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line. The preachers must line up first. "Like priest, like people."

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"At last we have arrived at a place where something must be done to thwart the combined efforts of the liquor power to multiply the growth of intemperance in every city, town and village in our land, or bow our heads in humble subjection to its accursed work, while it ravishes the civic virtues of our land, consumes the flower of our nation and drags down to death and everlasting torment, the very loved ones of our homes.

"The past work of this merciless destroyer is beyond the power of pen or brush to portray. Terrible as its work has been, it is not a shadow of what will follow, if the accursed thing is not banished from our land before it has an opportunity to clinch its merciless fangs upon the rising generation. The dense cloud that now hangs like a pall over our benighted nation was, thirty years ago, no larger than a man's hand; today it almost obscures the heavens. A few years hence our doom will be irretrievably sealed. What we do must be done now. There is no time to trifle with this abominable curse. We must strike the death blow to it or let it smite us.

"The fiendish plot of the saloon league to throttle and control our government, and flood our nation

now, Mr. Editor, they say whisky won't hurt you if you let it alone. What about the lonely, broken hearted widow? What about the fatherless baby boy, who will never know anything of the love of a child for a father? What of the broken hearted wife of the sheriff, who is almost frantic with grief, for the wife of the dead man was her special friend, almost like her sister. Oh, you drinkers, oh, you that sell and you that make, and you party politician, who by precept, example or by silence, you have disgraced this fair land of ours with the awful curse of drink. It is you that have murdered this man, it is you that have broken these hearts, it is you upon whose souls the blood of this man lies. Oh, you want revenue. Yes, the revenue of broken hearts, revenue from the damned in hell, revenue from the fatherless child. Any man or party that will plead for such revenue for the individual, county, state or nation, I say all such men or parties are so rotten they are for no place but hell.

This county, like many other counties of the Panhandle, is all divided and discord, bickering and all such hurtful things which belittle the man, dwarf the intellect and damn the soul is the result. And now some say the sheriff could have managed to have kept the peace and not have killed the man. Others say no, he only did his duty. This matter I will not attempt to settle. But there is one point on which all agree. All without an exception

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Clarendon, Texas, May 4, 1899.

If people live right, even to the dictates of their own conscience, they would find much to endorse and little to condemn in our paper we believe. We raise our standard for right living—"Be sure you are right and then go ahead."

SOME people lack discriminating sense, or else are wilful. If you call attention to violations of moral or state laws and they are guilty they at once cry out that you have personated them. We are led to believe in many instances that it is more wilful than ignorant and that "the hit dog does the howling."

As a religious newspaper we shall continue to battle for the right and against the wrong as we see it. We do not expect to get all to see as we do, neither do we expect by our efforts to entirely stop the work of the devil in our community, but with the help of the large number of good men and women that are endorsing and willing to help us we believe we shall at least slow the speed of his satanic majesty in our community.

Clarendon College.

We want our friends over the Clarendon district to rejoice with us. After many disappointments and delays the building is sufficiently completed to be occupied. Last Thursday night a public entertainment was held in the auditorium and on Saturday the school desks were moved

We clip the following from the grand jury report of Hill county and dare say every grand jury in Donley county would give the same testimony. We need to agitate against this growing evil.

"Perjury is the prevailing crime with which we have had to deal and we are forced to the conclusion that a great majority of those who participate in gambling and patronize the gambling houses and blind tigers or hopale joints would rather shield the violators of the law by swearing false than to reveal the truth, and it is alarming how young the boys of the town and country will come before us with a trained mind to fail to remember and, thereby, shield the violators. This question has become a serious problem to us during our deliberations. While we have not found but one bill for perjury it is due to the peculiar wording of our statutes and the construction of it by the higher courts."

Our Public Schools.

The following named gentlemen were elected as the new school board for Clarendon independent school district last Tuesday.

President of the board,
Geo. F. Morgan,
The trustees are:
A. B. Ewing,
R. A. Chamberlain,
D. Barnhart,
John Hoffer,
J. P. Casey,
A. C. Barrett.

By the votes of a majority of the qualified voters voting, they are to direct our public school affairs for the next two and four years. The position of school director is neither a pleasant or profitable one, but it is a very important one. Now let every patron of the school give their moral support to the new board in their efforts for the best interests of the public school. Without a first-class public school here our colleges

"I Would Be Patient for a Little."

These were the words which I heard a poor wife, who was an invalid, saying to a husband who was cross and impatient with her. She felt that she could not last long with her racking cough, and quietly remarked: "If I were you, I would be patient for a little." We should be more patient if we reflected that the state of things to which we object is generally a transitory one.

Do you not get on well with your husband or wife? All too soon will death separate you. Is your child tiresome? It is the effect of immaturity; the tree will soon be grown up. Are you in pain? If severe, it will not last long; if it last long, it cannot be very acute. Are you unable to suffer fools gladly? You would be enabled to do so if you reflected that we poor fools cannot become wise in a moment; you must give us time. Is the world all wrong? The Lord is at hand to set it right, and He is only not in a hurry because He is eternal. "If I were you, I would be patient for a little."—The Quiver.

LOCAL ITEMS.

M. W. Easum has bought the Joe Jones place and expects to build to it and move to it and rent his other place.

A. M. Beville & Co. sold to R. C. Dobson the section and a half of James Myers over on Mulberry for \$1200.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenfield are the proud parents of a boy babe born last Sunday night, so reports Dr. Morris.

The wind mill and pump are in at the well at the courthouse. The well proves to be a splendid one with an abundance of water.

Dr. S. J. White returned Sunday night from San Antonio, where he attended the State Medical Association of which he is a member.

There will be a business meeting

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Miss Lelah Finley and others, are especially deserving of mention. "Does the Public School Meet the Reasonable Requirements Expected of It?" was made interesting by Prof. Boyd and Elston. Jewish

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TIME TABLE.

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No. 2, Mail and Express—
Arrives 9:00 p. m. Leaves 9:10 p. m.
Local, No. 14, daily except Sunday—
Arrives 10:20 a. m. Leaves 3:43 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 1, Mail and Express—
Arrives 6:35 a. m. Leaves 6:45 a. m.
Local, No. 13, daily except Sunday—
Arrives 3:30 p. m. Leaves 7:35 p. m.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Baptist, 2d, 3d and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. L. Tomme, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Sunbeams 4 p. m. every Sunday.

M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. J. R. Henson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.

Christian, — Elder F. T. Denson, pastor. Services 3rd Sunday and Saturday and Friday night before. Society of Christian Endeavor every Sunday at 5 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m.

Catholic, 3d—Rev. J. A. Lenert, priest in charge.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meets every Thursday evening in their hall in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. W. T. JONES, N. G.

JOHN McKILLOP, Sec'y.

EVENING STAR ENCAMPMENT No. 148 I. O. O. F. meets 1st Tuesday night in each month.

JOHN LAUGHLIN, C. P.

FRANK WARD, scribe.

A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd Saturday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. GEO. MORGAN, W. M. W. H. COOKE, Sec.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 216 R. A. M.—Meets the first Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions cordially invited. J. K. PALMER, H. P.

G. F. MORGAN, Sec.

W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 478—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall 2d and 4th Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited.

W. T. JONES, C. C.

W. R. SILVEY, Clerk.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.—Meets every third Friday of each month at 7:30 o'clock in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. MRS. MARY ANDERSON, W. M. MRS. LIDA BLANKENSHIP, Sec.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Builder's material at Anderson's.

McMillen, of the Globe Studio also does copying and enlarging.

Robt. McLaren, of Goodnight, was a pleasant caller at our office last Friday.

The Clarendon College Summer Normal will open on June 19 and close July 22.

J. W. Smith, the saddler, has moved into the house vacated by Caldwell & Jacques.

The new oak pews for the Methodist church will be here by June 1st.

Finis Simpson is very sick this week with measles.

Miss Annie Hendrix went to Amarillo Tuesday night.

The year old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lee has been very sick for a week past with a relapse of measles.

Cattle buyers are becoming active and a great many cattle are changing hands. The local price for steer calves, ranges from \$15 to as high as \$17 per head.

Rev. Robt. Campbell, Presbyterian of Childress, held services here all last week. He will likely have a regular appointment to preach here for the Presbyterian church.

Acetylene gas lights, like those in Rosenfield's store, are becoming very popular. They are said to be cheaper than oil and so much cleaner. The Methodist church people are figuring with Mr. Rosenfield to put them into their church building.

Our subscription continues to grow both at home and from abroad. Among the subscribers this week at home were some of the staunchest, truest men both in town and the country, to be found anywhere. We appreciate their good will and moral support very much.

The Old Maid's Convention, given by about 20 young ladies at the new college last Thursday night was one of the most laughable entertainments ever seen in Clarendon. Each one performed her part in a creditable manner. W. T. Jones, the only gentleman in the play, acted the part of reporter for the AGITATOR with credit to himself. The receipts were \$46.65 which will go into the fund for the new college.

Mrs. George Washington, on April 26th was burning worm webs from the orchard trees, when her clothing accidentally caught fire and

Attorney Madden was here on legal business Monday.

Ed Collins, a barber formerly of Wichita Falls, is with Leithauser at the Palace.

Presiding Elder Hardy returned from Higgins Monday where he held quarterly conference Saturday.

Monday was the first day of the month. Did you redeem your promise made to your home merchant?

Mr. Greenwood, of Giles, has purchased a house of D. S. Sibert in the east part of town and will move into it soon.

We want to give the local happenings as far as they may be of interest to the public and will thank our friends to advise us of all items they may know of.

W. H. Patrick is having a well sunk on his block beyond W. H. Cooke's place. It is Mr. Patrick's intention to build a residence soon we hear.

Mr. R. H. Jones, of Rowe switch, expects to buy and build in Clarendon in time to place his family here by the opening of school next fall. As little as some may think of it our splendid public school and our colleges are the best advertisement and inducement we have to offer.

Baptist Revival Services.

Rev. Bailey, of Midlothian Texas, is assisting the pastor, Rev. Tomme, in revival services at the Baptist church this week. Brother Bailey is an earnest speaker and his words carry with them the conviction that his only desire is to do good. Let every one that can attend these services and give their influence for a gracious revival. Clarendon needs it.

All announcements concerning the Summer Normal will appear regularly in the AGITATOR. For further information address,

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Agents
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Here and There.

Waco can boast of an inventor of an air ship

The gunboat Nashville is on a trip up the Mississippi river.

The state Y. M. C. A. was in session at Greenville last week.

Gulf Port, Miss., will have a grand celebration on May 9.

The National Reform Press association meets in Kansas City, May 16-18.

The business men of Henrietta are grading and graveling the streets of that little city.

The South Central Texas Teacher's Association was in session for two days last week.

Sanger Bros., of Dallas have given \$1000 towards the support of a public library in that city.

The State senate took a recess from Saturday over until Tuesday this week, they being well up with their work.

A toronado passed over Kirksville, Mo., last Thursday night destroying much property and killing a number of people.

The Texas Press Association meets in Dallas May 16 and will attend the National association in a body from that place.

The popular train known as the "Katy Flyer" has been placed in operation again on the M. K. & T. rail road in this state.

Two enterprising American journalists have undertaken the publication of the Sunday newspaper in England. The result of their efforts will be watched with considerable interest.

Mrs. George, who has been recently tried for killing a brother of Mrs. McKinley, was acquitted last week. She will probably take the lecture platform in the interest of woman's rights, a principle to which she is very much devoted.

There are a number of candidates

regions and open up commercial relations in the interest of our country.

The business men of New York have taken the initiative in a movement that has been expected, that of substituting office girls for office boys. In a recent examination held under civil service regulations for such positions, a number of girls passed very creditable examinations. The naked truth stares us in the face, that the boys of the coming generations must be forced to a proper application of their mental, moral and physical faculties to keep pace with the opposite sex. The vices which so easily beset boys, and under whose influence girls rarely come, namely, profanity, tipping, and use of tobacco, must be discarded or the supremacy of man will be a back number. Thought rules the world, not mechanism.

A Picture of Hope.

Beyond this beautiful rippling stream, just over on the edge of the grassy knoll there blooms a rare and richly tinted flower. They tell us it is so rare and beautiful that it might have blushed to life at the touch of an angel's kiss, and caught its rosy flush direct from a burning star. Beyond the pathless mountains that lift their blue peaks in the fading distance they tell us there is a charming valley that drinks the diamond dew of the morning and bathes in the liquid sunbeams, clad in a verdure of everlasting green and dotted all over with flowers of every hue and shade. Beyond the blue waves of the "pathless ocean" they tell us there is a clime from which the mellow sunlight of spring never departs—that is laden with the songs of birds of note and plumage, and where tropical fruits ripen daily for whoever wills to gather, and peace, ease and plenty rule the lives of a people that never heard of war or pestilence. Beyond the curtain of darkness that hangs over this gloomy

The pretense of obedience to the command to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered," by prosecuting all manner of division producing contentions among brethren, is a base wresting of Scripture which will secure the destruction of the pretenders.—Helper.

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160 acres of patented land near Rowe switch in Donley county. Good well of water, small house and some fencing. Will make a nice country home. Price \$2 per acre.

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800 acres of splendid pasture land in Hartley county at \$1.00 per acre if sold quick. This would be a splendid investment for some one.

Building lots—6 lots adjoining Clarendon College—price \$50 per lot if sold early—same terms can be had.

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