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ARANSAS PASS' MOTTO

"HERE EVERYBODY SHALL MAKE MONEY."

The Great Banking House of Alexander Brown & Sons of Baltimore, Md., Is Spending Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars on the Harbor at Aransas Pass, Texas.

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A Schoolboy Hero.

Omaha dispatch: Offie Downs, the drummer boy in the Dodge street school calmed a panic and prevented a terrible calamity among 500 children. He is less than 14 years old, but the moment he heard the hall gong sound the alarm of fire he did not forget he had important business. It was the crisis for which his little head had been trained, and his courage in the presence of excited principal and teachers saved a dead and injured list. This young chap had been the "military band" of the school. It was his duty twice a day to stand at the bottom of the stairs and march out the scholars to the step of an army rattle. This exercise was called the fire drills, and the pupils, from the infant class up, were told they must never hesitate when the drum sounded. Each tot knew his place in the line, and so accurately and thoroughly were the rooms trained that Principal Alff claimed they could be emptied in a moment.

He was quietly seated in his room about 2 o'clock when Miss Hughes dashed in with the news that the building was on fire. There was a stampede, and in the excitement no one remembered the fire rules or the drummer boy.

Offie Downs kept his head. He rapidly passed up the aisles, went down the two flights of stairs on the run and passed the instructors without a word. He wanted that drum, and he got it. There were fire engines rattling outside, but Downs stood at his post. He made his way to the bottom of the stairs just as the 500 pupils appeared in a herd at the top. He pounded that drum for dear life. The sound from it acted like magic. A teacher pulled three little children from under the feet of the others and commanded them to keep step to the music. The little ones then remembered their lesson, and to the music calmly came down the long flight as they had done many times before. Smoke filled the building, but in a minute from the time the "band" began to play there was not a child in it.

The boy stood cool and defiant, with the smoke blinding him. He waited until Mr. Alff told him everybody was safe and then he came down the front steps still rattling away with his fire-call. The crowd cheered, the teachers hugged him and that night 500 families sang the praise of his young courage. He was the sole means of the rescue of the children, who would have fainted and fallen during the first moments of the stampede.

The fire started from an overheated furnace stack. It was easily extinguished, despite the fact that one floor had been consumed.

Ward Hanged.

Little Rock dispatch: George Ward, the half-breed Cherokee Indian, was hanged at Van Buren, Ark., for the murder of Henry Bacon in Crawford county, Arkansas, July 28, 1895. He confessed his crime and said he killed a man named Ellison at Houston, Tex., several years ago and was serving a sentence in the Texas penetentiary at the time he escaped into Arkansas. Bacon was kneeling in prayer at a country church at the time Ward shot him from an open window. He said he felt no remorse for his crime. He died game. He was only 19 years of age.

At London a dispatch from Arabekir reports that 2000 Armenians were killed in the recent riot, the slaughter being mostly done with axes and choppers.

Chance for Arbitration.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The Chronicle this morning in an editorial on Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's statements of the Venezuelan question, made in a speech in Birmingham Saturday night, says:

"We must regard this statement as expressing the deliberate conclusions of the government, and it seems to render arbitration in some form or other absolutely unavoidable."

An article in another part of the same paper declares that all the recent evidence of a reapproachment between England and America gave the essential part of the matter touched. The effects of the increase of mutual kindliness are being allowed to evaporate," says the Chronicle, "and while from every point of the European horizon grim anxiety and possible peril confront us, the golden moments for permanent peace with America are slipping by. If the government, of which Mr. Chamberlain is brilliantly a successful member, would forget minor matters and boldly conclude an arbitration treaty with Armerica, the spectacle Mr. Chamberlain pictured of the two peoples rescuing Armenia, instead of being an ideal, might become within a short time a world-shaking fact."

An editorial in the Times on the American attitude toward Armenia says: "It is not to be expected that America will so far depart from the sagacious principles of Washington's farewell address as to draw the sword in behalf of the Armenians. But the American people are the only people, except ourselves, not perhaps wholly incapable of making war on behalf of the oppressed without regard to national interest."

The same paper in another editorial says:

"It seems unlikely that Russia has done more than establish good relations with Turkey on an understanding that she shall be no party to other than platonic remonstrances over the Armenian grievances. The Unkiarskelessi treaty was a failure, and the conclusion of a similar treaty now would lead all Mussulmans to look with suspicion on a ruler who placed himself in the hands of the "Giaour."

Corbett's Mouth Mashed.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 27.—A. M. Murphy, a fireman detailed for duty Saturday night at the National theater where James J. Corbett is now playing, came into lively contact with the pugilist and both men were badly battered before the trouble was over.

Murphy smelled cigarette smoke and traced it to Corbett's room, where he entered.

"I just stopped to tell you that smoking is against the rules, Mr. Corbett," said Murphy.

"No one is smoking here," said Corbett, but he was unable to conceal the smoke that came from under his chair.

"Why, you are smoking yourself," said Murphy, indignantly.

Corbett sprang up, shoved Murphy out of the room and slammed the door. The fireman threw all his weight against the door just as Corbett opened it and Murphy staggered half across the room, and before he could recover himself Corbett struck him twice. Murphy came back with a blow on Corbett's mouth that brought the blood in a stream. The fireman then started down stairs, but Corbett caught him from behind, threw him down and kicked him. Murphy then started down again, Corbett following. Murphy grabbed Corbett around the legs and pulled his feet from under him, letting the pugilist slide bumpety-bumb down stairs.

When the pugilist reached the bottom he was frantic with rage and again attacked Murphy, but the men were soon separated. Corbett's mouth was very badly swollen and Murphy was badly hurt in the back where Corbett kicked him. The fireman is a little fellow, much smaller than Corbett.

Some Antiques Stolen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The police of the West Thirtieth street station have been notified that a part of a collection of antiquities have been stolen from Dr. Jahn of East Thirtieth street. The collection is valued at $240,000 and the value of the stolen property is placed at $20,000.

Some time near midnight Saturday the residence of Dr. Jahn was entered and a case of antiquities valued at $20,000 was taken away. The antiquities which were stolen was part of the collection known as the Scille collection which was bought some years ago by Dr. Jahn for $340,000 and were principally inlaid gold and silver work. Saturday evening Walter Kline, an expert in antiques, who was in charge of the collection, went out on business. He returned at midnight and found the front door open. He ran upstairs and on entering the show room in a second or two he noticed that the case containing the antiques and which he valued at $20,000 had been taken.

Dr. Jahn was in Europe and was notified by cable. At the station house Capt. Pickett refused to either affirm or deny the story, but on investigation it was learned that the robbers gained entrance to the house through a rear window. The police have no clew.

Twelve pension bills were passed by the house on the night of the 24th inst.

Shame on Them.

All the sweet young swells in Leavenworth, Kan., society who are members of the lawn tennis club, have been sued for $18.85 by a vulgar man who wants his money for fencing in the tennis grounds. The girls are talking of giving oyster suppers to raise the money.

A Lowdown Thief.

Some rascal has stolen the bronze plate off the tomb of President Monroe, in Hollywood cemetery, Richmond, Va. It was done some time ago, but was only missed the other day.

He's An Exception.

Governor Lowndes, of Maryland, says: "I would not use the patronage of this office to advance my own personal ambitions, or those of any other man in the state."

That's Right.

A man cannot be made honest by an act of congress; but many men have been made dishonest by acts of congress.

The Wickedest Place.

Port Said, the terminus of the Suez canal, enjoys the reputation of being the wickedest place in the world. Every form of vice flourishes there.

HOUSEHOLD PARAGRAPHS.

Ten eggs equal one pound.

Sixteen drams equal one ounce.

Sixteen ounces equal one pound.

One pint of liquid equals one pound.

Four cupfuls of flour equal one pound.

Two gills of liquid equal one-half pint.

One kitchen cupful equals one-half pint.

One quart of sifted flour equals one pound.

Three cupfuls of cornmeal equal one pound.

One cupful of butter equals one-half pound.

One pint of chopped suet equals one pound.

One tablespoonful of butter equals one ounce.

One tablespoonful of liquid equals one-half ounce.

One tablespoonful of flour equals one-half ounce.

One pint of granulated sugar equals one pound.

Two cupfuls of granulated sugar equal one pound.

One pint of brown sugar epuals thirteen ounces.

Four tablespoonfuls of liquid equal one-half gill.

One and one-half pints of cornmeal equal one pound.

Four teaspoonfuls of liquid equal one tablespoonful.

A Father's Despair.

A Sad Affliction of a Four Years' Old Child.

From the Citizens' Journal, Atlanta, Texas.

Tuesday morning, Aug. 13, the editor of the Journal, in company with G. W. Taylor, the stableman of Linden, Texas, drove out seven miles northwest of Linden to the residence of Mr. John Miller. We were received and well entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Their son, Buford J. Miller, at about four years old, became pale and weak and nothing seemed to do him any good. He continued in this condition until he was about twelve years old, at times eating too much for one or two meals and then eating but little for weeks afterward. At 12 years of age his feet and legs began to swell, and develop into what his physicians said was a bad case of dropsy.

Mr. Miller had two good physicians to treat him; first Dr. A. J. Oliver, of Linden, and then Dr. J. P. Mills, of Almira, Texas. They both, after making a trial, gave up the case. They could not benefit the patient.

Mr. Miller then tried a number of patent medicines, without any good result. He had spent much money and his son Buford appeared to have no blood, no appetite, and was so weak that he could not walk a hundred yards without stopping to rest. Mr. Miller had given up in despair when one day a neighbor, Rev. S. G. Echals, who lives near Linden, advised him to try Pink Pills.

Mr. Miller said he had no hope, and did not want to make the trial, but his neighbor insisted. The next question was where could he get the pills. He went to Jefferson and found that J. F. Crow, a druggist, had them. Mr. Crow was an old neighbor and friend and persuaded him to give the pills a thorough trial, promising that if he would take three boxes and Buford received no benefit from them he would charge nothing. Mr. Miller took three boxes of Pink Pills home with him, and says before Buford had taken one box there was a wonderful improvement. This was about eighteen months ago. Today Buford Miller is a stout, hearty young man about nineteen years old.

We met several of his schoolmates at Linden who state there has been a wonderful change in Buford Miller. He is well known by the people of Linden.

His mother, Mrs. Miller, was also afflicted with dropsy about seven years, suffering much in the spring of the year. After seeing that Pink Pills were benefiting her son she concluded to try them for herself. This was about a year ago, and she remarked that if it had not been for Pink Pills she did not know what would have become of her. She had no symptoms of dropsy the past spring. She said too much can not be said in praise of Pink Pills.

Mr. Miller referred us to J. F. Stoveall, the druggist in Linden; Eb. Frarxier, merchant, and many others who are well acquainted with his family and know the facts.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50c. per box, or six boxes for $2.50.

TEXAS IN TYPE.

Rosenberg, Fort Bend county, is improving.

Cotton seed oil is being shipped from Velasco to Tampico, Mex.

The Texas Swine Breeders' association held a largely attended meeting at Waco a few days ago.

Two cars of horses were shipped a few days since from Beeville, Bee county, to Lufkin, Angelina county.

The city council of Palestine contemplate owning the waterworks, electric light plant and building a city hall.

Twenty-two cars of rock were received in one day recently at Velasco for the jetties at the mouth of the Brazos.

Atlanta, Cass county, is now connected with Kildare via Linden by telephone; and also with Queen City by private wire.

C. H. Lathum ex-city marshal of Tyler is said to be a defaulter for $2000. The city council has entered suit against him and his bondsmen.

Some one entered the apartments of Jim One Lung, a laundryman at Fort Worth the other night and took his trunk containing $400 of his savings.

At San Antonio, Miss Emma Meckle, aged 22 years, committed suicide the other night by taking strychnine. Disappointment in a love affair is given as the cause.

A few days ago several boxes of fine ripe strawberries were sold in Texas City, Galveston county, by Amasa Stewart, raised in his garden just west of that place.

Recently at Eastland, Flem Roots was fined $25 and twenty days in jail, and John Hodges and John Dixon were each fined $100 for violating the local option law.

At Laredo, Webb county, recently Thomas Smith, a drug clerk, was knocked down by some unknown thief and relieved of his watch and most of his clothing.

Gov. Culberson has appointed C. R. Dun first lieutenant of the Pecos Valley Guard, vice Lieutenant Frame, resigned and Jesse B. Hurd second lieutenant in the same company, vice Lieutenant Gibson, resigned.

A man about 50 years old was found dead in the cotton seed in the oil mill at Groesbeeck recently. He had laid down and gone to sleep and the seed caved in on him smothering him to death. He was a stranger.

At Waco the other night Mrs. John Caldwell heard a noise in the house, and as Mr. Caldwell was away, she took a revolver and made her own exploration. She found a negro and held him under cover of the pistol until Mr. Caldwell came, who turned the negro over to the authorities.

A deaf and dumb man named C. D. Harris was struck by a train on the Sherman, Shreveport and Southern road recently on the Long branch bridge, a mile west of Greenville. He was badly cut on the head and several ribs were broken. The train left him in town and the doctors are unable to say whether he will die or not. He had been working on a farm near Floyd.

Stonewall county is forging to the front at a two-forty rate of speed. Her school lands are being taken up daily by actual settlers and the country is dotted over with houses and farms, where a few months ago there was nothing to denote civilization. Good schools are being taught in every neighborhood in the county, the school fund being $22 per capita for the scholastic population.

At Carthage, a few days since, while Scot Bunyard, a young man about 21 years old, was out horseback riding, his horse became frightened and ran away. On reaching the public square it turned and went in the direction of a horse rack, and Bunyard, thinking it was going to run against the rack, made an attempt to jump off, striking his breast against one of the posts. He died instantly.

Constable Joe Sims arrested a man at Smithville the other morning and jailed him at Bastrop, charged with forgery. He refused to tell his name, but four aliases are registered against him, as follows: Williams, Whelin, Hogan and Cole. Constable Sims received a telegram from St. Louis directing him to hold the prisoner, as he is supposed to be a man wanted there on important charges.

The agreement arrived at recently at Georgetown between the projectors of the Trinity, Cameron and Western railroad, better known as the "Link Line," and the creditors of said corporation, has revived confidence in the enterprise and it is believed now that the road will be promptly placed in a condition for operation between Georgetown and Granger and extended from Georgetown to Austin.

Advices from Crown Point, Ind., state that bloodhounds are to be used to trail criminals who hide in the Kankakee swamps. Sheriff Hayes of Lake county, the originator of the idea of capturing criminals and tramps who disturb the peace and happiness of Crown Point, has purchased two hounds from the Van Raub kennels at Van Raub, Bexar county. The dogs are warranted, the sheriff says, to be full-blood man-eaters.

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Do not tread on us with your tongue, you might get crippled.

A man who will deny the proven truth is too blind to perform official duties.

Speaking evil of your professional brother or candidate for the same office; is as mean as theft; remember this my brother.

We are informed the farmers of Jones county are through breaking their land for the crop of 1896. Can the farmers of Scurry say as much?

Hon. Theodore Runyon, who was our United States' Minister to Germany, expired very sudden ly of heart disease, the 27, inst.

Did You Ever Think of the

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hands in a $5 or $10 and [illegible] es himself, how good it makes the editor feel. Did you ever think of that? But should a candidate ask for time, down goes the pen over goes the ink, pied goes the type, the devil gets a good kick, with a durn it, edit you ever think of that?

A Teachers Remedy.

A great many times children cough in the school room when it is very unnecessary, they will enter the school room and some of them who have a cold can't help coughing, others cough just to be in the fashion. Just remind them that many of them have a cold and for fear that it makes them cough worse, all those who cough would better stay in the next recess, and note the effect. It will caure 49 out of 50 in two minutes.

For County Judge.

R. J. Strayhorn, who announces himself in this week's issue for re-election to the office of County Judge, has been living among us for five or six years, is well-known over the county as a good citizen. He has filled the office which he now holds with perfect satisfaction to the people. We take pleasure in recommending him to the voters of Scurry county.

For District and County Clerk.

Mr. W. M. Bell, whose name appears the announcement column this week for the office of District and County Clerk, is too well-known to the citizens of Scurry county for us to further try to recommend him, he having been a citizen of the county ever since its organization. Mr. Bell has been Deputy Clerk for Mr. Patterson seven yetrs, and is therefore well qualified to fill the office. Treat him well when he goes to see you and then remember him at the ballot box.

New York World,

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IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUITY IN SCHOOL WORK.

BY MRS. KATE NELSON.

School methods are systematic continued plans adapted to the different educational periods. For these methods the living present must ever look for instruction and inspiration to the far away past.

All ages have had their great teachers, from whom there is much to learn, for they have investigated the mysteries of human nature and "moved forward the dial of human progress." I trust none of us are so seifsatisfied within our own minds, to think we have rounded the circle of teaching in this progressive age—made the circuit of knowledge so as to close our minds against all further impressions.

The great teachers of today are in harmony on the subject of a necessity for the logical order of topics, and branches as taught in our schools.

The subject assigned me is replete with untold possibilities, therefore I shall only in brief attempt the discussion of the "what" and the "why" of the question.

The arrangement of studies in such a manner that the course shall represent all the different such a manner that the course as far as possible to the age of mental maturity at which the pupil has arrived is to be considered for step by step the student may advance on the rounds of this fitly constructed intellectual ladder, as it is surely the material forces for mind development.

Another consideration on the "subject" of continuity is that in this logical adjustment of the branches of study, that each group be adapted for the epoch in question, and while no division of learning is left unrepresented, none shall have undue ropresentation, and thereby debar other groups of studies from receiving their due attention.

In order to corollate properly, the selection of the branches and topics must be with a view to furnish the best exercise of the faculties of the miud, so that a harmonious development may result, instead of an abnormal or one-sided mental condition.

Then too, an important feature in connection with continuity and corollation of studies is the adjustment of courses with the world in which a pupil lives—his spiritual and material environments.

The branches to be taught must be determined by the demands of one's civilization. They must be such as will make the individual the best acquainted with physical nature, so as to fit him for his life work in the several institutions of family, state, and church.

From the investigation of physiological process we may deduce the necessity for these conditions that tend to easy and natural development. From these considerations we will determine methods of instruction: The order of taking up topics so as to adapt school work to pupils capacity, and yet not over task any of his powers.

Let the relation between subjects be such as are mutually helpful in aquisition, and this should be the main feature of knowledge in all departments.

These are happy moments when the mind can easily master that which might have remained a mystery, but that subjects and occasions have come in happy conjunction.

Let us not stop with the knowledge we have, nor cease to examine in the late facts, for facts are the eyes, through which we see laws. We should ever be ready to pay the price of genuine success—that is the most economical directions. By this only can our sanguine hopes be realized.

How all important is it that we teachers continue upon this grand and ennobling work with a determination to do good to all around us, and promote the happiness prosperity in the future of our nation.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

W. C. Thompson, of this place, returned from Chicago last week whither he had been with several cars of mutton he had feed for the market.

There was no preaching at the Baptist church last Sunday night on accout of the serious illness of Brother McNeil's little daughter Jeffie.

Mr. J. B. Thompson, who has resided here for the past five months, has moved out to his farm about 15 miles West of Snyder, which he has recently purchased.

Mr. B. B. Duey has returned fiom Misouri. This is evident that he prefers this country to any other. We are glad to welcome the prodigal boy home.

Dr. A. O. Scarborough, of this place, was called to Colorado last Saturday to help amputate the arm of Mr. Cox who was accidently shot at this place some time ago.

George Peddy says he has made more clear money in Scurry county by farming than he did in Hill county. George is done breaking land and ready for planting when the right time comes.

Hon. J. H. Beall, our present representative, of Sweetwater, was here this week on professional business and made us a pleasant call. He now has a partner in the person of his brother, W. W. Beall, late District Atttorney. This is now one of the strongest law firms in the West and we bespeak for them a liberal patronage of the law business of this and adjoining counties.

News reached here this week of the death of little Tomy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Nicholson, which occured near Graham, I. T., on the 20th inst. The breaved ones have the sympathy of their many friends in this county.

Program for the Scurry County Institute to meet at Browning February 8th.

Relation of patrons to the school—E O Dodson.

Relation of the Common School to the Academy, the Academy to the College and the College to the University—V M Tyler.

First day's work, or school organization—Mrs. Kate Nelson, alternate, Miss Maud Culberson.

Punishment, its purpose and most approved methods—W H Wilson.

The Institute, origin, purpose, and progress—C R Buchanan.

The value of Geography in the school—Miss Mattie Patterson, alt. Miss Ruby Clark.

Whether Texas should addopt a uniform series of text book, for general discussion on Friday night. All are expected to report by 7 p m Friday.

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Scurry county was formed from Bexar county in 1876 and contains 900 square miles.

Scurry was organized in 1884 and in 1890 contained a population of 1,415. It lies in the west center of the state and is noted for the purity of her climate, the palatability of her waters, the variety of her grasses and the richness of her soil.

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For District and County Clerk.
W. M. BELL.
D. F. WILSON.

For County Treasurer.
T. D. MCMILLAN.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. J. O. Nelson, attended the Institute at Colorado last week.

Prof. W. T. Morris, of Browning, was here last Saturday.

A Few Over Coats at Cost.
DODSON BROS.

Cash paid for approved school vouchers. Call on the NEWS.

W. H. Wilson, from Big Sulplur, was in town last Saturday.

Old Newspapers 25 cents per hundred at this office.

I. W. Wasson is able to be at his post of duty again.

Sometihing in the form of LaGrip seems to have a strong grip on our people, many of them are sick

Mrs. J. H. Nunn and Miss Lenora DuLany were pleasant callers at our sanctum last Saturday.

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County Treasurer, McMillan, who has been quite sick the past week, is able to be out again.

We are glad to learn that little Jeffie McNeil, who has been very sick, is convalescent.

The genial face of A. Bunker, of Big Springs, was seen smiling on our streets last week.

R. B. Pyron, of Wheat, was among the many visitors to Snyder last Saturday.

Miss Muad Culberson was an attendant to the Teachers Institute held at Colorado last Friday and Saturday.

Farmers make your money go as far as possible, and buy your Groceries of F. Crist. One dollar goes a long way at his store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hale are happy over the arrival at their home on last Monday morning, of a fine ten pound girl.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holloway, of the Dark community, were visiting here this week, the guest of Mrs. R. L. Willoughby.

We were mistaken last when we said Mrs. Nunn's school was for "boys only." She teachss both boys and girls.

«If you want Pure and Fresh Groceries call on F. Crist, at Snyder. He will sell you something nice for your table, and the best of all, he will sell them at Rock Bottom Prices.

Our premium offer with the Fort Worth Gazett closed the first of January We now offer you the NEWS and the Gazette for $1.65 CASH.

From now till the first of March we will give THE NEWS to any one living in Scurry county one year for $1.00 cash to send to some relative or friend who does not reside in this county.

Mr. Richard Keesee, who resides near Bookout school house this county, while running stock one day last week, his horse stumbled throwing him to the ground, and when he was found he was unconcious We learn he is improving.

I have a Complete Line of Groceries, if you want them as cheap as can be, bring the money and call on F. Crist, that's where you get the Bargains for your whiskers.

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BIBLES.

If you want an Oxford or Holman bible with all the modern helps, apply to Mrs R. J. McNeil, Snyder, Tex. She can sell as cheap, without loss, as any one.

Notice!

I am in great need of money. All parties indebted to me will please come forward and settle by the 12th of February.
Respectfully,
E. T. PRUITT.

TAX NOTICE.

ALL Taxes due and unpaid must be settled by the first day of February,
H. P. WELLBORN,
Tax Collector.

To the Public.

The County Clerk, H. B. Patterson, will wait on any person desiring information in the Surveyor's office in my absence.
F. M. GERMAN,
County Surveyor.

The Neatest, Best, and Largest Stock of Hamilton Brown Shoes ever brought to Snyder, will be at Dodson Bros February the Fi st.

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J. H. BEALL.
W. W. BEALL.

For District and County Clerk.

Mr. D. F. Wilson, whose name appears in our announcement column this week, for the office of District and County Clerk, is a gentleman with whom almost every voter in the county is acquainted. Mr. Wilson is in every way well qualified to fill the office to which he aspires. He has been a citizen of this county about four years. We leave him in the hands of the people for them to consider his claims next November.

A Card.

Having been solicited, by many of my friends, to announce at this early date, and believing that they will give me their support once more, I submit myself as a candidate for re election to the office of County Treasurer. I will say to the voters of Scurry county that the Commissioners' court has OK all of my reports, and the District Judge has OK all of the Finance Committee's report on my books. Submitting myself to the action of the People's Party, I solicit your support at the proper time.
T. D. MCMILLAN.

Colorado and the Institute.

On the 24th inst five teachers having arrested our county judge, he agreeing to furnish conveyance for three of the number, the other two being a little slow of speech, and knowing they would scarcely get in a word, rather preferred to accompany each other; they led the van and all started for Colorado in order to be at the joint Institute of Mitchell and Scurry counties which met at that place. Nothing worthy of note occurred on the way, save pleasant conversation.

Upon our arrival at the St. James hotel we were met by Professors Marshall, Skinner and others and offered entertainment at that place, the male part of the crowd accepted, but the ladies preferred being the guest of Mrs. John Vaughan who is a sister of one of our number, Mrs. Kate Nelson. Suffice it to say we were all well entertained

It had been previously decided to omit the exercises of the Institute that night and all attend the opera. The decision was very agreeable to all visiting teachers. At an early hour the house was well filled with anxious spectators, soon the bell tapped and the play began. The play was so well acted by the performers, that the horrid deformity of villainy would be so plainly exhibited that the spectators with clenched hands, convulsed muscles, and such deep anxity, that it made villainy seem almost real; then the play would turn and innocency was so beautifully portrayed but so unpardonably outraged as to separate a fond and loving mother and father from a devoted and confiding daughter; the nerve of the audience would relax, anger would be forgotton and deep sympathy would be implanted and a copious flow of tears would be the resnlt; again diverting expressions that would produce an uproar of laughter. We left the play well pleased.

Saturday morning 'ere time for Institute we took a stroll around town and found every business flourishing, and full of life. The Times-man, publisher of the Religious Weekly, was the most Lively man with whom we met. The teachers from Snyder had no better treatment from any one in Colorado than from the editor of that sprightly paper the, Times.

The bell for the Institute rang at 8:30. The teachers were soon congregated and comparing methods, modes, etc., etc. Then at noon the two judges were compared and found to resemble each other very much, each had two eyes, two ears, two hands, two feet, and a wonderful capacious stomach to fill, that was the only means of comparing the inner man. As to color our judge was considerably whiter than theirs, so much for wear and tear and buffet of time, the frost of many more winters than theirs hath made him so.

The Institute adjourned at 3:30 in the evening to have a nigt session, but tho greater number of our party preferred coming home that evening. Good byes were said and we were soon on the road, and talking of the profits and pleasures of the meeting. Almost before we were aware of it we were on the half way ground, the sun had sought its resting place and the breath of night coming from the north chilled us sufficiently to let us know that life was real but we arrived home at 9:45.

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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Borden County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Borden, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is publishsd,) for four weeks previous to the return day thereof, you summon the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of S. A. Johnson deceased, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. County Court, at the regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Borden at the court house thereof, in the town of Gail on the first Monday in May, same being the 6th day of May A. D. 1896. File number being No 2, then and there to answer and contest the petition and application of T. T. Polk (should they desire to so,) filed in said court, on the 20 day of January A. D 1896, against the said heirs of, and all persons interested in the estate of S. A. Johnson, deseased, and praying for the Probate of a nuncupative will and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: "T. T. Polk, your petitioner, avers that he resides in said Borden county. That on the 10th day of January A. D. 1896 S. A Johnson, who at and before his death, had his domicile in the county of Borden aforesaid, that the deceased died in Colorado, Mitchell county, Texas, to which place he had gone temporarily for medical aid on the 10th day of January 1896. That at the time of his death the said S. A. Johnson was seized and possessed of personal property of the probable value of three thousand dollars. That on or about the first day of January the said S. A. Johnson, at his usual habitation in said Borden county, then being about forty-five years of age and of sound mind, but languishing under a dangerous illness, made his will and testament in the manner and form of a nuncupative will, and by uttering certain testamentory words in the presence of witnesses then in attendance, did bequeath his said estate as follows: "I want T. T. Polk to have all my property and I know that I am likely and liable to come to my death by reason of my present feelings and physical condition, and I want you to tell Tom Polk that I want him to have all I have. That I will be gone to Colorado about a week, and if I get killed or die while I am gone, tell Tom Polk I want him to take and have all I have got." That at and before, the time of uttering the said testamentory words the said testator called upon L. E. Skinner, Charles Brown, W. S. Turner and S. L. Jones, then present, to take notice and bear testimony that what he was about to say was his will and said testator did then and there in the presence of said L. E. Skinner, Charles Brown, W. S. Turner and S. L. Jones, who reside in said county of Borden, and to others, the very testamentory words, in substance as the above cited; that afterwards, same words were written and reduced to writing by said L. E. Skinner, charles Brown, W. S. Turner rnd L. S. Jones as the very testamentory words spoken by the deceased; that during his last illness, on the 10th day of January 1896 said testator died without revoking, altering, or in the least changing or modifying said nuncupative will; that if said testator has, or had, at the date of his death, any heirs at law, their names and residence are not known to your petitioner. Wherefore your petioner prays that citation issue to all persons interested in said estate that said will be admitted to probate and that each other and further orders be made as the court may seem proper.

Herein fail not, but have then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Gail this 20th day of January A. D. 1896

Attest: W D. NEVELS,
clerk county court Borden co., Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the Persons and estate of Marcus L, Una A. and Leila Richards, Minors, Notice is hereby given that W. Q. Richards Guardian of said Minors has filed in the County Court of Scurry county a final account with said estate of said Minors together with an application for leave to resign his guardianship of said Minors Marcus L, Una A and Leila Richards, which will be heard by said court on the 2nd day of March 1896 at the Court House in the town of Snyder at which time all persons interested in said Minors may appear and contest said account, if they see proper.

Herein, fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this writ make due return.

Issued the 21 day of January 1896.

ATTEST, H. B. Patterson Clerk of said Court and the [seal] thereof, at office, in the town of Snyder the 21st day of January 1896.
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COURTS.

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County courts are held on the first Monday in March, June, September and November.

Commissioners' courts are held on the 2d Mondays in February, May, August and November of each year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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Snyder, 1st. Sunday		11 A. M.
" 3rd. "		Night
Prayer-meeting Wed.		"
Bookout 2nd. Sun.		11 A. M.
Jumbo "	"	3.30. P.M.
Camp-Springs 3rd. Sun.		11 A.M.
Browning, 4th Sun.		3.30. P.M.

W. H. Harris P. C.

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Jumbo	3rd. "	11 A. M.
Bookout	" "	4 P. M.

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Man as an Individual.

Theories are automatic machines which allow for no vagaries; but humanity in its physical, mental and moral nature is ever a variable and uncertain quantity, and he will have greatest success either as physician, teacher or spiritual guide who treats the human material upon which he works as individual units, and not as a grand whole; whose theories are the result of his experience, and who recognizes the truth that man as a sum is made up of man as many units, each differing in its exponent of power.—Womankind.

Cheap Wheels.

The bicycle manufacturers have a formidable rival, now that the sewing machine companies are going into the manufacture of wheels. It is said that these new wheels will be put on the market at $25 apiece, and that they will be strictly first class in every respect. The price of wheels have hitherto put them out of the reach of poor people, and this cut will bring this popular and healthful sport in the reach of everybody.

A Mrs. Monroe Doctrine.

Some one has discovered the fact that there is also a "Mrs. Monroe Doctrine." When Mrs. Monroe was in the white house she set the precedent of steadfastly declining to return social calls. At first her attitude occasioned a great stir, but she finally won, and to this day the wife of the president returns no social calls.

One on Mr. Chaffie.

Mr. Chaffie—What are you howling about, Johnnie? Johnnie—Mamma gave me a licking, and said I was a b—bad—b—b—boy. Mr. Chaffie—She is right about it; that's just what you are. Johnnie—And—and—she—she said I'd g—g—grow up to be just such another worthless scamp as my father. —Texas Sifter, Dallas.

It is understood that Mr. Belmont, who is wealthy and proud, will ask his wife not to claim the $22,000 per year alimony she is entitled to draw from her Vanderbilt husband. Professional managers of charitable enterprises may persuade her to accept the boodle, which she does not need, and turn it over to them.

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Most of the Antique Furniture Sold in America Is of Modern Manufacture.

Beware of alleged antique furniture shipped from this country for sale in America. Such furniture, if genuine, can generally command a ready sale in the London markets, and traveling Americans prefer to buy their own relics on the spot. A friend of mine who lives in the "garden county" of England—Devonshire—tells me that in the midst of green meadows in the remote part of the lovely county, there works a firm of cabinet-makers whose achievments in the art of "faking" can hardly be excelled even by the artists who transform pot-boilers into works of old masters. These people confine their efforts entirely to manufacturing antique furniture for the American market, and this is the way, for instance, an "olde oaken cheste" is fashioned. First of all the chest is strongly built of deal boards—practically a superior packing case—the nails are sunk and the cavities filled with some kind of cement. Then the chest is stained and the remarkable resemblance to old oak is attained. To secure the specific gravity required a very shallow false bottom is arranged, in which is placed a perfectly fitting sheet of lead. Of course, the best part of the fake is in the carving. One member of the firm is particularly clever in this direction. His inspiration is derived from an old family Bible, the illustrations in which are surrounded by borders of quaint and curious design, with the grotesque heads such as one sees in gargoyles. The complete result is calculated to deceive any but an expert. It is said that a lively market for the stuff was once obtained in London, where it was sold by auction, also that a smart American upset the game. He suspected a chest which was being offered, and surreptitiously applied his penknife to such purpose that he laid bare a patch of white deal and broke up the sale. Now the firm export their wares to the United States on commission.

But chests are not the only article offered for sale by these "collectors of antique furniture." They have even the temerity to attach a historical interest to some of their products. Thus a carven chair may be labeled as having belonged to Queen Elizabeth, or a cabinet elaborately wrought, but with rusty, uncouth hinges, as having been owned by Oliver Cromwell or Sir Walter Raleigh. The rusty hinges, by the way, are taken fom barn doors in the neighborhood and tutored into convenient shape. A capital effect is gained by loading up a pistol or a gun with a heavy charge of sparrow shot and firing it at the furniture from a due distance. This represents the ravages of the insidious worm.

The Czar's Mugs.

In the Kremlin at Moscow they are regilding the great copper crosses that surmount the cupolas of the Church of the Ascension, where the czars are crowned, in preparation for the coming coronation. Four hundred thousand mugs bearing the czars portrait are to be distributed to the people who will drink free beer from them.

Two Chinese Girl Students.

There are at present two Chinese girls at the University of Michigan. One of them, Miss Shie, has been elected secretary of the senior class. The ultimate object of these women is to return to China as Christian medical missionaries.

Temperance in England.

A temperance banquet was given to the mayor of Southport, England, recently, at which the drinks were orange champagne, ginger champagne, lemonade, ginger ale, gingerette, winterine and coffee.

LAUGHING GAS.

Elder Berry—"What is your idea of faith?" Joblots—"Putting a nickle in the plate and expecting a crown of pure gold."—New York Herald.

Dilzon—"Nice umbrella, that. What did it cost you?" Dalzey—"Six dollars. What did yours cost?" Dilzon—"Oh, just a little effort."—Roxbury Gazette.

She—"Why doesn't Mr. Pompous join the church? He seems to be quite a good man." He—"I guess he feels as if the church ought to join him."—Detroit Free Press.

Customer—"A loaf of bread, please." Baker—"Five-cent loaf or ten-cent loaf?" Customer (precisely)—"I will take one of the loaves that you sell for five cents."—Somerville Journal.

Gus—"How did you happen to ask her to marry you the first time you ever met her?" Cholly—"Well,—aw—you see I had just been introduced to her, and I—ah—couldn't think of anything else to say."—Harper's Bazar.

"That was very kind of your uncle to pay your debts." "Humph, I don't think so. He might have given me the money and let me pay 'em." "What difference would that have made?" "It would have re-established my credit."—Harper's Bazar.

At a military examination—Officer: "The opponents of our military system say that standing armies are disastrous to the country. Can you name anything that is more disastrous?" Cadet—"Yes, a runaway army."—Chronik der Gegenwart.

"Bliggins is a nice fellow," remarked the promiscuous eulogizer. "I believe he would share his last dollar with a friend." "Well," replied the chronic debtor, "maybe he would. I guess I have never been so fortunate as to run across him when he was down to his last dollar."—Washington Star.

Lord Bleshugh—"Afwaid to follow the hounds? Why, I didn't think you Amerwicans were afwaid of anything!" Wool E. West—"Well, I ain't much of a horseman, and blamed if I'm going to take the chances of one of them blooded horses taking the bit and running clean off your little island with me."—Puck.

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Sanitary Item.

"Doctor," said a Dallas invalid to his physician, "I feel strong enough to-day to take a glass of wine." "You do, eh? Well, let me tell you; I'd prefer that you felt strong enough not to take one."—Texas Sifter.

A New Scheme.

Representative Pugh, of Kentucky, has prepared a bill to permit cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants to obtain postage stamps of special design. The bill provides that such cities may petition and obtain from the postoffice authorities stamps of special design, commemorating the history of the city or the memory of some deceased inhabitant. Mr. Pugh thinks that these stamps will meet a long-felt want, and that if they are once tried will be sure to stick. It is a great scheme. Hereafter the man who endears himself to his fellow-townsmen by making a fortune will stand in with the boys and get his picture put on the postage stamp, instead of giving a school or college to bear his name. The old stamps that bore the pictures of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln and other national heroes seemed to get there all right, and unprogressive people don't see the necessity of swapping them off for the likenesses of jay congressmen or rich speculators. That kind of a stamp will be licked by all thoughtful people.

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