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Twin Ballots.

Along in November, when chill was the weather,
Two ballots were cast in one box together,
They nestled up close like brother to brother;
You couldn't tell one of the votes from the other.

CHORUS.

They were both rum votes,
And sanctioned the license plan;
But one was cast by a cunning old brewer,
And one by a Sunday-school man.
The Sunday-schoolman-no man could be truer--
Kept busy all summer denouncing the brewer;
But his fever cooled off with the change of the weather,
And late in the autumn they voted together.
The Sunday-school man had always been noted
For fighting saloons--except when he voted;
He piled up his prayers with a holy perfection,
Then knocked them all down on the day of election.
The cunning old brewer was cheerful and mellow;
Said he, "I admire that Sunday school fellow,
He's true to his church--to his party he's truer,
He talks for the Lord, but he votes for the brewer."--Selected.

District League Program.

Following is the program for the District Epworth League Conference to be held at Amarillo, Texas, June 20 1900:

- 1--Opening prayer conducted by Rev. J. A. Wallace.
- 2--How to organize and sustain an Epworth League
Miss Rubie Stephens,
Mr. J. Winfred Hunt.
- 3--The independence of the Sub-Missionary committee
Miss Belle Markey.
- 4--How may Leaders become co-laborers with the pastors?
Miss Allie Graves,
Rev. J. E. Stephens.
- 5--How may pastors become Co-laborers with the Leaguers?
Rev. Ben Hardy,
G. E. Hamilton.
- 6--Sermon,
Rev. B. W. McKeown.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 7--Use and abuse of the Epworth Era in devotional meetings, Rev. T. W. Sharp.
- 8--Meaning and possible results of the "Holston Plan."
Rev. J. A. Whitehurst.
- 9--How to study the Bible and Discipline systematically,
Rev. C. C. Thompson.
- 10--How to conduct a Junior League,
Mrs. J. T. Coulter,
Mrs. Dr. Warner,
G. S. HARDY, President,
MISS BELLE MARKEY, Secretary.

Liquor and Divorce.

After hearing eight divorce cases in one day in which the cause was habitual drunkenness on the part of the husband, Judge Bishop, of the Des Moines (Ia.) District court decided to issue a new ruling. Hereafter when a divorce is granted on the grounds of habitual drunkenness the court will serve notice on every saloon keeper and every druggist in the city that they are not to sell liquor to the man who is thus designated by the court as a habitual drunkard. The liquor dealers are to be instructed

that a violation of this order means an immediate revocation of their license upon such fact being made known to the court.

The liquor traffic has wrecked and is wrecking more homes in the country today than all other causes combined.--Temperance Advocate.

A Starry Crown.

A young lady was preparing for a dancing party, and standing before a large mirror, placed a light crown ornamented with silver stars upon her head. While thus standing, a little fair-haired sister climbed into a chair and put up her tiny fingers to examine this beautiful head-dress, and was accosted thus: "Sister, what are you doing? You should not touch that crown?" Said the little one: "I was looking at that and thinking of something else." "Tell me what you are thinking about--you, a little child." "I was remembering what my Sabbath-school teacher said, that if we save sinners by our influence we should win stars for our crown in heaven, and when I saw those

stars in your crown I wished I could save some soul." The elder sister went to the dance, but in solemn meditation the words of the innocent child found a lodgment in her heart, and she could not enjoy the association of her friends. At an early hour she left the hall and returned to her home, and going to the chamber where her dear little sister was sleeping, imprinted a kiss upon her soft cheek and said, "Precious sister, you have won one star for your crown;" and kneeling at the bedside, offered a fervent prayer to God for mercy. She spake as the Spirit gave her utterance.--Era.

In Memory of H. F. Leisburg.

In respect to the memory of H. F. Leisburg, who died in Clarendon, Tex., March 17, 1900, and was buried with Masonic honors, after twelve years of service to the fraternity.

Whereas, our Supreme Grand Master, in his infinite wisdom has taken from our midst our beloved brother and thereby severing a link from our chain of fraternal relations,

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the death of our brother, the fraternity has lost an upright and worthy member. The cause of Christianity a zealous supporter and the community a good and honored citizen.

Be it further resolved, that the members of Clarendon Lodge, No. 700, by unanimous vote extend to the bereaved family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy, directing them to our Father in heaven, who is alone able to administer the needed consolation in the hour of their bereavement.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our lodge and a copy thereof be furnished the bereaved family.

Committee, {L. TOMME,
J. L. ALEXANDER,
R. H. CLINE.

One thing can be placed to the credit of William Jennings Bryan. As colonel of the Third Nebraska Regiment he refused to allow a canteen to be established in his quarters. He had no use for liquor himself, and he knew that his soldiers were better off without it.

Our Trade

Still Increasing,

And we are still filling our store with

New and up-to-Date Goods.

We now have on display a nice line of wash Dress Skirts at prices that will astonish you. Our Summer Dress Goods Line is complete, consisting of Lawns, Batiste, Piques, Ducks, Challies, Dimities, Coverts, Silks, Etc.

All Other Lines Complete.

Keep your eye on our clothing. In addition to our up-to-date line of suits, we handle the S. K. and the Sunflower Pants; both guaranteed to give satisfaction to wearer.

An inspection of Goods and Prices is a guarantee that we can suit you.

Thanking you for past favors,

I AM, YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

T. J. Noland.

Clarendon College.

On The Special One Thousand Donation Which is

To Be Credited to Each Charge and the District on the Twentieth Century Offering.

The following names have been added to the list since our last publication. The entire amount in exact figures is not obtainable just at the present time but will approximate near \$800.00.

College Literary societies	\$ 25 00
R. C. Pope,	10 00
J. B. Pope,	25 00
Mrs. J. B. Pope,	25 00

In most cases the businessman who has not enough pride in his town to patronize his home paper and who looks upon advertising as an expense instead of a legitimate investment will do to watch for he is likely to gratify his peevish temperament by delving deep into his customers pockets. Is it not reasonable for customers to get more liberal treatment from a dealer who liberally patronizes home industry--their local paper--which is recognized as the most potent factor in building up a community, than one who lacks this liberality? Therefore, our readers, should help build up the city by strictly patronizing those who advertise, for you can certainly expect liberal treatment from a liberal dealer.--Miami Chief.

Sunday Service.

There was preaching at six out of the seven churches in Clarendon last Sunday and all report splendid congregations. The Methodist church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The ladies had gone to considerable trouble decorating the pulpit, and many rare and beautiful plants and flowers were taken from the green houses to add to the occasion. Those who attended the morning service were indeed fortunate. The Doctor always preaches well but on this occasion he preached one of the finest sermons it has ever been our pleasure to hear. We are indeed sorry that any one in Clarendon should have missed this opportunity. At this service six-joined the Methodist church. At night the Ladies' Home Missionary society conducted the exercise. The program was interesting and we trust profitable. Over \$31.00 in cash was raised on the Twentieth century fund to assist the schools under the auspices of this society. The church was nearly full Sunday afternoon at the League services, which were very interesting. Special preparations had been made for the Juniors and many of the parents came with them. After the service was over the children were treated to Easter eggs, which had been beautifully colored for the occasion, and were highly prized by the children. The Doctors talk to the Senior League was splendid and enjoyed by all. It seemed a pity that every young man and woman in town was not present to hear it.

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FRANK KENDALL, Bus. Mngr.

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EASTER AND IDOLATRY.

Easter has come and gone and while we think it all right to preach a special sermon on this day on the subject of the "Resurrection of Christ" if one desires, yet there is no scripture for us keeping this day any more sacred than any other Sabbath day. At the rate we are now moving, it is a question whether there is not more harm done than good on this day. It was first kept by the heathens in honor of the Goddess Easter, as she was the goddess of spring, and it was always observed at this season of the year. When the missionaries taught them of Christ they changed the object of the worship to that of the Resurrection of Christ, but we have thousands today who seem determined to run it again into idolatry. Should one enter the Roman Catholic church of today, with her images and see them go through with their performance he would imagine he was living in the age of idolatry more than that of Christianity. But this is not all. Instead of bowing to the Goddess of Easter the female world has enthroned a new deity and her name is Fashion. Before her shrine the civilized world is bowing today. There is no sacrifice they will not make, no suffering they will not endure to worship the goddess of fashions.

The weather may be cold and chilly, yet they must wear some thin dress made to her special honor, even though it should result in sickness or death, she must be worshipped. The victim may be poor, the husband in debt, the children hungry; yet a new hat or bonnet must be secured this day in honor of this deity. To appear otherwise on this occasion might insult this goddess and incur her displeasure. So if one can't appear on this occasion and do her homage they must stay at home, as thousands do. The preacher must also do something extra by preaching a "sermonette" and by all means say nothing that would offend these idolaters in their worship; if he should, woe be unto him. The choir must also get every dancing girl and every old toper in town, provided he stands high in society, and can carry a tune to sing some special song for the occasion, and they must be careful also that no one can understand one word that is sung but it must be a fashionable song and the organist if possible on this occasion, must be the leader in society as well as the most fashionable opera goer. Taken all in all, it must be very dishonoring and displeasing to the meek and lowly Christ to see how this day is kept. Instead of giving this day thousands to the cause of Christ and to hasten the glad news of his resurrection to the ends of the earth, we spend it foolishly for ribbons and laces to deck these old bodies, that must soon perish, in the gayest fogs and rob the altar of Jesus Christ and actually cripple His cause. We trust the church may hear afresh the call; "Go quickly and tell the world I am risen." Too long we have withheld the news. God

We heard of a town not more than a thousand miles away that organized a club room, and as usual dedicated it with a third rate dance and those having it in charge had the gall to invite the preachers to attend. Of course, they knew that no decent minister would attend the thing but to their surprise one was on hand and seemed to enjoy seeing the boys hug the girls as much as any one could, simply to look on, and the next Sunday this same preacher had the impudence to preach in this same town what he called the gospel. But it will be very hard for him to ever again make sensible people believe he is anything but a wolf in sheeps clothing and we must say that we have an utter contempt for all such hypocrites. A man that will seek for popularity to fill his church by bringing the cause of Christ in reproach is not worthy the confidence and notice of respectable people.

Just think of it. Ten million subjects of Great Britain starving. Starving for bread in India, while England carries on a relentless war for the diamond fields of the Transvaal. No wonder God has left her to fight it out alone and unless this spirit of greed and oppression cease, God will certainly bring down some of the greatest nations of the earth.

When you see a business man advertising in every paper in town but the AGITATOR you may know he takes his "tea" and is opposed to the straight forward, fearless manner in which this paper hits the saloon and whisky business and if you wish to encourage that sort of work patronize him.

Did you ever hear of a boy being sent into a saloon to tell the saloon keeper, bar tender and bums, that a special table had been fixed for them at a church festival? We never did but one time.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We are studying law this week and in our next issue will give our readers the full benefit of the same. Let all county attorneys and other officers take notice. We feel sure that many are not aware of the fact that a law exists against screens in saloons, raffing, gambling and etc. So we will give chapter and verse so they can find it, and if they can't read, we will try and get some one to read it for them.

Clarendon is building up rapidly. On every hand new buildings are to be seen in the course of construction. The carpenters and painters are busy from morning to night, while the great demand for houses to rent is increasing. There is no better town in Texas in which to live, enjoy life and educate your children than Clarendon. Her future is not dependent upon some fictitious railroad that may never come; but we have everything necessary to make it one of the best towns in the West.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell, died at their home in the East part of town Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m. Tuesday morning by Rev. L. Tomme at the Baptist church, after which the remains were interred at the Citizens' cemetery.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—
A new 4 room house; two lots, fenced with a picket fence. Small barn buggy house and out buildings. Situated just South of the South Methodist church, and only two block from the main business portion of town. If sold at once can be bought for \$600. Call on B. R. Weatherspoon at premises or on A. M. BEVILLE, Agent.

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Do you like a good shave?
Of course you do. Then you should go to

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Give us a Trial.

For Sale.

I Have some blocks, also some five and ten acre blocks located near the Clarendon College, also convenient to churches and the public schools, in one-half mile of court house. Will sell cheap for cash or will give good terms. Apply to or address

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Plans and Specifications Free on Application.

Estimates cheerfully furnished on all kinds of repair work.

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—HEADQUARTERS FOR—

GROCERIES,

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All Competition Met.

Your Patronage Solicited.

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Staple and Fancy Groceries,

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Prompt Attention Given to all Orders.

A Reasonable Profit is all we Ask.

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ROBT. SAWYER,

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LUMBER,

Sash, Doors, Blinds Building Material, Etc.,

My Stock is New and Complete and of Best Material. Give me a Call.

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Draymen and Coal Dealers.

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All Orders Promptly Filled,
CLARENDON - TEXAS.

Steam Laundry,

Lee Cannon, Proprietor.

All Work Guaranteed to give Satisfaction.
Clarendon, Tex.

Clarendon Livery Stable,

Buntin & Baker, Props.

Drummers Accommodated, First-Class Turnouts, Horses Boarded by Day Week or Month.

Feed Sold Cheap.

CLARENDON

TEXAS.

Local News Notes.

A. M. BEVILLE, Editor.

All round horse shoeing only \$1.00. Call on E. A. Taylor.

Ethel Clower has been sick this week with fever.

Armours gold band meats at W. T. Jones.

Mrs. J. T. Wright is very sick this week with pneumonia.

Mrs. Harrington, of Vernon, visiting her sister J. P. Casey.

Mrs. J. T. Sims is on the sick list this week.

The gully in the middle of Sully street gets deeper with each rain.

W. T. Jones carries a full and complete line of Hawk Eye pickles and relishes.

Clarendon needs to clean up the streets and allies before hot weather.

Peacemaker flour the finest in town, for sale by J. T. Sims.

P. D. Hudgins of Brice, Briscoe county was trading here Wednesday.

All kind of garden and field seeds at W. T. Jones.

J. S. Harrison is building a neat residence for himself in the South part of town.

Take your horse to E. A. Taylor's blacksmith shop, and have him shod, only costs you \$1.00.

Peacemaker flour defies competition. Sold by Sims the grocer.

N. S. Bagwell, of Mulberry Flat, Armstrong county, was trading in town to-day.

Two gentlemen from Briscoe county were trying to rent houses here this week.

W. H. Paqua and Mr. Chestnut, of Amarillo spent last Wednesday in town.

Hill & Decker will buy 2 goods, and pay you all they are worth. Give them a call.

J. A. Reed, from Mulberry Flats, was trading in town Tuesday.

Try Taylor's shop for all kinds of blacksmith and wood work. Horse shoeing a specialty.

Peacemaker flour takes premiums at St. Louis and Dallas Fairs. Take no other. See John T. Sims.

Another good rain yesterday. All the Panhandle country has had an abundance of rain.

Arthur and Raymond Brakebill, of Kansas City, nephews of T. J. Noland are visiting here.

J. E. Griffin had the inside of the Globe Confectionery repainted this week. John is a hustler.

For hardware, singletrees, doubletrees, chains, collars, pads &c., see Anderson. He will give you a hard times price.

Charlie Levi, who has been sick for some time left for the hospital at Fort Worth Tuesday of this week.

For the latest styles, shades and patterns in wall paper, see HILL & DECKER.

E. T. Stevens was selected by the Convention at Amarillo last week as Live Stock Inspector for this district, and has already entered upon his duties.

There was a severe snow storm in Colorado last week and passenger trains from the North have been badly delayed all this week.

They can all talk and argue, but when they come down to facts, in regard to the lowest prices and largest stock in Clarendon come and see,

BEN CHAMBERLAIN.

All kind of repairing and upholstering neatly and quickly done, at prices that are reasonable, HILL & DECKER.

Rev. G. T. Hamlin and wife, from the Boydston neighborhood, were visiting friends in the city last Friday and Saturday.

For bread of all kind, King of Kansas flour, can't be beat. W. T. JONES.

The secret of many family discords is on account of bad bread. Try a sack of Peacemaker, we will insure the result. It can be found at John T. Sims.

The Citizens' Bank are erecting a nice hitching rack beside their bank building. Also they have nicely enclosed the rear part of their lot.

There is an agent here this week buying mules for the British government. Mules are becoming a necessary adjunct to war.

Do not fail to see Anderson's goods before you purchase. He is rock bottom on prices and the quality cannot be excelled.

Those Shirt Waists at Noland's! How they go! They are up to date and prices right.

Rev. J. N. Kendall and wife, spent Sunday and Monday in town visiting friends and attending the protracted meeting being held at the M. E. church.

Mrs. J. O. Morgan and children and her father, J. E. Gage, left Wednesday for an extended visit to their old home at Nocona, Texas.

A. M. Beville has been appointed census enumerator for precinct Nos. 2 and 3 of Donley county. This includes Clarendon, Lella, Rowe and Giles.

Mr. Jackson late of Colmesneer, Texas, is building a nice residence on his section of land purchased from H. W. Taylor near town. His family have already arrived here.

FOR SALE—1 span 4 year old mules—Also one good Jersey milch cow. For particulars call on or address, J. H. KELLY, Clarendon, Tex.

John Stowers is working for the hustling grocery firm of Caldwell and Jacques. John is a worthy, reliable young man and always proves his worth in whatever he engages in.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society gave an ice cream supper at the elegant home of Mrs. F. A. Faker, last Tuesday night. It was an enjoyable affair and the net receipts amounted to \$35.00.

Anderson carries a larger line of high grade cheese than is carried between Fort Worth and Trinidad. When you want something that is nectar for the Gods see Anderson.

Dr. C. H. Nelson went to Claude last Saturday on a professional visit. Mrs. Nelson, and the little children of Mr. Q. Moore, accompanied him and are spending the week at that place visiting relatives and friends.

Allen J. Baker, who is at present living at the old Buntin place two miles North of town was a pleasant caller at our office last Saturday and had his name marked up for the AGITATOR another year.

WANTED—by Mrs. A. J. Lindsey, 5 or 6 boarders. Table will be supplied at all times with the best the market affords—Also one Furnished Room for rent. For particulars apply to MRS. A. J. LINDSEY.

Come early to the Methodist church next Sunday so as to secure a seat. Don't fail to hear the sermon.

FOR SALE—A block of land near to Clarendon College. Slightly location and splendid soil—An elegant building site—The price is very low. See A. M. BEVILLE, Agt.

Rev. W. B. McKeown, president of Clarendon College, spent Sunday at Union Hill, Hall Co. and returned Monday. The good people in that neighborhood subscribed near \$75.00 to the Clarendon College.

The Columbian Tailoring Co., 133 to 137 West Madison St. Chicago, Ill., cut, make and trim ladies' and gentlemen's own material at \$6.50 per suit; latest styles and fit guaranteed. Send us your goods and measurement. We do the rest.

Prof. D. C. Lowe and Sheriff T. L. Anderson, of Silverton, were in Clarendon last Saturday. Mr. Anderson, came over to meet his father who came out from Tennessee to visit him. While here Prof. Lowe was a pleasant caller at the AGITATOR office.

A. M. Beville returned Tuesday from another two weeks stay at Sulphur Springs with his little son Allen, who has been so dangerously sick there. At the time of leaving little Allen was better and a later report was that he was still improving with all prospects for complete recovery.

When you read the AGITATOR, you don't have to pick out a few facts from a thousand patent medicine ads. This was always annoying to us, and we resolved long ago, that should we ever edit a paper, it would be free from such. There is scarcely a week passes that we do not refuse offers from companies to advertise their "cure-all" medicines.

Honors Conferred.

At a meeting of the faculty of Clarendon College last Thursday night to determine the honors for the first three quarters of this year, Miss Lou Cope received first prize and Temple Hoffer, second; with several others as close competitors. These awards were made for the highest general averages made in all branches and those who won have a right to feel justly proud of the record they have made. Miss Cope lives in Donley county, and is a daughter of Rev. J. B. Cope, while Temple Hoffer, is a resident of Clarendon and is one of our brightest and most promising young men. At this meeting the faculty also decided to give prizes for oratory, reading and composition, the terms and regulations of which will be announced later.

The Clarendon Orchestra.

A representative of the AGITATOR had the pleasure of listening to the Clarendon Orchestra at their regular practice on Tuesday evening of this week. The music selected by the orchestra is of the highest class and very difficult, yet they play like professionals, and all that is needed is practice. They have been engaged to play at the close of the Memphis school which will occur on Friday night, April 27th; and the people of Memphis and vicinity are promised a rare musical treat, such as is not often one's pleasure to hear.

Reduced Rates.

Excursion tickets will be on sale May 8th and 9th, on account of the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, 12.55 for round trip. Good for return to leave Hot Springs 20 days from date of sale. An additional limit of 10 days may be arranged.

The Clarendon Hotel,

RATES: - - \$2.00 PER DAY.

MRS. E. T. STEVENS, PROPRIETRESS.

Tables supplied with the very best the Market affords. Furnished Rooms by day, week or month. Everything in the way of conveniences to be found in First-class Hotel.

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Write him when you want anything in the Jewelry Line. Mail Orders Solicited. CLARENDON - - - TEXAS.

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Clarendon, Texas.

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DIRECTORS; E. A. Kelly, B. H. White, W. H. Cooke, M. Rosenfield, L. C. Beverly, I. Jones, J. G. Tackitt.

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Staple and Fancy Groceries.

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Water Works,

G. A. LATIMER, Proprietor.

Agent for Wind Mills, Pipe Casing and a General Line of Well Supplies.

Clarendon, Tex.

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.....PROPRIETORS OF.....

New City Livery Stable.

Drummers Rigs, Hack, Buggies, Carriages and Teams. Everything New and Fresh.

Corn, Oats Bran, and Hay for Sale.

Rubber Tire Buggies for Hire.

CLARENDON,

TEXAS.

The trade of which mention was made two weeks ago between H. W. Taylor and Messrs Jackson and Collier fell through, or partly so. After the inventory of the stock was completed, which was much larger than they expected, they declined to take the stock and building and lost the forfeit placed for the purchase; they however took the section of land adjoining town and will each build residences and move their families here and we hear will likely engage in business later.

Frank A. White returned Wednesday night from Brownwood, Texas, where he was married last Sunday morning in the Baptist church there to Miss Ida Martin. Frank is a popular young man and has a host of friends who are showering their congratulations upon him and his fair bride. We hereby extend our congratulations and wish them a life of unstinted bliss.

General News Notes.

The city of Dallas contemplates building an auditorium the cost of which will be \$100,000.

The general Louisiana, election, which has just closed leaves the legislature more overwhelmingly democratic than at any time since the reconstruction.

The latest reports from the Boer war says the Boers are leaving Wepener and moving to the North.

The smallpox cases are getting along finely, and in ten days it is thought that all patients will be discharged, so reports the Hale county Herald.

Reports of floods and wash-outs in the railroad bridges continue to arrive from the flood districts of South and East Texas.

Hon. Horace Chilton has withdrawn from the race for re-election to the U. S. Senate from Texas. This leaves a clear field to Hon. J. W. Baily his only opponent.

Ten persons have been indicted by the grandjury at Frankfort, Ky., for complicity in the murder of Wm. Goebel, democratic candidate for governor.

Amarillo was visited by a hail storm last Tuesday night and on Wednesday night the ground froze hard, and the Denver train stuck in the snow drift at Trinidad.

At a meeting of teachers held at Judge Pardue's office Wednesday it was decided to hold the Panhandle normal school at Memphis this year, beginning June 4th, and ending July 7th. Prof. W. R. Silvey, of Clarendon, was chosen principal, and Messrs. Thos. R. Welch, J. L. Rein, C. H. Hittson and Mrs. E. R. Haynes will be the instructors. The petition for the Normal is signed by about fifty teachers and will undoubtedly be approved by the State superintendent.—Memphis Leader.

Bishops Duncan and Joyce Indorse the Movement.

"The saloon will go, when good people vote so." This is what the American Young People's Christian Temperance Union says and believes. They are proving their faith by their works in an earnest endeavor to get a million men to sign the following pledge:

"We, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to vote in the year 1900 for only such persons for National offices as shall represent a party whose platform shall contain a plank demanding the immediate and total destruction of the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. This pledge to be binding in the event of one million signatures being secured before the presidential election of 1900."

Bishop I. W. Joyce, of the M. E. Church, says: "I heartily join with the movement, and with all those who are seeking to do this good work."

Bishop W. W. Duncan, of the M. E. church South, says: "I certainly feel the profoundest interest in your million vote movement, and wish for it the largest and completest success. I have no doubt the Annual and District conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, will promptly and cheerfully indorse the movement."

Editors of 44 religious papers whose combined circulation exceeds 750,000 copies weekly, have joined in indorsing the movement.

You will thus see the movement is gaining great headway. We trust that all Methodist Conferences, North and South, Church, District, Annual and General will do as Bishop Duncan predicts, heartily indorse and work for the movement. But let us not wait for the assembly of conferences. Cut out the above pledge and paste it at the top of a blank sheet of paper, and then get at least ten men to sign it, with their exact postoffice and street address. Then mail the same to W. G. Dean, Secretary of American Young People's Christian Temperance Union, 1119 The Temple, Chicago, Illinois.—St. Louis Advocate.

Choice Selections.

The man who only drinks one drink a day is on the side of the drinking customs.

The Dow tax collection shows that over three hundred saloon keepers in Cincinnati have gone out of business during the past year.

It seems a species of glaring and inexcusable hypocrisy for our Government to wage a war for liberty in Cuba, and while this war is being waged subject the sons of the loving mothers of our land to an evil far more damning and deadly than all the tyrannies of Spain.

The brewers are quick to seize upon our newly acquired island possessions for the introduction and sale of their beer. Shiploads of this liquor are being sent to Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. Woe be to the inhabitants thereof if they consume much of this dangerous beverage, and woe to our government if it permit these people to be slaughtered by strong drink.

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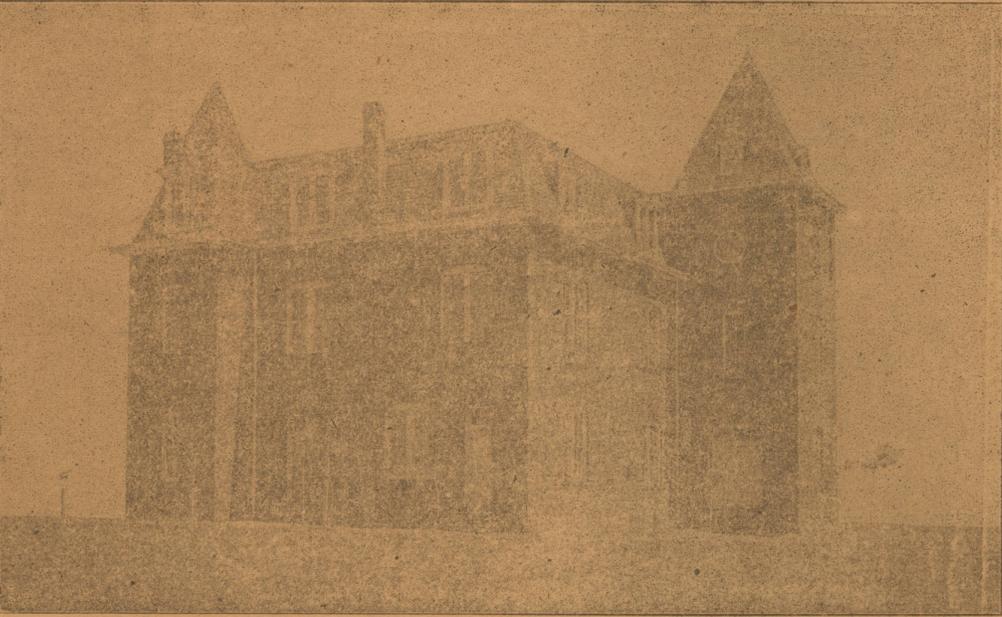
The Deadly Cigarette.

A New York paper gives us the following statistics on the evils of the cigarette. All this happening in one city in less than twelve months:

Driven insane by cigarettes	30
Robbery inspired by	12
Suicide the result of	6
Murder caused by	6
Killed by excessive use of	3
Convulsions caused by	2
Blindness from cigarettes	2
Total	60

Doubtless many will be surprised to hear that murder has been inspired by cigarettes, but the facts point that way. Part of the defense of "Mike" Sliney, who killed Lyons, on the Bowery, was cigarette insanity. Koerner who murdered Mamie Redgate, pleaded excessive cigarette smoking as a cause. Edgar Brunz, who shot the station agent at Scarsdale, N. Y., a short time ago, was said to be silly from cigarette smoking. So was Willis Rosser, who shot Sifer at Madison Square Garden on December 9. Some figures from the reformatory at Pontiac, Ill., might also be enlightening, as showing where cigarettes lead. Fifty-eight of the 63 boys of 12 years smoked, 125 of the 133 boys of fourteen smoked, and 73 of the 82 boys of fifteen smoked.

Read this boys and also parents and in the face of these facts, can you afford to use them. We have a good law today against selling a minor these deadly things and yet but little regard is paid to it. We were in a town some time since and noticed a young lad smoking and he told us frankly that he had no trouble in securing same. Let the parents take notice of their boys and find out where they get their cigarettes and it will soon stop.



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