

Smokers Call... NICKEL... SILVER... GOLD... These are the Varied Seasons and thus their Moments Fly.

The Summer has gone, Autumn has returned meeting us with the usual demand for New Fall and Winter Goods.

I take great pleasure in informing the public that I am receiving from New York, Philadelphia and other Eastern markets the most complete stock of General Merchandise ever brought to North West Texas, all of which will be sold at lower prices for cash than the same goods have ever been sold in North West Texas.

I would also respectfully inform the people of Jack, Wise, Montague, Clay, Archer, Young and adjoining counties that I have, in addition to my house at JACKSBORO, opened two stores in the town of Bowie, Texas,

where will be found the largest stocks in all the lines west of Dallas, consisting of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Ladies' Gents' Furnishing Goods, Notions, Fancy Goods, Cloaks, Trunks, Newmarkets, Jerseys, wraps, &c. These goods are new and fresh purchased at the head of the market enabling me to place my customers on equal footing with the leading houses in Fort Worth and Dallas. No house in Texas can sell goods at as low prices as I can. My stock of Groceries and Provisions is far Superior in Quality, Variety, and Price

than any other house in Texas. I am making a specialty in handling cotton, wool, and hides. I have a cotton yard in connection with my stores where I will be pleased to store my customers' cotton free of charge. Liberal inducements will be made to all consignments. All I want is a trial to prove that the above are on their merits. No representation to draw customers.

Being thankful for the universal patronage I received during the past few years, by close attention to business, fair dealing and close prices, I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
D. C. BROWN.

work wanted at the CITIZEN... goods arriving daily at D. C. BROWN'S... at J. B. Leach's for your... case of five cent calicoes at Brown's... McElroy of Antelope was in his week... largest stock, the lowest prices at Brown's... Leach is attending court at Antelope this week... W. B. Long of Mineral Wells town this week... J. B. Leach and get some cheap clothing... Leach is selling 6, 7, and 8 of coffee for \$1... trouble to show goods and prices at Brown's... is it that J. B. Leach can sell shoes so cheap?... school books and other school at D. C. Brown's... will take wood on subscription CITIZEN, 15 inches in length... want a reasonable price for cotton sell to J. B. Leach... Perryman of De Gress is sick at T. F. West's residence, or Somervell, Esq. has moved into the old telegraph... has the goods, but needs more, so call and give him a work done on short notice, at low price, with neatness and dispatch... are now over two hundred in regular attendance at the... H. H. Cason is spending the town visiting the members... in you go to Weatherford go Dean's drug store for drugs, &c.

Comprehensive, Through, FEMALE, 1882.

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Archie Harrell, infant son of Mr. Albert Harrell, died on Thursday night at the residence of his grandmother in Los Valley, and was buried at Oak Wood Cemetery last Saturday.

A. L. Stinson has just received a new lot of cooking stoves and other hard ware goods which he will sell at reasonable prices for cash, and will have plenty of heating stoves in a few days.

Mr. H. H. McConnell was sick several days, is now up, and will next week call attention to a variety of novelties, as well as a full stock of everything in his line in the local columns.

All parties wanting deeds can get them by calling at the CITIZEN office. We have just finished a new lot of the most approved form, they have stood the test of the most critical lawyers for two years.

D. C. Brown is exhibiting the largest line of Cloaks, New Markets, Wraps, Dolmans, ornamented and plain Jerseys, that has ever been brought to the west, which he is selling at panic prices.

Just received a new stock of ladies' misses' and children's shoes in all the varieties from the finest hand made Zeigler to the substantial machine goods for less money than the same goods were ever sold in this country.

My stock of School Books and School supplies of all kinds will be full for the opening of the College session on Sept. 1, and I shall pay special attention to keeping it up to the wants of the students.

H. H. McConnell. Cotton sells at railroad prices, 8 1/4 to 8 1/2; wool 10 to 14 cents, one extra lot sold this week for 15 cents; sweet potatoes \$1 per bushel.

Do not forget that Tom Turner makes the best bed springs to be had on the market. Call on him at the telephone office.

We hear some one almost daily recommend "Bile Beans," to his friend who makes some complaint of feeling badly or bilious, or out of sorts. It is good indication that a great many people are using these goods. They certainly are an excellent remedy.

Sil Stark, we learn, is quite ill. The Junior B. C. played a game with the boys of Pleasant Grove. The Junior Club won the game but we did not learn the exact figures. The two clubs we understand are to play on the ground of the Juniors at the College next Saturday.

The young men of our town are organizing an orchestra. They have so far the following members: E. S. Dunn as cornetist, H. B. Price, guitarist, C. M. Whipp first violin, B. Rush McConnell second violin, F. R. Aston bass violin. They want some one now to play on flute or trombone. We hope they will succeed as this would be a nice organization for our little city.

There will be services as usual at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, after which will be held a church meeting to transact important business. A full attendance of the members is especially requested. W. H. Niles, Pastor.

Jas. W. Knox, one of our most excellent business men, has bought out the firm of McKeehan Bros., dry goods and groceries including house and lot. He will move the entire stock into his elegant new store rooms. McKeehan Bros. was one of the oldest and most solid firms in town.

Notice. Five dollars reward and ten dollars if delivered: One bay mare two years old past, 13 1/2 hands high, has had blind teeth knocked out, leaving a knot on each side of the head, a little white spot in forehead and branded on left shoulder. W. J. Cloer. Boonville, Wise Co., Tex.

For Sale. Five acres of land with Gin, Mill and a good tank on the same. Situated in the town of Antelope, Jack Co. Tex. For further information apply to W. L. Garvin, Jacksonville, Tex.

For Sale. Eight head of high grade Durham bulls bred in Grayson county, Texas, will sell cheap or exchange for stock cattle. Call and see stock on Turkey Creek 5 miles southwest of Post Oak. J. B. Duffy.

Butcher Shop. M. M. Joyce is running a first class butcher shop on the south side of the square, in the Brick Front. He keeps a good supply of the best beef.

New Books. About September 1, I will have in stock a full line of the valuable publications of Jno. B. Alden, and will be prepared to sell them at the exact New York price, thus saving purchaser the cost and trouble of ordering them. I will supply catalogues to those desiring them. H. H. McConnell.

ST. JAMES MILITARY ACADEMY, MACON, MO. BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN. Preparing for colleges and business. Life, Insurance, Property, Scholarship, exact, Location, Healthful. For catalogue address Rev. Schoolmaster Talbot, St. James, Mo.

The Only Sure Cure. Messrs. Bass & Brother—My chickens were dying at the rate of seven or eight a day. I bought a 50 cent package of your Chicken Cholera Cure. When I went into the yard I found six fine hens nearly dead, gave each one a good dose also gave it to the rest of my chickens. All of the sick hens are now well and laying finely, and I have not had a case of cholera in my yard since. I have tried many remedies but yours is the only sure cure. If you will let the people know of the great discovery, thousands of chickens will be cured in directions are followed. B. R. Houghton.

The Art of Getting Vigorous. Is comprised in one very simple piece of advice, improve digestion. No elaborate system of dietics is needed. If you lack vigor, use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. If you take this hint, and do not commit any excesses, there is no reason why you should not gain in strength, appetite and weight. Hosts of whom invalids are to-day building a foundation for years of vigorous health with this sound and thorough renovator of a dilapidated physique and failing energy. Dyspepsia is eradicated by it, and the constitution fortified against disorders to which, if it were exposed, it must surely succumb—notably malarial fever. Rheumatism, inactivity of the kidneys and bladder, nervousness, and their various symptoms, disappear when it is used with persistence, not abandoned after a brief and irregular trial.

Seed Wheat for Sale. The undersigned has one hundred bushels of pure blue stem Mediterranean wheat for sale at \$1 per bushel, cash. J. M. Russell.

Real Estate Transfers Recorded in the Clerk's Office. James Dorrance to Ira Cooper 767 2 3 acres and 514 3-4 acres Walter Murray sur. con. \$38.45.

G. R. Kuykendall to Mrs. Minnie Atkinson, lot in Finis, con. \$10. E. J. and Minnie Atkinson to Neumegen, Zacharias & Co., lot and store in Finis, con. \$250.

T. Green and wife to Elizabeth Dodson, 138 3-4 acres T. Green sur. con. \$400.

Ben Earhart et al to S. M. Earhart 1741 acres C. J. O'Connor, sur. con. \$6000.

G. H. Williams to R. S. Rankin 136 acres, Wm. Thompson sur. con. \$450.

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Z. Gunter to L. S. Knight 40 acres E. Price sur. con. \$100. S. M. Swanson to John Dowell 587 acres, Robert Barr sur. con. \$500.

J. C. Lindsey to A. F. Anderson lot 1 blk 29, Lindsey's Addition con. \$40. J. H. Baker to W. C. Nichols 122 8-10 acres J. H. Baker sur. con. \$260.

M. Marks to T. M. and F. H. Marks—acres—sur. con. \$100. James A. Dean to Stanley Cooper 37 acres J. A. Dean sur. con. \$92.50. W. C. Nichols to A. F. Anderson 137 acres J. H. Baker, sur. con. \$500.

Protest. (The protest against re-letting the building of the court house to SHAS. We protest against the order of the Commissioners Court for the following reasons, to wit: 1st. Strain, Risley & Swinburn having agreed to build the court house for Jack county 6 per cent bond and signed a contract to that effect was not to the interest of Jack county to change said contract to comply with the terms dictated by said Strain, Risley & Swinburn.

2nd. Strain, Risley & Swinburn having refused to comply with the terms of the contract to build said court house signed and executed by them and having refused to file their bond as required by said contract, the county was released from all obligations to said Strain, Risley & Swinburn and it was then to the interest of the county to give other contractors an opportunity to bid for the new contract and let to the lowest bidder. 3rd. It was not to the interest of the county to relet the building of said court house to said Strain, Risley & Swinburn on the terms dictated by said Strain, Risley & Swinburn. But it would have been to the interest of the county to have given other contractors a chance to say if they would build the court house for a less price or better terms than those dictated by said Strain, Risley & Swinburn. 4th. That the difference of cost to the county for which said Strain, Risley & Swinburn, now propose, and that for which they contracted to build said court house which was signed by them is \$7,150.

5th. That said Strain, Risley & Swinburn having failed and refused to file their bond as required by said contract signed and delivered by them the county has no assurance that they will comply with any other contract they may sign and execute.

H. P. Jones, Co. Judge, J. C. T. E. Johnson, Jr., Com. Preet. No. One.

DeGress. Farmers are beginning to pick cotton which will not turn out very well on account of worms and drought. Corn good. Health very good.

The Farmers' Alliance is up and doing. We have about 40 in number and all seem to be earnest workers no drones in the hive.

A protracted meeting has just closed which has been going on about nine days. There were twenty or more professions and all christians generally revived. Among those who professed were several who were advanced in years. Rev. W. C. Walker, of Newport, conducted the services, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Paecley of Sherman, and Rev. Mr. Brown of the Methodist church from Longview, who delivered several able sermons, and the good Lord blessed their labors. Seventeen joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church, three the Methodist church, and others will join other churches when an opportunity is offered. It has been a hard year, especially on poor people, but the good Lord has blessed them with the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. Eternity, only, will tell of the good results of the seed that has been sown here.

Success to the CITIZEN. De Gress, Sept. 11. Center Point.

Center Point is located seven miles west of Jacksboro on the Jacksboro and Belknap road, in a beautiful valley on the head waters of Cleveland and North Creek. The town was founded by Messrs Jasper & Shaw, in November, 1884, first establishing a general merchandise store with a stock of thirty thousand dollars and supported by five Subordinate Alliances, and then in January last a company was organized by Messrs Vance & Barkholder, Bullock & Jasper, for the purpose of establishing a good flouring and gin mill, which resulted in immediate action by the erection of the same and they have now in operation one of the best and most successful flouring mills in North West Texas, and is run under the management of the old expert miller, Mr. Charlie Barkholder, who is well known in some of the adjoining counties. The proprietors are all Alliance men and do a general business on Alliance principles, and judging from the samples of flour shown me, they do put up as good grades of flour as any mill in Texas, and the farmers say that they give the very best satisfaction in both custom departments.

There is one blacksmith shop owned and run by Mr. Jeff Morton who does a general blacksmith business, and would like for a good wood workman to go in with him.

One good school and church. School begins on first Monday in October with about sixty scholars, Sunday school every Sunday, church services, first and fourth Sunday in each month.

The sick and afflicted are carefully cared for by a practical and expert M. D.

One Subordinate Alliance in a flourishing condition, every one and their children belong to it here. There is quite a number of residences, several being erected and more in contemplation. This is truly a Farmers Alliance county. Success to it and the glorious cause and purpose of the order.

There is a good chance for little home seekers to find one here if he is a worker and wants one either in town or in the country, for this is a good rural district, judging from the good crops I have seen.

R. R. STAFFEL.

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Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute. German Corn Remover kills Corns & Bunions.

JACKSBORO POST OFFICE. Arrivals and Departures of Mails TO & FROM THIS OFFICE. eatherford, and hit,—daily except Sundays, departs at 3:30 a.m., arrives at 5 p.m. Graham, Mt. Heala and Belknap,—arrives at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Friday; departs 7 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Gertrudes departs Friday at 7 a.m., arrives same evening at 5 p.m. DeGress, departs Saturday at 7 a.m., arrives same day at 5 p.m. Monday DeGress, arrives at 6 p.m. Monday Tuesday Thursday and Saturday. Adlon, Christian and Cleland, departs Tuesday at 7 a.m., arrives Wednesday at 5 p.m. All mails are closed 15 minutes before the schedule time for departure. Money Order Office open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration Office open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No money order issued or letters registered on the Sabbath. Aug. 1, 1888. H. H. McConnell P. M.

Notice. All persons indebted to me will please come forward and settle up within the next thirty days, or suit will be instituted on all accounts not paid by that time. I must have money for my goods in order to run my business. I. S. Knight.

Notes and accounts placed in my hands for collection will receive prompt attention. I can be found at the Sheriff's office, or address me at Jacksboro, Texas. W. J. Craig, Const. Pret. No. 1.

JACOBS OIL. THE GREAT GERMAN REMEDY FOR PAIN. Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, Backache, Headache, Toothache, Sore Throat, Neuralgia, Sprains, Swellings, and all other BRUISES AND INJURIES. Sold by Druggists and Grocers. THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO. Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

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RURAL CITIZEN

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE FARMERS ALLIANCE.

All secretaries of subordinate and Co. Alliances are authorized agents to receive subscription for the Rural Citizen.

Officers of the Grand State Alliance.
Pres., Andrew Dunlap, Springfield, Parker county.
Vice Pres., J. S. Morris, Mansfield, Tarrant county.

Officers of the Farmers' Alliance Beneficial Association.
F. M. Frie, Pres., Vineyard.
W. L. Gowan, Sec., Jacksboro.
W. J. Womack, Treas., "

Officers of Jack County Alliance.
Pres., W. W. Jackson, Jacksboro.
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The Alliance is growing very rapidly in Dallas county.

The Alliance is on a boom in Tarrant county.

The Farmers' Alliance invaded Grandview 16th inst. and bought their groceries, etc. One firm sold 700 bales of bagging. Twenty-five wagons composed the outfit.

The Secretary of Wise County Alliances requests that the Wise Co. Alliance take their County Alliance journal, and we request all who desire to hear from all parts of the State to take the CITIZEN.

Attention Farmers' Alliance.
Being elected by Jack county Alliance to visit and lecture Sub-Alliances in the county, please notify me of your time and place meeting and I will be with you as soon as I can make the round. Notify either through the CITIZEN or by card.

Dublin.
After a long confinement I am now, through the mercies of kind Providence, able to go around again. I have just returned from Brown county, where I succeeded in getting up a good work. Organized the following Alliances, to wit: More Alliance, J. W. Tarney, president; Joseph Howtos, secretary, postoffice Blanket; Antioch Alliance, J. R. Bettis, president, F. F. Lear, secretary, post office Blanket; Bee Branch Alliance, A. G. Bradbury, president, R. W. Scott, secretary, post office, Zephyr. Anderson Alliance, W. C. Anderson, president, J. B. Piteck, secretary, postoffice Brownwood; Union Alliance, W. F. Whitehead, president, F. B. Sailey, secretary, post office Payne; all of Brown county. I remained some time with the brethren, partook of their hospitalities and assisted them in organizing a County Alliance.

Dublin.
The regular meeting of all Co. Alliances is on the 3rd Friday in January, April, July, and October. For blanks and all other legal documents send to C. M. Wilcox, secretary of the Grand State Alliance, Mineral Wells, Texas.

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has your banner been raised against an oppression that bids fair to end in Egyptian bondage.

The enemy before you feel secure within the fortress they have been silently building for years and bids defiance to the great camp without, you have the power, and that power is under the banner of the Alliance, to sweep every opposition and teach monopoly that the farmers stand at the helm of this great nation.

Those engaged in agricultural pursuits upon a total of nearly 8,000,000; about equal to the number engaged in all other professions and trades combined. How many farmers are sent to our legislatures and to the halls of congress? Even the saloon owners numbering 69,000 have a greater representation. While the lawyers numbering 65,000 are represented by three-fourths of those assemblies. Do these lawyers bear the burden of the expense of running this government that they are allowed this controlling influence; or is the combined wealth of every other trade if heaped in the scales able to outweigh the agriculturalist? Let us see. The total amount of taxable property, exclusive of the territories is estimated at \$17,926,307,371. The value of farms is estimated at \$10,197,096,776 and the value of farm implements and machinery at \$106,529,055, making a total for agriculture of \$10,603,625,831. This deducted from the taxable property leaves \$6,422,681,540, as the value of all other taxable property; has not the farmer the greatest right to shape the laws which control this immense wealth, yet we see him surrendering his rights one after another. Last year the wheat crop of the United States amounted to \$333,000,000, corn nearly double, or \$640,735,857, oats \$102,000,000. These products alone not counting others as valuable amounted to the sum of \$1,076,735,857. Shall the producers of this vast wealth allow others to reap the profits when the remedy is in their own hands, thus far it has been so and the end is not yet.

The farmers produce and create, they have made the nation the power of it is to-day among the nations of the earth, we have seen what a portion of that wealth is worth, let us turn to another phase of the subject. The lawyers though few in number compared to the mighty host of workers, yet they exercise the power; it is only when we analyze the source from whence that power is derived we discover the source to be gas, we hope to see the farmers appreciate the fact and apply a light.

The merchant in direct trade is enough for the producer. On the 28th of the past month the first lecture in behalf of the Farmers' Alliance made his appearance, addressing the people briefly, but postponed any organization till some time in the present month.

Another subject has been claiming the people's attention to the exclusion of almost everything else, namely whiskey, or no whiskey. In two precinct elections we have come out victorious over the rum power, but this was for the entire county and he badly beaten. The rum power of Waco left no stone unturned, they have even made a raid through this section making a grand round up in Germany, giving them free rides to Waco to take out their naturalization papers, giving them the right to vote. This element has been arrayed against us, and not only this but Africa has also been pressed into service through the persuasive influence of sundry barrels of whiskey which were put on tap for the occasion. This precinct stands equally divided on the question and both parties looked anxiously to their respective sides to decide the question; it is now decided and whiskey is a subject for the people till they realize what a monster creature whiskey is to any country. I am sorry to say that this triumph of the liquor interests has in a measure been helped forward by the vote of some who profess to be christians, when I then asked one of his reasons, he said he wanted to see whiskey sold somewhere in the county so he would know where to get it in case of sickness, snake bites and &c. We know just about what "soforth" implies, the snakes being a side issue. West is a village yet in embryo and when we have a few whiskey shops it will doubtless emerge into a model city after the drunkard's own heart.

A. F. ALLEN.
West, McLennan Co.

To deficient secretions of the alimentary canal may be traced many an attack of dyspepsia; use Home Sanative Cordial, when the former will be promoted, and the latter pass away.

Some persons are utterly regardless of a cold and do not recognize until too late, the penalty paid for negligence; who, had they but taken that valuable tonic, Home Sanative Cordial would be living now.

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Studies from Nature No. 10

BY A. F. ALLEN.
Where one side of the leaf is exposed to the sun we notice it is the greenest, and where the leaf is exposed both sides we see but little difference. In the spring we see all shades of green represented, and in the fall the various tints and bright colors lend a new charm to the foliage on hill and valley. In shape as well as in color, leaves present an endless variety; from this source alone art may draw her models in fashioning forms of beauty to decorate our homes; only in the outline however can art approach nature; in the perfection of details, the exquisite finish and design of nature are beyond human skill. The arrangement of the leaves upon the stem also presents a great variety, the general order being alternate, one above the other on opposite sides, then we see them opposite to each other in circles around the stem, also in tufts. In the compound leaves as in china, pean, locust, acacia and many others we find a wide variety, they are the most beautiful in nature's exhaustless storehouse. In all the various forms I find the number three ruling among leaves, as does number five among the flowers. I have now before me a number of pictures made in the spring representing the various forms of leaves, wild and domestic, and a glance is sufficient to give the palm to nature three as the ruling form. The simplest form being a leaf branching out into three parts as in the grape, strawberry, wood-vine, post oak, black-jack and some twelve or fifteen others I could enumerate. Next we have leaves with three lobes only joining at the stem, as in sorrel clover, black cohosh, gold thread, poison oak, wild pea, and a long list too numerous to mention. Then we have three separate leaves growing from the same stem; and last, three stems or branches growing from the same base. It would take many entire pages of this paper in which to describe the endless variety in the different shapes of leaves, and their peculiarities; I will only note a few forms in which nature accomplishes the same result, by every novel means that she does in the more simple forms.

The nepenthes pitcher plant native of the East Indies, its leaves grow in the form of a pitcher capable of holding half a pint of water, the lid opening in rainy weather and closing in the dry, thus furnishing the plant with a store of water against the dry season. In some other plants of the same class the leaf cups serve to draw insects, the plant absorbing the juice. The leaves of the Venus fly trap native of North Carolina have a speedier method of obtaining the animal food they seem to require, by the simple arrangement of double leaves armed with sharp spines, the leaves suddenly closing on the insect, and after extracting the nourishment a gain opening ready for a new supply. The chlorophyll or green coloring matter we use in leaves and tender plants is the result of sap exposure to light and heat, a chemical change being produced in the leaves their structure being the best form to expose the sap and quicken the transformation. In all rough bark trees the ascending sap is shut out from the light, and we find only pale drab colors. In box-elder and sycamore the smooth thin bark allows the light to act to some extent on the sap, producing a green color. In the stems of weeds we see the exposure a general thing, the smooth skin or bark admitting both light and heat, this performing in a measure the office of leaves. Leaves may grow to fair size excluded from the light, but the green coloring is wanting and their power of giving the plant vitality and reproducing power is destroyed. Leaves form an important part in the commerce of the world; tobacco tea and much of our medicines are sent from one interchange of the globe to another, an interchange that has grown to enormous dimensions, as taste, habit or necessity creates a demand. Leaves besides the office they fill in inanimate nature in perfecting plant life and beautifying our world, perform yet another office fully as important, rendering life possible to animate existence; namely, absorbing the poisonous gas of the atmosphere. The poisonous carbonic acid which is poured from thousands of sources into the atmosphere, would it allowed to accumulate soon render life impossible; this is absorbed by the leaves and oxygen given out in the process; this latter is as essential to animal life as carbonic acid is to vegetable life. If this poison arising from swamps, from the teeming animal life and from decaying matter was not absorbed or chemically changed by the foliage of plants and trees, the result would be speedy death. We have often seen this illustrated in wells and pits where the carbonic acid being heavier than the other elements of air has forced them up while it settled at the bottom. This over charge of poisonous gas is formed rapidly in a crowded room, causing faintness if

nothing worse. Charcoal fires in a close room have often resulted in destroying human life; not that charcoal itself produces this poison, but in combustion it throws out the carbonic acid it has previously absorbed. To appreciate the great work done to sustain animal life by the leaves of trees and plants, let us note what science tells us. A cubic foot of air to sustain life properly contains less than one cubic inch of carbonic acid, a cubic foot of air as it comes from the lungs contains over seventy cubic inches of carbonic acid; yet the myriad of animal life on the world is but one source of loading the atmosphere with this destructive element. Combustion in any form throws off volumes of this gas, on the other hand oxygen the foundation of life is consumed in a thousand ways. As combustion produces carbonic acid, it consumes oxygen; the combustion of a pound of oil consumes the oxygen of 130 feet of air and produces 20 cubic feet of carbonic acid. From whence shall we look for a fresh supply of oxygen, for without it life ceases. Again we turn to the foliage of nature and find they perform the double office of absorbing the poisonous gas and giving forth oxygen in its place, this is a chemical change effected by light and heat, going on by day and ceasing at night. Cold also decreases the formation of carbonic acid, were it otherwise, the air in winter would become overcharged when there was no foliage to counteract the evil. There are everywhere else in the wonderful forces of nature by which we are surrounded, we behold the wisdom of a divine power, and we are forced to exclaim, "Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord of hosts, in wisdom hast thou made them all."

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