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Beginning Again.

When sometimes our feet grow weary,
On the rugged hills of life—
The path stretched long and dreary
With trial and labor rife—
We pause on the toilsome journey,
Glancing backward in valley and glen,
And sigh with infinite longing
To return and begin again.

For behind is the dew of the morning,
In all its freshness and light,
And before doubts and shadows,
And the chill and gloom of the night.
We remember the sunny places
We passed so carelessly then,
And ask, with a passionate longing,
To return and begin again.

Ah, vain, indeed, is the asking!
Life's duties press all of us on,
And who dare shrink from the labor,
Or sigh for the sunshine that's gone?
And, it may be, not far before us
Wait fairer places than then:
Life's paths may yet lead by still waters,
Though we may not begin again.

Forevermore upward and onward
Be our paths on the hills of life,
And soon with a radiant dawning
Transfigure the toil and the strife;
And our Father's hand will lead us
Tenderly upward then;
In the joy and peace of a fairer world
He'll let us begin again.

Sleeping.

An uncomfortable position in sleeping will often prevent repose. Lying flat on the back with the limbs relaxed would seem to secure the greatest amount of rest for the muscular system. This is the position assumed in the most exhausting diseases, and it is generally hailed as a token of revival when a patient voluntarily turns on the side; but there are several disadvantages in the supine posture which impair or embarrass sleep. Thus, in weakly states of the heart and bloodvessels, and in certain morbid conditions of the brain, the blood seems to gravitate to the back of the head, and produce troublesome dreams. In persons who habitually, in their gait or walk, stoop, there is probably some distress consequent upon straightening the spine. Those who have contracted chests, especially persons who have had plurisy, and retain adhesion of the lungs, do not sleep well on the back, but rest more satifactorily on the side. Many persons are deaf in one ear, and prefer to lie on a particular side; but, if possible, the right side should be chosen, and the body rolled a little forward, so that any saliva which may be secreted shall easily run out of the mouth, if not unconsciously swallowed. Again, sleeping with the arms thrown over the head is to be deprecated; but this position is often assumed during sleep, because the circulation is then free in the extremities and the head and neck, and the muscles of the chest are drawn up and fixed by the shoulders, and thus the expansion of the thorax is easy. The chief objections to this position are that it creates a tendency to cramp and cold in the arms, and sometimes seems to cause headache during sleep, and dreams.

The Artesian Well Boom.

Three artesian wells are being bored at Sherman and every few days we hear of similar work being crowned with success in other parts of the state, but not in Western Texas. Western Texas people are waiting to see if artesian wells will not grow on vines or come down in a norther. The more certain way, however, is for a dozen interested men to go together and divide the expense of an experimental well. If they failed to secure water, the loss would be light upon all; and if they secured a good flowing well, the man on whose property it was dug would cheerfully reimburse the others to the amount of their outlay. With such good prospects for securing all that could be desired in this connection, it seems strange that some organized effort is not made. Everybody fully recognizes the importance of making the test proposed, for let it be demonstrated that plenty of water can be obtained in Western Texas, by means of artesian wells, even though they have to be sunk two thousand feet below the surface, and the value of more than half the land in the section named will be doubled the moment that fact is established.

Let some enterprising citizen and land owner in Western Texas make an effort to organize such a company as we have proposed; form a company of say ten or fifteen land-owners, with a capital estimated to be large enough to sink ten or fifteen wells to a depth of 1000 1500 feet each, and make an assessment sufficient to sink the first well to at least two thousand feet before it should be given up as a failure. If, after this first effort, it was deemed unadvisable to proceed, the company could dissolve, and the shareholders would be out only the amount of their first assessment, but if successful, each one would have a well on his land that would be worth to him ten times its cost. Organize your company, get your machinery, put an experienced artesian well digger to work, and ten chances to one the greatest success will be secured.—*San Antonio Express.*

The value of artesian wells is fully demonstrated in Fort Worth, and the certainty of obtaining water, settled beyond a doubt by our artesian well man, Mr. J. I. Peters. We have numbers of them in various parts of the city, with many more yet to be bored. The suggestions of the *Express* are good, and we take pleasure in commending Mr. Peters to any organization of the kind that may be formed. Mr. Peters is the working man of the Peters' Artesian Well Company of Fort Worth.—*Fort Worth Democrat.*

A Female Hermit.

Years ago, a beautiful girl promised herself in marriage to the man of her choice. She was perfectly happy, when an unnatural brother set about breaking the engagement, and only too soon succeeded in his purpose. The sorrow-stricken girl lost hope and happiness at a blow. Her lover left home and friend for the far West, not to return. A short time after the girl's parents died, and the large estate was divided between the surviving children. Taking her share, nearly a hundred thousand dollars, she turned her back on the home of her childhood, went West, and has since lived a most isolated life, not admitting anybody to her confidence, repulsing all attempts at friendship. Retiring deeper into seclusion year by year, to-day few dare face her stern presence. She seldom, if ever, writes or receives letters, makes no calls and has no callers, and, in short, is as entirely alone as one could be in this busy world. With an immense income, and one that is rapidly increasing, she spends but little money, and that for necessities. She rarely goes out, and then avoids the glances of the passers-by. Her unnatural brother still lives to regret his work.

Corsicana decided at a special election on Monday, to levy a tax to maintain her free schools, by a vote of two hundred and ninety-seven to twenty-seven.

Determination.

A very interesting account is given of his own sensations by a man who was bitten by a cat that died of hydrophobia. He was determined not to yield to fear, and for three months his health was as good as usual. At the end of that time, however, he felt one morning a severe pain in his arm, accompanied by extreme thirst. He called for water, but "at the instant," he says, "that I was about to raise the tumbler to my lips, a strong spasm shot across my throat; immediately the terrible conviction came to my mind that I was about to fall a victim to hydrophobia, the consequence of the bite that I had received from the cat. The agony of mind I endured for one hour is indescribable; the contemplation of such a horrible death—death from hydrophobia—was almost insupportable; the torments of hell itself could not have surpassed what I suffered. The pain, which had commenced in my hand, passed up to the elbow, and from thence to the shoulder, threatening to extend. I felt all human aid was useless, and I believed that I must die. But I determined if possible, to conquer the disease. Accordingly, feeling that physical as well as mental exertion was necessary, I took my gun, shouldered it, and went out for the purpose of shooting, my arm aching the while intolerably. I met with no sport, but I walked the whole afternoon, exerting at every step I made a strong mental effort against the disease. When I returned to the house I was decidedly better; I was able to eat some dinner, and drank water as usual. The next morning the aching pain had gone down to my wrist, and the third day left me altogether. I mentioned the circumstance to Dr. Kinglake, and he said he certainly considered that I had had an attack of hydrophobia, which would possibly have proved fatal had I not struggled so resolutely against it."

That's What's the Matter.

When trade grew slack and notes fell due, the merchant's face grew long and blue; his dreams were troubled through the night with sheriffs bailiffs all in sight. At last his wife unto him said, "Rise up at once, get out of bed, and get your paper, ink and pen, and say these words unto all men:

"My goods I wish to sell to you, and to your wives and daughters too, my prices they shall be so low, that each shall buy before they go."

He did as his good wife advised, and in the papers advertised.

Crowds came and bought off all he had; his notes were paid, his dreams were glad, and he will tell you to this day, how well did printers' ink repay.

He told us with a knowing wink how he was saved with printers' ink.

The other man in a place as tight, contented was the press to slight, and did not let the people know of what he had or where to go. His drafts were due and were not paid; a levy on his goods was made, the store was closed until the sale, and for some time he was in jail. A bankrupt now without a cent, at leisure he can deep repent, that he was foolish and unwise, and did not freely advertise.

A Norwich, Connecticut, naturalist has one of the largest butterflies known to entomologists. It measures nine and a half inches across the wings, and is five inches in breadth.

Wanted to Whip Somebody.

A thick-necked, ugly-looking chap, the worse for liquor, was the other day tearing around the ferry dock, anxious, as he said, "to maul some one to putty." He stood upon a salt barrel and dared any man in Detroit to even wink at him, and flopped his arms and crowed a victory. Some of the boys hunted up "St. Clair Sam," as he is called, and Sam went down. He is over six feet high, with a fist like a peck of walnuts, and when he appeared the boaster got off the barrel: "Kin lick any man in Detroit, eh?" inquired Sam, as he took off his coat. "Want to maul some one to putty, eh?" he continued, as he unbuttoned his collar. He with the thick neck glanced at Sam all over, came to his senses, and, walking up and extending his hand, said: "I've got the every-other-day ager bad, and this is my ager day: come an' take suthin' hot."—*Free Press.*

At a public examination one of the scholars was called upon to write a sentence on the blackboard. She made a mistake in orthography, which gave rise to the following:

Write, we know, is written right
When we see it written w-r-i-t-e:
But when we see it written r-i-t-e
We know it is not written right;
For write, to have it written right,
Should not be written r-i-t-e, nor
w-r-i-g-h-t,
But w-r-i-t-e, for so 'tis written right.

Riding in a railroad car: Husband—You are quite comfortable, dear? Wife—Yes, love. H.—The cushions are easy and soft, ducky? W.—Yes, darling. H.—You don't feel any jolts, pet? W.—No, sweetest. H.—And there is no draught on my lamb, is there angel? W.—No, my ownest own. H.—Then change seats with me!

The last spike necessary to complete the branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad to Santa Fe was driven by Gov. Wallace, at half past eleven o'clock on last Monday. The legislature attended the ceremony in a body. Gen. Hatch and staff were also present. The event created great rejoicing in Santa Fe.

The school fund of Indiana, founded and built up by democratic legislation, amounts to nearly $10,000,000, and is larger than any similar fund in any other State. It cannot be diminished for any other purpose, and the interest can only be used for paying teachers.

Whalebone is not bone at all, nor does it possess any of the properties of bone. It is a substance attached to the upper jaw of the whale, and serves to strain the water which the creature takes up in large mouthfuls.

The New York Chamber of Commerce proposes to erect a statute of Washington on Wall street, among those immaculate stock brokers who never tell a lie.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Herald relief subscription amount $191,566 adding yesterday's contribution of one thousand dollars from an anonymous contributor.

Cleburne has her artesian well down two hundred and sixty feet, and the work progressing at the rate of ten feet daily.

The Clarendon.

RUST & LOTZ, Editors.

SUBSCRIPTION, $2.00 PER ANNUM, IN ADVANCE.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

WE this week send bills to our delinquent subscribers which we are compelled to do to meet our own bills. Paper and printing material have of late advanced to such disastrous prices that we must ask for all arrearages to be paid. We have before announced in the CLARENDON that all who signed for more than one subscription of the CLARENDON would have the extra copies retained in this office subject to their order. If any other arrangement has been made for payment of subscription other than cash on demand, we will thank such receiving bills to be prompt to let us know the facts, by postal card or otherwise.

BROWNWOOD has no church building.

THE Ohio River rose forty-five feet in three days, caused by the late great storm.

CONTRACTS for grading fifty-five miles of road bed west of Weatherford is already let and the work going on.—*Ft. Worth Democrat.*

THE Ireland relief fund continues to come in. $200,000 per week is the amount necessary to keep them from starving until Spring.

FORT WORTH, Feb. 19. Upon a writ of habeas corpus this evening at 4 o'clock, John Morris was released by Judge Hood under a $5000 bond.

THE surveyors are within twenty miles of Belle Plain, and are intending to make the next survey up Grape Hollow, about one mile east of town.

THE Democrats of many of the counties in the State have already called county conventions for the election of delegates to the State convention for the nomination of delegates to the National convention. What are the lead horses of Callahan going to do in the premises?

THE *Chief* complains that the State, not content with depriving the press of nearly all legal printing and cutting down to a mere pittance, the little that remains, has sent two of its subscribers to Huntsville to remain for several years.

THE cities of Fort Worth and Dallas are compelling the saloon keepers to make oath each month that they have not criminated themselves by violating the bell-punch law. If they make a success of that "push-bore" we will "cheese it" and confess ignorance of law and liberty.

THE Exodus convention of colored people, held in Dallas the 16 inst., was the precurser of better days for the race. From a full and elaborate report in the *Herald* we learn that it was very quiet and orderly. Committees were appointed and a thorough organization effected. The object is to colonize a section of the Panhandle country.

Printing Paper.

New Orleans, Feb. 17.—Owing to the remarkable increase in the price of printing paper, proprietors of newspapers in New Orleans assembled at the office of the *Picayune* Tuesday evening. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the Representatives of Louisiana in Congress be, and they are hereby earnestly requested to use their influence to have the duty on printing paper, chemicals and materials used in the manufacture thereof removed and materially reduced."

Several members belonging to the Masonic Lodge at Albany are attending the funeral of W. T. Berry, at Belle Plain.—*Tomahawk.*

If the *Tomahawk* was to come to the store of W. T. Berry, it would not think Berry was dead nor even asleep, by the way he stirs around and sells goods. The *Tomahawk* doubtless had reference to the death and burial of M. M. Terry of Callahan City.

WE learn that a new paper is soon to be started at Buffalo Gap in Taylor county, by Messrs. McGee & Murray. May it have a "fat take" and never be "chased" with a "shooting stick" of a Nimrod, but it requires "solid matter" here for one to "compose" himself enough to "stick" to the "case" as he can "stand" it. He cannot "bank" much on "brass rule" while it has a "plane" "form," for after giving out "copy" and making many good "impressions," it may at last find a "leader" to the "bell-box."

FROM the Panama *Star* of January 28th, we learn that another "chap" has climbed to glory, even to the summit of Chimborazo. On January 5th he made ascent, and right in midsummer (being in Equador) the mercury stood eleven degrees below freezing. No crater was found there. Mr. Ed. Whymper, who ascended this big hill—ranking as sixth among the loftiest peaks of the Andes—says it was with the greatest difficulty that they ascended on account of rarification of air. It has been twice reported that this mountain top had been reached, but now it is quite certain that it never was, for the two—Humboldt and Boussingault—both claimed that there was a crater on top, which now proves to be incorrect, thus establishing the fact that Whymper is the first to reach that lofty mountain peak 21,422 feet above the sea.

A SPECIAL from McKinney to the Dallas *Herald*, dated Feb. 21. says: A Mr. Graves and Cook from McKinney were overtaken by about thirty-five Indians at the mouth of Buck Creek in the Panhandle. His mule was killed, and Cook seriously wounded. They fought for nearly an hour—until all the cartridges gave out; the red devils then came up and cut to pieces three hundred hides for them, piled up the contents of their wagon, then commenced a war-dance, "we expecting our end was near," says Graves, "but hark! I listened and heard the tramp of horsemen; our deliverers were at hand; it was twenty of the Tenth United States Cavalry, Capt. Nolen's Company. They captured all of them and took them back to Fort Sill. We lost all." Mr. Graves expresses himself as overjoyed at the result, and wept like a child at his deliverance.

THE Galveston *News* has a $40,000 libel suit on hand.

AN attempt was made to destroy the entire Imperial family at St. Petersburg by laying a mine under the Winter Palace.

TWO sets of delegates were chosen in Senator Conklin's own district and the Bolters passed resolutions against a third term.

THE Utes in Colorado are to be driven out by secret organization, notwithstanding the quiet peace policy of the Washingtonians.

THE oldest postoffice in the U. S. is said to be at Jamestown, Va., where mail has been delivered in one way or another for 228 years. John Smith was probably its first postmaster and Henry Clay its last. He has just been appointed at a salary of $51 per annum.

MOST of the available space in the *Texan* and *Tomahawk* is occupied by bitter personal letters and articles, which are of but little interest to others than the editors themselves. Better pay three cents and send sealed communications through the post office, for printing material is too high now to throw away thusly.

THE Callahan County CLARENDON, published at Belle Plain, Texas, is a neat five column little paper. It seems to be filled weekly with interesting local dots, good editorials, and general miscellany, making it in all, quite a readable sheet.—*North Texas Advance.*

THE laborers on the Waco extension are now working about ten or twelve miles this side of the bridge. We learn that the present survey of the Texas and Pacific will be adopted as far west as Merriman, Eastland county. From there a line will probably be run farther south.—*Empire.*

THE engineers of the Texas and Pacific company have been over the line of the road and have their reports filed in the office at Fort Worth. On these reports estimates can be made of the cost of the work, and this week General Dodge was to have let contracts for the construction of the first one hundred miles of the road west of Weatherford.—*Empire.*

Owing to the increase in the cost of every article in connection with a printing office, as well as of articles of consumption, the *Banner* will be compelled, after the 5th of January, 1880, to increase the price of job work 25 per cent. over the present prices. In the last ninety days the price of printing paper has advanced 70 per cent. and is still increasing.—*Brownwood Banner.*

THERE seems to be a general depression in the newspaper business all over the State. Every mail brings news of suspensions and notices of offices for sale. This depression may be attributed to two causes—the recent increase in the price of printing material and the penuriousness of the ignoble Sixteenth Legislature in abolishing all the legal printing heretofore allowed the press. The publication of delinquent tax sales was entirely abolished and the price for publishing estrays cut down to a mere pittance. But then the noble body of patriots had to get even with the press of the State for exposing and denouncing their infamous acts, and their only chance was to starve the poor printers out.—*Comanche Chief.*

The purifying influence of Ayer's Sarsaparilla beautifies the complexion.

More Black Rapists.

Two more cases in Fort Worth of attempted rape by black demons. One case of the kind per week is about the average now, with a periodical increase. What is a city government good for? what are the officers worth? If the laws of Texas are inadequate to provide for the necessary means and officers to hunt out, apprehend and bring to justice these fiends, let a private subscription be raised by the friends of law and order to apprehend them, that this onslaught on female virtue may cease. From a financial standpoint we ask whether the loss to the city of the Daily *Democrat*, though great, or the continual occurrence of such crimes, unchecked by the arm of the law, is the greatest? Which has the most deleterious effect on the city, a want of public spirit to sustain a daily paper, or a lack in the city to protect public virtue.

ARTESIAN wells at Wills Point are yielding petroleum.

Hall's Hair Renewer restores the health, color and beauty of the hair

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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G. W. CRUTCHER,
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HENRY AKEN has recently opened a Wagon Yard and Feed Store on Texas Avenue. The Yard is furnished with good Sheds and Stalls. Use of Yard with wood and water, 25cts.
Corn, Meal, Oats and Flour constantly on hand at Lowest Market Prices.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

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Adjutant General—John B. Jones.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

District Judge—J. R. Fleming.
District Attorney—J. M. Moore.
District Clerk of Callahan County—J. E. M. Hedley.
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Representative of the Seventieth Representative District—W. S. Crow.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge—J. R. Brown.
County Clerk—J. E. M. Hedley.
Sheriff—J. W. Jones.
County Attorney—John Bowyer.
County Treasurer—J. G. McDonald.
County Assessor—J. P. Brightwell.
County Surveyor—S. R. Dunagan.
Cattle and Hide Inspector—H. B. Eubank.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—1st Dist., John W. Newman. 2nd Dist. D. L. Dodds. 3rd Dist. J. D. Mitchel. 4th Dist. Jacob Hand.

OFFICERS, PRECINCT NO. 1.

Justice of the Peace—N. P. Rice.
Constable—Marion Blakley.

COURTS.

District Court for Callahan County Convenes on the Fourth Monday after the First Monday in April, August and December.
County Court for Callahan County Convenes on the Third Monday in January, March, May, July, September and November.
Board of School Examiners—G. W. Crutcher, J. A. Stafford.
Commissioners' Court, Convenes on the Second Monday in February, May, August and November
Precinct Court Convenes on the Fourth Monday in each month.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

Belle Plain Lodge, No. 247, I. O. of O. F. meets every Saturday night at the Court House Hall. W. J. Maltby, N. G. N. P. Rice, V. G. J. E. Thomas, Secretary. John D. Merchant, Treasurer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Services First Sunday in each month.
Rev. W. B. Bloys, Pastor.

METHODIST.

Services Second Sunday in each Month.
Rev. G. W. Riley, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Union Sunday School meets every Sunday at three o'clock p. m.
G. W. CRUTCHER, Superintendent.

Arrival and Departure of Mails.

Arrives at Belle Plain from Fort Worth via Stephenville, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 6 p. m.
Arrives at Belle Plain from Fort Worth via Breckenridge, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p. m.
Arrives at Belle Plain from Austin via Brownwood, Tuesdays and Fridays at 12 m.
Arrives at Belle Plain from Buffalo Gap Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m.
Arrives at Belle Plain from Albany Mondays at 6 p. m.
Leaves Belle Plain for Fort Worth via Stephenville Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 a. m.
Leaves Belle Plain for Fort Worth via Breckenridge Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 a. m.
Leaves Belle Plain for Austin via Brownwood, Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p. m.
Leaves Belle Plain for Buffalo Gap Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 a. m.
Leaves Belle Plain for Albany Tuesdays at 8 a. m.
Express matter carried via Eastland and Brownwood.

WM. H. PARVIN, P. M.

Mr. John Carlisle, of our town, has been ill for several days past.

Postmaster Parvin left, yesterday morning, for the Fort. He goes to visit his daughter and sister there.

Doc Rust has sold his property to Messrs W. M. & W. T. Hart, and intends to remove with his family to Weatherford.

As we go to press we learn that the engineers are within six miles of Belle Plain, and aiming for our town. Clear the track.

Can't some of our subscribers bring us some venison on subscription; we will accept it, dead or alive, if delivered here.

Col. Berry, last Thursday, purchased the mark and brand of James Hart Esq. Consideration between $8,000 and $9,000.

Mr. Rose, traveling agent for the House of Steele & Price, of St. Louis, Mo., made things lively in our office yesterday. We shall be glad to meet him again.

THE new sign over the door of Windham & Collins saloon, gives the place a more cheery appearance. The work is exquisitely done and the emblems are perfect.

Our young friend, Will Harris, left last Monday morning for Marshall, Texas, where he is to report to ex-Governor Brown. He may go to Tennessee before he returns.

The Railroad engineers, railroad officials, drummers, land-lookers, stockmen and many others have been crowding all the available hotel room we have, for several days past.

We would call attention to Mr. J. King's advertisement this week. He has a new and choice stock of liquors of all kinds, and we are authorized to say that they cannot be beaten.

Mr. C. C. Slaughter of Dallas and W. R. McIntyre, who has a large stock in Shackleford county were in town last Friday, on their way back east. Mr. Slaughter probably owns the largest stock of cattle of any one man in the State. He has 10,000 head at the head of the Colorado river, and is introducing Durham stock into the whole of his herd.

Escaped Prisoner.

Mr. W. H. Horton who was bound over to appear at District Court for trial on a charge of larceny of a steer, was being guarded last Sunday night by a young man by the name of Brockley at the office of Power's livery stable, when very early Monday morning, Brockley found that the prisoner had escaped; he immediately called on two young men who were watching with a corpse, to assist in re-taking Horton. They went with Brockley and after getting the trail they separated and each one at different times saw the prisoner, as they supposed, but he refused to escape and the programme was reversed by him pursuing them; after he was seen near the north end of town, Mr. Brockly as yet undaunted, took a position on the wall at the tank lying flat down with gun in hand, ready at a moment to fire upon the prisoner should he come that way. He remained there but a short time until some parties, supposed to be accomplices of Horton's, came slowly up and Brockly could distinctly hear them call Horton's name, but they took the advantage of his situation and at once said, "there lays the guard, shoot him," and instantly pop, bang, bang, pop, went the sixshooters. By some unaccountable means the guard's gun would not work, otherwise he would have captured them all, and it was only by superhuman effort that he escaped through the tank to the land, when he at once found the other parties. Doubtless, if all had been together; the prisoner would have been captured.

Artesian Wells.

This subject is yet in its infancy, but in Texas is very rapidly developing and it will be but a short time before we shall see every town getting their supply of water in this way, already many of the Texas towns are experimenting, while quite a number have already proved successful, and the rest will also prove successful. Why not organize a company to sink one in Belle Plain? A company could be organized here with capital sufficient to sink a well a thousand feet, and the cost of organizing said company would be but trifling; then let the contract to the best advantage, and let the work go on; the assessments would be very small until a depth of four or five hundred feet had been reached, and at that depth it is almost certain flowing water could be had. The party on whose land the well was, would then be satisfied to pay all costs and take the well, then, having tested the matter, anyone could know just what to depend upon in future operations. We believe this would be of more real benefit to Belle Plain, than anything else at present available.

Shot and Killed.

We learn from a reliable source that a Mr. Lewis Collins, who for about two years had been foreman of Tobe Odum's ranch near Buffalo Gap, was shot in the Alamo saloon in Buffalo Gap last Thursday morning about daylight. There were several shots fired, and a coroners jury was summoned to learn the facts in the case.

Since writing the above we learn that Mr. Tobe Odum was bound over under $5,000 bonds for his appearance at next court. The bonds were readily given.

The weather is fine and grass is starting considerably; farmers have their ground mostly prepared for spring crops. Corn will be the principal spring crop in this section.

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BORN.

WALLS—To the wife of T. J. Walls, February 25th, a son.

RICE—February 20th, 1880, to the wife of N. P. Rice, Esqr., of Belle Plain, Texas. a boy.

Esq. Rice is happy, and the rest are doing well.

Inexpressible joy!
'Tis a bit of a boy,
Aged eight days—
And all that it weighs
Is eight pounds by the scales.
'Rah for the juvenile males,
While we stick to the text,
With a girl for the next.

DIED.

WHEELER—At his residence in Belle Plain, Feb. 21st, 1880, of pneumonia, Col. Frank Wheeler.

Col. Wheeler came here about eighteen months ago, and about seven months ago, he lost his wife, a very estimable lady; this loss was too great for Mr. Wheeler, it seemed to prey upon his mind and never did he allude to her death without appearing to be very much affected. His illness was very brief; he was confined to his bed Friday, the 20th inst., and died about five o'clock, p. m., on the next day. The Col. was a very pleasant gentleman, and had many friends here. He died, as it were, among strangers—no relative to follow his remains to its last resting place. He said as soon as he was taken sick that it was his last sickness. He has a brother at Oronogo, Jasper county Missouri.

MITCHELTREE—At the residence of Mr. David Pilkington in Belle Plain, Texas, Feb. 22nd inst., of pneumonia, Mr. William Mitcheltree.

Mr. Mitcheltree was a young man well liked and steady in his habits. He had no relatives near but has a sister in Freestone county, and a brother in Coryell county Texas. Mr. Luke Moore was constantly with him to help him. Mr. Pilkington's family rendered all the assistance in their power.

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"Monarch," Milwaukee, Wis. cont's Alum
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The Clarendon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

[Continued from last week.]

Belle Plain—Its Past, Present and Future.

The first death here was that of a Mr. Joseph Gates, a consumptive from Missouri, who died in March, 1877. Strictly speaking, this death was not in Belle Plain, but Mr. Gates' remains were placed in what is now the Belle Plain grave yard. The first death in what is now Belle Plain was that of little Joseph Rice, son of Esq. N. P. and Mary Rice, who died August 23rd, 1877, of typhoid fever, taken from his brother James, who died of that disease at Eastland the 1st of July, previous.

The first man slayed in Belle Plain by the hand of his fellow-man, was Robert Williams, who was shot by one George West. This tragedy was not enacted at a very early day in the history of the town, when compared with the first killing in our frontier towns, generally. Williams was shot September 8th, 1877. West had a preliminary examination before the County Judge, and was acquitted. He was, however, soon overtaken by retributive justice at Brownwood, where he was shot in precisely the corresponding place on the front of the thigh and died in about the same length of time after the wound that Williams did.

The first resident physician to practice in Belle Plain, was Dr. Eli Thayer Jr., from Boston Massachusetts. He came here April 5th, 1877, and built the first lumber dwelling in the town.

The first school in the neighborhood and probably in the county, was taught by Mrs. Westmorland at her residence near the Mahair, now owned by Parson Austin. She opened this school in April 1877, and taught that season, but the first school in Belle Plain, properly speaking, was opened for the admission of scholars early in January 1878 by Mr. Westmorland, who was soon compelled to relinquish the school, his wife succeeding him for a few weeks when it was given up until the next May, when it was again opened and put in good running order. This school was taught in a little house built by Mr. Clabe Merchant for the purpose.

In piety and morals, Belle Plain stands far ahead of any other frontier town in Texas.

The first sermon preached here was by Parson McLellan, Presbyterian from Brownwood. The first church organized was the Methodist by G. W. Riley, in October, 1879; the next was the Presbyterian Church by Parson McLellan, the next day after the organization of the Methodist Church.

A good joke is told on Parson Austin, the truth of which we cannot vouch for, and which the Parson says "is all a mistake." It is said that the first sermon was designed to have been preached in Belle Plain on a stated day by the Parson and resulted as follows: In the early days of this county, like those of any other county, a little stimulent now and then is not bad for the best of men, or words to that effect. The day appointed came and with it came many anxious and expectant people to hear the word expounded. The parson in due season appeared and after the usual preliminaries arose and in his peculiar style and vehement spirit said: "Brethren I have come here to preach the first sermon in Belle Plain, and design to make it a good one," and as he waxed warm on his subject, he discovered that he did not possess that steady nerve, clearness of mind and ease of delivery, usual for him, and remarked "this was designed for the first sermon, but in view of the effects of too much 'benzine' I shall defer this sermon until a future day."

The first saloon opened was by Messrs. Chittum & Levi, who built and occupied the building on the corner of Callahan and Texas Ave., near the Belle Plain Hotel.

The first person to grace the justice courts and draw the check rein on the offender in Belle Plain was E. L. Huffman Esq., who also administered the oath to the first jury impanelled in the county. The stone building for a courthouse was commenced in June 1877 and completed October 1st following, and was first occupied by Messrs. McMinn & Seay, March 11th 1878.

Game in those days was abundant; Messrs. Smith, Chittum, and others in the winter and spring of 1876, killed several antelope and turkeys, and Mr. Harry Merchant, determined to cut a figure in the early history of Belle Plain, while the town was being surveyed, lassoed a yearling buffalo and tied it to a big tree standing in the rear of Col. Berry's stone residence, then went about a mile for help which soon dispatched the youthful bison.

"One beautiful November day as the sun was fast disappearing o'er the distant hills," Mrs. Polk whose husband, had gone on business to the Mahair about a mile distant, and being the only representative of female society in town, was very much frightened on seeing the huge antlers of an antelope approach her domicile, it being the first she ever saw, fled in terror to find the whereabouts of her liege lord. Imagine her chagrin when Mr. Polk informed her that it was only an innocent antelope.

In December 1876, Messrs. Parvin, Smith and Arnold went out West on a buffalo hunt. As they were just going into camp on Bitter Creek valley in Nolan county, at about four o'clock, as Arnold was just returning from staking his horse, and Parvin was standing with his face to the camp, Arnold espied five Kiowa Indians driving off about thirty horses which they had stolen in and near Callahan County. At the very moment Arnold saw them, they fired and fell back. Parvin and Arnold returned the fire, and Smith, supposing that they were firing on Buffalo, came up from lariating his horse and knowing something of Indian fighting, demanded that his two companions should not follow the "red devils" but yelled in stentorian tones, "sun their moccasins for 'em, d——n 'em," so all laid low and when the indians again appeared they fired with their needle guns and the Indians fled, panic stricken, leaving five horses, which were taken back to Belle Plain by the buffalo hunters.

September 2nd 1877, Mr. Jasper McCoy purchased an interest in the town site, after which the firm name was Merchant, McCoy & Co. On the day that Mr. McCoy became a member of the firm, the company made a proposition to the county as follows: To make a deed to the county of one-fourth of all the unsold village lots, and furnish the second story of a stone block, which was then in process of construction, for a court room, free of cost for ten years, on condition that Belle Plain should be designated as the county seat. Immediately on the heels of this proposition, arrangements were made for a regular Texas barbecue. The day appointed was the 11th of October, and every body and their wives or sweethearts were invited and expected. During the intervening time many fair hands were busy preparing the nick-nacks and little fixings for the occasion; every body was trying to excel his neighbor and please all the rest. At last the day came and with it hundreds of smiling faces, beautiful ladies, lovely children, old men and maidens, all clad in their most gorgeous apparel, preceeded by the noble braves of Callahan, each one bringing his quota of good things to tempt the appetite of man, among which we will only stop to mention the fat steers, bouncing calves, nice porkers, delicious mutton, and the delicate antelope, turkeys, chickens, fresh fish and oysters on the half shell. From one end of the table the scene reminded one of a miniature range of mountain peaks with the highest ones beautifully snow capped, each one bedecked with ribbons representing the various colors and hues of the rainbow, beautiful Texas flowers hanging in richest festoons from peak to peak, and on either side the table was thickly studded with all the various viands obtainable, enough at least, to satisfy the most confirmed epicure in our land. With this illustration before him it is only necessary for the reader to understand that one of the finest and most experienced brass bands in the state was discoursing heavenly music to the grand concourse of people, to feel really transported to the peaceful courts above. It is needless to say that there never was a dinner partaken of with more gusto than at this time. After dinner the company repaired to the seats in front of the speakers' stand and listened attentively to the addresses of W. H. Griffin, J. E. Thomas and P. C. Shoales; the two former spoke in favor of Belle Plain and the latter in favor of Callahan City for the future county seat of Callahan county. The expense of the whole effort was over a thousand dollars.

October 13th the election for the location of the county seat took place and not September 11th as above stated.

[TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.]

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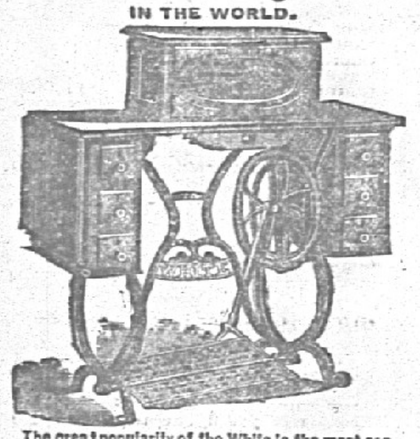
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