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It has been published time and again that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy was dead and her friends seek to keep the fact a secret. But with annual regularity announcement is made of her birthdays. She is said to have celebrated her 88th Saturday.

President Taft intimates to the Senate and House tariff conferees that they must get together on lower rates on hides, coal, iron ore, oil, lumber and other schedules. This will have to be done, or the promise of a revision downward will be false.

Preparations are being made by the American Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for a giant merger of all the Bell telephone companies in the country with a capitalization of over \$600,000,000, covering the thirty companies and innumerable subcompanies. By the consolidation of the Bell companies a more central and, it is claimed, effective management will be established and greater operating economies made possible. Don't look much like "trust busting" by the party in power, or by any other power, as for that.

The death of Mrs. J. Addison Hayes Sunday night at her home in Colorado Springs, Col., wiped out the last of the family of the late Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. She was 54 years old, is survived by two sons, Jefferson Hayes Davis and William Hayes, and two daughters, Lucy and Mrs. Winnie Webb, wife of Gerald B. Webb of Colorado Springs. Jefferson Hayes Davis bears the name of his grandfather through a special act of the legislature. Mrs. Hayes, who was born in Washington during the time her father was secretary of war, resided for some years with her family in Mississippi, but following her marriage, had lived for a number of years in Colorado. Her mother died about two years ago, and her only sister, Miss Winnie Davis, died a short time before.

Every newspaper writer should confine himself strictly to the truth in everything he puts into the paper.—Dallas News.

It is not enough to say that a newspaper should tell the truth. There ought to be no place in the home or counting house or anywhere else for a newspaper that does not tell the truth at all times and in all circumstances to the fullest extent the law will allow.—San Antonio Express.

An Unusual Oddity

Quite an unusual freak in nature is reported from Rowe in the animal line. W. R. Baker, a renter on one of Capt. Nat Smith's places has a brood mare that gave birth Saturday night to twin colts. This fact of itself is not so odd, but one is a mule, while the other is of the horse species.

One of the colts died Monday night.

Texas Cotton Two Million Short

Fort Worth, Tex., July 19.—President Neill of the State Farmers' Union, in discussing the recent report of the cotton crop made by Government Expert Hunter, this morning declared that the Texas crop would be two million bales short, and that the crop was in the worst condition he had ever known.

The customer who goes into a store in response to an advertisement is generally more than half ready to buy, observes the Spickard Herald, and for this reason is worth more than a dozen shoppers who just happen in.

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:
Steers \$4.60 to \$5.25.
Cows \$2.10 to \$3.75.
Calves \$2.50 to \$6.00.
Hogs \$5.50 to \$7.95.

Damaging Storm in Navarro County

At Frost Saturday while the town was crowded with visitors, attracted by sales day, a storm of cyclonic proportions swept through, doing damage estimated at \$10,000. The principal losses are as follows:
N. w gin plant, practically a total wreck.

Presbyterian church, totally destroyed.

Christian church badly damaged. Roof torn from J. J. Stoue's mercantile establishment, goods being heavily damaged by rain.

Brick store building occupied by Hooser Tullos company, unroofed and their large stock of groceries damaged by rain.

Wade Smith's restaurant unroofed, interior badly damaged.

T. S. Meredith's cottage home, total wreck; household goods destroyed.

A number of people were hurt, but none seriously. The wind-storm was preceded and accompanied by a heavy rain.

Lost Two Children While Trying to Save a Third

While W. J. Lawson, a farmer living southeast of Walters, Ok., was absent at Temple Friday getting medical aid for John, his 10-year-old son, who was run over the day before by a mowing machine and seriously injured, his other two children, Charles, 6 years old, and William, 13 years old, wandered to a stock pond in the pasture, got into deep water and were drowned.

The injured boy, hearing the cries of his brothers, hastened as rapidly as possible to their assistance, but was unable to get them out. It is feared that the third child will not recover.

Waller King's Case at Ft. Worth Again Put Off

Fort Worth, Tex., July 19.—The case of Walter King, charged with embezzlement in connection with the alleged holdup of the Main street branch of the Waggoner Bank and Trust Co., here about six weeks ago, was changed back to the Forty eighth district court and continued until the September term on account of the state failing to secure attendance of important witnesses.

E. F. Carter of Iowa Killed by a Train at Dalhart

The mangled body of a young man aged about 27 years was found on the Rock Island tracks near Dalhart Monday morning. The pockets contained a postal addressed to "Elmer F. Carter" and post-marked Oskaloosa, Iowa, bearing a pathetic plea from a mother to a wayward son.

Daughter of Jeff Davis Dies

Colorado Springs, Col., July 19.—Mrs. Margaret Howell Hayes, daughter of President Jefferson Davis, died here last night of a complication of diseases. The body will be taken to Richmond, Va., in the fall.

Luther Hughes, charged by indictment with assault upon the person of A. B. Short in a Polk street pool hall at Amarillo, was admitted to bail Monday in the sum of \$1,500 by Judge Browning at the end of habeas corpus proceedings.

A Call For Volunteers.

The Good Cheer band of fair renown,
Who boost home trade and boom the town,
Who brighten, build and beautify
Till all is pleasing to the eye,
Who sound their battery, "Improve"—
They are the lads who make things move.
The benefactors of the land,
Then come and join the Good Cheer band.

Of old the brave knight fought and strove
And gleamed with hardware like a stove.
He rode to seek the Holy Grail
Or lift some maiden out of jail,
From Judah's hills to chase the hordes
That haunted moons and crooked swords,
And through his whiskers stoutly swore
To drown the dragon in its gore.

The modern knight swears softer oaths
And does not dress in sheet iron cloths,
And yet he has as high intent
In seeking civic betterment,
In winning for his town success,
Prosperity and happiness,
And spreading sunshine through the land,
A member of the Good Cheer band.

Come, join the boosting brotherhood,
A soldier of the common good;
Become a volunteer recruit,
And do not send a substitute,
In the Commercial club outfit
And be a hustling optimist.
Just smile, smile, smile, and lend a hand
For progress and the Good Cheer band.
J. A. EDGERTON.

Six Milch Cows for Sale.

Apply to Chas. Wright, south part of town.

City Life and Country Life

John Burroughs, the naturalist, in an interview in Chicago sounds the praises of rural life in a way that is calculated to make urban residents yearn for shady trees and babbling brooks. Mr. Burroughs, who is 72 years old, declares that he has enjoyed every year of his living and that "the zest is not yet gone." He has spent the greater part of his life on a farm. The only thing, he thinks, that keeps people in the city is that they can make money there. That, he asserts, is all that a city is good for, "and if people think that money can make them happy or purchase them contentment they are sadly mistaken."

Of his own experience in city and country Mr. Burroughs says: "In order really to return to the 'great elemental sanities' one must go with the right attitude of spirit, and that attitude is simplicity. I was a clerk in the treasury when a young man and for ten years lived under protest in the city. Then I bought a small farm and went there to live, and I have been there ever since. It does not take much money to live in the country. Money is good to buy books and pictures with, but it is not needed for much else. One can live in the country, if his mind is right, and enjoy the best of books, the best of people, the best of life and never be troubled about his bank account."

"I have never had much money, but I have enjoyed the things at hand. I have become so familiar with the face of nature that it is as the face of an old friend, and I know and love it in every mood. My years have been full of joy, but they have been years of simplicity and economy. I have never sated myself with anything and the bloom is still on life. I enjoy traveling and seeing people as much as I ever did, and the joy of the out of doors is still unspoiled."

This is all very cheerful philosophy and contains in it much of truth, but the simple life does not appeal to everyone in the same way. Existence in rural communities undoubtedly has its charms. It also has its undesirable features, some of which, for instance, have been very forcibly portrayed by Hamlin Garland in his stories of the Northwest. Mr. Garland may have been over-realistic in his treatment of the subject, while Mr. Burroughs is decidedly too idealistic. Somewhere between their respective points of view lies the golden mean of conditions as they really exist.

We cannot all be dwellers in the country. Somebody has to keep the wheels of commerce moving. Some persons, and a good many of them, must of necessity concern themselves with the practical things of life. If everybody went to chasing butterflies there would speedily be a famine in the nation's larder. There is work to be done, heaps of it, hard and unremitting. It cannot be accomplished through idle dalliance in peach orchards or in rose embowered lanes. More than that, it is not given to every man to appreciate the distinguished points of a new variety of bug or to take any abiding interest in the manners and customs of the animal world. While Mr. Burroughs may enjoy holding inquests on insects and making differentiative analyses of ephemeral legs and wings and antennae, the overwhelming majority of his fellow citizens find in such avocations neither edification nor amusement.

The old saying, "Every man to his trade," is one that is peculiarly applicable to a discussion of this character. If one who resides in a city be reasonably satisfied with his occupation and his environment it is not a sensible thing to rush to the country in an idyllic hunt for happiness. The man who is doing well in rural vocations should debate the question long and seriously in his mind before taking up his abode in the city. In either case it is a good idea to "let well alone." It has been truthfully said that there is no royal road to happiness. It may also be said that no one can write a prescription that will insure another's happiness.

Those who live contentedly in whatever sphere are to be congratulated, but the fact that they are contented supplies no assurance that others would be in a similar state of mind under like surroundings.—Courier Journal.

STATE NEWS.

Tom Baldwin was killed by a train near Goodwin in Libscomb county last week.

Taxable values in Grayson county have decreased this year \$250,000 and the commissioners will have to raise the tax rate.

The total taxable valuations as fixed by the equalization board of Wichita county is \$10,800,000, an increase of eleven per cent.

The explosion of a lamp caused the destruction of the home of Will Pippet at Ennis Friday night. The loss is \$1800; partially insured.

Fire at Greenville Monday destroyed Campbell Brothers' clothing store. The loss is \$12,000. Insurance \$6,000. The building, owned by J. A. Maupin of Dallas, was badly damaged.

Roscoe Easterling at Lost Prairie, about twelve miles east of Groesbeck, shot his brother-in-law, John Sims, twice with a pistol Sunday, one shot taking effect in the hip and the other in the arm.

Will Sullivan shot and killed W. A. Jones at Dekalb Sunday. Sullivan and two others are alleged to have called Jones to the front gate where the tragedy took place. Domestic troubles are said to be the cause of the killing.

C. S. Ellis, a photographer of Granbury, was drowned Sunday while bathing in a creek near Clifton, Bosque county. An examination of the body Monday at the request of the dead man's relatives developed the fact that the neck was broken, although there were no indications of foul play. It was supposed his neck was broken while diving.

Miss Ida Gibbons was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun on her father's ranch, twelve miles from Kerrville Sunday. The dogs treed some kind of wild animal a short distance from the house and the young lady took a gun and walked out to shoot it when, in some way, the gun was discharged, the load entering her body, killing her instantly. She was a student in the University of Texas during the last term.

Drop in and see the Chronicle's premium Texas pocket map. It is the most correct we have seen as to towns and railroads, besides giving fair maps of New Mexico and Oklahoma. It also gives the population of all state towns on the back. Call and see it. It is given free to new cash subscribers, only 10 cts to other subscribers, and the regular price, 25 cts, to non-subscribers.

Lost—Stick pin; horse shoe, with whip across, garnet in center. Finder leave at this office and get reward.

K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 30. Meets every Tuesday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. G. B. BAGBY, C. C. H. W. KULLAV, K. of R. & S.

Fythan Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 58. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights at Fythan Hall. Mrs. H. B. WHITE, M. E. C. Mrs. JOHN M. CLOWWA, M. of R. & C. Modern Woodmen of America—Clarendon Camp No. 1342. Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday nights of each month at Woodman Hall. C. S. CORDER, Clerk. Royal Neighbors—Auxiliary to Modern Woodmen—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month in Woodman Hall. Mrs. R. T. JOHNSON, Oracle. Mrs. H. W. KELLY, Recorder.

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