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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Let each and every one rejoice and return thanks to the giver of every good and perfect gift, for all the blessings we enjoy. For one day put aside dull care and be merry. If you have nothing to give but a smile and a pleasant greeting, pass no one by without "The little word in kindness spoken."

"When big vessels meet, they say,
They salute and sail away
Just the same as you and me—
Lonesome ships upon the sea,
Each one sailing his own jog
For a port beyond the fog
Let your speaking tube blow,
Lift your horn and cry 'Hello!'"

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Asbel Cross of the J A Ranch is visiting friends and relatives this week.

Mr. Matthews is a live business man, after failing to get suitable timber in St. Louis he sent to east Texas and got split hickory handles, so now he can fit your post hole digger so it will not break.

The Money Must Come!

To those of our patrons who want to pay the statement that we need the money is sufficient. To those who are not willing, we will say, **you must come forward and settle** with cash if you have it, if not, by note by the first of January 1898 or suit will be instituted.

Daniel & Dickenson,

Mr. Howard of Farmersville, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Bomar, has gone home.

All persons owing me who do not pay their accounts by January the 1st. **must** make other satisfactory arrangements.

Ed Crawford

Our thanks are due Rev. and Mrs. Q. Brown for a delicious cake. We appreciate such favors especially wedding cake.

Mr. C. A. Kessler, after spending a pleasant week with us has returned to his home in Waco. Mr. Kessler is a veteran newspaper man being well known over the state. This was his first visit to the plains country.

Messrs. Joe. and Asbel Cross and Charlie Dickerson made us a pleasant call to-day. Our friends are always welcome.

Cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Miss Belle, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Cope, to Mr. Geo. M. Bugbee. The ceremony will take place at the residence of the bride's parents at Milo, Dec. 29th.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown, Dec. 22nd; Miss Willie Brown was married to Mr. John Cross, Rev. Q. Brown officiating. Only relatives and intimate friends were present. We extend our sincere congratulations and hope their united lives may be as one long sweet summer day with no cloud to mar their happiness.

Mr. Joe. Cross, orders the Stayer for himself.

Rev. and Mrs. Q. Brown entertained the young people last night.

HYMENEAL.

God said: "It is not well for man to live alone." The Rev. Q. Brown realizing that this passage of scripture is applicable to him, joined hands in matrimony on Dec. 22 with one of the fairest daughters of the plains, Miss Annie Watson.

Mr. Brown has been identified during the past two years with the people of Briscoe county in educational and ministerial work. In the pulpit he is an enthusiastic expounder of the gospel. In the schoolroom he is a zealous worker and commands the love and respect of his pupils. His personal worth and affable manners combined with other qualities have won for him many warm friends as well as a lovable companion.

The bride, Miss Annie, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Watson. She has a host of warm and devoted friends who love and esteem her for her sweet and genial disposition. She is just the kind woman for a loving life long companion, and one to make home a heaven here on earth, typical in every respect. In short just the woman for Prof. Brown.

The ceremony was pronounced at 6:30 p. m. and a banquet immediately followed. The artistic manner in which the table was set with luscious viands beggars description. If an eastern lord had dined at this table he would not have doubted that it was prepared by a professional.

My customers that know themselves indebted to me will please come around by the first of January and settle as I am bound to have money to settle my accounts.

W. A. P. Matthews.

PRIVATE SCHOOL.

We are authorized to announce to the public that Prof. D. C. Lowe will open a private school the 1st Monday in January at the school building in Silvertown.

Governor Culberson has issued his proclamation putting quarantine in force from and after the first day of January, 1898, until the 15th. day of November of the same year. All persons interested will govern themselves accordingly.

After a week of intensely disagreeable weather old Sol showed his smiling face Wednesday and Thursday and indications are that we will not have a "white Christmas" after all.

Notice.

Estrayed by A. N. Askey, before J. B. Anthony justice of the peace of Precinct No. 1 Briscoe county, on 26th. day of November 1897

One dark iron gray mare mule branded this (T) on left thigh, two splits in left ear, split in right ear resembles wire cut, about 15 hands high, about 10 years old. Appraised at \$30. Filed Nov. 26th. 1897.

T. L. Anderson,
Co. clerk Briscoe Co. Texas.

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DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

The following four tracts of land were returned delinquent 1896 and have unknown owners:

No. 324, original grantee, D & S E R R Co.; cert., No. 138; patentee, Gunter & Munson; Quantity, 102; class, scrip; date of patent, May 14 1880; No. 193; Vol. 49; survey, 175; block M 10; number of acres assessed, 640; number returned delinquent, 102; state tax; ad valorem, 31cts. school tax, 25cts.; total 56cts. county tax; ad valorem, 50cts. special, 62cts.; total, 1.12cts.

No. 54; original grantee, B. S. & F.; cert. No. 1-792; patentee, John F. Barker; Quantity, 320; class, scrip; date of patent, June 23, 1881; No. 179; vol. 33; survey, 39; number of acres, 320; number returned delinquent, 320 state tax, ad valorem, 96cts.; school, 86cts.; total, 1.82; county tax; ad valorem, 1.20; special 1.92; total, 3.12.

No. 715; original grantee, W. H. Martin; cert. No. 11; patentee Chas Goodnight; Quantity 241; class, scrip; date of patent, Sept. 26 1884; No. 35; vol. 10; survey No. 7; number of acres assessed, 241; number delinquent; 241; state tax; ad valorem, 72cts. school, 65cts. total, 1.37; county tax, ad valorem, 90cts.; special, 1.44; school district, 30cts total, 2.70.

No. 784; original grantee, T & P, R R Co.; cert. No. 2-861; patentee, T. & P. R. R. Co.; Quantity, 176; class, scrip; date of patent, Sept. 21, 1876; No. 407; vol. 33; survey No. 121; number acres assessed, 176; No. delinquent, 176; state tax; ad

valorem, 53cts.; school, 48cts. total, 1.01; county tax; ad valorem, 66cts.; special, 1.06; total, 1.72.

HISTORY OF EDUCATION.

BY PROF. D. C. LOWE.

Few, if any studies ought to be of deeper interest to the progressive and conscientious teacher than the history of education. He ought to know what systems were in use in by-gone ages, and he should study their influence upon the nations that employed them.

He should be familiar, too, with the innovations of more modern times, and should retain such and only such as have been weighed in the balance of experience and found good.

Teachers should especially avoid announcing to the world as new discoveries, methods and systems which are as venerable as the hills, making themselves as ridiculous as would be the inventor who should now announce as a new discovery an atmospheric engine; or the mathematician who should publish as an original discovery the astonishing fact that the square described on the hypotenuse of a right-angle triangle is equivalent to the sum of the squares on the other two sides; or the geographer who should just discover that the earth is a sphere.

The Antedeluvian World.

—The question, what was the intellectual condition of mankind in the antedeluvian times? can only be imperfectly answered from occasional glimpses caught by lifting the curtain by the sacred historian. It is difficult to agree with those who would have us believe that all mankind developed from a state of nature but little in advance of the brute creation.

If our first parents were created in the image of God, surely it was not in a physical but in an intellectual and moral sense; and they are represented at the completion of the biblical creation as intellectual, reasoning creatures, capable of holding conversation with each other and acknowledging entire obligation and obedience to their creator

but until men had multiplied upon the earth, it is evident that anything in the nature of schools would be impracticable. Doubtless children were taught by their parents what their duty was to God and to each other; and it is highly probable that the examples derived from these terrible examples of disobedience, of covetousness and anger

which had brought such sorrow upon the race, and had doubly degraded a member of that primitive community, making him a fugitive and a vagabond upon the earth, were strongly impressed upon the minds of the young, and it is, therefore, highly probably that moral instruction antedates all other.

But toil and necessity, ever the mother of invention and improvement, drove the earliest heirs of these heaven given blessings in disguise to provide for their physical comfort; and so we find that Cain was not only a tiller of the ground, but that after being driven by the Divine displeasure into that mysterious land eastward from Eden, he also builded a city for the habitation of his children, and named it with pardonable pride after his first born son, Enoch. Doubtless the architecture of this city was of the rudest type; but we learn that Tubal-Cain in the seventh generation from Adam, while that patriarch still walked the earth, "was an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron," and more than this, that Jubal, the half-brother of Tubal-Cain, "was the father of all such as handle the harp and the organ."

Thus we see that in the earliest twilight of the race they had already made such advance in material civilization as to become artificers in brass and iron, and that which is still more interesting—they had so far advanced intellectually as to invent the harp and the organ, and cultivated music, among the most refining of all the inventions of the race.

Writing an Intellectual Elrst Meridian.—There is no evidence, however, that the use of writing was known to the antedeluvian world. It was probably long centuries after this, but still in the early twilight of the ages, that this, the greatest of arts, was developed. An art of such importance, in an educational sense, that it has become an intellectual prime meridian. A line which, in modern times, divides between the civilized and the uncivilized among nations, and among individuals in enlightened communities is the boundary line beyond which stretches the dark realm of illiteracy.

When we speak of education, therefore, unless otherwise specified, it is always understood to have reference to acquirements in the use of written language, or in some science or branch of study learned principally through the use of books. An unlettered mechanic, for in-

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One sorrel mare branded Γ on left jaw, also \mathcal{O} on left shoulder, NK left thigh. One 2 year old sorrel filley unbranded. One bay yearling filley unbranded. One sorrel colt unbranded. Appraised at \$30.00 Filed the 6th. day of November 1897.

T. L. Anderson
County Clerk, Briscoe Co. Tex.

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HISTORY OF EDUCATION.

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An unlettered mechanic, for example, is never spoken of as an educated man, no matter how skillful he may be in his particular calling. Neither can we, in any sense, consider an Indian an educated man on account of his woodcraft, or his familiarity with the denizens of his native wilds.

The Chaldean, Babylonians and Assyrians.—It is probable that written language had its origin in the valley of the Nile; but it is certain that in the fertile valleys formed by the Euphrates and the Tigris, at a time penetrating so far back into the dim vistas of the long ago that all efforts to give it definite date must be conjecture, an entirely independent system of writing had birth, and here through the lapse of centuries it grew to maturity and developed a most wonderful civilization. Rawlinson in his "Ancient Monarchies" says:

"In Babylon almost every branch of science made a beginning; She was the source to which the entire stream of Eastern civilization may be traced. It is scarcely too much to say that but for Babylon real civilization might not even yet have dawned upon the earth, and mankind might never have advanced beyond that spurious and false form of it which in Egypt, India, China, Mexico and Peru contented the aspirations of the people." Here, too, far more than two thousand years, countless volumes, with their records of the throbbing life and thought of these well-nigh forgotten nations, have lain hidden from the sight of men, buried deep beneath the mounds of earth that are now the only marks of the sites of once mighty cities. It remained for the scholarship and ingenuity of the nineteenth century to unclasp these long closed books, read their unfamiliar pages, and publish their wonderful revelations to the world.

Nimrod organized the Chaldeans and various tribes into a single strong government, and formed Babylon, about 2300 B. C. Through the centuries that followed being conquered by the Assyrians with Nineveh as the capital, regaining her independence, and again conquered by Cyrus the Great in 538 B. C. Yet through all these vicissitudes though nations rose and fell, and the very sites of the great cities were forgotten, their books, written in the cuneiform characters on baked clay tablets or delicately graven on cylinders, have been marvelously

preserved from the hand of the destroyer, and from their pages we are now enabled to read the wonderful records of the old Chaldean world.

There has been found in this library works on mathematics, Astronomy, Astrology, Geography, History, Grammar, Law and Natural Sciences. Their Astronomy was not a mere catalogue of the stars, but of so high an order that they had calculated the length of the sidereal year more accurately than could be done by most professors of Astronomy even in our own day. This has led many to believe that they must have used telescopes, and as a further evidence of this it should be stated that a glass lens has been found among the debris of one of these buried cities. The fact, too, that many of the tiny cylinders found among the ruins engraved in characters so small that it requires the use of the microscope to read them, is strong evidence that such instruments must have been used by those whose hand traced these delicate lines more than a thousand years before the use of letters was even known in Ancient Greece.

Everything seems to have been done systematically in these remote ages, and on a tablet found in Assurbanipal's library is a notice to visitors that they must give the librarian the number of the book they wanted, when it would be brought them. This indicates that it was a public library, and, what is still more interesting that the public were able to read them.

A people having advanced to so high a degree of civilization as this could not have been without schools and colleges, and we should scarcely feel astonished if tablets should be unearthed containing the minutes of the Babylonian Teachers Normal Institute or of the Nineveh County Educational Association!

Babylonian University.—We catch a glimpse of the educational system of the later Babylonian Empire from the account given in the chapter of the Book of Daniel. This record discloses the fact that there then existed something like a state University at the Capital, to which even the captive Israelites were eligible. The qualifications required for entrance were: To be "without blemish, well favored, skillful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and ability to stand in the King's palace".

The course of instruction extended through three years, and the studies were "the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans." The Chaldee must

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Matthews is able to be out.

Mr. R. L. Phillips was doing the town Wednesday. He orders The Stayer sent to him.

Uncle Tom Morris was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Melton of Hill county is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Capt. D. H. Sweeney was in the city this week.

Mr. Norban Bifle was doing the city Thursday.

Our little daughter is very ill with whooping cough and complications.

Little Mamie Jones is very sick this week with whooping cough.

Mr. Harry Braidfoot and his uncle, Mr. Albert Porter, are up from the ranch to spend Christmas.

Our thanks are due Mr. T. F. Palmer for a renewal of his subscription. Mr. P began with the first and promises to stay with us.

Mr. Jake McClendon has our thanks for favors this week.

Mrs Osborne's illness spoiled her concert. We trust she will be able to give it yet after the holidays.

Whooping cough is prevalent here now.

All parties indebted to us will please arrange to settle the same by Jan. 1st. 1898 as we will close our 1897 business at that time and must have the money due us or a note for the same. This is no foolishness and applies to all.

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have been nearly as much of a dead language at that time as the Greek and Latin in our own. So the course of study in the Babylonian University, twenty-five centuries ago was very similar both in its nature and extent to the courses pursued in the higher institutions of the present day.

Everything seems to have been provided by the state in this institution. Not only was instruction provided free of cost, to the students, but they were even boarded at the King's (that is the Nation's) expense. More than this, we find that they were subjected to examinations, and at their final graduation they were examined by the king himself as to their "wisdom and understanding."

But not withstanding the high degree of education which existed in these old time nations moral culture seems to have been entirely neglected, and many of their habits and customs became too abominable to be even mentioned.

Something more than mere literary culture and scientific attainments is necessary for the perpetuity of a nation, and we will do well to heed the terrible lessons taught us here. If we permit the training of our youth to generate into intellectual culture only, and neglect utterly their morals; if we devote sacred things to unholy uses; in short, if we follow the example set us by these people whose land has long centuries since become an utter desolation, we need not expect that any exception will be made in our case, and it will some day require no Daniel to interpret the writing on the wall.

Winter Cattle Pasture.

I have a splendid winter pasture for cattle in the brakes of Briscoe county for about 400 head of cattle. There is plenty of good shelter, and an abundance of water. The grass has had no stock on it the past summer.

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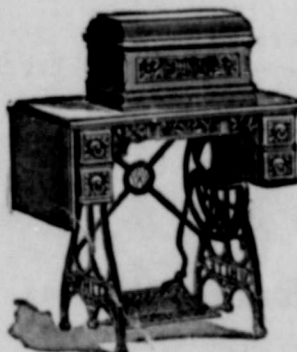
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By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Twenty-fifth Legislature at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 12th. day of January, A. D. 1897, and adjourned on the 21st. day of May, 1897, passed the following Joint Resolution, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing the following amendment to the Constitution of this State, to-wit:

Joint Resolution to amend Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and to grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas; That Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3.

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant, or authorize the making of any grant, of public money to any individual, associations or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1st. 1880 and who are either over sixty years of age, or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never remarried, and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors anterior to March 1, 1866; provided, said aid does not exceed eight dollars per month; and provided further, that no appropriation shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year. And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided, the grant to aid said home shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars for any one year, and no inmate of said home shall be entitled to any other aid from the state; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to

prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

Sec. 2 This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November, 1898; when those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For the amendment to Section 51, of Article 3 of the State constitution." Those opposing the amendment shall have written or printed upon their ballots, "Against the amendment to section 51, of Article 3, of the State Constitution."

And whereas, the State constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendment once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before an election, in one weekly newspaper of each county in which such a newspaper may be published;

And whereas, the said joint resolution directs, it shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November, 1898, which will be the first day of said month.

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of the State of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said joint resolution, and by the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this state, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said joint resolution be held on the day designated therein, to-wit, on Tuesday, the first day of November, A. D. 1898, in the several counties in this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this state, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this state and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the seal of [L. S.] state to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this the 1st. day of July, A. D. 1898

C. A. Culberson,
Governor of Texas

By the Governor,
J. W. Madden,
Secretary of State,

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Joint resolution to amend section 24, of Article 3 of the constitution of the state of Texas:

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Texas: That section 24, of Article 3 of the constitution of the state of Texas be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law not exceeding five dollars per day for the first one hundred days of each session, and after that not exceeding three dollars per day for the remainder of the session. In addition to the per diem the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed five dollars for every twenty-five miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, regardless of railways or other routes, and the Comptroller of the state shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any special session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

Sec. 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the state of Texas at the next general election, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amendment to section 24 of Article 3, of the constitution of Texas, relating to compensation of members of the legislature;" and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amendment to section 24, of Article 3, of the constitution of the state of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the legislature."

And whereas, the State constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendment once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election, in one weekly newspaper of each county in which such a newspaper may be published;

And whereas, the said joint resolution directs the Governor to issue his proclamation for the submission of the said joint resolution to the qualified electors of the state at the general election to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1898, the same being the 8th day of said month:

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolution, and by the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this state do hereby issue this, my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolution be held on the day designated therein, to-wit, on Tuesday, the 8th. day of November A. D. 1898, in the several counties in this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this state and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this state and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Seal of [L. S.] State to be affixed at the city of Austin, this 1st day of July, A. D. 1898.

C. A. CULBERSON,
Governor of Texas

By the Governor:

J. W. MADDEN,
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One of the prettiest places in Briscoe county is the home of Mr. S. J. Arnold. The location is an ideal one, a gently sloping domain overlooking the town. The heaviest rains do not render the yard muddy, all surface water draining off. The wind mill constantly pumps up a bountiful supply of nature's best gift to man, pure good water; two tanks catch and hold the surplus, one for irrigation and the other for stock. A regularly set row of cottonwood and locust trees cast a welcome shade over the lawn. A large and vigorous vineyard will, in a few years, furnish an abundance of grapes. Mr. Arnold has a nice nursery of young peach trees that will soon be ready to add to his present orchard which consists of five acres of peach, pear, plum apple and nut bearing trees, a large patch of blackberries, currants, and strawberries all of which will soon furnish a supply of delicious and wholesome fruit. He has his orchard planted in peanuts and watermelons which afford many feasts to his young friends whom he often delightfully entertains. A walk over his garden reveals many rare and beautiful shrubs, vines, and familiar plants. He has a large barn and extensive sheds for his gentle mild eyed Jerseys and splendid young horses. He raises the best hogs in the county, pure bred Poland-China.

Mr. Arnold contemplates building an elegant residence in the near future and has arranged his trees and flowers to surround and beautify it. A few years time for the natural growth of trees, shrubs and vines will make his place "a thing of beauty and joy forever"

Cattlemen are cautioned to look carefully after all notes or chattel mortgages received or executed in cattle transactions. Such paper must be properly stamped and cancelled for, while the new revenue stamp law does not specify that a tax shall be levied, Attorney General Griggs has held that cattle are produce therefore, taxable. Notes and mortgages not stamped are void and cannot be collected by law.

Mr. W. E. Chambless' pretty place one mile south of town with its numerous shade trees, large orchard, white house and green fields of corn furnishes a bit of color to rest the tired eyes of town people. Mr. Chambless is a stockman and does not farm very extensively, although he raises plenty of farm produce for home consumption and some to spare the printer. Mr. Chambless will, in a few years, have a home which will challenge the admiration of every passer by its commanding location and general arrangement, being as perfectly perfect as could be made by man's ingenuity.

Last Summer we had brought to our office, peaches of several sorts, some of which measured more than nine inches in circumference; but alack, "old Boreas," kissed the gentle spring once too often this year and there is not a peach in the county, big or little.

Our clever and handsome bachelor friend, W. W. Reid, drives the fattest, sleekest and prettiest mules to his farm wagon of any man in the county. When he hitches up his driving horse and buggy to take some fair lady out driving, all the other fellows are literally "left behind."

When The Hat Talks.

"No man—that is, no man of any character, mental strength or purpose in life—ever puts his hat on in the same way for every occasion," writes Robert J. Brudette, of "Tongueless Liars," in the August Ladies' Home Journal. "He makes it speak a varied language—a perfect polyglot of a hat. It not only interprets characters, but moods. It is eloquent as music. A man can train it to say anything. He applauds and defies, cajoles and threatens with it, by his manner of wearing it. I once saw a preacher—and a better man it would be hard to find—put on his hat one day at an association before he got half-way to the door. And if he had said ever so softly with his eloquent lips what he yelled with that hat they would have cast out of the synagogue into utter darkness and condemnation."

There are more pretty, bright-eyed, rosy cheeked girls in Briscoe county than any other county on the plains. If you don't believe it just look at our contingent at the re-union.

There is about 30,000 acres of homestead land yet to be taken up in Briscoe county.

Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C. July 22, 1898.

R. W. Morgan, Esq., Silverton, Texas.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 14th. this office advises you that County Treasurers need not place stamps on checks drawn by them on county funds. See Sec. 17 of the Act of June 13, 1898.

If all we love would love us
And let us know they did,
Do you think the skies above us
By clouds would ne'er be hid?

Ah, no! We still would worry,
The clouds would still be there,
For then, of course, we'd hurry
To fall in love elsewhere.

—Chicago News.

Mr S. J. Arnold raises fine saddle and driving horses. His young stock are prize winners anywhere.

Silverton is represented in the U. S. army by Charles Felter who formerly lived with Quin Klutts and Guy Seaman, brother of H. C. Seaman. Oliver McCrary who it will be remembered attended the business college here, is also a full fledged soldier now. Hurrah! for them, but we expect the nearest approach to anything Spanish they will see will be Spanish dagger, cacti and such, that flourish on the border where they are stationed.

More prospectors in town. Live, energetic, practical business men are in demand. We have all the mossbacks we need, from any more "good Lord deliver us."

Stockmen are strictly in the swim this year. Grass is good, water is plenty, cattle are fat, feed is growing for the coming winter, the calf crop is the best for years, and the only cloud on their horizon is that buyers are not as plentiful as they might be, although there has been some buyers around and very liberal offers were made. Some sales have been made at very fair prices and others are hanging fire. Owners, not being crowded for cash, can afford to hold for better prices.

Stockmen are now beginning to realize on their investment in the purchase of pure bred Hereford stock bulls. The calf crop this year is, we are informed, much more valuable by reason of the infusion of fine blood than any previous year's stock. Now having started right on that line we should like to see some fine draft horses introduced. Mr. S. J. Arnold and others are raising fine saddle and driving stock, but we need some of the big breeds to cross with our natives to raise horses that can be readily sold to eastern farmers for general farm purposes.

We hope to meet all the plains newspaper folks at the reunion.

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