000 votes, the McKinley electors receiving a plurality of the vote cast, will be elected and fifteen votes from Texas will be cast, in the electoral college for McKinley and Hobart. The 150,000 votes for Bryan and Sewell can not be added to the 150,000 votes for Bryan and Watson in order to give a majority over the vote for McKinley and Hobart.

Every voter should understand that Bryan and Sewall electors and Bryan and Watson electors constitute two separate and distinct tickets and a division of votes on the two tickets will result in absolute loss of votes to Bryan. Many men want to vote for Bryan, who do not want to vote for Sewall and vice-versa, but voters should know in time that such a split invites defeat for Bryan.

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**LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.**  
 A new girl baby arrived at the residence of W. D. Craig last week.

Mrs. Wallace and family returned last Sunday from an extended visit to relatives in Johnson county. Her health is much better.

**FOR SALE.**  
 A few small tracts of good land cheap and on easy terms.  
 C. P. BENSON.

Jack Cornish is rejoicing over the arrival of another girl at his house.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

Charlie Richards was in town last Saturday stepping as high as a blind horse. He says it is a girl.

If you want good and fresh groceries at low prices see Matthews & Tidwell.

J. T. Cunningham returned last week from Fort Worth, and brought home his daughter, Miss Maud. She has been under the care of a specialist for granulated sore eyes. Miss Maud returned home cured.

**HOGS WANTED.**  
 We will pay \$1.50 per hundred pounds, in mill stuff, for good feeder hogs, weighing not less than 50 pounds, if delivered on the 15th, 16th or 17th of this month.  
 GRAHAM MILLING CO.

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give a TEA at the residence of Mr. G. B. Jewell, on next Wednesday evening, Oct. 14th. All are cordially invited.

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C. W. Johnson went to Ft. Worth and Dallas last week. It is currently reported that he had pressing business at the Hanna headquarters at Dallas.

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The Baptist Sunday School Convention will convene at the Baptist Church in Graham this (Friday) evening.

Work on John E. Morrison & Co's stone warehouse is progressing rapidly.

Capt. A. B. Gant left Wednesday morning on a business trip to Tennessee.

Mrs. W. T. Stewart has been quite sick for several days.

Dr. W. M. Terrell, of Farmer, was in the city Tuesday on business.

A sixteen-year-old boy from Jack county was jailed here Tuesday for stealing a horse. Sheriff Williams took him to Jacksboro yesterday.

Mr. C. R. Kinchen, the populist nominee for representative, came to Graham last Saturday and spoke at the court house in the afternoon, dividing time with P. A. Martin who spoke for the democracy. They met again at Center Ridge Saturday night and again at Farm Monday, alternating in the division of time. Kinchen is said to be pretty "weak sister" in debate as from all reports it seems that he has played a losing game in this county.

The October number of Demorest's Magazine has reached us with its beautiful colored page and its budget of interesting reading. It contains, in connection with its usual departments and stories, articles on "Women Poster Artists," "William J. Bryan," "Regenerating the Slums," and "Maud Adams." Its fashion department is especially interesting this month. It is always a welcome visitor and should be in every home. Published by Demorest Publishing Co., New York.

See those \$5.00 suits at Street & Co's, worth \$7.00 and \$8.00

**Success in Advertising.**  
 The editor of the Popular Blast (Mo.) Republican says: "When we were publishing a paper in 1872 in Mount Vernon, Ill., on the second floor, a store was opened under our office. The senior proprietor came upstairs and contracted for three columns of space for twelve months, locals each issue, and 2500 dodgers each week. He remarked that it was a snap to get into a town where the other business men did not advertise. This firm started on borrowed capital. In less than three years it had money enough to start two stores, one in Sedalia and one in St. Louis. It dissolved partnership and each partner took a field to himself. Bryan Nugent was the partner who made the contract with us, and who is now senior member of B. Nugent & Bro., the great St. Louis house. He not only owns the store building and ground, but is now erecting a modest little cottage home which will cost him \$87,000. We may add that some of the old mossbacks who were in business in Mount Vernon before Bryan Nugent ever saw that place are still there, grumbling about dull trade and hard times."

We have quite a line of Children's Cloaks and Capes. We must sell them. Call and see how cheap we are offering them.  
 S. B. STREET & Co.

**Notice to Teachers.**  
 The Board of Examiners for teachers certificates will meet on Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th of Oct.  
 N. J. TIMMONS,  
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S. R. Crawford informs us that he has ginned 425 bales of cotton to date.

**Old People.**  
 Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at Akin & Co's, Drug Store.

County court will convene next Monday. No jury has been summoned for the term and as there are only two or three cases the court is not expected to last but a day or two.

On last Sunday the converts of the late meeting were nearly all taken into the church. Forty-five joined the Methodist church, thirteen the Baptist church, ten Presbyterian church and one in the Christian Church. There are some others yet to join some of the Churches.

J. W. Akin made a trip to Stephens county this week on professional business.

C. W. Johnson is suffering with a carbuncle on the right arm.

Dr. R. H. Greenwade of Mountain Home, was in Graham last Wednesday.

C. P. Benson started to Stephens county last Tuesday on business.

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 A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.  
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**Lacy Locals.**  
 The farmers are about done picking cotton. Steve Hazzard has moved to Tarrant county. Miss Eva Daniel, a visiting friend and relative in Clay county. Melvin Cox has gone to Montague to work. J. A. Kieth has rented a place five miles east of Weatherford, and will move soon. L. M. Midey and Charley Stuffer started to Weatherford Monday. Will Brown says that "Bryan will be elected." A voter at his house, and will be at the election with him, if he don't "trade it off for a yearling." But we think he will wait until after the election to trade, so that it can help him huzza for Bryan and silver. School will begin at Hawkins' Chapel the first Monday in November. Let everybody start their children the first day. A good start is the race already half won. We will try to make this the best school that was ever held at Hawkins' Chapel, and we need the assistance of all. The parents must see that their children get an even start then attend regularly. Several of our young men, seem to be on the fence and don't know which way to jump. Make up your minds at once to go to school, and secure that much needed education without fail. "Where there is a will there is a way." We can find room for you and will find time to give you help when needed. If no essay we will have an assistant this school. So come and win the prize set before you. Let not the word "fail" be found in your vocabulary.  
 A. SWITHIN.

**The Latest News.**  
 The New York World has addressed an open letter to McKinley in which that paper predicts the election of Bryan. The World has been against Bryan all the time, and its prediction of his election is received with delight by democrats. Bryan is speaking in Tennessee and Kentucky this week. The New York Herald says that McKinley will have to carry every doubtful state to be elected, and predicts his defeat. Gold standard orators and organs are demoralized over the wonderful growth of the free silver movement. Watson has fallen out with his national committee, and some of his friends say he will quit the race. The Mineral Wells Health Resort says: With the advent of the Brazos Valley road, the Mineral Wells road will build on through Graham to Seymour-making connection with the Denver road there. A station at Spring Creek will draw all the Throckmorton freight and a large business from the south half of Archer county. It will pass through a rich country now without railroad communication and make the road a big paying line.

Mathews & Tidwell, have just received a fine lot of New Crop Molasses, and a big lot of all kinds of the best and freshest groceries. Call and see them.

**Twenty Years....**  
 For more than twenty years we have been telling how Scott's Emulsion overcomes the excessive waste of the system, puts on flesh, nourishes and builds up the body, making it the remedy for all wasting diseases of adults and children, but it isn't possible for us to tell the story in a mere stickful of newspaper type. We have had prepared for us by a physician a little book, telling in easy words how and why Scott's Emulsion benefits, and a postal card request will be enough to have it sent to you free. To-day would be a good time to send for it.  
 SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

The populist are ever so anxious to "get a look at the books" in Texas. This is the cry heralded by Kenby and you hear it echo all around. Do not these people know that at the regular sessions of the legislature a legislative committee is appointed with expert accountants to go through the books of the treasury department and report how they find matters, something similar to the finances committee appointed in the counties by the court and grand jury to examine the books of the county officers. Such is the fact at all events. At the last regular session there were some populist members on the investigating committee. Everything was reported all right. If there was anything rotten they would have said so.—Haskell Free Press.

A man's credit is worth more than money and he should be careful to protect it even at a sacrifice, as a business measure. It is indispensable in emergencies and in many an instance bridges a business chasm so that one may pass safely over who otherwise would go down. The evils of credit lie in the abuse of it and not in its use. It is business to protect it judiciously and meet obligations promptly, and besides, it is right and honest.

Sixteen people talking politics to one working is the order of the day now. After the election [if McKinley's elected] there'll be sixteen people starving to death to one who has the pleasure of eating three times a day.

**Sure to Win.**  
 The people recognize and appreciate merit. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla has the largest sales in the world. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures—absolutely, permanently cures. It is the One True Blood Purifier. Its superior merit is an established fact, and merit wins. Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache.

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 Will begin Friday, Oct. 9th, and we invite all to come and see what Mrs. ALICE WILLIAMS can show you in this line. Mrs. W. bought these goods in person, and being well posted in the latest styles, she can please you in styles and prices.  
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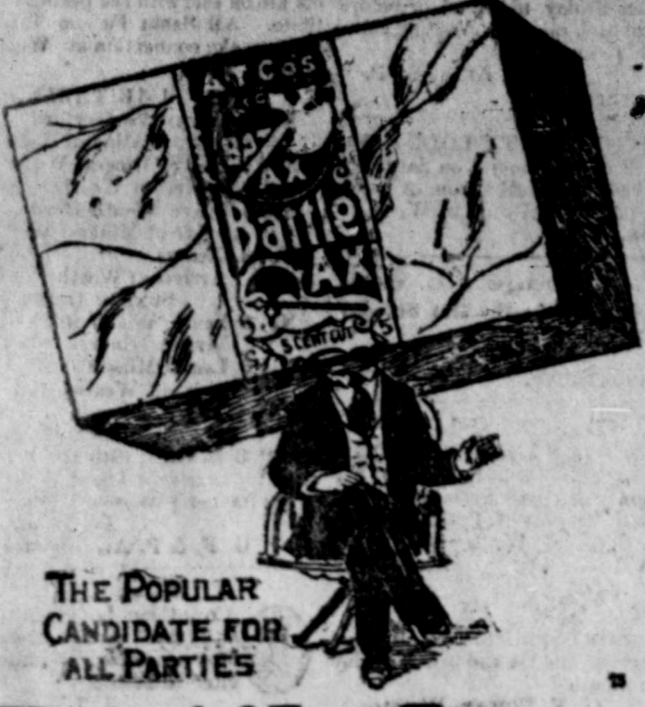
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A hunter, passing over a great glacier in the Alps, fell into one of those vast crevasses, down a hundred feet. Then he groped his way along the tortuous passage 'till he came to a mighty cavern, high-arched, crystal-columned, sublimely, mockingly beautiful, for out of it he could not climb, and from its depths no ear could hear his cries. Into this beautiful chamber of death, from one side and disappearing at the other, rushed a mighty current of water. To remain in his prison was to die. But one faint gleam of hope could he see. If he thrust himself into the current of the stream he might be borne beyond the ice wall to a possible place of escape. One moment lifting his heart in prayer, he threw himself into the stream. The current seized him as if he were a tiny floating atom. It drew him beneath the mountain of ice; but in one moment he was cast amid flowers and friends, on the shore of his beloved river, the Chamouni.

The life you have lived in the world may have been as fascinating as the beautiful chamber of death; but it is equally hopeless and full of despair. But here is the life-bringing stream of divine love. Cast yourself on its bosom, trust all to the great God, and you will find yourself out of the winter of sin and despair, and into the glorious summer.—Rev. J. B. Grimes.

The republican executive committee of Texas is circulating the speech of assistant republican George Aldridge as a campaign document. George hasn't been a democrat since 1892.

Candidate McKinley seems to be afraid to go around and give the people a shake, but never mind, the people won't be afraid to give him the shake on the 3rd of November.

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### VARIED THOUGHTS.

I was once listening to a conversation which was carried on where several persons were present. When I heard this remark: "women are poor weak creatures and deserve pity rather than encouragement." I could feel the tingling of my blood, as it was being worked up to a boiling heat. But a beautiful lesson of true courage and forbearance should be shown right there, therefore I desisted and held the wrath in check. "Deserve pity," thou ignorant student of the human race! Right then you were "weighed and found wanting" in good judgement, and proper appreciation of your mother. True women deserve sympathy, and appreciate it, whenever it is extended to them. But that they are the "weaker vessels" in all instances, I aver, is a mistake. Good women do not desire the foremost rank in battle, in politics, or in any phase of life. Theirs is a purer, the better nature, that would do their noble work of elevating, redeeming, and ruling mankind, in an humble and unpretending manner. Rather than accept the honors of this life, they are trusting in the life to come, where their crown will be filled with laurels of the brightest colors. Did you ever consider what this life would be without woman? Men think the father of our country, George Washington, could never have attained his high standing, had it not been for the loving influence of his mother, who instilled into his young heart the honor, the truth, and above all, the courteous bearing that ever characterized him as a gentleman. Truly, woman "is the power behind the throne." I know there are some weak women, who do not exert the proper influence. But I also know that the men who are thus influenced are placed on the same level with them, from a woman's standard, and from some men's standard, should be placed even lower.

A few months ago I had the pleasure of taking a drive through the country. The fields of corn and cotton were green, and the season for harvesting the small grain was at hand. Everything bespoke a lively, healthy community. The long lane through which I passed was dotted on either side by busy men and sometimes women, "earning their bread by the sweat of their brows," and singing merrily as they worked, as if unconscious of the "sterner realities" of life. The farm houses were inviting in their appearance of neatness. Of times comparing favorably with the city mansions. Large two story buildings, well finished, attractive in architecture, and no doubt with all the modern conveniences. The large wind mills indicate an abundance of water. But these were only a few of the houses. Some were unassuming, and even shabby in outward appearance. I could but compare the difference, as the scene was changed and houses of lowly mien came within my view, as if they would hide themselves, in their modest pretensions between the branches of the trees. But had I been seeking true happiness, instead of a pleasant ride "through the fields of corn," I would have stopped at the humble cottage first.

"Give me a home in the valley I love, A cot in the green woods, a hut in the grove I care not how far in the woods it may be If one faithful heart will but share it with me."

Time has progressed rapidly in the last half century, what was once "a howling wilderness" is

now the light of civilization, and improvements are being made each year, as is apparent to all who pass through the country.

To-night as I take my pen to write, there is one subject predominating, and I cannot get my mind off on anything else. I see it in the flickering light. I see it in the dancing shadow. I see it on this paper, between the lines, at the top and at the bottom. Anywhere, everywhere I look to-night, I see in my mind's eyes, the precious name of mother. The counselor and guide of my childhood. I would take a retrospective view of the past.

"Backward, turn backward, Oh time in your flight, Make me a child again. Just for to-night."

I long to be soothed to rest, with my tired head pillowed upon that dear breast. Back through the mist of years I see my mother sitting by the dear old fashioned mahogany work stand. Her nimble fingers are busily employed while her dear lips are entertaining the loved ones at her side. On up the ladder of the life I follow her. She was ever kind, good and true. Self sacrificing beyond a degree to her children, and considerate in manners toward all. And all while she was unconscious of her real worth I would that I had the tongue of an Angel, to tell of her holy influence, her lovely face and bright talented mind that was sacrificed on the altar of home. And above all my heart rejoices to know, that through all the troubles of this life her "treasures were laid up in Heaven."

To emulate her example should be my highest aim. To night my heart is full of love, and in imagination I see you, dear mother sitting by the same "old table," as in the days of yore. I cannot be with you, but I can send a message of love, from the dictates of my heart. This relieves my mind, but my heart desires fuller fruition,—the power of clairvoyance—to know what thou art doing. But alas! no such power will be granted poor mortals. So I'll trust to greet thee in dreamland and bid thee a "loving good night." N. QUIRE.

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Reported by M. K. Graham, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Young county, and left with C. W. Putnam, 7 miles west of Graham, one blood bay horse, 5 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, branded J on left jaw and S on left thigh. Aug. 15, 1896.

Reported by J. T. Hunt, Com. Prec. No. 3, and left with G. M. Furham, one dun blaze faced stockinged horse about 10 or 12 years old branded AX on left thigh, collar & saddle marks. This Aug. 10 1896. A. T. GAY, C. C. C. Y. C. T.

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