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### The Secret of Content.

"A CONTENTED mind is a continual feast," says the proverb. Contentment is the true philosopher's stone, which transmutes base metal to gold. Few of us appreciate this truth, we must admit, and fewer still set upon our appreciation. We know that the draught of life may be just as sweet, aye, and sweeter, when quaffed from an earthen vessel as from a silver goblet, yet we make ourselves wretched with struggling and sighing for the silver cup, and vainly imagine that its contact will render the draught far more delicious. It may be that our desire is granted, we have thrown away and broken the earthen cup, and with it the flower of content that sweetened whatsoever it might contain, and at last, the silver vessel is placed to our lips. Then may we know and lament the unfortunate exchange, when we find the draught within bitter as gall to the taste.

Diogenes, the surly philosopher of antiquity—who was as little of a politician that when the great Alexander honored him and his tub with a visit, and graciously offered any favor that the cynic desired, did not ask for a fat office, as well he might, but simply requested that the kingly presence would not continue to deprive him of sunlight—and more available wisdom than he was credited with in his day or in later times. To be sure, his mode of life was inexpensive, and his abode probably escaped the visits of the tax-collectors, yet I doubt whether any cynic of to-day could enjoy it. But that perfect content which lay at the root of his nature, might well be an object of envy to us. One day, when wandering with a friend through a country fair, and seeing all about him gay apparel, and mirrors and cups, and musical instruments, and the like, he remarked, "Great Zeus! how many things there are in the world of which Diogenes has no need!" Here is the secret of that contentment, which is the most important ingredient in all earthly happiness. With the most of mankind the exclamation is "How many things there are that I want," but contentment says "How many things we can do without."

There is no true riches without contentment, for it is this alone which enables man to rise superior to the vicissitudes of fortune. Sometimes he is on the top, sometimes under the wheel, but what matters this to him if he is always content? Well does the poet say:

"Poor and content, is rich and rich enough.
But riches, endless, is as poor as winter,
To him that fears he shall be poor."

The chief obstacle to content is the fact that our wants increase with our possessions. So it is that man is apt to imagine that such or such a thing would make him perfectly happy. But when he has gained that blessing, he finds that yet another object, still unattained, is no less essential to his happiness. So long as there is a craving for something more, content is impossible. The man who lives from hand to mouth thinks that the possession of a hundred dollars or two above his daily needs would leave nothing more to be desired. But having gained this small surplus, he finds it so easily spent that he craves more and yet more, and though the chances of luck should bring him a million, he will yet long for a little more before he can be quite satisfied. The ambitious desire for wealth or for fame is the ever-ready foe to content with most men. So densely do they pursue the objects that they befool their own hopes, and in the acquirement thereof, lose the capacity for finding pleasure in them.

"When I was a boy," said a rich man, "I thought I should be perfectly happy if I had money to buy all the molasses candy I wanted. But when I got the money I found that I did not want the molasses candy." By many similar illustrations it could be shown that anticipated and acquired blessings wear different aspects to the minds of men. One craves political distinction, but having secured it, finds that he has paid for it, his independence, his self-respect, and is even less content than before he gained the object of his desire.

Let the man who would be contented and happy, note first how many blessings he has, and secondly, how many of the blessings possessed by others he can get along quite as well without. He has, no doubt, good health and the possession of all his senses. These things have seemed so common that he has never thought of being thankful for them. But if he should lose one of them, what a calamity it would be! Far worse than failing to secure an income that will successfully compete with his neighbor's. What would not a blind man give to see the beautiful face of nature, and the kindly countenances of his friends? Or the deaf man, would he not offer untold wealth to enjoy all the world of sweet sounds in nature again? Because these inestimable blessings are so common, however alike upon the worthy and the unworthy, we take but little account of them. But the man who has his senses and good health also, has a thousand sources to feel his content, and has usually less to blame circumstances for than himself, if he continues unhappy.

Content has a hygienic value, the physician will tell you. The contented man never has dyspepsia or liver complaint, or the many afflictions that result in a mind discontented. The [illegible] somehow have not yet learned that the difference in the course of life granted to a man of a contented happy disposition, and one given to uneasiness and fretting, is quite appreciable enough to be recorded in their tables. Some day those considerations of character will enter more into their calculations than now, with important and advantageous results.

Envy is the bitterest foe to content. All the blessings of a man's life are as nothing while he covets the one particular blessing which his neighbor has, but he has not. He does not call Diogenes' saying to his aid: How many things does that man possess that I can live without! but torments himself continually with the query: Why should this man be more favored than I? You can not understand why Jones should be making his ten thousand a year, while you have to make the hardest kind of effort in order to secure a balance at twelve hundred? No doubt Jones has a better head for business than you, even if he fall short of reaching the mark that you readily attained when you were at school together. The inequalities of life are inequalities with a vexed family, and if the triumph of the communist came then all the causes thereof would not mortal power could remove, would soon reproduce them again as palpable and as glaring as ever.

But did you bring to bear on these inequalities the clear sight of the contented mind, you would see them they were counterpoised largely by the compensation of nature. It is the fashion of humanity to magnify its personal miseries, contrasting them with the supposed happiness of others. Yet, when not wholly blinded by our own selfishness, we can see that those whom we have called happy, have their own peculiar crosses, and some of them very hard to bear. The household skeleton of the proverb is an important spectre, and leaves few homes unvisited. And we can never fully estimate the weight of another's burden. "Every heart knoweth its own bitterness," we are told. Were an equal division of the miseries of the world made, it would cause no such general derangement as an equal division of the riches. A man once brought the story of his great affliction and grievous discontent to Socrates. The philosopher asked him whether if all men could come together and heap their grievances of body, mind, and fortune; and all the common calamities of beggary, want, servitude and imprisonment, together in a pile to be equally divided, he would be willing to share alike and take his portion. Naturally, truthfulness compelled the man to acknowledge that even were such a chance possible, he would prefer to remain as he was. And this would be the decision no doubt of all the discontented mortals of earth were an equal division of calamity possible. Generally, the back is more or less fitted to its burden, and most men would far rather bear the ills they have

"Than fly to others which they know not of." * * * *—[Prairie Farmer.

### The Norway Fjords.

[From Jane Anthony's [illegible].]

ASK to see Norway, the real Norway, within moderate compass of time is possible only with a steam yacht or [illegible]. There are great lines of road in Norway along the practicable routes but very few are practicable; nine-tenths of the country, and the most interesting parts are so walled off by mountains are so surrounded among the fjords as to be forever unapproachable by land, while water highways lead everywhere—magnificent canals, scooped by the elemental forces, who can say how or when?

From the west coast there run inland with a general easterly direction, ten or twelve main channels of sea, penetrating from fifty to a hundred miles into the very heart of the northern peninsula. They are of vast depth and from half a mile to two miles broad. The mountains rise on both sides sheer from the water's edge, the lower ranges densely covered with pine birch and alder, above these belts of forest soar ranges of lofty peaks, five or six thousand feet up, the snow lying thick upon them in the midst of summer, glaciers coming down the gorges like cataracts arrested in their fall by the frost enchanter, motionless yet with the form of motion. From the snow, from the ice where the glaciers reach a warmer level, melt streams which swell at noon as the sun grows hot, descend in never ending waterfalls, cascade upon cascade, through the ravines which they have cut for themselves in millions of years. In the evening they dwindle away and at night fall silent as the frost resumes its power.

From the great central fjords branches strike out right and left, some mere inlets ending after a few miles, some channels which connect one fjord with another. The surface of Norway as it is shown on [illegible] is [illegible] by these water ways as the surface of England is by railways. The scenery, though forever changing [illegible], the same materials adjusted in varying combinations; the same river of sea on either side; mountain walls the same, ice and snow on the summits, the same ascending pines and birches with an emerald carpet between the stems where the universal [illegible] takes the stones under the moss cushions green. The short fjords and the large are identical in general features, save that [illegible] at right angles to the prevailing winds the surface of these inland waters is usually undisturbed by a single ripple [illegible] may be raging over the [illegible] but down below not one [illegible]. Hence the light is undisquieted. The eye instead of meeting anywhere with white water sees only rocks woods, and cataracts reversed as in a looking glass. This extreme stillness, the optical results of it, are the cause I suppose of the gloom of Norwegian landscape painting.

How these fjords were formed is I believe as yet undetermined. Water has furrowed the surface of the globe into many singular shapes water we are told, cut out the long gorges below Niagara; but water acting as we now know it scarcely scooped out of the hardest known rock these multitudinous fissures so uniform in character between walls which pierce the higher strata of the clouds between cliffs which in some places rise, as in the Geiranger perpendicular for a thousand feet; the fjords themselves of such extraordinary depth and deepest always when furthest from the sea. Where they enter the Atlantic there is bottom generally in a hundred fathoms. In the Sogne, a hundred miles inland you find seven hundred fathoms. Rivers cutting their way through rock and soil could have never achieved such work as this. Ice is a mighty instrument, and ice has been busy enough in Norway. The fjords were once filled with ice up to a certain level; the level to which it rose can be traced on the sharp angles ground off the rounded stone, and the scores of the glacier plane on the polished slabs of gneiss or granite. But at some hundreds of feet above the present water-line the ice action ends, and cliffs and scars are scarred and angular and weather-splintered to where they are lost in the eternal snow. The vast moraines which occasionally block the valleys tell the same story. The largest that I saw was between four and five feet high and we have to account for chasms which if we add the depth of the water to the height of the mountains above it are nine thousand feet from the bottom to the mountain crest.

The appearance of Norway is precisely what it would have been if the surface had cracked when cooling into a thousand fissures longitudinal and diagonal, if those fissures had at one time been filled with sea-water at another with ice and the sides above the point at which the ice could rise had been chipped and torn and weather-worn by rain and frost through endless ages. Whether this is, in fact, the explanation of their form, philosophers will in good time assure themselves; meantime, this is what they are outwardly like which for present purposes is all that need be required.

A country so organized can be traversed in no way so conveniently as in a steam yacht, which carries the four-and-twenty winds in its boiler. It is not the summer of cruising and the steamer holds the graceful schooner with its woven canvas more [illegible] and mechanical. The schooner lies well in the open water with free air and sea room; but let an schooner venture into the Norway fjords where [illegible] you can make a course by a long reach where there is either a gusty calm or a wind blowing up or down. If you reached the end of the Sogne you might spend a season in beating back to the sea again, and except in some few spots where you might not be able to get your anchor so much as to the depth of water. But it is among these mountains you may [illegible] in a sailing yacht for weeks together while in a steamer the course is as easy and sure as in a carriage on a turnpike road. Your yacht is your house, and like a wishing carpet it transports you wherever you please to go, and is here and there anywhere. You note your position on the chart, you mark it with the sense that the world of Norway is all before you to go where you like, you choose your next anchoring place; you point it out to the pilot; you know your speed—there is no night in the summer months you dine; you go to your berth; you find yourself at breakfast in your new surroundings.

### POLITICAL.

#### Massachusetts Republicans.

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—Charles R. Codman was chosen president of the republican state convention, and made an address of considerable length, chiefly in reference to the present governor. He reviewed the Tewksbury affair, and said: "One man has led this crusade against the fair fame of Massachusetts; a man conspicuous always, of great audacity, of ready wit, of valuable and copious speech and of restless personal ambition; a man of national notoriety surely, if not of national reputation, who has often solicited and sometimes obtained the votes of the people, but who has never been able to retain them long; a legislator identified with congressional raids upon the treasury; a politician who has proposed to the people of the United States to repudiate their honest debts and to so make their great and solvent country a by-word among the nations of earth; a major-general whose most valuable services were as provost marshal and never as a leader of men and in whose successes were those of satire and not strategist."

His reference to Butler's political and military record and "national notoriety" was loudly applauded by the delegates, and he was given cheers when he concluded.

President Codman states that of 130 delegates elected all but twelve are present to-day, and every city and town in the commonwealth is represented.

Senator Dawes, for the committee on resolutions, submitted the following platform:

In presenting to the people of Massachusetts its candidates for state offices the republican party does not deem it necessary this year to offer any formal statement of political principles. Its principles have often been declared in national affairs. We believe in equal rights and a fairly counted vote, a thoroughly pure and reformed civil service beyond the reach of party conflicts, a sound currency, based on an honest specie dollar, a liberal, but in no wise extravagant or wasteful expenditure, a largely reduced taxation, wise and well matured laws to protect and develop American industry and enterprise both at home and on the ocean. We endorse the administration of President Arthur as wise, conservative and patriotic, as respects state affairs. We continue to believe in a widely diffused education, ever higher standard, temperance legislation and extended suffrage, equal taxation, intelligent recognition of the rights of labor as well as of capital, and we could take no step backward in regard to those philanthropic, charitable and educational institutions in constant development of which our beloved commonwealth has been foremost of all. These things we have many times asserted, and we appeal to the gradual and steady progress unmistakably apparent through the records of the past quarter of a century both in the state and nation, as proof that we have not asserted in vain. We stand ready to assert them now and maintain them also.

Meanwhile we do not believe in that political charlatanry, which makes business of sham reform, indiscriminately treating great moral and humanitarian questions as public offices and public same as commerce in a game, the sole end of which is one man's political preferment; neither can we patiently see methods of politics corruption, unknown here before introduced into our state and municipal governments. Unless checked here and now, these methods will surely bring politics in Massachusetts to the level which we have seen elsewhere, and have not been slow to vigorously denounce. This year, therefore, work of reform for us begins at home. The issue is well understood. We propose to blot out in so far as we may, the record of the most discreditable year in the history of state. It is time, not for many words, but for decisive action. We present, therefore, our candidates as men simply pledged, if elected, to carry the administration of affairs back to those better days when our public men were not the first to traduce the state, but if the state were traduced by others were ready to stand up as did Webster, saying with honest pride: "Massachusetts; There she is; behold her; judge for yourselves."

The platform was unanimously adopted.

The committee on counting ballots, 1,168; necessary for choice, 585; George D. Robinson, 906. The result was received with vociferous applause.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The executive committee of anti-machine republicans adopted resolutions denouncing as sham the proclamation of the machine organization, that its door was open to all republicans, declaring that the late primaries were conducted according to the usual machine methods, and that only five of eighty delegates elected are independents, and that while anti-machine men are loyal republicans, they do not hold themselves bound to obey the orders of this gang of political frauds. A copy of the resolutions will be forwarded to the state convention.

The platform claims the inauguration of civil service reform to be a result of republican agitation, distinctly favors protective tariff, is anti-monopoly, favors regulating transportation, advocates free canals, approves the plan of organization in the city of New York, to embrace all republicans on equal terms, express willingness to submit to the people of the state the constitutional amendment regarding intoxicating liquors, charges the democrats with special state legislation to make places for partisans. The following ticket was nominated: Secretary of State, General Joseph B. Carr; comptroller, Ira Davenport; state treasurer, Pliny T. Sexton; state engineer and surveyor, Silas Seymour; attorney-general, Leslie W. Russell.

CHICAGO, September 22.—The gubernatorial campaign in Iowa is being conducted with unprecedented vigor. The issues outlined are prohibition and protective tariff on the side of the Republicans and license and tariff for revenue on the side of the Democrats. Ben Harrison has been on the stump for the republicans, and Gov. Hendricks for the Democrats, and Congressman Springer of Illinois passed through Chicago to-day on his way to Iowa, where he will begin on Monday a series of speeches lasting till the time of the election.

MILWAUKEE, September 22.—The National Liberal League passed the Common arguing whether it should enter politics. No conclusion was reached. It was decided, however, to discuss and adopt the platform report of the special committee section by section, with the understanding that if they enter politics they will go in on the platform adopted.

#### The Maryland Democrats.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 19.—The democratic state convention met to-day. Ex-Governor Thomas was chosen temporary chairman. He addressed the convention, counselling harmonious wisdom and with regard for the public interest in the nominations.

The convention reassembling, the following ticket was nominated: Robert M. McLane, for governor; Charles B. Roberts, for attorney-general, J. Frank Turner for comptroller.

A western farmer in Iowa estimates that the profit of raising one two year old steer for market is equal to that of eighteen acres of wheat, which have to be kept three years or more before they are saleable.

Mrs. [illegible] Whitlow expects to sail from San Francisco, about November 1st, for the mission field in China, in company with Miss Kittie Roberts of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Emma Young, of Missouri.

Spurgeon's church in London numbers 5,427, nine mission-stations, twenty-three Sunday schools, 553 Sunday school teachers and 8,548 Sunday school scholars.

### Co-Operation in France.

As the French association for the advancement of science, an interesting account has been given of the success in application of the system of admitting workmen to a share of profits in the large central-printing establishments of M. Besselievre, near Rouen. M. Besselievre does not, indeed, give his hands a share in the management and risks of his business. He keeps his books to himself and pays them the wages ruling in the district, like ordinary laborers. But in addition to their wages he has since 1877 distributed among all workmen who have been in his service for five years an annual bonus proportionate to his own profits, which has amounted on the average to twelve and in one instance reached seventeen per cent. of the wages earned by them during the year. Half of this bonus is paid to the men in cash and half is retained to form sick and pension funds and to provide for the family of the workman in the case of his death. This money is invested in the business at the rate of four per cent., but it is not confiscated if the workman is dismissed. To give the best of guarantees against capricious dismissal, moreover, the right to discharge a workman has been ceded by M. Besselievre to a committee, of which the majority consists of persons engaged in the factory. M. Besselievre has distributed [illegible] in the last six years in these extra payments to his workmen, but considers himself to have been commensurately the gainer by the liberality, owing to their increased devotion to their work and attachment to their employer. The success of such experiments wherever they have been tried ought to encourage more frequent imitation. —[Pall Mall Gazette.

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IN our letter from Frankfort, Indiana, last week we made a mistake in reference to the value of the Frankfort Court House, instead of "two thousand dollars" it should have been two hundred thousand dollars.

### Weatherford and Jacksboro Stage Robbed Again.

A daring robbery took place yesterday afternoon about nine miles west of Weatherford, the particulars which are as follows:

Mr. B. L. Hudgins of Hot Springs who came in from Weatherford yesterday afternoon reports a most daring robbery which took place about nine miles west of Weatherford. It appears that Mr. Hudgins in company with Mr. J. H. Brown and wife of Jacksboro, and another gentleman were the only passengers in the coach. When about nine miles from Weatherford the party were talking of the recent robbery which took place on the route about three weeks ago. Suddenly the driver, who was the same man who had the stage in charge during the previous robbery told the passengers that a man who was riding on horseback in front of them was one of the men who had robbed the stage before. The party paid little attention to him and soon the man was passed, and any suspicion of danger was gone when he was left far behind. When within a quarter of a mile of where the former robbery occured the man rode rapidly up to them and drawing his pistol ordered the driver to halt and throw him the mail bags.

Mr. Hudgins started to turn around, but the robber leveled his pistol on him and ordered him to throw up his hands. The mail bag was thrown out in the road and the robber told the driver to throw the other mail bags out. Two paper bags were thrown out and the robber told the passengers he did not want anything they had, but he did want the mail. After satisfying himself that he had them all he ordered the driver to go on.

Mr. Hudgins describes him as being a small man with clean face weighing about one hundred and twenty pounds. He wore a slouch white hat and was riding a brown horse, about fourteen and a half hands high, with star in the face. He resembled a cow boy in appearance with a slicker tied to his saddle and high heels on his boots. The driver is positive he is one of the two men who robbed the stage he was driving about three weeks ago. Mr. Hudgins states that there were wagons in sight, both behind and in front of the stage when the robbery occured.

### Our Irish Land-Owners.

ACCORDING to a list we printed the other day several Englishmen have made vast acquisitions of land in the western and southern states of the Union. British dukes and earls figure in the statement for many hundreds of thousands of acres. Sir Edward Reed is put down for a couple of millions. One correspondent indicates an apprehension that these English purchasers may discover that they have bought what, as aliens, they cannot keep. As has been pointed out by others, the laws of the various states differ on the qualification for ownership. British buyers on this scale may be assumed not to have laid out their money without evidence that they will be allowed to enjoy its fruits. The question how far a country like the United States would tolerate transplantation of the British system of vast territorial inheritances is more serious. If the noblemen and gentlemen who have been investing in American domains be planning the creation of alternative seigniories in America after the model of their British patrimonies, it may be doubted whether they will not find the local prejudice too strong for them. For proprietors who mean to occupy their land themselves there is abundance of room and of welcome across the Atlantic. An Englishman is free to own any quanity of acres from 100 to 100,000 or more which he can and will farm. It is surprising that British land owners, with several sons accustomed to rural pursuits, and without an opportunity at home of turning to them for a profession have not more generally taken to planting them on estates of their own on the vast and fertile North American continent. It remains to be seen whether some of the recent American purchases which have provoked animadversion have not been made with this very laudable intention. A majority of them have plainly the innocent character of investments with a view to future redistribution at a profit among smaller occupants. What may be the eventual fate of these sanguine promoters and more sanguine syndicates, with their millions of acres in forest and more millions under water, it is superfluous to speculate. To one party to the bargain at all events there will be a profit; and that is the American nation. The government and the legislature of the United States are not likely to look unkindly at schemes for developing American soil by English assistance, or to grudge the size of the task which British capital appropriates to itself.—[London Times.

### Bar Meeting and Resolutions.

Brownsville (Tenn.) Democrat.

AT a meeting of the Brownsville Tenn. Bar held in the Court House, at Brownsville, on the occasion of the departure of Walter Somerville, Esq., from their midst for Texas, the following resolutions where adopted:

1. That we part with our beloved and esteemed brother, Walter Somerville, Esq., with much regret.
2. That by his polite and courteous bearing, both in the court house and elsewhere he has won our esteem and affection.
3. That by his correct habits and his comprehensive grasp of difficult legal questions, and his knowledge of the law, he is entitled to the confidence of those with whom he may cast his lot.
4. That we cheerfully recommend him to those who may have business in his profession, believing that he will faithfully serve their interests.

J. R. BOND, W. R. FARON, H. B. FOLK, } Committee.

### The Mercantile Outlook.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Dun's mercantile agency reports that notwithstanding the fact that transactions as interpreted by bank exchanges show a large decline compared with last year, all systems regarding trade point to a prosperous condition. Speculation certainly is less rampant than a year ago, but legitimate trade is almost as large in volume and certainly more satisfactory, both as to the condition of the stocks held and the profits realized, and the large absorption of goods at the chief jobbing centres indicates a healthy tone in the retail trade. Country collections generally are good, and money continues in abundant supply, and rates for loans exceptionally low for this season, when so much money is required for moving crops. In dry goods there has been a great deal of activity of a very healthy character, and in groceries iron and other leading staples there is in the main a satisfactory condition. In cotton there has been some fractional advances, showing that the bull element is in the ascendant, and prices close higher and steady. There is a fair movement in spot cotton, sellers generally securing advance advices from the crops. The movement of new cotton shows no great increased gain, and the market continues to decline. In rice prices are well sustained, with only moderate supplies offering. The market for raw sugar is strong with prices still slightly advancing.

SIOUX FALLS, D. T. September 18.—Dakota's state constitution is finished and is ready to go before the people for ratification at the polls in November. Ten thousand copies will be printed in English, 1,000 each in German and Scandinavian, for general distribution throughout the state. The ordinance for taking a census was to-day amended so that no expense will be entailed on the people of the state. It will be taken by school districts by volunteer corps. The governor's salary was fixed at $2,000. The salaries of the state treasurer, auditor and attorney were fixed at $1,000 and of superintendent of public instruction and the secretary of the state at $1,500. A state executive committee composed of one delegate from each county was organized and will take charge of the constitutional campaign in October. An opportunity was given by the majority to reconsider the matter of electing state officers, but the majority expressed satisfaction at the termination to have an election for state officers at the same time that the constitution was voted down. A tub was thrown to the prohibition whale by incorporating a requirement that the legislature shall submit any measure to the popular vote upon a petition from 5,000 voters, and if it receives a majority shall become a part of the constitution as adopted in economical throughout, and is unusually strong. It deals unfeelingly with corporations, and will receive a heavy vote from the common people.

### The New York Republicans.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, N. Y. Sept. 19.—The weather is beautiful. A large morning influx of delegates and visitors filled the hotels to overflowing and gave the village a very lively appearance. Caucussing with reference to a new state committe has been very active during the morning, and most of the congressional delegation have held preliminary gatherings. The place of meeting was erected at the cost of the villagers. It is a temporary frame structure or wigwam in the midst of spacious and pretty ground. E. A. Lapham was unanimously chosen temporary chairman. He was received with applause and addressed the convention.

Upon taking the chair Lapham said: "We have met at a moment of great interest in the history of republicans, and if we are faithful to our cause, we shall organize victory. Politically, last year was our Bull run, [laughter] but if we are faithful, this year will prove our Gettysburg and Appomattox. [Applause] The Mississippi valley is now the seat of our republican stronghold and tumultuary democrats are found in the state of New York. How could it be otherwise with rival bodies in our great commercial city, each refusing to surrender to its organization and each determined to send full delegations to the convention at Buffalo. The results of it is that the idol of the year has been down and almost literally trodden under foot in his home." [Laughter] Lapham then referred at some length to mail affairs and closed by stating by wise and harmonious action the success of the republican party would be complete.

ANTHRAX IN HORSES.—Rush McC., Jacksboro, Texas, writes: "There is a disease among the horses that we can find no remedy for, and that no one has ever seen before. A swelling begins at the point of the left shoulder and gradually extends along the neck to the throat. When that point is reached the horse dies. No blood can be drawn from the swelling; it seems to be thick and gummy. The discharge is that the swell touches become of a yellowish green. The horses cannot urinate; the bowels are bound up. They will not eat but will drink until death. They do not roll or lie down, but stand up until they fall over dead. They die in two or three days after the first symptoms are noticed. Nothing can be done that seems to help them. Just before death they draw up, shiver, and then fall. Seventy-five have died in the last two weeks."

*Reply.*—The disease is a form of anthrax fever, sometimes called Siberian boil plaque and sometimes carbuncular erysipelas. The symptoms given exactly describe the disease. It is contagious through contact with any of the fluids or dung of the diseased animals and is sometimes epizootic through wholesome conditions of the soil or atmosphere. It is sometimes no doubt communicated by flies. The only treatment which has been found of any avail is to give one dram doses of nitro-muriatic acid in water and apply cold water fomentations to the part or to lay open the tumor and cause a copious discharge by means of carbolic acid injections. To this we would add relief to the bowels by injections of weak solutions of epsom salts or hyposulphite of soda and a strong dose of two ounces of the latter given by the mouth followed in 24 hours by one-ounce doses alternately with the acid. It is generally fatal, and prevention would be the better remedy.—New York Times.

### Whitt.

WHITT, Tex., Sept. 18, 1883.

*Rev. S. J. Vaughan:*

In the last issue of the RURAL CITIZEN I notice that you make some severe charges against me, none of which are true.

In the first place I did not attack you on "sanctified education" on the 4th of July as you have implied by quoting your position in your brilliant and world-astonishing production delivered on that occasion.

What motive could have impelled you to make such an unjust allegation? You grew very eloquent in your condemnation of Normal Schools. You said the whole *system* was false, and simply a plan concocted by infidels, and that it was not the thing for Texas.

Now Sir, I did make a few remarks relative to your position on Normal Schools. But, you say that I spent most of my time on that occasion in criticising you. You ought to have carefully reviewed your article before you sent it to print.

But again you *throw dirt* when you state my position on the great educational question. I am not opposed to Christian Education Sir. You are the first man in this community who has thus tried to stab me with this dagger. My views on this question are before the public. Perhaps there is no difference between us on this point. I'd like to see Christ and his teachings exalted and enthroned in the hearts of every man and woman in Texas.

But your language clearly implies that I am antichristian.

My Dear Brother, you might just as well have made some other false statement. But this shows the "good natured badinage" in which you wrote.

But then I am opposed to the "great founders of universities and colleges" (?). I am opposed to the word, (?) Just hold a litte my Brother. I give all honor to these great men, but they are not my masters. So, it appears that instead of being opposed to these, it is Brother Vaughn who has thus triumphantly pronounced "*anathema*" without ever consulting the evidence to convict. I love the founders of Harvard and Yale, but I love the founders of Normal Schools more. I act on the principle of the "greatest good to the larger number."

In the following quotation, you have certainly exhibited a very poor discrimination, to wit: "Prof. Creager on that occasion spent most of his time in criticising us and now swings out in the CITIZEN and their Annual Catalogue, and calls every one who differs from him 'gone mad'".

There are many men who differ with me on politics, religion, cooperation, and other topics, whom I love. They are men not ashamed to be put to the test. God forbid that I should charge them with madness, or ill heredity. We honestly differ, and are not afraid to have our positions truthfully and justly assailed. Progress is our motto. But there is one thing about this quotation, viz.: there is one preacher at least who *has and is now very mad.*

"Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

"And now I ask every person who believes in Christianity to decide who has gone mad. The Professor or a *good many preachers*. Who ever heard of a minister opposing christian education, and not only so but the world, and founders of the greatest universities in the United States have 'gone mad' on the subject."

I wish here to state just why I made use of the expression, to wit. *gone mad, etc.* I have been teaching here, for about one year, a school for the co-education of the sexes, and my plan of instruction being in harmony with the Normal Schools of Mo., Ill., Ind., and other states, where I have been teaching for ten years past, some people have been very bold in their denunciation of the whole system, stigmatizing it as a plan gotten up by infidels. The teachers of the above-named Normal System have been publicly assailed, and unjustly misrepresented. Brother Vaughn said on the 4th of July that Normal Schools were not the thing for Texas.

His hobby is that the state has no right to educate the children, but must leave that to "The Church." Here is where he finds fault with the Normal Schools. They are the harbingers of a public school system that bids fair to sweep away all narrow-minded, narrow-guage systems.

When you oppose Normal Schools you stand on Roman Catholic ground.

Rome has placed herself in the way of education, except as given by her priests. They want to unite the Church and State. This same plea brought darkness and death over the earth for twelve centuries.

Those who want a "*Church School System*" are simply paving the way to another age of ecclesiastical tyranny.

We stand on the great vantage ground of truth, and boldly advocate the doctrine, without fear of molestation, to wit:

*"The State must educate her children, using compulsory means if necessary."*

In conclusion let me say if you do not want to be attacked, please steer a little nearer the shore.

D. H. CREAGER.

### Union Grove.

UNION GROVE, Sept. 22, 1883.

The drouth has been broken up by a few copious showers which makes every one feel pleasant.

Capt. S. Bobo is very low with black jaundice, and several others with various other diseases. Mr. Stead of Aurora, Mr. Davenport of Mt. Hope, and Andy Tyler's infant of this neighborhood, recently died.

Mr. Henry Robinson and Miss Mattie McCraw recently married. May they glide happily down the pathway of life.

The Keeter community have built a commodious school house in which W. B. Merrill will commence school soon. Success to the CITIZEN. P. F. LEWIS.

### Comanche Peak.

For the Citizen.

The RURAL CITIZEN, is indeed a prompt, and welcome visitor, I get it regularly every Tuesday. It is one of the neatest papers published in the State of Texas. I admire the taste with which, it is managed, and wish its manager a long and successful journalistic life.

Just as soon as the farmers have sold their cotton, I will send a list of new subscribers, I would also recommend that all members of the Alliance would subscribe for the CITIZEN, and get as many outsiders to subscribe as they possibly can. Its moral tone commends it to the patronage of all.

We, the Farmers, need more Literature. The most of us have been developing the muscular system long enough to lay a solid foundation for intellectual culture.

The Comanche Peak Alliance is making an effort to establish a library. We will buy fifty or sixty volumes to commence with. We hope by this move to stimulate the Brotherhood to exercise those faculties of the mind, which have been dormant so long, the particular faculty which has been worked so much by the farming class is now beginning to lose its power on the well known principle, "That over working an organ, diminishes its power." If we do more work to-day than we should it forestall's our capacity for work to-morrow.

It is on this principle that farmers have been laboring. Acquisitiveness is the only mental faculty that has been cultivated, when we apply it to the masses, for indeed we have only to reflect a moment to see, that to make, owe, acquire, or possess, constitute the climax of their aspiration.

And again, to see so great a per cent. of the illiterate among the Farming class, is another argument in favor of the position. But I am glad to say, that the Farmers are becoming aroused on this subject, they begin to see the necessity for informing themselves, especially on the subject of Farming and Politics. These two subjects engross the attention of older ones, and well it may.

I predict that as soon as they have educated themselves on these two subjects that they will no longer be the tools of designing Politicians. Then and not till then will they respond to the appeal of our friend H. F. A.

J. L. W.

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This department is now complete, consisting of all the latest Fall and Winter [st]yles of Ladies Misses and children hats. [...] Trimming of all shades and colors [su]itable for trimming hats and dresses, [di]rect from the importers and manufac[tur]ers in New York, which will be sold at [th]e lowest cash prices.

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**Ladies Bazaar.**

This department is now complete, [illegible] all of the [illegible] Fall and Winter [illegible] of Ladies Misses and children [illegible] Trimming of all shades and colors [illegible] for trimming [illegible] and dresses [illegible] the [illegible] New York, which will be sold at the lowest cash prices.

D. C. Brown.

**Notice.**

All persons indebted to me that do not settle at once will find their accounts in the hands of an attorney for collection. Give it your attention and save cost and trouble.

S. W. Eastin.

WANTED.—20 cords of Wood. I will pay $2 cash per cord for ten cords of good wood, half seasoned, or half green and half dry, at my house east side of town.

tf J. K. Conley.

Some very elegant new velvet and plush picture frames, cabinet size, at McConnell's.

**Dress Goods.**

I have now on sale the most complete line of dress goods ever offered in this country, consisting of all the new style [illegible] Fall and winter goods, [illegible] velvets, velveteens, cashmeres, [illegible] mohairs, [illegible] suitings, of all grades and colors.

I have also a large line of ladies' cloaks and dolmans, water-proof circulars, rubber over-shoes, and [illegible], [illegible] goods all of which will be sold at the lowest [illegible] prices.

D. C. Brown.

Wanted—first class carpenters. Enquire at the Weatherford Planing Mills or of Evan Jones at Jacksboro.

McConnell has a good many knick-knacks, that he will sell at cost, to make way for the "Boss" stock of Holiday goods ever shown in this institute.

Little's Chemical fluid or non-poisonous sheep-dip at Nelms & Co's drug store.

DR. HUBBARD, Bowie, Texas will insert a set of TEETH for eight dollars.

[illegible] Go to D. C. Brown's for a fine Sewing machine, the best in the market.

THE SICK, WORN AND DEBILITATED should read the advertisement [illegible] another [illegible] column.

Sheet music at McConnell's, and by arrangement with Oliver Ditson & Co. of Boston, any music published will be furnished at the net prices of the of their catalogues by him.

"McConnell's Condition Powders" are reported as having saved several horses recently, which were attacked by the disease which has been so fatal in the north part of the county. It would be well to try them. 3 papers for 50cts.

Parties who were on State School lands on the 1st day of January, 1882, intending to make it their homes, can, by making application and the proper affidavit before the 1st day of January, 1884, purchase as much as 320 acres at $2 per acre.

J. M. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown left last Friday morning for Weatherford, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are among the oldest citizens of Jack county. They leave many friends and will, no doubt, make many in Weatherford.

**$10.00 Reward!** I will pay ten dollars reward for the delivery, to me at Jacksboro of one brown mare mule 15 hands high 7 years old branded on right shoulder Z. this mule either strayed or stolen from Sam Ingram's Stable in Jacksboro Tex. on the night of 25th of July, 1882.

D. C. Brown.

MATRIMONIAL [illegible] Have you seen it? [illegible] TIMES [illegible]

All persons who have corn, wheat, oats or grain of any kind which they desire to exchange for groceries will do well to call on Walter S. Jones, at S. W. Eastin's old stand, where they will get the highest market price for grain and bottom rock prices on groceries.

McConnell's stock is unusually full (that is not "unusually full" for his stock), but unusually large for a town so far in the interior, and he is prepared to job many lines at prices that dealers still further "in the [illegible]" will serve their interests by buying of him, as he buys many goods in such quantities as to enable him to compete with Weatherford, freight not excepted. "Come by," and "buy."

Ladies, if you wish anything in the line of nice dress goods, call at D. C. Brown's. He has all the most fashionable dress goods in a variety of colors, all of which are very handsome, also, his dolmans and cloaks are very nice. We did not see the millinery goods, but Mr. Brown informed us that his stock in this line was very complete consisting of all that is best suited to his lady customers.

The wedding is over and enjoyed by all. Our new 'Squire acted his part bravely, but the most enjoyable part was in the pleasant way in which Mr. and Mrs. Brown entertained the party of attendants. After a couple of hours sweet music by the Jacksboro band, and a splendid supper, we left for our homes, leaving many good wishes for the groom and his bride, not forgetting to drop a tear for that Bachelor's Club on the west side of town.

Long-looked-for has come at last, Seville's married hard and fast.

Snow Lum.

**Money Saved is Money made.**

Buy Dr. Thurmond's recipe's for making Soothing Drops, Rheumatic Liniment, Golden Eye Water and a sure remedy for long Fever or Distemper in Horses and Mules, and is a sure cure for Pink Eye.

The articles used in making these medicines form compounds which are most effective in driving aches and pains from the system, try them, apply to Dr. J. A. Thurmond N. W. of town or address him at Jacksboro.

The boys and girls who will spend the next year away from home have all gone. Mr. John Hensley accompanied his son and daughter, Miss Louie and Master Jonnie some two weeks ago to Georgetown College. Misses Dorcas and Angie Duke went to Mansfield College about the same time, last Friday Mr. J. C. Lindsey left with Miss Mattie Lindsey and Miss White for Add-Ran College at Thorps Spring, and on Monday B. Rush McConnell, Jeff. Duke, and Russell Callaway left for the same school.

Evan Jones of the firm of Jones Bros., Contractors and Builders, Weatherford, Texas, is now staying at the Wichita Hotel, Jacksboro, and will furnish estimates and plans on application free of charge. It will be to the interest of those contemplating building to call and see him as he is in position to turn out work better, cheaper, and quicker than any other contractor this side of Dallas. Being proprietor of the Weatherford Planing Mill which enables him to make all his own sash, doors, door and window frames, office, desks, counters, shelving, scroll sawing, turning, and everything in the carpenter's line. Orders for turning, scroll sawing, planing, &c. left at lumber yards, Weatherford, promptly executed. tf

On Thursday night of last week, at about half past seven o'clock, a goodly company assembled in the new church to witness the marriage of Mr. L. Seville Knight to Miss Emma Archer, both of whom are of this place. Promptly at the hour Esquire Acton with his usual dignity of manner took the chair. The happy couple with the bridesmaids, Misses Johnson and Hughs and the groomsmen Messrs. Whipp and Aynes, soon followed and took their places in the front of the church. The ceremony was immediately pronounced, and was brief but impressive. The only thing lacking was a prayer for the blessing of God upon the young couple, and especially marked because the service was held in the church. Mr. and Mrs. Knight have our best wishes for their future.

The walls of the school building were completed to the second story last Thursday. By an oversight of some of the directors, in failing to meet and receive the work and make the necessary appropriation, the work has been delayed a week; but now, the work has been received and appropriation made to pay for the job as far as completed. The work is resumed to-day and will go on. The contracting mason, Mr. Bly, says that in three weeks the second story will be completed. The edifice is built of limestone, range work, and is very substantial and when finished will be an ornament to the town. When we pointed out some parts that we thought should have been of cut stone, we were informed that that was not in the contract, and that more work is being done than is called for in the specifications. However, that is no fault of the contractor and when finished, Mr. Bly can certainly refer to it as a job that no stone mason need be ashamed of.

**Local Letter.**

Jacksboro, Sept. 25.

News arrived here this evening of the stage robbery between here and Weatherford, eight miles from Weatherford, which seems to be one of the most daring acts ever perpetrated since the days of Sam Bass's robberies. Could not something be done to put a stop to these outrages? Or shall officers stand idle while property and life are endangered, or what is worse taken by those lawless bandits who now infest that part of the country? We think it is high time that some project was set on foot to stop it.

The telephone wire between here and Post Oak was found to be out of "gear" this morning, and a messenger was started out to ascertain the cause. He returned at night, reporting nothing wrong except a few posts where the wire had slipped off the insulator, which he adjusted himself, but still, it fails to work.

The birth-day social given Miss Rosa Manning, in honor of her fourteenth birthday was quite a nice affair. The young folks met at an early hour and spent the evening quite pleasantly with songs, play, and dance until "ye solemn toll of the ninth hour," proclaimed it time for all to be at rest, when the party broke, and all departed for their respective homes, declaring themselves well pleased with the evening's entertainment. May her next birthday be as happily spent as the one of to-day.

Essman.

If you wish to buy extra good platform scales, weigh half ounces and as much as 240 pounds, second hand, neither very little and as good as new; they were bought with a closed out stock of goods and will be sold very cheap. Call at the Citizen Office or McKeehan Bros.

**A Card.**

To the Public:

I have been informed that it has been reported that J. C. Lindsey opposed the change in my road in Precinct No. 1, from Court House to 1 mile post on Decatur road. Because I was a poor man and wanted it changed for my own special benefit. (*It is true the road runs through my land [illegible]*) and I am a poor man. I wanted the road changed because it would put it on better ground and be some nearer and be a benefit to me and other men in my immediate neighborhood. I will say that J. C. Lindsey done everything in his power as a faithful County Commissioner to have the change granted to us. I can't say what prompted Mr. Lindsey to favor my change but my opinion is that he knows his duty as a County Commissioner and wants to work for the public good and benefit of the people of Jack County.

Yours as ever,

J. K. Conley.

**Public Schools of Jack County. Location, Number of Pupils, and Funds Apportioned.**

| NO. | NAME OF COM. | LOCATION | NO. PU. | SCH'L FUND |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jacksboro | Jacksboro | 98 | 478.87 |
| 2 | Carrolls Cr. | Carrolls Cr. | 21 | 98.00 |
| 3 | Whites " | Whites Pr. | 11 | 50.80 |
| 4 | Lost " | Gunters | 28 | 129.30 |
| 5 | Friendship | Branstford | 18 | 102.35 |
| 6 | Plaster | Salt Creek | 19 | 87.75 |
| 7 | Jasper Cr. | Jacksons | 43 | 250.87 |
| 8 | Boones Cr. | New Hope | 32 | 147.05 |
| 9 | Bean Prairie | Bean Pr. | 36 | 177.95 |
| 10 | Wesley Chap. | Dunmores | 28 | 140.79 |
| 11 | Long Hollow | L. Hollow | 24 | 114.40 |
| 12 | Oak Glen | Jas. Gray | 23 | 106.20 |
| 13 | Lost Branch | DeGross | 56 | 252.26 |
| 14 | Little Bean | Lit. Bean | 21 | 123.79 |
| 15 | Rowland V. | Antelope P. | 33 | 206.98 |
| 17 | Little Los Val. | | 37 | 148.96 |
| 18 | Burton Spr. | G. Dailey's | 33 | 166.12 |
| 20 | Lynn Creek | Hogan's | 23 | 148.90 |
| 22 | Cooper | | 22 | 101.42 |
| 23 | Union Point | U. Point | 19 | 87.74 |
| 24 | Antelope | Antelope | 53 | 300.70 |
| 25 | Rock Hill | Snodgrass | 24 | 102.90 |
| 26 | Westbrook | Sp. | 28 | 162.92 |
| 27 | S. H. Branch | S. H. B. | 48 | 252.20 |
| 29 | Cold Springs | Newport | 58 | 287.82 |
| 30 | Salt Creek | Salt Cr. | 24 | 140.24 |
| 31 | M'Cormick | M'C. H. | 32 | 147.75 |
| 32 | Hyatt | [illegible] | 23 | 102.77 |
| 33 | [illegible] Spr. | Spr. Dale | 16 | 118.54 |
| 34 | Howard Val. | H. Valley | 20 | 190.45 |
| 35 | Mt. Pleasant | Mt. P. | 23 | 130.47 |
| 36 | Keechi | K. Church | 22 | 101.62 |
| 37 | Rock Point | Rock Pt. | 23 | 130.71 |
| 38 | Mt. Home | [illegible] | 7 | 39.23 |
| 39 | Snake Cr. | [illegible] | 15 | 103.35 |
| 40 | Union near | Wallace's | 41 | 189.74 |
| 41 | Pleasant H. | P. Hill | 24 | 180.60 |
| 42 | Rose Valley | Rose V. | 18 | 100.48 |
| 43 | Roberts Pr. | R. Prairie | 32 | 154.37 |
| 44 | Plum Cr. near | W. W. Brown | 29 | 92.34 |
| 45 | [illegible] | Johnsons | 21 | 110.10 |
| 46 | Dillingham | Dilling[illegible] | 30 | 139.[illegible] |
| 47 | Center Point | [illegible] | 41 | 190.37 |
| 48 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 25 | 122.30 |
| 49 | Green Elm near | Vaners | 29 | 140.29 |
| 50 | Vineyard | | 28 | 175.45 |
| 52 | Post Oak | | 43 | 206.77 |
| | Croton | in Wise Co. | 9 | 42.50 |
| | Willow P. " | " | 4 | 18.47 |
| | " | Young Co. | 2 | 9.24 |

Total no. in scholastic age 1287.
Amount apportioned $6104.17.
Pro rata $4.52 5-7.
Number of pupils last year 1296.
Amount apportioned $6598.20.

**Strayed or Stolen.** Friday night, Aug. 18, one yellow gelding pony, 14 hands high, 5 years old, blotched brand on left shoulder, shod all around. I will give a liberal reward for the delivery of the pony or information so that I can get him.

3t-pd Luke Hensley.

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Will result more satisfactorily [illegible] voters and their families rid themselves of malaria from their systems, and correct their Livers by using Brown's Liver Pills. Not a remedy ever manufactured in America so well corrects the biliousness of this climate. Call for Brown's Vegetable Liver Pills.

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Home and, designing vegetables later in the season. Drive out the scrofulous diseases now, by using a bottle of Brown's Sarsaparilla and Dandelion with Iodide of Potassium. This remedy is now acknowledged to be the best Blood, Liver and Kidney medicine known, and has saved the lives of thousands. Price $1 a bottle or six for $5. Druggists sells and recommends

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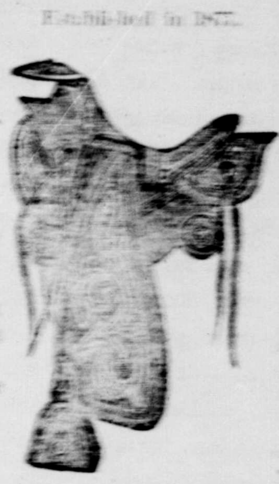

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SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the Condition of the MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS' BANK

OF SHERMAN TEXAS,

*At Close of Business on the 30th Day of June, 1882.*

| RESOURCES. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bills receivable | [illegible] | Capital Stock | [illegible] |
| Overdrafts | [illegible] | Surplus Fund | [illegible] |
| Bonds | [illegible] | Profit & Ex. for Six Months | [illegible] |
| Real Estate | [illegible] | Depositors | [illegible] |
| Bank Building and Fixtures | [illegible] | Due Banks | [illegible] |
| Total Expenses for Six Months | [illegible] | Unpaid Dividend | [illegible] |
| Due from Banks | [illegible] | | |
| Cash on hand | [illegible] | | |
| Total | [illegible] | Total | [illegible] |

I, Thos. Randolph, Cashier of the Merchants and Planters Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. RANDOLPH, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of July, 1882.

THOS. W. RANDOLPH,
Notary Public, Grayson County Texas.

At a regular meeting of the Directory of this Bank to-day the surplus fund was increased to [illegible]
Which with our capital paid up, of [illegible]
Gives us a total of [illegible]

A dividend also was declared of [illegible] out of the net earnings for the past six months, and ordered to be paid to the stockholders in cash.

C. C. BINKLEY, President.

## Orchard .. Hill .. Nursery.

Located [illegible] miles N. W. of Weatherford, on Weatherford Boons creek & Jacksboro Road.

I offer to the Public for Fall and Winter planting a choice and carefully selected lot of home grown trees known by long experience best adapted to our climate consisting of

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In dealing direct with me you can save from 25 to 40 per cent. Canvassers Commission, besides getting fresh trees. Everything warranted true to label. Parties intending to plant will do well to visit the Nursery or address me at Weatherford for prices.

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Having purchased the entire stock of Groceries of my worthy predecessor Capt. S. W. Eastin, and having replenished the stock so that it now forms a complete line of

**Staple and Fancy Groceries, provisions &c.**

I earnestly entreat all the the former friends and customers of the House to continue their patronage, and extend the invitation to all who

Strict Attention to Business and Kind Treatment can Win.

Every possible attention will be given, and accommodation extended to friends and customers who are kind enough to give me their trade.

With a hearty good morning to all,

I am Respectfully,

W. S. JONES.

**Docs From Vineyard.**

For the Citizen.

W. L. Garvin will open school on Monday Oct. 2, '82.

W. L. Wilson of Weston, Collin county was in Vineyard a few days ago looking well. He was here last year badly afflicted, and the mineral water has effected a permanent cure.

Rev. Mr. Steele of Henrietta has been here two months treating his eyes with mineral water.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Dysart, wife of W. R. Dysart, of Bear Hollow, is dead. She was buried at the Vineyard graveyard the 23d inst.

Eld. Forgy of the Christian faith held a meeting here last week. Much interest was manifested. We hope he will come often.

The greatest excitement of the season is Harr's compound soap receipt. Women no more have to toil over the wash tub, but men quit their business to attend to the soap making and washing.

The health of Vineyard and vicinity is "distressingly good," says the doctor. We are glad to know that such is the case.

Uncle Fuller.

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**ESTRAYS.**

Taken up by Joseph Riley and posted before P. H. Acton J. P. Prec. No. 1 J. C. T., One sorrel horse blaze face, 5 years old, 14 hands high, branded DC on the left shoulder, shod all round. Also one bay horse, 12 years old, 13 hands high, branded A [illegible] on the left shoulder, and B crossed with [illegible] on the right shoulder.

Sept. 18, 1882. D. B. Mizell, [illegible]

Taken up by Stanley Conner and posted before P. H. Acton, J. P. Prec. No. 1, J. C. T. One black mare about 8 years old, about 13 hands high, branded [illegible] on the right thigh also one suckling colt about one month old.

Aug. 24, 1882. D. B. Mizell, [illegible]

Taken up by R. H. [illegible] and posted before J. H. Baker, J. P. Prec. No. [illegible] Jack county Texas. One sorrel [illegible] 7 years old, 14 hands high, saddle marked, branded with a [illegible] with a bar extending through it on the left thigh, [illegible] left shoulder, and [illegible] on right shoulder.

Sept. 12, 1882. D. B. Mizell, [illegible]

CONSUMPTION

# RURAL CITIZEN

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE FARMERS ALLIANCE.

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Bro. J. N. Kerr reports Armstrong Alliance No. 138 in good condition.

Let us hear from other alliance Brothers. You need the Citizen for the information it gives, and we need the money. Send one or more names and get the paper for $1.25 each, or better, send 20 names and get it for $1.00 each.

### In Memoriam.

On the night of the 15th of September 1883, Mr. … Jones, an old and highly respected citizen of this county, crossed the cold river of death to try the realities of an unknown future. Bro. Jones was a member of the M. E. C. S., a devoted christian, a model husband, a good father and an unerring worker for all that is good and right. The family lost its needed support in all the trials of life, and the community lost an [illegible] in the chair of society. Bro. Jones was an honored member of the Farmers Alliance. The Brotherhood met at Union church on the morning of the 16th to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of the departed. Bro. W. G. Dunch being called to the chair the following proceedings were had. Bro. … was elected Pres., Bro. … Vice-Pres., Bro. T. Axley Sec., Bro. … , Bros. J. M. … and J. R. … marshals, Bros. J. Colter, J. R. …, M. M. … and A. … pall-bearers. The Alliance then formed in procession and marched to the residence of Mr. … where the corpse of the departed Brother was waiting to be conveyed to its last resting place. The pall bearers having taken charge of the lifeless body of Brother Jones, the procession returned to the church and Rev. J. H. Stanley preached the funeral. He read from Revelation, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." The speaker was deeply impressed with his subject, presenting his views in a masterly manner, often becoming eloquent.

After services the members of the Alliance formed in procession, the pall bearers next the corpse, and then the general procession. The whole procession was at least a half mile in length. At the grave Revs. Stanley and Murphy performed the last general service. The remains of Bro. Jones were cared for by the Alliance in an imposing manner. So, farewell Bro. Jones.

W. G. Dunch, Pres.
T. Axley, Sec.
Mt. Springs, Cooke Co., Tex.

### Shall We Prune in Autumn.

To the above question, the Agriculturist says decidedly, Yes, provided the question applies to newly planted trees, those set last spring or within a few years. The sooner such trees have their final shape given to them, the better. This should have been done when they were planted, but between the hurry of spring work and the timidity of the inexperienced, who are afraid to cut, trees are quite too often set out just as they come from the nursery. Such trees will, sooner or later, be put into their final shape for bearing, and the sooner this is done, the better. Some books on fruit culture, the French especially, give diagrams to show how the tree should be shaped. These are well enough as suggestions, but as no two trees grow precisely alike, the only guides in such matters are a general idea of the laws which regulate tree growth, and common sense in their application. Working patterns can not be followed. If one has a young orchard, the first point to be considered is the height at which he will make the heads of his trees. In localities where the summer is long and hot, it is claimed that low heads shade the trunk, and hence are a benefit. Others wish to have the heads high enough to allow the passage of teams beneath them, if need be. While there is no objection to cultivating crops in a young orchard, and indeed, it is better to do this than to neglect the soil entirely, the practice is becoming more general of seeding the bearing orchard to clover, and use it as a pasture for swine to the mutual benefit of pigs and trees. The height of the heads being decided upon, all branches that start below it should be removed. The next point should be, to secure an open and well-balanced head, with the main branches evenly disposed. Beyond this, all branches that crowd or cross one another, all "water shoots," vigorous growths, that sometimes start up in the growing season, should be cut away. The tree's growth being completed, the removal of branches at this time will cause no check, and as the branches to be cut away are all small no large wounds are exposed. Hence we say, by all means do such pruning in autumn, while the weather is mild and other farm work is not pressing.—[Prairie Farmer.

### Geese.

We still hold to the, perhaps, somewhat unfashionable idea that the keeping of geese should be much more largely practiced than at present, and we also hold that those who do keep them should care for them well, especially if they have not plenty of green grass. These fowls are by nature as much inclined to grazing as the sheep or cow; consequently the change from green to dry food is a more serious matter than with hens and turkeys. They will, of course, take grain, but unless intended for speedy marketing their diet should be more suited to their nature. Therefore, if in the fall the supply of grass becomes tough and fresh [illegible], save some of small, hard apples when you are making cider, and perhaps a few cabbages that are not fit for the table. Later on, in the winter or spring, when these give out, have on hand a little bran, some refuse rags [illegible] for your best [illegible]. Then, putting it into your hot water to [illegible] and let it steam a little. By adding a small quantity of meal and bran, the geese will clean it all up, and show their appreciation of the kindness by their sweet (?) notes. In summer, if for any reason you have occasion to shut up your geese, keep them on shortest grass, fed often, fresh and crisp, with the addition of a little corn, and get them out to commencement upon the range again as soon as possible.—Poultry World.

### On the Management of Children.

Of all the disastrous policies which thoughtless parents adopt in the government or training of children, scarcely one is more prolific of evil than that of harping perpetually upon a child's shortcomings or defects. Sometimes it is a physical peculiarity—red hair, a squint eye, a pug nose, some uncommon development of feature or form—that receives comment. This, as it is generally only a form of good-natured badgering, is not extremely serious, though evil sometimes results, a morbid self-consciousness is likely to be developed, both painful and injurious to the child. Frequently the trait is excessive shyness or awkwardness, difficult to overcome, even after the primary cause may have been outgrown.

But when it is some mental trait that is made the never-ending topic of remark, with gloomy or sarcastic prognostications of the future, the worst results occur. It is true, as a noted novelist avers, that "we are apt to believe what the world believes about us," [illegible] more a truth as regards children, who are scarcely capable of deciding for themselves any [illegible] point, whose thoughts are more or less confused at the best, who naturally turn to parents or guardians rather than to the voice of conscience for the right or wrong of anything, and whose most intimate associates stand to them for the world. A policy of this kind can not but prove dulling to the sensibilities and hardening to the heart. Many a parent who has harped upon his child's shortcomings till he has hammered that child's heart to a stone, wonders that his child persists in the even tenor of his way, paying no more attention to remonstrance than to the voice of the winds. It would be a thing to wonder at more if he did otherwise.

That which is berated may be a real fault—indolence, untruthfulness, lack of order and the like; or it may be simply that the fault is in the parent's eye—that the child is not to the parent's mind. The child may exceed in physical energy when the parent would have more intellectual strength; or he may be studious and dreamy, when the parent desires him to be matter-of-fact. The harping and hammering goes on day after day, in season and out of season, till the child comes to look upon home as a place of torment rather than refuge, and upon the parent as an avenging Nemesis rather than a being to reverence and love. If the victim is a boy, he is quite likely, after a certain age, to keep out of the way as much as he can, if he does not quit the premises altogether, which project is meditated by nine out of every ten boys so situated. Happy for both parent and child if the latter seek not in a "saloon," or some other equally demoralizing resort, that freedom which he misses in the home. There is at times something exceedingly pathetic about these much-berated little ones. If girls and dispirited, too often, as well as sad, all childish sparkle and spontaneity lost, they go about with drooping heads and downcast eyes, as if in gloomy meditation on the [illegible].

Doubtless with most parents the practice of excessive chiding is begun with the honest purpose of amending some fault, but continued from force of habit, or often from irritation of mind, induced by the child's failing to heed one's behest. The fact is that children, so dealt with seldom do heed. [illegible] steady firmness may, indeed, take more patience, courage and time than a stream of reproofs, but let the parent be assured that if the former does not cure, the latter never will.

Dickens gives us a good illustration of this kind of management in the childhood and early school life of David Copperfield. What a true and pathetic picture is that of the boy's distress of mind as he is about leaving home for school—his anxiety and trepidation lest the Murdstones have sent his character—as they themselves fully depicted it to the boy—on in advance of him, predisposing of his future associates against him, and setting him at once in disgrace before the school! What a barbarous as well as disastrous policy! Yet how many children are made to suffer in like ways and far more keenly, often, than their elders are aware! Poor David, with all his trials and the evils imputed to him by his tormentors, is still a model child. Few children, I think, with his experiences, would have turned out so well.

If any parent feels an uncertainty about the ill effects of "living under a cloud," let him try the experiment for himself. Let him, affecting prejudice of the community or of some enemy, instill suspicion or dislike into the minds of his associates, [illegible] for a few months [illegible] with indifferent looks where he expects greeting and favors. [illegible] —[Country Gentleman.


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