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Mr. Daniel has moved into his new house.

Mr. Louis Holcer from the XIT ranch is in Silverton for a while.

A Mistake!

Last week in Mess. Cowart & Co's notice we printed, "See our ladies felt garters" it should have been "gaiters." These gentlemen have some **Felt Gaiters** that are most excellent for ladies. Call for them.

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The kind hearted citizen who so thoughtfully took the school house ax in out of the weather will please restore the same to its accustomed place as it is impossible to properly train the young idea in a cold school room.

Mr. W. A. P. Matthews has secured the services of an assistant blacksmith and will hereafter be better than ever prepared to serve his patrons in short order and in the best manner.

Matthews is one of the progressive and public spirited men in this country, as regular cargo friend, and mean time, J. W. Cowart & Co. should

Mr. Norman Biffie has returned from the Northwest.

Don't Neglect Your Liver.

Liver troubles quickly result in serious complications, and the man who neglects his liver has little regard for health. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters now and then will keep the liver in perfect order. If the disease has developed, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it permanently. Strength and vitality always follow its use. For sale by all dealers.

Tuesday week the mail from Estelline to Silverton was rifled between Estelline and Silverton by John Fields who was carrying the mail on the east end of the line. He opened a registered package belonging to Mr. A. R. Jago that contained about \$225. He was arrested and gave up all the money except about 4 or 5 dollars. We learn that he was placed in the jail at Memphis.

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FOR THE MONTH ENDING Nov 27th.

Names	Attendance	Department	General Average
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Arthur Morgan	70	98	99½
Bertha Donnell	100	98	98
Okley Farham	95	99	88
May Sedgwick	100	98	96½
Carrie Cooper	100	98½	91½
Gertrude Braidfoot	85	98	97½
Hattie Dickerson	90	99	99½
Chas. Bomar	45	97	97
Myrtle Crawford	95	99	99½
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Hillon Braly	65	98	95
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Bulah Stevenson	95	98½	

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old and if not worked on since
last spring is a stallion. Brand-
ed flying -w- just below trace
mark. Star in his face. Last
heard of was on Mr. Osborne's
place.

Any information leading to
his recovery will be thankfully
received by W. A. Rogers.

Notice.

Estrayed by A. N. Askey, be-
fore 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 (7) 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 \$30.00
Filed Nov. 26th. 1897.

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

Notice.

Estrayed by J. Grady, before
J. B. Anthony justice of the
peace of Precinct No. 1 Briscoe
county, on 6th. day of Novem-
ber, 1897.

One sorrel mare branded I
on left jaw, also OI on left
shoulder, NK left thigh. One
2 year old sorrel filley unbrand-
ed. One bay yearling filley
unbranded. One sorrel colt un-
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Duties of the Christian Life.

"The obligations and duties of the Christian life are not all external," writes Cardinal Gibbons, pointing out a religious life to young men, in the January Ladies Home Journal. "They are mainly material, and must proceed from the heart. There is no virtue in one's daily actions unless it be first established in the soul, and is only an external expression of the soul's convictions or prolongation of heartfelt sentiments. Yet the external practice of Christian virtues, and the performance of Christian duties, pertain to the integrity, if not to the essential character, of the Christian life. The interior sentiments soon perish without external expression, as life and bodily powers become extinct without due and proper exercise or employment.

However, as the external duties are not absolutely, and under all circumstances, essential, they vary both in number and in frequency, according to environments and opportunities. A business man cannot do all that a clergyman is expected to do; a man in trade not what a man in leisure can accomplish; nor a man of the world all that is possible and easy to one who keeps himself from society. But all, no matter where, no matter what their engagements and secular pursuits, how little or how much time they can call their own, can and are obliged to perform daily acts of prayer and religion, and accomplish many duties of virtue and charity. There no condition of life which is incompatible with the dictates, and principles, and precepts of the Christian life."

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And laid his rosy cheek
With manner very meek
Against her dear old face in loving mood.

There never was a nicer grandma born;

I know some little boy must be forlorn

Because they've none like you
I wonder what I'd do

Without a grandma's kisses
night and morn?"

There never was a dearer grandma—there!"

He kissed her and he smoothed her snow white hair!

Then fixed her ruffled cap
And nestled in her lap;

While grandma, smiling, rocked her old arm-chair.

When I'm a man what lots to you I'll bring.

A horse and carriage and a watch and ring.

All grandmas are so nice,
(Just here he kissed her twice)

And grandmas give a boy most anything."

Before his dear old grandma could reply,

This boy looked up, and with a roguish eye,

Then whispered in her ear,
That nobody might hear

"Say, grandma, have you any more mince pie?"

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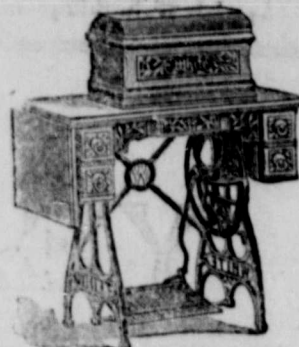
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Arithmetic.—Q. Brown.

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Necessity of Correct Spelling—

Miss Alma Wright.

Penmanship—P. M. George

The Teacher Before her Class—

Mrs. B. E. Cook.

Recitation—Miss Modena Hemphill.

Adjournment to 7:30 p. m.

Evening Session

Recitation by Pupils of Silverton school.

Moral Training in the Public Schools.—Q. Brown.

History of Education D. C. Lowe.

Discussion.—Which had the best right to the United States of America by discovery and colonization, the Spanish, the French, the English or the Dutch. On the side of the Spanish, S. T. Cooper and Miss Modena Hemphill; on the side of the French, P. M. George and Miss Maud Carter; on the side of the English, Clyde Wright and Mrs. B. E. Cook; on the side of the Dutch, D. C. Lowe and Mrs. Anna Osborne.

Recitation.—Silverton school.

Adjournment.

The program will be interspersed with music. Everybody invited to attend.

Our thanks are due Mrs. Jake McClendon and her charming little daughter, Bertie, for favors rendered our little girl this week.

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