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THE CELEBRATION AT
CLARENDON.

Will A. Brewer.

"Truth is stranger than fiction."

It seems like a dream of romance, that where a few years since, "eternal solitude reigned" the awful stillness being disturbed by no sound save the rush and roar of vast herds of buffalo and the war-whoop of savage indian, now a beautiful and thriving village is situated, and buffalo and indian are becoming scarce as honest politicians.

Ambitious little Clarendon, isolated though it is, situated in the very center of buffalo land, at least two hundred miles from what is termed civilization, yet in enterprise, intelligence, patriotism and other American characteristics it is inferior to none.

A couple of weeks before the "Fourth" a mass meeting of the citizens was held in the school house, and by a unanimous vote decided to celebrate in tony style; committees were appointed to attend to the different arrangements and every thing passed off like clock-work. Last month's issue of the "News" contained a programme of exercises, which was carried out with but slight alteration.

The celebration was a grand success. As the sun arose on the morning of the third, (the day celebrated) the national emblem was seen waving from the summit of Eagle Hill and the ear was startled by the roar of the anvil as the morning salute was fired. At half past nine the exercises of the day were opened with a song rendered by the Glee Club. This club with Dr. Z. T. Williams of Denison, Texas, as leader, had been practicing several nights prior to the "Fourth" and the national hymns and anthems were rendered in fine style. Dr. Williams deserves, and receives the heart felt thanks of the citizens for the interest he manifested in their endeavors to make the celebration a success. The decorating committee also deserve a vote of thanks for the interest they manifested in beautifying the arbor and grounds. We make honorable mention of Mrs. Judd of Gainesville, Texas, who was the life and soul of the enterprise, as under her skillful hand the arbor and grounds assumed

an air of patriotic beauty. Every thing possible was done for the comfort and convenience of the assemblage. A beautiful arbor, of green boughs, was erected in front of the school house, which while rendering a protection from the sun, yet admitted the refreshing breeze that almost constantly fans and cools the country. The heat, dust and worry that attends the gathering of large crowds in cities, was entirely avoided, it would have been difficult to have found a spot with pleasanter surroundings.

The hymn, "Praise the Lord" was finely rendered. The Rev. Mr. Ames offered prayer. The hymn "O come let us sing unto the Lord", was sung with a hearty good will. The Declaration of Independence, was read by Mrs. Mattie Skinner of Cincinnati, O. Rev. L. H. Carhart delivered an address of welcome, rich, spicy and highly enjoyed. The anthem, "Eighteen seventy-six," was sung after which the audience adjourned for dinner. The ladies presided at the feast in most charming style, it is unnecessary to add that the collation spread, was very toothsome. At one o'clock the audience reassembled. The richest treat of the day now appeared, namely the reading of "Toasts" and the responses. The toast, "The day we celebrate" was responded to by Rev. L. H. Carhart, in his usual terse and vigorous style. Mr. Bonnyman responded to "The President of the United States" in an agreeable manner. "Our Country" was responded to by the Glee Club, singing "America." "Our National Emblem" was appropriately responded to by the grand old song, "Star Spangled Banner." Mr. Reed made the response to "The State of Texas." Our "Young Men" as responded to by the present writer was frequently interrupted by roars of laughter and much clapping of hands (please excuse our extreme modesty.) Ed E. Carhart responded to "The Press" in a sarcastic strain that caused much mirth. "Our Honored Guests" as responded to by W. A. Allen, contained some fine hits of a personal nature. Dr. Z. T. Williams responded to the toast "The Ladies, God bless them," in an eulogistic and complimentary manner, very gratifying to the ladies. "Our Absent Friends" was responded to by the song "Auld Lang Syne." A patriotic glee was rendered by the Glee Club, and this closed the public exercises of the day. This celebration will long be remembered by citizens and visitors as one of the most enjoyable occasion of their lives.

P. S. We cannot refrain from having a sly lick at the spread eagle local orators. We desire to inform these

gentlemen that their dusty little speeches have long since gone home to roost on the echoless shores of oblivion.

RANCHES.

We have at command, and unsold a number of large ranches or stock farms, well adapted to cattle, horses and sheep, and one or two suitable for hogs. Indeed hogs can be grown in connection with other stock almost indefinitely, and in any locality. Sheep and cattle are not congenial and are "run" separately. A flock of sheep pays the largest and quickest returns but needs greater care and experience. Any man going into stock of any kind without experience had better secure the partnership or service of a man well posted in the business by actual service on the ground, and not depend too much upon fine theories, or the advice of stock journals and men of delicate leisure. The following is a brief outline of the general situation and character of the tracts, which have been grouped and chosen with regard to accessibility, water, fuel and natural shelter, or protection. They may be sold in bodies less in extent than indicated if desirable. Two or more men can profitably buy and stock these tracts, and, though either would, in this country, be esteemed a small range but large enough for several hundred head, and a firm enterprise. Money cannot be put to a more profitable use than in stock and lands, and no where so safely.

1—LAKE RANCH.

Lies 14 miles southeast of town, on Main Road E. The lands and grasses are exceedingly fine and the water series of small lakes emptying into each other and fed by a living stream known as May Creek. The ranch consists of ten sections; six of which have water, and of ten alternates or school sections, which also may be bought of the State after our county is organized at one dollar per acre. Eastward and southward there are unoccupied and railroad lands which may be grazed unless owners object; affording a large and valuable scope.

2—PARK'S CREEK RANCH.

This exceedingly fine group of 9 sections lies in the east part of the county, a few miles north of central ranch on a creek, a tributary of white fish; with a fine supply of timber and water, also shelter and best of grasses.

3—GRAND CREEK RANCH.

Occupies the north-east corner of the county, 12 sections with an equal number of alternates, and a fine range east and north. The fine Creek, Lakes, fuel, good lands and grasses, renders this one of the best.

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4—WHITE FISH RANCH.

Lies about five mile west of No. 3, and naturally embraces about seven sections. The water, soil, fuel, and shelter are excellent; the situation is on the main waters of White fish.

This is a good small ranch, and might be merged or combined with others on either side.

5—ROCK SPRING RANCH.

This admirable group of ten sections is situated on the head waters of white fish creek, and lies northwest from No. 4. They reach the county line and take in a little of Gray county.

Splendid outside range and good water, fuel, and shelter.

6—SADDLERS CREEK RANCH

Lies at the junction of Saddlers creek and berry creek, and embraces 5 1/2 sections and an equal number of school lands or alternates; its distance from town is about 9 miles, and nothing is wanting to constitute this one of the best small ranges in the country.

Eight flocks of sheep, some of them of common Mexican stock and others of high blood, from 900 to 7000 in number, and aggregating some 30,000 head, are now held in our vicinity.

Most of the lands already purchased are not yet occupied. Farms and crops can and will be made in the midst of these ranches by fencing in what is actually cultivated. Many herds lying adjacent to each other will and do mingle and interblend in the use of lands. Each creature bearing its owner's brand (registered and recorded) will be known and claimed wherever found, and a mutual exchange of lands, to a limited extent, will not work harm to any one.

For maps and other particulars, address L. H. Carhart,

Clarendon, Texas.

W. E. Gould Esq. of central Iowa writes, we have two churches, and our only Minister left yesterday, and one (the methodist,) could not remain and live on air. Such is the fact two churches and no preacher! but then we can boast of a 'saloon' at which there is more spent, than would support both churches handsomely, "Christianity, Temperance, Civilization!" Prosperity will surely follow as the rising of the sun.

We shall stand like a wall of granite against the advent of the worlds greatest curse. So doing we shall have peace, and little use for expensive county buildings of a funative or reformatory character.

LOCALS,

Will A. Brewer was made Asst. Sunday School Supt. lately.

Dr. Williams music class is well sustained.

Several very enjoyable pluming and hunting excursions have come off lately.

Rains continue abundant through early part of July.

Several umbrella-china and soft maple trees are doing well.

That new house in drab and brown has a lively look.

Our Public School under the direction of Mrs. Skinner moves off nicely.

Our new Office is turning out some nice jobs.

Gunter & Munson so widely and well known as dealers in land, have also put in about 3000 head of cattle recently a days ride south of us.

Assessor Kimall reports 52 inhabitants (3 ladies and 8 children) in the Counties of Armstrong, Brisco, Swisher, and Randall.

J. B. Huey, wife, daughter, and three men with them from Fort Concho are among the recent arrivals.

Dr. Williams, by request of the young people has organised a class in vocal culture.

Sheriff Flemming of Wheeler Co made our town and sanctum a pleasant call recently.

Geo. T. Osborn was recently made deputy Sheriff and filled his bond for \$2000. Mr. Osborn is regarded as reliable and vigilant, and will be a terror to evil doers if he has occasion to go for 'em.

W. D. Kimball Esq. our new Justice is one of our square, prudent men and will fill his place gracefully.

Geo. Walling in Kansas writes "Kansas is a failure compared with Texas" and expects to return as soon as possible.

Rev. Conrad Haney, Pastor of St. Pauls Church Sherman Tex. is in Ill. Lecturing and preaching. As a Lecturer and preacher Mr. Haney has few superiors.

Some winter wheat will be sown Sept. 1st. All who want seed, order at once.

Messrs. Evans and Mertz of Sherman and Paris are in town. Mr. Evans is looking for a range for his herd of 2,000 head enroute. Mr. Mertz is out for his health with an eye to business openings.

Rowleys herd of 400 head are quietly resting by still waters on their elegant range 9 miles N. E. of town.

Fine rains are still in order and crops look well. The grass was never better. Some of our millett is being sown. Its a very sure crop. Egyptian corn and sorgum, melons, cucumbers, tomatoes &c. look promising though several weeks later than usual in this latitude. Seed time and harvest shall not fail.

L. F. Carson of La Crosse, Kan. says: We are having hard times here. We have had two failures in wheat and a poor prospect for crops of other grains and vegetables. Fully one half the men in this county have left. I think I shall be at Clarendon in the spring, unless there is a change for the

better here.

Henry Standen and friend from Montgomery Co. Pa., say they are coming to Texas soon and enquire the prices of horses, wagons, tools etc. About the same in price as at the north, horses and mules are lower. Buy at Sherman or Gainesville. The road is plain. Drive on.

Mr. Drake & Son are building a stone dug-out on their ranch two miles from town. Mr. Drake Senior has gone to Mobeetie, and expects to purchase a drove of sheep for his range. He also expects to purchase one hundred head for Rev. Mr. Cartlich.

CLARENDON SPLINTERS.

Collected by Will.

Showers.

Gentle showers.

And one almost evry night.

And yet it never rains in the Pan-Handle-

Crops look splendidly.

And yet nothing is ever raised in the Pan-Handle.

Several new buildings going up in Clarendon.

And yet everybody is leaving the Pan-Handle.

Oh, you soft, sweet, lovely, spirited grumblers.

-The flag-pole stands on the dizzy summit of Eagle Hill.

The celebration has faded into the dim past.

Mr. Parks has returned from Jacksboro. Wellcome home, Mr. Surveyor

If the Texas Rangers meet Mr. "Lo" they will give him a free pass, -to the happy hunting grounds.

A singing school in operation, a public school in full blast, the corner stone of the new church laid, while deer hunts and plum excursions are of almost daily occurrence. Verily, verily, Clarendon is booming.

Christ. Kowalski, contemplates purchasing a lot and erecting a boot and shoe shop. Christ. is a clever fellow, as well as a skilfull workman and deserves success.

Ornamental signs are all the rage. The News office, the Post- Office, and the Public School building, all sport a nicely lettered sign.

Otey Rising & Co. are having a fine run in scarlet and crimson neckties and hair oil. Thus the young man spendeth his money foolishly.

To those suffering from incisor pangs Dr. Williams has proven to be "The shadow of a mighty rock, within a weary land."

A lonesome herd of old bachelors still infests Clarendon.

And the old maids come not.

And the Junior Editor and Printers Devil of the "News" awaiteth their coming despairingly.

A fat beef is occasionally brought in to the city and quickly disposed of.

A Meat Market will soon be demanded by our citizens. A beef a week could be disposed of at present.

Milk and butter are scarce articles in the colony at present. A fine opening for a butter dairy.

The young man who rages whenever his name appears in print, is certainly

an exception to the general rule.

The new church bell will soon arrive and its silvery chimes ring out on the sabatic air.

Hawkins & Hasser are delivering the stone to be used in the erection of the new store building.

Otey Rising & Co. have erected a neat stone powder magazine.

The big bug of the News is up and off for Mobeetie to attend court.

The rim of the hats worn by the Clarendonites extends into the immensties. The borders of them can not be seen, but are supposed to tipped with a sky blue.

HUMOROUS.

The song, "I Will Stand by You Until Morning," is peculiarly adapted for lamp-post serenading.

Fourth of July has no business to come on Sunday, and it wouldn't if almanac-makers had any patriotism.

The United States army chews up half a million pounds of tobacco and two Indians every year. This is the average.

"Closed for the summer" is a familiar sign, but it is never hung over the mouth of an orator until after the Fourth of July.

The Boston Post has learned that they had to put off the dedication of a church at Leadville for a week, because the fireworks ordered for the occasion failed to arrive.

A country exchange unfeelingly remarks: "The small boy will soon be holding himself together at the equator in acknowledgement of the subtle power of the green apple."

No man knows what he may come to yet. We have seen a candidate for United States Senator walking in the mud with a political torch-light procession while his hired man paid fifty cents for a window to see the show.

An old bachelor having been laughed at by a party of pretty girls told them: "You are small potatoes." "We may be small potatoes," said one of them, "but we are sweet ones."

Young men and maidens who are holding back from getting married until they are rich enough, should remember that Adam and Eve commenced housekeeping with out even a cream jug.

A Michigan girl coaxed her lover to take her buggy riding, and the horse ran away and killed her. Showing this paragraph to the girls will be thousands of dollars in the pockets of our young men.

A young lady once married a man by the name of Dust against the wish of her parents. After a short time they lived unhappily together, and she returned to her fathers house; but he refused to receive her, saying: Dust thou art, and to Dust thou shall return". And she got up and "dusted"

CLARENDON GLEE CLUB.

This Club is expected to be reorganised soon. At a called meeting recently, Dr. Williams was requested to give the class a series of lessons in vocal culture. The Dr. complied with the request; agreeing to give twenty lessons. It was decided to raise the amount by subscriptions. Thirteen

dollars were subscribed on the spot.

The following officers were elected; S V. Barton President; Will A. Brewer Secretary; James Glenn Treasurer. Seventeen persons enroll their names on the class list. It is expected to give a public concert at the completion of the course. Will.

A TRI-WEEKLY MAIL.

We have received gratifying intelligence that we are to have a tri-weekly mail. This gives our citixens great satisfaction, and is as it should be. Our boys will not have to spend a week of anxious suspense before receiving their love letters. And then it is exhilarating to inquire every or every other day for mail, even if you never receive a letter. It gives you an air of importance, and creates the impression that you are a man of business. Will.

BEREAVEMENT.

There are griefs so sacred, that to offer consolation is an insult. Such a grief has come to our young friend, Mrs. Mattie Skinner. In a strange land, far from home, she receives the sad intelligence of the death of a near and dear relative. We can not offer consolation, but proffer our deep and silent sympathy. May she find comfort and consolation in the pitying love of the universal Father. Will.

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THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN THE METHODIST EPIS- COPAL CHURCH.

Mrs. Mary L. Griffith,

No. 2.

The same principle runs through other matters. Women are abundant in labors, in all personal and spiritual work—in the care of the poor and sick, in supporting and encouraging the pastor; yet no woman is made steward. They have the tact and tenderness, the personal sympathy, the intense spiritual life, which should mark a good class-leader, yet very seldom does the Church avail herself of such leaders. The bulk of our Sunday school work is done by women (and surely, as teachers of the young, women need no recommendation), yet the superintendency is scarcely ever filled by a woman, and it is only the "male" superintendent who is eligible to a seat in quarterly conference. In all this, the Church is losing—losing both directly, by failing to put the best talent in the best places, and indirectly, because the women members—the two-thirds of the Church—are not brought out, strengthened, and made to grow. Women are the bulk of the Church; when they suffer, the Church suffers of course. The Church brings out its *men*—especially its *young men*—by encouragement, training, and practice. With women, but little of this care is taken; yet they are immeasurably more retiring, and less likely to act spontaneously, and therefore need these helps more.

It is everywhere acknowledged that women are more richly dowered with moral and spiritual powers—that they are nearer the unseen—that they are finer and more intuitional—that they are naturally more tender and sympathetic; their ministries of love and pity, their powers in prayer and pleading, their triumphs of faith—in short, their supreme religious elements demand no argument. Yet hitherto this wealth of power has not been utilized. Never till the great day of final accounts will it be known what talents were buried what powers rusted, what heart-burnings were stifled, what loving zeal burned away in darkness, what infinite capacities lay all unknown and unused because the Church thought it good to ignore and neglect all who were not of the male kind.

All benevolent enterprises of the Church, which are recognized and supported as such, are officered by men. Women contribute to these, as do other members of the Church, but when they desire to put their hearts and brains into a plan of work, they must organize an independent society, which must be supported by their own separate contributions and labors. The Church is losing immeasurably by this. Methodism may well look about her in alarm, for *her women are being forced out into undenominational unions*. The fire will burn



Methodist Episcopal Church of Clarendon.

and if Methodism will not make a place for it, it will warm another hearth. Can we afford this loss?

To be continued.

OUR NEW CHURCH AT CLARENDON.

A beginning has been made. A good and central site of ample size, deeded. A loan of \$250 and gift of \$250, secured from the Board of Church Extension. The foundation is going in, and the corner stone laid. The trustees and membership have subscribed fully up to their ability, securing in all about \$1,000, while all our outside friends are helping commendably. The building will follow closely the model published in the Board of Church Extension annual, and at the head of this article. The structure will be of light colored stone and neatly finished and furnished with class rooms etc., and the cost will be not far from \$2500.

We cannot and will not go in debt and must pay as we advance. We now turn first to our friends who hold property in our town, county or vicinity for such subscriptions to our fund as the actual merits of the cause demands. Every piece of property within 50 miles will be sensibly advanced in price by the building of this Church, while city property and farms in our County will largely appreciate in value. Whether you come here at once to reside, or not, you will receive the benefit of our enterprise. We therefore ask as a benediction to the cause in which we are laboring to plant and establish the gospel in these ends of the earth; and also from a purely business or commercial stand point, to assist us to build this church. We appeal also to all interested in our frontier Missionary work to forward such amounts as they can. This point is central and important, and will constitute a base of operations on all sides and will always demand the service of one or more of our best men. The building is a necessity, let us build and complete at once. The burden of sustaining our work on the border falls heavily upon a few who stand in the breach. "Bear ye one anothers

burdens." Share our trials and our rejoicing, and the reward will be sure and large. Send funds to James T. Otey Esq. Treasurer, the pastor Rev. W. A. Allan, or to the chairman of the board of Trustees. Monies will be receipted and also noted in the "News." Please act at once and liberally.

L. H. Carhart, P. E.

W. A. Allan, P. C.

J. T. Otey, Treasurer.

S. P. Reed, Secretary.

HUNTING A RANCH.

Two thousand head of cattle on the move notwithstanding, fine fat fellows, all ages and sizes, ring-streaked and speckled, followed by a dozen men on horseback and twice as many more running loose and ready for service. And all these must have a good grazing ground and a place they recognize as home, and hence the secret of the coming of those two, well equipped and fine looking men, who so gently drove into town on Friday eve. It is Major Evans of Sherman and Mr. Mertz, for several years cashier and one of the proprietors of one of the Banks at Paris,—hunting a ranch and taking in the situations generally. The herd of Evans & Co., is coming and there is a week or two in which to look about and "fix down." At the "Lakes" a dozen miles S. E. they take a nice mess of "blue catt," and stop with Glenn at the "Clarendon." Splendid men, full of vigor and intelligent business. Saturday for recuperation, Sunday for rest, Monday for readiness, and Tuesday we are off. Still we have room for fine herds and dairying operation, but the gaps are closing up rapidly, for herds are closely upon the heels of the three recent arrived. Several days out, possibly and hence a score of little things to secure, from a blanket to a fishing tackle. Our route lies N. E. and how we fly over the fine range of farming lands for the first five miles. With our new buggy on platform springs and reliable team we go where we choose, clambering and descending the creeks and gulches. Seven miles and we are at Barton's handsome range on Berry Creek where Rowley

is branding a "bunch for Barton. It happens to be noon all to soon and so we dine. The sky is overcast and we relish the new warm bread just out of the bakeoven, the fried bacon and nice coffee and not least an ample lish of milk. When Barton gets his mansion built and one to keep it, all his city cousins, especially from Clarendon, will delight to spend the season with him in this valley of beauty with a thousand cattle upon the hills. Scattered about over the hills, one might suppose many of them would get lost, but a reasonable degree of evidence and the plain well cut brand will protect them as well as any property dead or alive can ever be protected. Each owner has a separate brand and mark and these recorded, are as legal a title as a deed to land.

A lady who attended us thus far to see the branding now returns on horseback and the two before named and another are off for McClellan Creek 8 miles N. E. Up over the hills with valleys and springs on either side for two or three miles, then across a neck of the "Plains", as smooth as a floor, then two or three miles down into the beautiful valley skirted for miles with trees in brightest green. A little while at Vail's and again off for the head of Whitefish. Crossing from Gray to Donley at Rock Spring, a fine spot for a small stock farm. Then south and east still up over fine rolling ground. A covey of chickens and a deer were all the game we saw. The sun drops low as we descend upon a plat of several hundred acres of mesquit, for our camp. A supply of wood and water from the last creek, meets all demands. Four skunks out on an evening promenade, rushed for cover at our coming, into whose private affairs we do not meddle. Mertz called it skunk valley and made ready for an attack. Broiled breakfast bacon, coffee, bread, dried beef, &c., with thanksgiving, and hunger for a relish, and we are ready for a sleep under the starlight, which watch and ward the mighty angels stand.

Four o'clock A. M. and our senior is up with coffee and a full bill of fare ready for our early repast and we resume our eastward way as the early sun shines low aslant. We have a long days drive, first N. E. to Rowe's camp on Grand Creek, thence five or six miles S. and E. to its junction with Whitefish. We bait our hooks for fish in a deep place but take nothing. The landscape is charming. At Whitefish we rest and take bearings while the cowboys rush up from the rear. How they fly and the poor horses are not spared. We exchange greetings and find our old friend Graff from Brooklyn, enroute for the camp at the South end of the range. The boys tell us of "lots of plums" only a mile a head and guide us to them ever ready to give any and everybody a good turn, right splendid fellows are they mostly. Sure enough the bushes are loaded and the ground nearly red with the fine fruit, bright cherry red and nearly an inch in di-

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ameter. Not fifteen minutes before our only bucket is filled and we leave laden and well eaten: with bushels left to perish. These bushes stand on a sand bed where the fires did not reach them and hence this yield. The supply of timber and of fruit are at once assured, where a denser occupation of the ground controls the usual waste by fire. Grapes are abundant also in places and would be almost everywhere, if not destroyed. These wild fruits fill a place and meet a necessity not otherwise easily overcome in a new country.

Now up Parks Creek Valley, a well wooded stream from the north, with excellent grass. At the head three miles we get a shot at a wild turkey, but miss our game, then west over a fine divide toward the main fork of Whitefish not a mile from our crossing in the morning and camp on a high breezy place. A little shower disturbs our dreaming, but for a moment and before we are aware the full day has dawned. Mr. Evans has the breakfast ready, Mr. Mertz brings in the horses and soon we are off for a days course along the Whitefish and its branches. One conclusion we have already reached, to-wit: The day of rapid increase of herds and stock growing has come and the space and extent of territory hitherto covered must and will be much reduced and compressed. Restrictions and combinations for economy will be the order at once. There is untold wealth in these leagues of grass and are worth more than the mines of Leadville.

The third day out, and we are headed homeward. Making our dinner at Cold Springs, on Saddlers Creek. A few miles away the rain pours, but we escape. This spring is charming, sending out a stream of pure cold water of volume sufficient to turn a wheel for churning, and issuing so far up the hill side as to give ample fall. One hundred cows or more on this range would be easily handled and yield handsomely. Now six miles west and we are at home. How we wish that scores of our capitalist friends, who have business in view, could have been with us on this tramp; or a hundred others in search of health and strength.

RAINS!!

The impression that it never rains in the Pan Handle is, we think, entirely unfounded. During the months of May, June, and July, we have had constant and seasonable showers. The two heaviest rains of the season occurred Sunday eve. July 18th and the Tuesday night following. Middle Fork and Carrol Creek fill their banks, and the ground is soaked to the depth of two or three feet. Grass looks exceedingly fine and crops of all kinds are in a flourishing condition. Will.

NOTICE!

To all concerned; that I, by virtue of occupancy and improvements claim the following school lands' to-wit: The east half of section 26 and 38, on Berry Creek. East half of 36' west of my cabin, and N. E. 1/4 No. 14, now occupied by Vails & Petrie, McCellan Creek. W. A. Allen.

Temperance Corner

Dr. Z. T. Williams, Editor.

Will. A. Brewer, Assistant Editor.

The publishers of the "News" have decided to devote one column to discussions on temperance, and temperance facts and figures, Dr. Z. T. Williams, will have control of the editorial management of this column, assisted by Will. A. Brewer.

There will be held in Clarendon the first of each month, a temperance mass meeting. Reports of the sayings and doings of these meetings be given in this "Corner" also facts, figures, statistics, and brief sketches of the temperance work.

The "News" is in favor of temperance first, last, and all the time. The town and colony which it represents has the temperance idea as one of its fundamental principles. Christianity, Education, Temperance! these are the three pillars on which it is proposed to shape and form the coming civilization. Realizing that ruin and death, temporal and eternal, follows closely in the wake of rum, it is decided to "hang the banner on the outer wall" and fight the hellish monster to the last ditch.

The end aimed at by the founders of this colony is to establish in this fair, wild land a place of refuge, for the victims of the world's great destroyer. A place where the poor, fainting, stricken inebriate may find peace and protection. For this they give time and money, the labor and prayers. By the help of the living God, no foul drinking hell shall ever pollute the fair fame of Clarendon.

We shall endeavor to keep this monster at a distance by the exercise of a vigorous christian and temperance sentiment: but if this fails we shall unlimber our artillery, run up the black flag, and proclaim war to the knife.

The founders of this colony will submit to no fooling in this matter. They did not come here in the center of the wilderness and by almost superhuman exertions, plant and dedicate this colony to God, truth, and temperance; expecting some man, wedded to satan, would follow with his concentrated poison, and vile influence and un-do the work of their hands. No one but an amazing fool would bring his green screens and bug juice into Clarendon. He would not be here twenty-four hours before thinking he had been struck by a section of the "Day of Judgement."

Let it be known far and near that the Clarendonites, proudly fling the pure, lilly white banner of temperance to the breeze, and shout defiance to the miserable hordes of intemperance.

As the editors of the "Temperance Corner" we make our most graceful bow to the readers of the "News".

FATMERS WANTED!

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