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A ST. LOUIS TRAGEDY.

A. B. Keith Shot and Mortally Wounded on the Street.

Ed. H. Coates the Murderer--The Crime Claimed to be the Result of Keith's Interference With Coates' Domestic Relations.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—A sensational shooting which has become a murder by the subsequent death of the victim, occurred on the northeast corner of Fourteenth and Pine at nine o'clock this morning. At the hour named passers-by saw an old lame man and a middle-aged man scuffling on the sidewalk for a few moments; then the old man broke away and was hobbling east when the young man drew a pistol from his overcoat pocket and fired. Then the old man tottered and fell on the doorstep, a few feet from where the assault took place.

The man who did the shooting stood coolly by, with the smoking pistol in his hand, and as the crowd gathered, he said: "I shot him. He broke up my family."

The wounded man lay on the doorstep unconscious, and a lady living near, witnessing the shooting, ran across the street and raised his head from the ground. She tried to restore him to consciousness but without success.

An officer, attracted by the gathering crowd, arrived a few minutes later and arrested the man who did the shooting as he was walking calmly away from the scene. He made no resistance, admitted the shooting, and said that the wounded man was A. B. Keith, residing at 2248 Washington avenue, and gave his own name as Ed. H. Coates, and his residence and dental office at 1419 Pine street, a few doors from the scene of the shooting.

He was taken to the Four Courts calaboose, and Keith's body was taken to the dispensary, where a hasty examination showed that the ball had entered under the right shoulder blade, and had probably lodged in the cavity of the chest. No effort was made to restore him to consciousness and he was hastily sent to the city hospital for treatment where he died about one p. m.

A visit to the Coates family was made by a reporter, and Mrs. Coates, the mother of the prisoner, was found in a fainting fit. His sister, a pleasant looking young lady, was weeping bitterly. She said there had been trouble for some time between Coates and Keith, as the latter had separated Mrs. Coates from her husband. Her brother's life, she said, had been threatened by Max Gumpert, on account of some domestic trouble. She said that her brother was out of his wits at times on account of his family troubles and the divorce suit.

EADS' SHIP RAILWAY.

Report of the House Committee on Commerce on Captain Eads' Trans-Continental Ship Railway.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The majority of the House committee on commerce submitted a long report with a substitute for the Reagan bill, reported yesterday, to incorporate the Atlantic & Pacific ship-railway, and known as the "Eads bill." The report goes over what it deems the "necessity for the construction of a transit way for ships across the American isthmus," and states that this necessity arises from the fact that we have growing possessions which can only be reached by 16,000 miles of ocean travel, but that two-thirds of this distance can be saved by the removal of the isthmus obstruction, which excludes our commerce from entrance into many valuable markets of the Pacific. There are but two ways to secure a transit way; one is for the Government itself to construct it, and the other to secure its construction by a private company. Mexico is unwilling to give her consent to any government acquiring such valuable rights, but is willing that a private company chartered by the United States Government shall construct the transit way. Then the report recites the terms upon which Captain Eads has secured the right for his Ship Railway Company, and recommends that the Government grant him the charter and unite with Mexico in a pecuniary guaranty in its construction. Mexico has guaranteed that after the ship railway is completed, one-third of its annual net revenues during a period of fifteen years will annually amount to $1,250,000, and the United States Government is now asked to guarantee that the other two-thirds of such revenues shall, during the same period of time annually amount to $2,500,000. This is equivalent to a guaranty by Mexico of five per cent. per annum on $25,000,000, and by the United States of the same per cent. on $50,000,000. The guaranty is merely to make good any deficiency in the revenue which may exist at any time during the fifteen years to the extent of the sum mentioned, and any advances thus made are merely in the form of loans. It is not proposed that the Government advance any money to aid in the construction of the railway, but, on the contrary, the report says, it is distinctly provided by the bill that the liability of the Government under its guaranty shall not attach until the ship railway, with its terminal works, has been completed and equipped, and until the company has transported from ocean to ocean in perfect safety a vessel weighing, with her load, not less than four thousand tons.

The committee discusses the practicability of the proposed ship railway, but concludes that it is not a matter for Congress to consider, as the company assumes all responsibility of it; but the committee thinks it not reasonable to expect a private company to complete a work of such enormous magnitude without some guaranty from the government to be benefited by it.

Objects to Being Called a Thief.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 26.—Suits were filed in the city court yesterday by Mortimer J. Jeter against all the daily papers of this city for $5,000 damages in each case. The suits are brought on the ground that the papers, in publishing the court docket of the assignments of cases, the name of Jeter appears for larceny, when it should have been for assault.

An Investigation Coming.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 25.—The charges of mismanagement of the Soldiers' orphans' schools continues to excite much interest. Governor Pattison will, it is expected, announce his intentions as to an investigation. The Grand Army of the Republic intend to aid in sifting the facts to the bottom.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Gleanings From the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Loyal Legion of this city celebrated Washington's birthday with a reception and banquet at the Arlington Hotel last night, which surpassed in attendance anything of the kind that has ever occurred in Washington. Justice Harlan, Generals Sheridan, Rosecrans, Bragg, Vanvliet, Boynton, Admirals Shufeldt, Ammen and a large number of other army and navy officers were present. The Marine band played stirring and patriotic airs during the evening. After the banquet came the toasts of the evening which were all brief, bright and full of sentiment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the executive session of the Senate yesterday afternoon, Mr. Edmunds reported a resolution from the committee on the judiciary, authorizing that committee to send for persons and papers in the case of John Goode, Jr., of Virginia, Solicitor-General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A meteorite fell upon a farm two miles west of this city yesterday afternoon about four o'clock. People in the neighborhood were startled by a loud noise, and later found a large hole in the ground, with pieces of rock scattered around. A number of people began digging for the aerial missile, but finally gave up the job, after coming to the conclusion that the aerolite in striking the hard ground was shattered in fragments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The meteorological conference met at the National Museum here yesterday. General Hazen, chief signal officer, called the convention to order, and Prof. T. C. Mendenhall was elected chairman. The main object of the conference is to devise means for securing uniform methods of taking and recording observations. Subjects and times for taking meteorological observations were the topics discussed at the conference yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., capital $250,000, and the First National Bank of Calumet, Mich., capital $100,000, were yesterday authorized to commence business.

Mr. A. Burt, Superintendent of the [illegible] division railway mail service, located at Cincinnati, having resigned to take effect on March 1. the Postmaster-General has appointed Mr. Joseph B. Gevin, of Attica, as his successor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Congressman Belmont's bill to readjust consuls' fees compensates consuls in a measure for the loss of fees which by the bill are taken from them. The consuls-general at Liverpool and Paris, who, it is said, will resign if the notarial fees are taken from them, get salaries of $6,000 each, and make from $25,000 to $30,000 out of these fees. According to Mr. Belmont's plan of adjustment of salaries they would get about ten thousand dollars each.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Advocates of the Hennepin Canal scheme figure that their bill, now pending, will pass the House by a small majority.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The House committee on railways and canals yesterday directed Mr. Atkinson to report favorably the bill for the relief of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf railway.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The chances for the appointment of Mr. Thomas T. Gurney, of Chicago, as Comptroller of the Currency, appear to be growing stronger daily, and it is thought he will be nominated for the position within the next week. Nothing official can be obtained in regard to the matter.

CONGRESSIONAL.

IN the Senate on the 23d a bill to confirm entries of public lands was favorably reported. Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to facilitate the administration of law in Alaska. Resolutions were introduced instructing the judiciary committee to inquire whether the refusal of the Attorney-General to send certain papers to the Senate is an offense for which he can be impeached. After considerable debate the bill appropriating $250,000 to build a Grant monument passed. Then followed a lengthy debate on the Education bill......In the House the appropriation committee was given permission to sit during the sessions of the House. A resolution was reported for the payment of the public debt with surplus funds in the Treasury. Bills were reported for improvement of the Erie and Oswego canals, also a bill amending the pension laws. A bill authorizing executive departments to have exhibits at New Orleans was tabled. The bill forfeiting the unearned portion of the land grant of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad passed.

IN the Senate on the 24th the bill permitting National Banks to change their names passed; also the bill appropriating $250,000 for relief of purchasers of public lands in Nebraska and Kansas; also bill allowing army officers to take temporary service in Corea. The education bill was debated at length........In the House the bill passed quieting the titles of settlers on Des Moines river lands in Iowa. The bill forfeiting lands granted the Southern Pacific railroad was reported. The bill passed to annex the northern portion of Idaho to Washington Territory. The Hennepin canal bill was called up and Mr. Murphy (Ia.) made a speech. A resolution for free coinage of silver was objected to and the House proceeded to discuss the half-gallon tax-bill, which was finally passed.

IN the Senate on the 25th the bill for a bridge across Staten Island Sound was reported favorably. Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill for inspection of meats for exportation. The bill for allotment of lands in severalty to Indians was further debated and passed. A joint resolution concerning Hot Springs leases passed. The Education bill was then taken up and debated........In the House a memorial of savings banks for repeal of the Bland Silver act was presented. A bill was introduced for incorporation of the Atlantic & Pacific Ship Railway Company. The Military Academy Appropriation bill was reported, also the Post-office Appropriation bill. The Hennepin Canal bill was taken up and debated. The House again went into committee of the whole on the Pension Appropriation bill, and a lengthy political debate ensued.

Reception to General Robert E. Lee's Daughter.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 23.—A reception was given at the Galt House last evening to Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of the late General Robt. E. Lee, by ex-Confederate soldiers of Louisville and alumni of Washington and Lee University. General Thos. Taylor presided. Ex-Confederate Generals Buckner, Duke, Hewitt, Echols and many others were present. The cards of invitation were decorated with the Confederate flag. The affair was a brilliant social success, and up to a late hour the parlors and corridors of the hotel were crowded by those waiting to pay their respects to the daughter of the hero of the Southern cause.

Nearly a Panic.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 23.—In the middle of the last act of the "Midnight Marriage" at Havlin's Theater yesterday afternoon, sparks were seen dropping from the flies, and the cry of "fire" arose. Men, women and children made a rush for the door. Wm. Redmond, the actor, came to the front and announced that only a piece of draping had become lighted, thus preventing a panic. The loss was insignificant and no one was hurt.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Sparks From the Wires.

Geo. Wingate, Thornton, Ind., committed suicide.

Mrs. Annie Pitt, of Bloomington, Ill., committed suicide.

A woman named Annie Lane committed suicide at Terre Haute.

General Hazen has sued the New York *Times* for $100,000 for alleged libel.

Barney Malone is on trial at Moberly, Mo., on charge of shooting his son.

Robert Crockett was clubbed to death by unknown parties at Pierce City, Mo.

The Illinois Press Association closed its meeting at Centralia and adjourned sine die.

John Prosser was killed in a saw-mill accident at Leeper Station, near Piedmont, Mo.

A bill will be introduced in the House of Commons to compensate sufferers by the London riots.

W. A. McGrew, a bank cashier of Ottumwa, Ia., is under arrest on charge of making false entries.

Socialistic Hungarians marched through the coke region and forced the coke drawers to quit work.

Mr. Howard Vincent, member of Parliament, has been offered the office of Chief Police Commissioner.

THE WILY CZAR.

He Wants Peace So Long As it Suits His Convenience--His Eye Still Squinting Toward India.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A St. Petersburg dispatch states that the action of Austria in providing for an increase of the reserve military force has caused the Czar more uneasiness than any other recent political event. Russia, for many reasons, desires to avoid trouble with Austria at present, but the increasing warlike attitude of the Vienna Government threatens to compel some hostile response from St. Petersburg. The Czar has declared that he would have no fear of the result of a struggle with Austria at the proper time. This is interpreted at the Austrian capital as meaning that Alexander expects to remain at peace with his neighbors only until spring or the early summer. It is an open secret among the court party that the movement toward India will be resumed as soon as the weather permits of advantageous military operations in Afghanistan. Meantime, the government is quietly, but energetically, striving to get the resources of the empire into such shape as to stand the long and severe strain of the foreign complications which that movement will certainly arouse. The Czar is credited with the purpose to make the next campaign in Afghanistan and an irresistible and decisive one, and he counts upon diplomacy to further his ends by embroiling England with Austria at that time, leaving Russia unmolested on the west while approaching the sea through Beloochistan on the southeast.

IN MEMORIAM.

Memorial Meeting in Honor of General Hancock at Governor's Island.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A memorial meeting in honor of General W. S. Hancock was held at Governor's Island last evening under the auspices of the Council of the Military Service Institute of the United States. The rooms of the institute were hung in black and decorated with battle flags and other trophies. General Hancock was president of the institute at the time of his death, and his vacant chair was draped in mourning. General James B. Fry presided on this occasion. The hall was crowded with friends and former comrades of the late lamented General. A paper on Hancock's life and services was read by General Smith. The reading of letters from many distinguished men who were unable to be present and the delivery of brief addresses by others occupied the evening.

The meeting was a touching and impressive tribute to the character and services of General Hancock as a brilliant soldier and a noble citizen.

The Ford-Murphy Murder Case.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—The celebrated Ford-Murphy murder case is to come up before the Board of Pardons for the third time on Saturday. Since the last reprieve issued by the Governor, petitions asking for commutation of sentence to life imprisonment have been circulated in every community in the State, and about thirty thousand names have been secured. The citizens' committee of one hundred, of this city, publish a strong address to the board today requesting them to stand firm and insist on the execution of the sentence.

The Slayer of Tom Davis on Trial.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The much-postponed trial of Holland, the Texan, for the shooting of Davis, the gambler, was called in the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday morning, and the work of selecting a jury begun.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb 26, 1886.			
CATTLE—Native Steers......	$ 4 25	@	6 50
COTTON—Middling...........	....	@	8⅞
FLOUR—Good to Choice......	3 75	@	5 60
WHEAT—No 2 Red............	93¼	@	95
CORN—No. 2................	....	@	53¾
OATS—Western Mixed........	37½	@	40
PORK—New Mess....	11 75	@	12 00
ST. LOUIS.			
COTTON—Middling...........	8¾	@	8¼
BEEVES—Good to Choice....	4 65	@	4 85
Fair to Medium....	4 20	@	4 40
HOGS—Common to Select.....	3 75	@	4 35
SHEEP—Fair to Choice......	3 75	@	5 50
FLOUR—XXX to Choice	3 00	@	3 85
WHEAT—No. 2 Red Winter....	91	@	92
No. 3 " " ...	89½	@	90
CORN—No. 2 Mixed..........	35½	@	35⅝
OATS—No. 2................	29⅞	@	30
RYE—No. 2.................	60	@	61½
TOBACCO—Lugs..............	3 25	@	6 50
Leaf—Medium....	7 50	@	8 00
HAY—Choice Timothy........	12 50	@	13 00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy.......	22	@	25
EGGS—Fresh.....	14½	@	15
PORK—New Mess.............	11 16	@	11 20
BACON—Clear Rib...........	5⅞	@	6
LARD—Prime Steam..........	5⅞	@	6
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Shipping...........	3 70	@	5 60
HOGS—Good to Choice........	4 30	@	4 60
SHEEP—Good to Choice......	3 25	@	5 40
FLOUR—Winter..............	4 00	@	4 85
Patents.......... ..	4 65	@	5 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring........	81½	@	83
No. 2 Red...........	....	@	...
CORN—No. 2.....	37½	@	37¾
OATS—No. 2................	....	@	30
PORK—New Mess.............	10 90	@	10 95
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE—Shipping Steers....	4 60	@	5 30
HOGS—Sales at.............	3 70	@	4 20
WHEAT—No. 2...............	72	@	73½
CORN—No. 2................	29¼	@	29½
OATS—No. 2................	27	@	29
NEW ORLEANS.			
FLOUR—High Grades....	4 30	@	5 10
CORN—White................	47	@	48
OATS—Choice Western.......	38	@	39
HAY—Choice................	17 00	@	19 00
PORK—New Mess.............	....	@	11 50
BACON—Clear Rib...........	....	@	6¾
COTTON—Middling...........	8½	@	8⅝
LOUISVILLE.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red...........	93	@	94
CORN—No. 2 Mixed..........	38½	@	39
OATS—No. 2 Mixed..........	32½	@	33
PORK—Mess.................	....	@	11 50
BACON—Clear Rib...........	....	@	6
COTTON—Middling...........	....	@	8⅝

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Seventh Sermon of the Series On "The Marriage Ring."

The Wife's Duty to Her Husband—To Remember His Struggle in the Daily Battle of Life, and Keep Herself Attractive—Ante-Natal Murderers.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage took for the subject of the seventh discourse of his series on "The Marriage Ring" "The Duties of Wives to Husbands." His text was:

> The name of his wife, Abigail; and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance.—I. Samuel, xxv., 3.

The ground in Carmel is white, not with fallen snow, but the wool from the backs of three thousand sheep, for they are being sheared. And I hear the grinding of the iron blades together, and the bleating of the flocks, held between the knees of the shearers while the clipping goes on, and the rustic laughter of the workmen. Nabal and his wife Abigail preside over this homestead. David, the warrior, sends a delegation to apply for aid at this prosperous time of sheep-shearing, and Nabal peremptorily declines his request. Revenge is the cry. Yonder over the rocks come David and four hundred angry men with one stroke to demolish Nabal and his sheepfolds and vineyards. The regiment march in double-quick, and the stones of the mountain loosen and roll down as the soldiers strike them with their swift feet, and the cry of the commander is, "Forward! Forward!"

Abigail, to save her husband and his property, hastens to the foot of the hill. She is armed, not with sword or spear, but with her own beauty and self-sacrifice, and when David sees her kneeling at the foot of the crag he cries: "Hold! Hold!" Abigail is the conqueress! One woman in the right mightier than four hundred men in the wrong! A hurricane stopped at the sight of a water-lily! A dew-drop dashed back Niagara! By her prowess and tact she has saved her husband and saved her home, and put before all ages an illustrious specimen of what a wife can do if she be godly and prudent, and self-sacrificing and vigilant, and devoted to the interests of her husband, and attractive.

As, Sabbath before last, I took the responsibility of telling husbands how they ought to treat their wives—and, though I noticed that some of them squirmed in their pews, they endured it well—I now take the responsibility of telling how wives ought to treat their husbands. I hope your domestic alliance was so happily formed that while married life may have revealed in him some frailties that you did not suspect, it has also displayed excellences that more than overbalanced them. I suppose that if I could look into the heart of a hundred wives here present and ask them where is the kindest and best man they know of, and they dared speak out, ninety-nine out of a hundred of them would say: "At the other end of this pew." Though sometimes you may have snapped each other up a little quick, I think the most of you are as well paired as a couple of whom I have read. The wife said to her husband: "I have made up my mind to be submissive notwithstanding all the misfortunes that have come upon us." They had lost their children, he had lost his health, and hence, the income of his profession, and the wife had temporarily lost her eyesight. "Yes," said the husband, "we ought to be submissive. Let me see what we have to submit to. First, we have a home; we can submit to that. Then we have food and raiment; we can submit to that. Then we have a great many friends; we can submit to that. We have a Heavenly Father to provide for us—" "Stop! Stop!" said the wife, "I will talk no more about submission."

I hope, my sister, you have married a man as Christian and as well-balanced as that. But even if you were worsted in the conjugal bargain, you can not be worse off than this Abigail in my text. Her husband was coarse and ungrateful, an inebriate, for on the very evening after her heroic achievement at the foot of the hill, where she captured a whole regiment with her genial and strategic behavior, she returned home and found her husband so drunk that she could not tell him the story, but had to postpone it until the next day. So, my sister, I do not want you to keep saying within yourself as I proceed: "That is the way to treat a perfect husband;" for you are to remember that no wife was ever worse swindled than this Abigail of my text. At the other end of her table sat a mean, selfish, snarling, contemptible sot, and if she could do so well for a dastard, how ought you to do with that princely and splendid man with whom you are to walk the path of life?

I counsel the wife to remember in what a severe and terrific battle of life her husband is engaged. Whether in professional or commercial or artistic or mechanical life, your husband from morning to night is in a Solferino if not a Sedan. It is a wonder that your husband has any nerves or patience or suavity left. To get a living in this next to the last decade of the nineteenth century is a struggle. If he come home and sit down preoccupied, you ought to excuse him. If he do not feel like going out that night for a walk or entertainment, remember he has been out all day. You say he ought to leave at his place of business his annoyance and come home cheery. But if a man has been betrayed by a business partner, or a customer has jockeyed him out of a large bill of goods, or a protested note has been flung on his desk, or somebody has called him a liar, and everything has gone wrong from morning to night, he must have great genius and forgetfulness if he do not bring some of the perplexity home with him. When you tell me he ought to leave it all at the store or bank or shop, you might as well tell a storm on the Atlantic to stay out there and not touch the coast or ripple the harbor. Remember, he is not over-working so much for himself as he is over-working for you and the children. It is the effect of his success or defeat on the homestead that causes him the agitation. The most of men after forty-five years of age live not for themselves, but for their families. They begin to ask themselves anxiously the question: "How if I should give out? what would become of the folks at home? Would my wife have to go out into the world to earn bread for herself and our little ones? My eyesight troubles me; how if my eyes should fail? My head gets dizzy: how if I should drop under apoplexy?" The high pressure of business life and mechanical life and agricultural life is home pressure.

Again, I charge you, never talk to others about the frailties of your husband. Some people have a way, in banter, of elaborately describing to others the shortcomings or unhappy eccentricities of a husband or wife. Ah, the world will find out soon enough all the defects of your companion. No need of your advertising them. Better imitate those women who, having made mistakes in alliance, always have a veil to hide imperfections and alleviations of conduct to mention. We must admit that there are rare cases where a wife can not live longer with her husband, and his cruelties and outrages are the precursor of divorcement or separation. But until that day comes keep the awful secret to yourself. Keep it from every being in the universe, except the God to whom you do well to tell your trouble. Trouble only a few years at most, and then you can go up on the other side of the grave and say: "O, Lord, I kept the marital secret. Thou knowest how well I kept it, and I thank thee that the release has come at last. Give me some place where I can sit down and rest awhile from the horrors of an embruted earthly alliance, before I begin the full raptures of Heaven." And orders will be sent out to the usher angels, saying: "Take this Abigail right up to the softest seat in the best room of the palace, and let twenty of the brightest angels wait on her for the next thousand years."

I charge you, also, make yourself the intelligent companion of your husband. What with these floods of newspapers and books, there is no excuse for the wife's ignorance either about the present or the past. If you have no more than a half hour every day to yourself you may fill your mind with entertaining and useful knowledge. Let the merchant's wife read up on all mercantile questions, and the mechanic's wife on all that pertains to his style of work, and the professional man's wife on all the legal or medical or theological or political discussions of the day. It is very stupid for a man, after having been amid active minds all day, to find his wife without information or opinions on anything. If the wife knows nothing about what is going on in the world, after the tea hour has passed, and the husband has read his newspaper, he will have an engagement, and must go and see a man. In nine cases out of ten, when a man does not stay at home in the evening, unless positive duty calls him away, it is because there is nothing to stay for. He would rather talk with his wife than any one else if she could talk as well.

I charge you, my sister, in every way to make your home attractive. I have not enough of practical knowledge about house adornment to know just what makes the difference; but here is an opulent house, containing all wealth of bric-a-brac, and of musical instrument, and of painting, and of upholstery, and yet there is in it a chill like Nova Zembla. Another home, with one-twentieth part of the outlay, and small supply of art, and cheapest piano purchasable, and yet, as you enter it, there comes upon body, mind and soul, a glow of welcome and satisfied and happy domesticity. The holy art of making the most comfort and brightness out of the means afforded every wife should study.

At the siege of Argos, Pyrrhus was killed by the tile of a roof thrown by a woman, and Abimelech was slain by a stone that a woman threw from the tower of Thebez, and Earl Montfort was destroyed by a rock discharged at him by a woman from the walls of Toulouse. But without any weapon save that of her own cold, cheerless household arrangement, any wife may slay all the attractions of a home circle. A wife and mother in prospered circumstances and greatly admired was giving her chief time to social life. The husband spent his evenings away. The son, fifteen years of age, got the same habit, and there was a prospect that the other children as they got old enough would take the same turn. One day the wife, aroused to the consideration that she had better save her husband and her boy. Interesting and stirring games were introduced into the house. The mother studied up interesting things to tell her children. One morning the son said: "Father, you ought to have been home last night. We had a grand time. Such jolly games and such interesting stories. This went on from night to night, and after awhile the husband staid in to see what was going on, and he finally got attracted and added something of his own to the evening entertainments; and the result was that the wife and mother saved her husband and saved her boy and saved herself. Was not that an enterprise worth the attention of the greatest woman that ever lived since Abigail at the foot of the rock arrested the four hundred armed warriors?

Do not, my sister, be dizzled and disturbed by the talk of those who think the home circle too insignificant for a woman's career, and who want to get you out on platforms and in conspicuous enterprises. There are women who have a special outside mission, and do not dare to interpret me as derisive of their important mission. But my opinion is that the woman who can reinforce her husband in the work of life and rear her children for positions of usefulness, is doing more for God and the race and her own happiness than if she spoke on every great platform and headed a hundred great enterprises. My mother never made a missionary speech in her life, and at a missionary meeting I doubt whether she could have got enough courage to voice aye or no, but she raised her son John, who has been preaching the gospel and translating religious literature in Amoy, China, for about forty years. Was not that a better thing to do?

Compare such a one with one of these die-away, attudinizing, frivolous, married coquettes of the modern drawing-room, her heaven an opera-box on the night of Meyerbeer's "Robert le Diable," the ten commandments an inconvenience, taking arsenic to improve the complexion, and her appearance a confused result of belladonna, bleached hair, antimony and mineral acids, until one is compelled to discuss her character and wonder whether the line between a decent and indecent life is, like the equator, an imaginary line.

What the world wants now is about fifty old-fashioned mothers, women who shall realize that the highest, grandest, mightiest institution on earth is the home. It is not necessary that they should have the same old-time manners of the country farm-house, or wear the old-fashioned cap or spectacles and apron that her glorified ancestry wore; but I mean the old spirit which began with the Hannahs and the Mother Lois and the Abigails of Scripture days, and was demonstrated on the homestead where some of us were reared, though the old house long ago was pulled down and its occupants scattered never to meet until in the higher home that awaits the families of the righteous. While there are more good and faithful wives and mothers now than there ever were, society has got a wrong twist on this subject, and there are influences abroad that would make women believe that their chief sphere is outside instead of inside the home.

Hence in many households children, instead of a blessing, are a nuisance. It is a card case versus child's primer, carriage versus cradle, social popularity versus domestic felicity. Hence infanticide and and ante-natal murder are so common that all the physicians, allopathic, hydropathic, homœopathic and eclectic, are crying out in horror, and it is time that the pulpits joined with the medical profession in echoing and re echoing the thunder of Mount Sinai, which says: "Thou shalt not kill," and the Book of Revelation, which says, "All murderers shall have their place in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." And the man or the woman who takes life a minute old will as certainly go straight to hell as the man or woman who destroys life forty years old. And the wildest, loudest shriek of judgment day will be given at the overthrow of those who moved in the high and respectable circles of earthly society, yet decreed by their own act as far as they could privately effect it, the extermination of the advancing generations, abetted in the horrid crime by a lot of infernal quacks with which modern medicine is infested. When, on the Last Day, the criers of the Court shall, with resounding "Oyez," "Oyez!" declare the "Oyer and Terminer" of the universe opened, and the Judge, with gavel of thunderbolt, shall smite the nations into silence, and the trial of all the fratricides, and parricides, and matricides, and patricides, and uxoricides, and regicides, and deicides, and infanticides of the earth shall proceed, none of my hearers or readers can say that they knew not what they were doing. Mighty God! Arrest the evil that is overshadowing this century.

I charge you, my sister, that you take your husband along with you to Heaven. Of course, this implies that you yourself are a Christian. I must take that for granted. It can not be possible that after what Christianity has done for women, and after taking the infinitely responsible position you have assumed at the head of the household, that you should be in a position antagonistic to Christ. It was not a slip of the tongue when I spoke of you as being at the head of the household. We men rather pride ourselves as being at the head of the household, but it is only a pleasant delusion. To whom do the children go when they have trouble! When there is a sore finger to be bound up or one of the first teeth that needs to be removed to make way for one that is crowding it out, to whom does the child go? For whom do children cry out in the night when they get frightened at a bad dream? Aye, to whom does the husband go when he has a business trouble too great or too delicate for outside ears. We, the men, are heads of the household in name, but you, O wives! are heads of the household in fact, and it is your business to take your husband with you into the Kingdom of God and see that house prepared for Heaven.

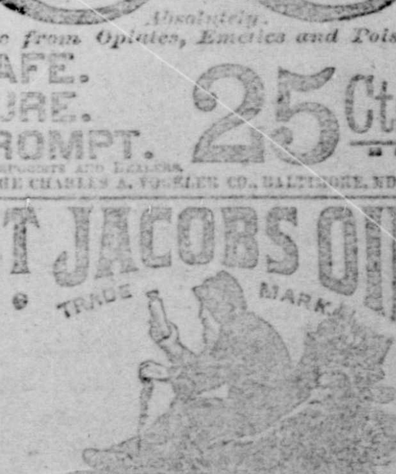
You can do it! Of course, God's almighty grace alone can convert him, but you are to be the instrument. Some wives keep their husbands out of Heaven, and others garner them for it. If your religion, O, wife, is simply the joke of the household, if you would rather go to the theater than the prayer-meeting, if you can beat all the neighborhood in progressive euchre, if your husband never sees you kneel at the bedside in prayer before retiring, if the only thing that reminds the family of your church relations is that on communion day you get home late to dinner, you will not be able to take your husband to Heaven for the simple reason that you will not get there yourself. But I suppose your religion is genuine, and the husband realizes there is in your soul a divine principle, and that though you may be naturally quicker tempered than he is, and have many imperfections that distress you more than they can any one else, still you are destined for the skies when the brief scenes of this life are over. How will you take him with you? There are two bars to that boat—prayer and holy example.

But you say he belongs to a wordly club, or he does not believe a word of the Bible, or he is an inebriate and very loose in his habits? What you tell me shows that you don't understand that while you are at the one end of a prayer, the omnipotent God is at the other end, and it is simply a question whether Almightiness is strong enough to keep His word.

I have no doubt there will be great conventions in Heaven called for celebrative purposes, and when in some Celestial assemblage the saints shall be telling what brought them to God, I believe that ten thousand times ten thousand will say, "My wife."

I put beside each other, two testimonies of men concerning their wives, and let you see the contrast. An aged man was asked the reason of his salvation. With tearful emotion he said: "My wife was brought to God some years before myself. I persecuted and abused her because of her religion. She, however, returned nothing but kindness constantly, maintaining an anxiety to promote my comfort and happiness, and it was her amiable conduct when suffering ill-treatment from me that first sent the arrows of conviction to my soul." The other testimony was from a dying man: "Harriet, I am a lost man; you opposed our family worship and my secret prayer: you drew me away into temptation and to neglect every religious duty. I believe my fate is sealed. Harriet, you are the cause of my everlasting ruin." How many married couples in heaven—Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Lapidoth and Deborah, Zacharias and Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary, and many whom we have known as good as the most of them.

As once you stood in the village or city church or in your father's house, perhaps under a wedding bell of flowers, to-day stand up, husband and wife, beneath the cross of a pardoning Redeemer, while I proclaim the bans of an eternal marriage. Join your right hands. I pronounce you one forever. What God hath joined together let neither life nor death nor time nor eternity put asunder. Witness men and angels, all worlds, all ages! The circle is an emblem of eternity, and that is the shape of the marriage ring.



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Rev. John A. Eddleman, Methodist minister at Graham, died of pneumonia this morning.

It is said that New Orleans has gained over 10,000 inhabitants in the past year or since the World's Exposition opened.

Col. Guthrie of Finis, called on the CITIZEN this week. He says it is a mistake about him being a candidate for State Senator.

The Prohibition election in Baldwin county, Ga., occurs March 18th and the campaign is becoming very heated between the Prohibitionists and the anti-Prohibitionists.

We have been requested to send sample papers to about eight different persons this week, but no post-office. Every letter or postal card should give postoffice of the writer.

The President's first card reception of the winter was given recently in honor of the Diplomatic Corps, and was one of the most brilliant ever held at the White House.

The wife of the British minister at Athens, has appealed to England in behalf of the people of Greece, who are in distress in consequence of the enrollment of the laborers for military service.

Traveling State Lect. S. O. Daws, is in Southern Texas. He has been in Atascosa county organizing Alliances. He says, and very correctly, the subject of Boycotting was never before any meeting of the Grand State Alliance.

The Indian authorities report comparatively little suffering among the Indians this winter, which is attributed to the greater attention which they have given to agricultural and other industries instead of relying solely on hunting and fishing.

The storm which prevailed throughout New England the 26th, is reported the severest of the winter. In some sections of New Hampshire and Vermont twelve to fourteen inches of snow fell accompanied by a wind which attained a velocity of fifty to sixty miles per hour.

Vice President Oakes of the Northern Pacific Railway, has announced that the terms of the sale of 2,400,000 acres of land in Montana to the Philadelphia syndicate of capitalists has been settled in a satisfactory manner. The intention of the syndicate is to colonize this great district, and agents will be sent to arrange for colonies. Boroughs and towns will be laid out, and it is expected that a busy, thrifty population will spring up in the course of a few years.

Where are We Drifting?

The Farmers' Alliance of Dallas county assembled in mass meeting in the court room in this city Tuesday and Wednesday. A resolution pledging the Alliance to co-operate with the Knights of Labor in the boycott, was passed with much opposition, whereupon a committee was appointed to wait on Sanger Bros. and demand of them a severance of their business acquaintance with the Stetson hat manufacturers. Messrs. Sanger Bros. in a very respectful card expressed their regret at the necessity for the demand made of them, but met the issue by stating in positive terms that they would most certainly continue in the management of their own business. The position taken was the theme of a brisk ripple of talk, pro and con, through the city and was the result of many callers and expressions of approval on the part of these gentlemen. The Farmers' Alliance will gain nothing in influence or self respect at being led around by a string in the hands of an organzation that has nothing in common with it.—[Stock Journal.

In reference to the boycott referred to in the Stock Journal we say: Sanger Brothers were certainly right in continuing in the management of their own business. And other people would do well to practice their example. That is one of the causes of our hard, yes, very hard times, busy bodies in other men's business. When inexperienced men take the management of commerce into their hands, then woe to the commerce and business interests of our land, yes more hard times will come with all such work. It is most certainly right and proper as well as the privilege of every good citizen to buy or not buy from whom he pleases, but to deny the right or privilege of others to buy and sell what they please is tyranical and inconsistent with our government and the Declaration of Purposes of the Farmers' Alliance. We need not look for better times so long as capitalists and laborers are at war. Reconcile capitalists and laborers and money will flow through all the channels of commerce, and we will have peace and plenty in the land—continue the strikes and we continue the hard times. Capitalists want to invest, but are afraid to risk their money, for the simple reason that other men want to manage it for them, hence the money is locked up in the bank vaults, and poor people are out of money and out of work. Well may patriots say "Where are we drifting?"

We call the attention of our business men and the people generally of Jack county, to the change made in the U. S. mail line from Jacksboro to Weatherford. The through line from this place to Weatherford is to be discontinued, and a line established from this place to Whitt, and made to tap the Weatherford and Graham line at Whitt. This is an outrage upon the citizens of our town and county, and will be highly detrimental to our business interests in every respect. If the stage should fail to connect at Whitt or the postmaster at that place should be a little slow about making up or distributing the mail, our mail would reach us a day later than it does now. This *must not be.* What shall we do to avert the impending blow aimed at the business interest of our town and county? Let us have united action on the part of our business men and citizens generally. The best plan to pursue, seems to us to be this, petition for a *through line* from this place to Weatherford, via Haley (Callis' Gin) and Gibtown, (New Hope) and thence to Weatherford. The distance would not be greater than by Whitt and many more people would be accommodated than on the Whitt line. It seems to us that it would be a better and more desirable route in every respect. What do the people of Jacksboro and those living on our proposed line say about it? Talk the matter up, take *immediate action* in the premises and let the demand of the people be so urgent and emphatic as to admit of no denial from those who are the servants of the people. Whatever is done must be done *at once.* Start the thing and keep it moving right along. There is no time to be lost.

Since the above was brought in, Mr. Joe Moore came in and informed us that he is the contractor and will do all he can to facilitate the transportation of the mails.

It is spring. A resurrection of nature's latent forces is taking place. Like the world around you, renew your complexion, invigorate your powers, cleanse the channels of life. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the means to use for this purpose.

The Strike at Fort Worth.

At Fort Worth Monday evening when a prolonged whistle at the round-house was heard at 5:30 it excited considerable surprise and a number of persons went down to see what it meant among them a reporter for the Gazette. The first toot of the whistle had hardly died away before every man at work in the round-house of the Texas & Pacific, every man in the yards of the Texas & Pacific and Missouri Pacific, every man handling baggage, every man at work on the sections, had put on his coat and voluntarily suspended labor. Gazette readers are certainly aware of the fact that, as far as the general public knew, there was no grievance of any description, and for that reason the strike caused supreme surprise. Then, too, it was so quietly done, so orderly, showed such skillful management, that the conviction was forced on observers that master minds had engineered it. The men knew what they were doing. No standing around and talking over the situation; no gathering at saloons or walking the streets in gangs, but when the hour had come to do what had been decided best by their leaders, the Knights of Labor owing allegience to Assembly No. 101 simply stopped work and went to their several abiding places. The strike was well generaled.

The men were very reticent and it was long before anything could be learned. At last men were found who knew something about it.

First the strike had been ordered from Sedalia; next it embraced the Texas & Pacific, Missouri Pacific, International & Great Northern, New Orleans & Pacific, Wabash, and Central branch of the Union Pacific. The men demanded that all unskilled laborers should be paid $1.50 per day instead of $1.15 now paid; again, the men demanded extra pay for extra hours. This was one man's story, and he added, "you will see in this country something never seen before—a revolution; it has come There will be a great change before this strike is over, and many powerful organizations beside the Knights of Labor will engage in the struggle." That man is a good citizen, he is a prudent man, he is sober, he is intelligent, and the manner of speaking showed how deeply in earnest he was.

Is the great contest upon us?—[Gazette.

Yesterday at Fort Worth both railroad men and Knights of Labor were quietly awaiting the decision of their joint committee. This morning Mr. E. H. Keller, the carriage man at Fort Worth says that nothing has been heard from the committee.

"Summer Normal."

A meeting of the Teachers of Jack county was held in the College building in Jacksboro, Friday and Saturday Feb. 26 and 27. The meeting was well attended by the Teachers of Jack Co. and considerable insterest manifested. The programme as previously arranged was taken up and the different subjects presented and discussed by the members of the Institute. The teachers of Jack Co. being anxious that the "Summer Normal" of 1886 be held at this place, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved: That we the Teachers of Jack Co. assembled do hereby report our request heretofore made to the Hon. B. M. Baker that the "Summer Normal" for the Summer of 1886, for the Senatorial District be located at Jacksboro Tex. and we hereby further petition that Prof. T. B. King, President of Jack Co. Educational Institute be appointed to conduct the same.

R. R. JACKSON, Sec'y.

Advice to Young Ladies.

For the CITIZEN:

Be careful in your selection of associates. A few friends well chosen are sufficient and even preferable to a great number. Shun the idle and trifling. Choose such as will improve you; the wise and virtuous. Be not hasty in forming acquaintances, nor cold and reserved in your social circle; ever avoid haughtiness; but preserve true dignity on all occasions.

Let your choice of books be well made. A proper friend can advise you, and thus save time which is ever precious. Beware of novels. They dissipate the mind, giving it a disrelish for solid reading; in their place take the poems—Pollok, Milton, Young, Mrs. Sigourney, &c Let not "Tired nature's sweet restorer" balmy sleep close your eyes each night till you have read a portion of God's holy book.

Observe neatness and taste in your toilet, avoiding extravagance in purchase or "killing time in its preparation." What folly to spend time uselessly in decorating the the mortal body! 'Tis more laudable to be employed in preparing the soul for a blissful immortality, still there is no desire for you to appear odd or antique.

Ever strive to make your conversation sensible and agreeable, indulge not in vain and foolish talking. Banish the least disposition which may arise to speak evil of others. "Beware what thou speakest, to whom, when and where," is a fine maxiom.

Endeavor to preserve your health by early rising, recreation, and retiring two hours previous to midnight, as it is said those two are of more value than four, after that hour. The habit of sitting up and rising late is very objectionable. A morning walk in pleasant weather is indeed delightful. The cheerful songs of birds, the glistening dew, and the various flowers, all produce cheerful and thankful emotions. Do not lose the morning sun-rise, which is one of the most beautiful objects of nature.

Day by day cultivate a sweet temper. What is more lovely than a disposition tempered with kindness, charity and benevolence, all sweetened into obedience to parents and teachers.

Never be in haste to participate in the so-called blissful marriage. None question the propriety, when the parties are considered congenial. The bliss of your union will depend on each one. Look at the virtues of the mind, before wealth or high position in society. The experienced say better not to marry at all, than not marry well. So do not be too fearful of single life. Have useful employment, and time with you, will not drag unhappily, though scores of springs may unfold their beauties to your vision. Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

Do not look upon domestic knowledge as mere drudgery, and beneath the dignity of a lady. Ever aid your mother by taking the responsibility of her household affairs. Practice is essential in order to gain sufficient knowledge of that part of your education. Imitate Martha Washington, who it is said, "excelled in the kitchen as well as in the parlor. FEMINA.

The skating rink in Fort Worth, was burned Tuesday night.

"Weeping Joe."

Notwithstanding the bad weather the meeting continues. Jacksboro is stirred as it never was before. Many of the people are "searching the Scriptures daily to see whether those things" preached by Joe Harding are so. Up to this date there has been thirty-one additions from all sources. By request Bro. Harding will preach to-night on the work of the Holy Spirit in Conversion, and to-morrow night from this text, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost."

D. B. MIZELL.

Notice!

All who desire a copy of the History of the Farmers' Alliance for 25cts, for the next sixty days, send in your orders. I am sending from 25 to 30 out daily. W. L. GARVIN.

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To Cattle Men.

F. W. Chiles, of Jacksboro is the Texas representative of J. S. McFarland & Co. of Chicago and Kansas City, Mo. This firm has transacted a live stock and commission business in Chicago for the passed 17 years with perfect satisfaction to its customers and profit to themselves.

Mr. Chiles solicits from his friends and the public generally, consignments of their stock for market for his house, either at Chicago or the Kansas City branch house. He will if notified, be at any point, on the Texas & Pacific or Ft. Worth & Denver Railroad and assist in shipping and make liberal advancements upon consignments. Parties having beeves to ship will find Mr Chiles can be of advantage to them by addressing him at Harold during August and September. tf

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The meeting of the Jack county stock men last Saturday to arrange for the Spring and Fall round-ups, for "grub" wagons, etc., wound up in a general misunderstanding as to how the expenses of the drivers should be provided and paid. The outlook at present is that the pack-mule will be substituted for wagons.

Silver dollars may be worth only seventy-three cents, post-offices may come and go, civil service reform be a by word and a delusion, but McConnell dispenses pure drugs and medicines all the same, and carries the heaviest stock of everything in his line outside of the larger railroad towns, to be found in North west Texas.

Even in war times smugglers are to be watched and are unworthy, and in times of peace it is certainly more dishonorable. Others have tried to be but I am the only man in Jacksboro who can buy and sell B. F. Avery & Sons' plows without smuggling them through some other dealer equally unworthy. Take warning and beware of smugglers.

Geo. P. Frazer.

The Ninth Annual meeting of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Northwestern Texas, will be held at Weatherford, beginning on the 9th day of March next. The attendance of members is earnestly requested as there will be much business of importance before the Convention. Visiting cattlemen and those interested in the cattle industry are cordially invited to be present.

John Lindsey and Capt. Eastin, school trustees of Dist. No. 1, have been taking the scholastic census this week. Monday they went to Pleasant Grove, but not a single parent met them. By the courtesy of Prof. Hadley and young Mr. Carney, they obtained the names of most of the scholars. Tuesday they were at Rockland and met a large nnmber of parents and were pleased with their reception, and extend their thanks to Mr. J. J. Weaver for special courtesies.

College Hill Items.

Eli had the pleasure of attending the Institute Saturday evening.

Mr. Wm. Crumpton of Coleman county is visiting his sister, Mrs. Aston.

All the College Hill folks turned out to preaching at the Post Sunday evening.

Mr. C. Crumpton and family have been visiting the family of F. R. Aston.

A. W. Hardy, from near Bellenap Young county, paid the Hill a visit last week.

When the atmosphere is perfectly clear Graham may be seen on College Hill.

Geo. F. Atkinson and family have moved into their residence on College Hill.

Miss Winnie Stark made a short visit to her relatives in the vicinity of West Fork.

Mr. J. H. Newell, of Georgia, brother of the late W. M. Newell, was here on business this week.

There was a heavy fall of fire in the boys' room Tuesday morning. The stove and all the pipe fell down.

Arguments are getting numerous on the Hill among the young gentlemen and ladies on the subject of who has the best looking cat.

O, say, you man who said you were going to have Eli's name connected with the CITIZEN, you just go heavy on that, for that's me.

Mr. S. J. Board from West Fork gave the Hill a pleasant visit this week. Come again Mr. Board with your pleasant chat and sunny smiles.

The boys have taken to jumping at the College, but they don't seem to have very good luck. Jakey mashed his big toe, and High Dutch he-he, yes, he did, sure enough.

What should be done with young men who let their girls go to church by themselves but make it convenient to go back with them? Their girls ought to give them the G. B.

Farming Implements.

Having handled B. F. Avery's turning plows successfully, and to the satisfaction of our customers, for the last twelve years, and being convinced that it is the plow for this country, we take pleasure in notifying our customers that we have replenished our stock of farming implements, including Avery's Iron beam double shovel, John Deere Iron beam double shovel, Mohawk, Iron beam double shovel, Georgia stocks, double shovel blades, bull tongues, plow bolts, plow points, plow extras &c. Also a line of hilling hoes, garden hoes, rakes &c., and in fact anything a farmer wants in the hardware line on reasonable terms. Respectfully,

D. C. Brown.

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

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Messrs. Bass & Bro.—I have used your Chicken Cholera Cure. Mrs. Wallace thinks it more than pays for itself by the increase in quantity of eggs. D. R. Wallace.

B. F. Avery & Sons' turning plows are the best and Geo. P. Frazer is the only man in Jacksboro who is the legal agent.

The purest, best, most palatable and effective chill remedy on the market is Reed's chill cure, for sale and warranted by H. H. McConnell. sep1

Geo. P. Levy, Weatherford, Tex., is the place to get "seeds." He keeps in stock a full line of the best seeds of the season. Correspondence solicited. tf

Mr. J. C. Price is getting an unusual run of work and there is good reason for it; he is making the best pictures of any artist who has ever been here.

Our enterprising Drug man H. H. McConnell has secured the Agency for the celebrated Reed's Chill cure and has a few bottles to be given away on trial. sep1

Beeswax oil blacking, a waterproof dressing for boots and shoes. A bottle of it by keeping your feet dry may save you a doctor's bill. McConnell, of course, keeps it.

McConnell's Iron Tonic Bitters cure dyspepsia, purify the blood, build up the system, enable you to eat a square meal, and make you feel stout enough to earn one.

McConnell has fifteen thousand cigars in stock, and pays especial attention to customers buying in quantity, but all the same will sell you the best nickel cigar in town.

The farmers all appreciate Geo. P. Frazer's effort to establish a first class hardware store in Jacksboro as they bought 37 turning plows of him last week and still they buy.

At Geo. P. Levy's, Weatherford, Tex., you will find little and German millet, early amber sorghum, and Johnson grass, and a great variety of other seeds at lowest market prices. tf

McConnell has received his supply of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s seeds, and as their ware houses have been destroyed by fire, and it will not be possible to duplicate the order this season, you had better go to McConnell's and lay in what you need.

I have special arrangements with the publishers of Webster's Dictionaries, and can supply my customers with either of the nine different editions at the very same price they can be bought at retail in Chicago or any other large city.

H. H. McConnell.

400 acres of choice land for sale also a farm of 100 acres. For further particulars apply to W. L. Garvin. I think any one who contemplates settling in the western country would do well to look at the land in Jack county before purchasing elsewhere, as we have fine farming lands in this county.

It is but seldom that we feel justified in saying as much for an artist as he wishes, but we believe we hazard nothing in saying that Jacksboro is just now treated to a first class artist in the person of Mr. J. C. Price. He can show the best gallery of photographs of any artist who has heretofore visited Jacksboro, and he well deserves the patronage of those who wish good photographs. Call at his room on the second floor in the southeast corner of the Manning Hotel and see for yourselves.

Personal.

Eld. J. R. Cason of Graham is in town.

J. W. Aynes made a trip to Bowie this week.

Rev. R. M. Shelton is spending this week in the country.

T. D. Sporer and J. C. Price made a trip to Newport last week.

Mrs. Specht of San Antonio is visiting her children at this place.

G. W. White, of Henrietta, was in town last Saturday and Sunday.

W. S. Jones has returned to Kirkland where he is in the land business.

J. O. Evans, of Denton, representing the Dallas Nursery, is in town.

Profs. C. B. Wilson and K. M. Godfrey, of Crafton called on the CITIZEN last week.

H. F. Burt, representing the Simmons hardware house of St. Louis was in town this week.

Mrs. Bessie Hayne of Weatherford is visiting her brother, E. W. Nicholson of this place.

Mr. John Hensley and Capt. West leave for Mexico, next week. The former has a $100,000 transaction to look after.

F. M. Farrington and Frank Eckert, representing Wm. Deering & Co., Chicago, manufacturers of reapers, were in town this week.

Jack County Court House.

During the past week our attention has been called by several parties to the *unnecessary* and *enormous* cost of our court house. Our friends in the country inform us that a report is being circulated in various parts of the county that the new court house is to cost $80,000. To correct this we give the figures as we find them on the minutes of the Commissioners Court and our readers can judge for themselves. Doubtless, some demagogue has been at work among the people, but to the figures.

The original bid was $36,400 in 6 per cent county bonds. The contractors could not cash these bonds at reasonable figures, and asked the Commissioners Court to change the rate of interest to 8 per cent, and they would reduce the bid to $34,700. This was agreed to by the Commissioners Court. All the necessary papers were properly signed and filed. Under this contract the work began. The original contract called for pitch faced work and would have been unsatisfactory to the people, hence, in Commissioners Court, November term, 1885, the following changes were made: First story, pilasters to be hammer dressed margin draft. Second and third story pilasters to be pitched face margin draft ashler columns in north and south porches to hammer dressed margin draft with chamfred corners, first story walls to pitch face margin draft. Trimmings to east and west entrances to hammer dressed margin draft, floors in corridors, fireproof rooms and vaults to hammer dressed flagging. For this additional work the Commissioners Court agreed to pay the contractors $1,245.

At the February term, 1886, the following changes were agreed to: To change the stone work on the 2nd and 3rd stories, all corners and pilasters to bush hammered work with chamfred joints and all ashler work to horizontal margin draft and to be made of blue limestone. For this additional work the Commissioners Court agreed to pay $2,273.

To make sure of a sufficient foundation J. E. Flanders, the architect, directed the excavation to be made four feet deep instead of three. For this extra foot the Commissioners Court allowed $300 as stipulated in contract.

To recapitulate; first contract entered into $34,700; additional work on foundation $300; additional work November term, $1,245; additional work February term $2,273; total cost of building $38,518.

To all these changes his honor Judge Jones and Commissioner Johnson have protested.

Commissioners Heasley, McQuerry and Mayo deserve the full and hearty support of every tax payer in the county, and we believe every true, intelligent, patriotic citizen will stand by them and be proud of this substantial, grand temple of Jack county. It is built of the best, finest and most beautiful building stone in the State, except the granite in Burnet county.

A comparison with the Baylor county court house will show that our commissioners have done well for Jack county. Baylor county court house, just finished, is 75 feet 6 inches by 90 feet 6 inches and cost $47,000. Jack county court house is two feet longer and wider, being 77-6 by 92-6 and will cost according to contract $38,518. The walls of Baylor county court house are pitch face ashler work, the walls of our building are margin draft pitch face work, and it is to be finished as fine inside as the Baylor house. The walls will be of the finest blue lime stone, as clear blue as the azure vault of heaven. Mechanics and others say that ours, when finished will be a finer and better looking house than the Baylor court house or any other in Northwest Texas.

Jack county has, heretofore spent enough money and has nothing to show for it, and, now, for the first time, the commissioners are giving the people something that will be an honor to the county, every good citizen should support them.

Hardware.

In D. C. Brown's hardware department you can find a variety of door locks, padlocks, hinges, butts, screws, hammers, hatchets, saws, nails, horse-shoes, hames, trace chains shovels, spades, wheelbarrows, picks, mattocks, tinware, and in fact everything usually found in a first class hardware establishment, and at prices to suit the times.

Jack County Teachers' Institute.

Jacksboro, Tex., Feb. 28, '86.

Whereas, death has removed from our midst our beloved and worthy teacher, W. M. Newell, since we last met, be it

Resolved, 1st, That this body has lost a loving member and an earnest worker.

Resolved, 2nd, That the members wear a badge of mourning for 30 days.

Resolved, 3d, That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes, and published in the Jacksboro CITIZEN.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Masters,)
R. R. Jackson, Com.
Fannie Echols,)

To the Citizens of Jack County.

Jacksboro, Tex. Mar. 3rd. 1886.

Thinking that it would be to the interest of the people of Jack Co. I have taken an Agency to the Junior Deering Twine Binder, which will be sold on its merits. All who have seen this machine consider it a triumph over all other machines. I will also sell the Deering mower which is the "daisy". I will say this to all who contemplate buying a binder or mower, come and look at the Deering before you buy, I will take pleasure in showing you the machine. Sold three the first day I received samples. Mr. W. B. Black will take orders for the machine, and all favors shown him will be appreciated by me.

W. L. GARVIN.

Look Out.

All persons indebted to Horan are requested to come and settle and save cost.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the post office at Jacksboro, Texas, for the month ending February 28, 1886.

Anderson R. M. Mr.	Baker James
Crow John Mr. (2)	Dowell T E Mr
Cardwell W. F. Mr.	Gaules George
Donahoo Silas Mr.	Gardner W.W.
Gooding J. D. Mr.	Jones P. E.
Hughes Mollie O.	Hines J. S. Mr.
Hobbs James Mr. (2)	Jones S.B.Mrs.
Jones J. M. Esq.	Jones S. H.
Leany Nickles A.	Jones John A.
Morrow Mrs. Mary S.	Jones J. A.
McNear Miss Susie	Moore J.R.Mr.
Pruett F. P.	Morgan S. J.
Rober James Mr.	Stewart J. O.
Rainey Wm. Mr.	Upton W. T.
Russell Rhoda Mrs.	

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter office on April 1st, 1886 if not called for. Persons inquiring for the above letters please say "advertised." Thos. F. Horton, P. M.

A Bargain.

For sale, 2600 acres of land in 2 1-2 miles of Jacksboro, inclosed with wire fence, good grass and well watered. One third cash, balance on time to suit purceaser. Apply to G. F. Atkinson, or T. F. Wes', Jacksboro. mar4 4t

Announcements of Candidates for the November Election.

All names announced in these columns will be printed on the Tickets as we have done heretofore, without further charge.

No Candidates Announced on a Credit in these Columns.

We are authorized to announce that D. B. Gilliland is a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District and County Courts of Jack County, Texas. Election Nov. 2nd. 1886.

Rocky Point.

Farmers have begun plowing in good faith.

Gardening is all the rage.

There was a wedding in this community last week, the contracting parties being Mr. Jess Fulingame and Miss Mary Bohner.

Mr. Jas. Hawkins is still improving his place which adds greatly to its looks.

We notice that Mr. Jolly also has new rails shining around.

We regret very much to have to record the death of Miss Nettie Turner who died on the 21st. She was universally liked and her death was a heavy shock to our community.

Mrs. Wood and Johnie went fishing Saturday and caught a fine lot of fish.

Mrs. Gleason presented your correspondent with some real old time molasses candy this week, which took me back to boyhood days when we used to go to "candy pullings" and have such a sweet time.

Prof. K. M. Godfrey of Crafton was in the neighborhood this week on business with Prof. Wilson.

Mr. Brack Tinsley the well augur man from Howard Valle[illegible] been in our neighborhood f[illegible] time and is having very [illegible]cess from what we can [illegible]

Mr. C. A. Bo[illegible] Saturday. [illegible]

S. B. [illegible] night [illegible] Fa[illegible] th[illegible]

wear a bright smile since Saturday at Crafton. B.

[illegible] board- [illegible]ands of in- [illegible]necessary, as I [illegible] beginning—unless in [illegible]case, let neither husband [illegible]sent to such permanent resi-

The probability is that the wife will have to divide her husband's time with public smoking or reading-room, or with some coquettish spider in search of unwary flies, and if you do not entirely lose your husband it will be because he is divinely protected from the disasters that have whelmed thousands of husbands with as good intentions as yours.

Neither should the husband, without imperative reason, consent to such a life unless he is sure his wife can withstand the temptation of social dissipation, which sweeps across such places with the force of the Atlantic Ocean when driven by a September equinox. Many wives give up their homes for these public residences, so that they may give their entire time to operas, theaters, balls, receptions and levees, and they are in a perpetual whirl, like a whip-top spinning round and round and round, very prettily, until it loses its equipoise and shoots off into a tangent. But the difference is, in one case it is a top and in the other a soul.

Besides this there is an assiduous accu-

For Sale.

Two good brood mares. Any one wishing to buy would do well to call and see them. Can show as fine colts as any in Jack county.

P. T. COURSEY.

tf Jacksboro, Texas.

Jack Couny Dirctory, 1886.

District Court convenes 2nd Monday in January and July.
B. F. Williams, Judge,
O. E. Finley, District Attorney,
John D. Rains, Sheriff,
D. B. Mizell, Clerk.

County Court convenes the 1st Monday in February, April, June, August, October and December for Criminal, Civil, and Probate business.
H. Pledger Jones, County Judge.
Walter Somervell, County Attorney,
D. B. Mizell, Clerk.

County Commissioners' Court convenes 2nd Monday i[illegible] February, May, August, an[illegible]ember.
COMMISSIONERS.
Evert Johnson, jr. Pct No. 1,
B. F. Heasley " " 2,
A. A. McQuerry " " 3,
L. . Mayo " " 4.

W. L. Garvin, County Treasurer.
J. M. Hughes, Surveyor.
A. F. Andersen, Assessor.
T. Manning, Hide and Animal Inspector

JUSTICE PRECINCT COURTS AND OFFICERS; TIME OF CONVENING IN EVERY MONTH.

Precinct No. 1, at Jacksboro last Monday, for criminal and civil business.
Sam. E. Moore, J. P.
W. J. Craig, Constable.

Precinct No. 2, Justice Court convenes every second Thursday in each month for criminal and civil business.
R. M. Meador, J. P.
J. S. Welch, Constable.

Precinct No. 3, Justice Court convenes every 4th Friday for criminal and civil business.
J. H. Baker, J. P.
W. C. Nichols, Constable.

Precinct No. 4, Justice Court convenes 3rd Thursday in every month for criminal and civil business.
J. H. Black, J. P.
W. L. Patton, Constable.

Precinct No. 5, 1st Thursday,
John Young, J. P.
B. B. Roberts, Constable.

Precinct No. 6,
E. R. Sloan, J. P. 3rd Friday.
E. P. Costen, Constable.

Precinct No. 7,
J. W. Childers, J. P.
W. J. Rainey, Constable.
4th Thursday in each month.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Presbyterian Church Services, every Sunday morning 11 o'clock and at 7 p. m. of the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
W. H. NILES, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.
T. D. SPORER, Supt.
Prayer-meeting every Wednesday night.

Methodist Church services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
R. M. SHELTON, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
SIL STARK, Supt.
Prayer-meeting every Wednesday nig[illegible]

Christian Church services 3rd Sunda[illegible] at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
P. J. Taylor, Pastor.

Baptist; services 1st and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
J. H. CASON, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
D. B. MIZELL, Supt.
Prayer-meeting every Thursday night.

ESTRAYS.

Taken up by W. J. Lawson and posted before S. E. Moore J. P. Jack Co. Tex.; One bay horse about 10 years old, 15½ hands high, saddle marks and scars on left side underbit in left ear branded [illegible] on left shoulder, and TX on left hip. D. B. Mizell, Co. Clk.

Taken up by John Moad and posted before J. W. Childers J. P. Prect. No. 7, Jack Co. Texas: One black horse 15 hands high, about 14 years old branded PT on the left shoulder, broke to work and ride: also one black pony 13 hands high 4 years old branded ⌒ on the left hip, has saddle marks. D. B. Mizell, Co. Clk.

Feb. 3, 1886.

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, Springtown, Parker county.

Vice Pres., J. S. Morris, Mansfield, Tarrant county.

Sect., C. M. Wilcox, Waco, Tex.

Treas., J. A. Landers, Grand View, Johnson county.

Chaplain, J. H. Jackson, Gainesville, Cooke county.

Lect., Geo. W. Belcher, Whitney, Hill county.

Asst. Lect., Z. S. Lee, Dublin, Erath county.

D. K. —— Acker

Asst. D. K., Lyons.

Sergeant-at-Arms, L. S. Adair Decatur, Wise county.

Traveling State Lect., S. O. Daws, Springtown, Parker county.

Decatur, Tex., Aug. 6th 1885.

To whom this may concern:

This is to certify that Bro. R. R. Staude of Weatherford has been duly appointed as organizing officer for the purpose of organizing Subordinate Farmers' Alliances in the State of Texas. A. Dunlap, Grand Pres.

C. M. Wilcox, Sect. S. A.

Officers of the Farmers' Alliance Beneficiary Association.

F. M. Frie, Pres., Vineyard.

W. L. Garvin, Sec., Jacksboro.

W. J. Womack, Treas., "

For information relative to this association, address either of the above named officers. W. L. Garvin will furnish Constitutions of the Farmers' Alliance Beneficiary Association, on application.

Officers of Jack County Alliance.

Pres., W. W. Jackson, Jacksboro.

Vice-Pres., J. R. Masters, Gertrudes.

Sect., I. Stoddard, Jacksboro.

Lect., J. B. Garrison, Gertrudes.

Asst. Lect., C. C. Weir Jacksboro.

Chap., J. F. Morrison, "

Treas., W. J. Womack. "

D. K. J. Simpson, "

Asst. D. K. G. Washburn, Gertrudes.

Send 75 cents to H. H. McConnell, Jacksboro, for Cushings' Manual. He will send it by return mail post paid.

Mrs. W. J. Womack furnishes single Regalia for one officer for 50 cts. a set for nine officers for $3.00. Address, Mrs. W. J. Womack, Jacksboro, Texas.

H. H. McConnell furnishes the Cushing's Manual at 75 cents in cash or stamps, which *must* accompany the order. No discount on less than one dozen, which will be sent to one address for seven dollars and fifty cents.

Notice to Alliances.

I made arrangements with the Fort Worth Stamping Co. to furnish Alliances wanting Seals, for one Seal $3, for twelve or more Seals one time $2.25 each, and it will cost about 25cts to send each Seal to the nearest express office of Sect. of Subordinate Alliance. The Sect. of each County Alliance can find how many Seals are wanted in the County, and order the whole number at one time.

C. M. Wilcox. Sec. S. A.

Address, A. J. Bradley, or Fort Worth Stamp Works, Ft. Worth. Texas.

First Class Seedlings.

2000 first-class seedling peach trees from first-class fruit at 2 cents apiece, or $2 per hundred. All Alliance men wishing them in quantities and have not the money can have on time. W. J. Womack, 5 miles north of Jacksboro, Tex.

Condensed Correspondence.

We are on a boom now, are taking in the petitions of some of our most honorable citizens. The membership of our Alliance now numbers about forty effectual members, and increasing fast. We are determined to stick together, and accomplish all the good we can.

Wm. H. Wright,
Brushy, Montague Co.

Tolosa Alliance was organized the 14th. of Sept. by S. C. Fowler with 15 charter members, we now have 58 members and several petitions before the Alliance, and receiving petitions at every meeting. The farmers here seem to have awoke up and gone to work in earnest. I think by the first of May we will have 75 or 80 members. I have been informed that this is the strongest Alliance in Kaufman Co., we have established our trading point at Terrell for this season.

We are highly pleased with the Citizen though there is but two members of the Alliance taking it; yet I think there will be some more subscribers sent up soon.

J. F. Henson.
Tolosa, Kaufman county.

Farmers are needing rain very much, stock is looking well.

We see and feel the need of a Journal for the state, that is the only way we can post ourselves. Our Alliance No. 510, was the first organized, it was organized July 17th. 1885, now Bosque county has 24 Alliances, do not know the membership, though over 1000.

For the consideration of every true hearted Alliance man, is it right to have secret voting? I say not because there are many good men and women kept out of the Alliance from an unjust cause, and another reason, is it right to know that a man is not an honest man and keep it from a member of the order. Another item can't we get rid of adulterated food, I think so.

Iredell. W. A. Smyth.

Brushy Alliance No. 229, Montague county, Tex.

Our Alliance at this place is progressing rapidly we are receiving members now who are the most enterprising men of the community it seems that people are beginning to see to their interest.

We are making preperations to build a co operative mill and store, the place has not been located as to where it shall be built, it will be decided March 5th. at the call meeting of the County Alliance, which will be held at Mallard creek in this county, I confidently hope that the farmers of Texas are waking up to their interest.

I see a letter from Palo Pinto in the Citizen, at a county meeting where there was a committe appointed to correspond with the Alliance and Knights of Labor in the counties compcsing the Representative and Senatorial districts to arrange ways of nomination of candidates to each office. Brethren be careful don't go in political affairs before we get ready we are not strong enough yet to elect our state officers. I think it would be well enough for us as Alliance brethren to begin at home first and nominate our county officers first and each of us who have obligated ourselves to work for the good of our fellow man to put our shoulder to the wheel and help each other. President Brushy Alliance

Pilot Point.

Spring work is progressing as nicely as man could wish, the farmers have their ground in fine condition. The plowing will all be done by time the ground is warm and the object seems to be to get planted all the ground that can possibly be tilled.

The Austin Nursery is doing good business, Mr. Austin has proved so reliable and keeps a pure fresh stock that now it is very hard for foreign nurseries to make sales at all. He has now opened a poultry yard and is the first man here to introduce the Wyandote chickens and other fine breeds.

The Farmers' Alliance has been sweeping the country this year. They controlled the market, they bossed the grain trade, they are building a fine mill at Denton. and various other affairs seem to be now in their grasp. If no sharpers or false prophets lead them into troubled waters the coming crops will be entirely under their control. If they extend their borders during the next twelve months as they have in the last year they will most assuredly be the power in the land.

We have tried Prohibition here now for a few months and it is not as yet a success, and yet its advocates will not acknowledge it is a failure. The grand jury found 202 bills against the dealers for violation and the county court is now at work upon them, there has not been a saloon in the county closed, but all took out drug license and several new stores have opened, so that we really have more whisky now than before the prohibition was in effect. The work of the grand jury was laborious and the expense to the witnesses was a great inconvenience, for money is scarce, and it was necessary to summons the entire community to ascertain who did know about the inside workings.

We had a "bright headed" editor here who has been "clashing quills" with the mighty Williams of the Denton Chronicle, but their pugnacious natures seem to have produced an affinity, so now Jones takes his Post from us to locate it in Denton in very close proximity to his antagonist, but as Williams has already made apology for all the bad names he has called Jones it is presumed they will peaceably and quietly content themselves with journalism. We now have only one paper here, the Pilot Point Index, which from a small beginning has in a very short time made a very good record and is still improving.

There is good prospects of another railroad here soon, and there has been great improvements made on our old road. H.

Politics.

I see a disposition on the part of some of the brethren to run this political horse through the Order. Now friendly farmers let us consider before we bring him in, what he *will do* for us after he is in our midst. What did he do for the Grange? I will tell what he did down here, as members tell me. He just simply tramped it to death, buried it, barred the crater of its grave with cranky lawyers and said: "Never shalt thou be resurrected." What a terrible sentence to be pronounced against such an innocent child. What shall we say then? Profit by that lesson. Some of our members say that holding county conventions for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices is not a *political* matter, but a *business* matter. Nonsense! What is controlling the votes of the people but *politics*? How did Grover Cleveland get in the President's chair? his party put him there. What sort of a party, is his party? I answer a political party. How did his party put him there? By their votes.

Be not deceived, office seekers are urging us up to get the blind kicking horse in our midst. Designing men are at the bottom of it. They know what result will follow. Each and every man is given the right to vote as he sees fit by the Constitution of the United States, and if the Alliance attempts anything else it will soon be a companion for the fallen Grange. For the sake of our noble order think of the evil that will attend the entering of this political horse. If we go to dabbling in politics our order will fall to rise no more. J. T. Goree.

Granbury, Hood Co.

How shall We Educate our Children Agriculturally.

To do this we must educate them to love farm life. To do that we must improve the farm. The trouble is not with the boys and girls, but with their surroundings. The first obligation of a sensible young person is to get away from a farm which is run in such a way that its owners are the least educated and [illegible] the fact that, as far as the gener[illegible] public knew, there was no [illegible]vance of any description, and that reason the strike caused [illegible]eme surprise. Then, too, it [illegible] so quietly done, so orderly, [illegible]ved such skillful management, the conviction was forced on [illegible]rvers that master minds had [illegible]ncered it. The men knew [illegible] they were doing. No standaround and talking over the [illegible]ation; no gathering at saloons [illegible]walking the streets in gangs, [illegible] when the hour had come to do [illegible]t had been decided best by their [illegible]ders, the Knights of Labor ow[illegible] allegiance to Assembly No. 101

[illegible] whatever is done. Keep every farm employment fully up to the best standard, information about which is now so easily secured, and so generously supplied by agricultural works and papers.

2. By making farm work invariably comparative, or experimental; that is, providing that something shall be learned from every hill of potatoes, or corn, as well as something secured for food, or profit. In this way the farm affords two pleasures—the fascination of discovery, and the fascination of creation, which constitute the genius of work.

3. By surrounding farm work, or infusing it, with study, not strictly agricultural, but connected with farm work. Among studies of this sort, are a large part of natural sciences, especially botany, vegetable and animal physiology, agricultural chemistry, ornithology, taxidermy, geology, and astronomy. So intelligence is not only put into farm work, but received from it.

4. By invariably combining the beautiful and the useful. This combination is more useful than the useful alone. It pays; for, 1 it makes the farm more valuable for market; 2, more valuable in its reaction on the minds of its cultivators; 3, it always accords with the best methods of culture; 4, it ennobles the boys and girls, and makes them love the farm, not for profit, but for its higher advantages.

5. By securing the best help on reasonable terms—by "reasonable" I mean keeping no human beasts about who, of all things on a place undergo no evolution, but are a degrading element. It needs a general farm sentiment aroused to abolish the semi-tramp nature of many of our laborers. For if our young folk are debauched and demoralized by daily contact with vulgar helpers, they are educated not to love the farm, or home-life of any right sort. In other words, the moral surroundings of the farm boy are quite as essential as the work surrounding and the intellectual surroundings, in order to achieve the end proposed in our problem.

6. By having a public spirit that is not limited to the farm boundaries; but which aims to make the whole community progressive, to spread information by means of farmers' clubs, libraries, and the circulation of the best agricultural and scientific literature; to improve public schools, public highways, and to increase the conveniences of life; to bring to the farm the very best sources of information and culture from abroad so that the boys shall not feel that they are cut off from "the world," that farm life is dull and remote from the centers of the world's activity. Get a railroad, if possible, or a telegraph and telephone communication with large towns. The tendency of such inventions is to spread culture and destroy the feeling of distance.

7. By relaxation and attention to social considerations. Play or recreation should be a systematic part of farm life for old and young. When the young are left in this matter to shift for themselves, their tastes are liable to be depraved and their minds taken away from the farm. The farmer must leave time for his children's natural social instincts. Home must be homely. Let sunshine into every corner. Keep no moldy rooms. With a bright cheerful life on the farm, you can hardly drive the boys away from it.

8. Finally, make farm life popular with the girls. When women are drudges, life is so devoid of a sweet atmosphere, that the boy's first duty is to get out of it, if he can. But apart from mere drudgery, all that is done to improve the farm for boys should also be done to improve it for the girls. They should have part in the studies previously enumerated for boys. A good home library should include cyclopedias and hand-books of science, and the boys and girls should have such implements for mind work as a microscope, a telescope and the furnishing of a plain laboratory. Try this, and then try to drive your lads into clerkships, and see if you can succeed.—[E. P. Powell in Rural New-Yorker.

In Memoriam.

J. C. CRAWFORD.

Bro. J. C. Crawford was president of the Rescue Alliance No. 1336.

Whereas it has pleased the Great Master of the universe to remove Bro. Crawford from earth to the realms of bliss, resolved,

1st, That by his death the Farmers' Alliance has lost a true friend and an efficient officer, his wife a devoted husband, his children a loving father and the church to which he belonged one of its members.

2nd, That we extend to the bereaved family and relatives, our heartfelt spmpathies.

3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family and one each to the Rural Citizen, Forney Register, and the Terrell Star for publication.

W. J. Pinkard, J. H. Wroten, M. L. Moore, } Com.

A. F. BEATY, R. H. BRADFORD.

Whereas it has pleased the Creator in his providence to remove Bros. A. F. Beaty and R. H. Bradford from the sorrows, tears, and partings of this life we trust to a brighter world, "beyond the shadows darkening this;"

Resolved, That in their death the Farmers' Alliance has lost zealous and worthy members, and the community good and honorable citizens.

Resolved, That the members of Friendship Alliance extend to the bereaved wives and children their heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of trouble, trusting that God who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," may be a husband, father, guard, and guide to them through life.

Resolved, That the members of Friendship Alliance wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished their families and a copy be furnished the Pilot Point Post and Index and the Rural Citizen for publication.

A. M. Doran, G. P. Davis, S. B. Tabor, } Com.

TOM GRAVES.

Brethren, Sunday, the 31 of January was the saddest day in the history of the Alliance in Rains county. It was upon that day death claimed of us one of the shining lights of the Emory Alliance. Death is terrible in all of its aspects, even when the aged,

"Lie so coldly sweet, so deadly fair,
We start for soul is wanting there."

In the present instance, it has not been the aged and decrepit, the weak and sickly who has been called to the great beyond, but it was our much beloved brother, Tom Graves, in the prime of life and the vigor of manhood, whose cheeks, on the Wednesday before, were crimsoned with the glow of health, and whose eyes sparkled with the love of truth and justice, and whose breast was expanding with emotions of generous love for the brotherhood, and the Sunday evening following, his spirit winged its everlasting flight to

"The land beyond the setting sun,
The realm more fair than poet's dream,"

and left his mortal body pale, cold, and motionless, a form of inanimate clay, and we are left to mourn our loss, to measure out our brief plan of existence, to finish our labors and then

"To reach that realm on the other shore,
We must pass the same transient gloom,
And must walk, unseen, unhelped, and alone,
Through that Covered Bridge—the tomb."

Be it Resolved, That it is a just tribute to the memory of the departed that in regretting his removal from our midst, we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved, That in his death his aged mother and youthful brother lost a loving son and an indulgent guardian, society a patriotic citizen, and our order a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them, and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best, and whose chastisements are sent in mercy.

Resolved, That this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be furnished the family of our departed brother and a copy to each of the Mineola Monitor, Rural Citizen, and Alliance Standard, with request to publish same.

O. Reice, C. H. Wilson, B. F. Harris, } Com.

$50 Reward.

Stolen from near Weatherford on the night of Jan. 26th. one bay horse 6 years old, about 15 hands high branded C S on left shoulder and S inverted and J A T on left hip round top A, 3 white feet. I will give $50 reward for delivery of horse a thief.

G. B. Thurman.

The present activity in railroad building is unexampled in Texas. Every town of any importance is lending encouragement to railroad enterprises and reaching out for additional connection with the commercial world. Even the villages and smaller towns that have been wont to grow dusty with inaction are demanding new roads. Men of property donate liberally of their means, and even young men working on salaries, who have no real estate and no business to be fed by new roads, join in the general enthusiasm and subscribe to the general welfare. It is characteristic of Texas to do things in this large hearted way. Everything for the common good is the motto that all recognize.—[Ft. Worth Gazette.

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GLADSTONE'S MIN[illegible]
A Defeat Looked For [illegible] Home Rule Bill Comes [illegible]
Parnell Playing a Waiting Game For Developments—Lord R[illegible] Churchill's Rash Speeches [illegible] ing the Tory Party.

London, March 4.—As Chief [illegible] Morley's intimation that the G[illegible] expects to appeal to the country [illegible] not been contradicted, it is no[illegible] ly accepted as authoritativ[illegible] Ministry's Home-Rule bill is e[illegible] be brought forward about th[illegible] April. After a thorough debate [illegible] the state of affairs in Ireland wi[illegible] ventilated, the defeat of the Mi[illegible] be looked for. This is the pre[illegible] pection now, based upon the [illegible] Mr. Morley and the fact that [illegible] members talked against [illegible] night in the Common[illegible] a trivial motion wi[illegible] evident desire to avert th[illegible] which was expected on Mr. Se[illegible] tion to censure Lord Churchi[illegible] Ulster speeches. The Parnelli[illegible] ently desire all the talking a[illegible] affairs to be done when there [illegible] ble basis for debate before the [illegible] wish to attack the defiuite pr[illegible] the Government should these [illegible] satisfactory, rather than the va[illegible] Lord Churchill, who represen[illegible] but himself and a few irrita[illegible] who are out of influence with [illegible] party. Mr. Parnell is unde[illegible] have advised Mr. Sexton agai[illegible] ing himself to be downed in a [illegible] with Churchill at this time, [illegible] thing should inadvertantly [illegible] out which would seem to [illegible] Gladstone an excuse for introd[illegible] stringency in the Irish measu[illegible] work upon. The Irish leader [illegible] to have expressed himself [illegible] meeting Mr. Gladstone with [illegible] tactics, and by keeping silence [illegible] possible circumstances inc[illegible] probability that somebody [illegible] make the mistake of [illegible] too much. Churchill's rash s[illegible] Ireland have hurt his party so [illegible] they are likely to be pointed to [illegible] to come as terrible examples [illegible] fects of bumptiousness and [illegible] nell does not propose to let [illegible] lieutenants, in an angry debate [illegible] practical issue, utter some th[illegible] ment that may arouse the [illegible] English prejudice and hinder [illegible] ress toward recognition of [illegible] claims.

FOREIGN BUDGE[illegible]
Cable Clicks From All Parts of [illegible]

Vienna, March 3.—During [illegible] three months many deaths f[illegible] ing have occurred in South H[illegible] the police investigation revealed [illegible] the poisoners or their motives [illegible] has just been arrested for sell[illegible] to peasant women, and it tra[illegible] he has for several months [illegible] thriving trade in that article, [illegible] ers being, with very few [illegible] women of the lower classes.

London, March 3.—The st[illegible] ues with renewed fury in the [illegible] England and Scotland. Score[illegible] way trains are snowbound be[illegible] tions, vessels are detained in [illegible] and numerous wrecks are r[illegible] railroad collision occurred at [illegible] Scotland, yesterday, on acco[illegible] snow having clogged the sig[illegible] could not be worked. One [illegible] was killed and a large numbe[illegible] less injured.

London, March 3.—Captai[illegible] the American bark Surprise, [illegible] from New York August 16, 18[illegible] zibar and Bombay, and was [illegible] the coast of Madagascar in [illegible] has arrived at Plymouth. He [illegible] as soon as the Surprise stran[illegible] shoals the natives put off [illegible] boarded and looted the vessel [illegible] resisted the natives, but were [illegible] take to the boats in order to [illegible] or death. The American Con[illegible] tave will demand reparation [illegible] gascar authorities.

Rome, March 4.—Fifteen [illegible] have been sentenced at Pa[illegible] months' imprisonment for t[illegible] cite the populace to civil war.

Constantinople, March [illegible] ston, the United States Minis[illegible] will have an audience with [illegible] Friday, and will leave for [illegible] Saturday.

Vienna, March 4.—The [illegible] here believe that the Ser[illegible] treaty of peace is a make-sh[illegible] Servia will sieze the first [illegible] venge.

London, March 4.—The [illegible] Wales, as Grand Master of F[illegible] Great Britain, has withdra[illegible] of appointment from the [illegible] of the Grand Lodge of E[illegible] Grand Lodge of Illinois, [illegible] the latter's having severed [illegible] relations with the Engli[illegible] Montreal.

The Boot Getting on the [illegible]

Washington, March 4.—[illegible] cable has been received by [illegible] Minister from the Govern[illegible] Canton. The lawlessness [illegible] evidently breeding trouble [illegible] in China.

Canton, Fe[illegible]
To His Excellency Chest[illegible] ter, Washington: Cablegram [illegible] Chinese merchants at San F[illegible] Chinese in the United States [illegible] outrageously attacked. Hea[illegible] Canton people are furious [illegible] threatened. How did the A[illegible] ment act in this matter? Co[illegible] the President to adopt meas[illegible] sion of Chinese there, and for [illegible] these inhuman acts, in order [illegible] friendship of the two co[illegible] wise the consequences here [illegible] [signed] Chas.

Interesting to Pos[illegible]
Washington, March 5.—[illegible] a request from the Post[illegible] the Attorney-General has [illegible] cision in reference to the [illegible] masters for relief from [illegible] loss of money-order fe[illegible] This decision holds that [illegible] lations of the [illegible] reference to the [illegible] transmission of these [illegible] disregarded, the Postm[illegible] no authority under th[illegible] credits for funds so lo[illegible] to credit the loss to the [illegible] limited to cases where [illegible] are made in compliance [illegible] tions.

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Gleanings From the [illegible]
Washington, March [illegible] preme Court yesterday [illegible] rendered in two of the [illegible] cases. The principl[illegible] one belonging to Iow[illegible] and the question [illegible] the State could tax the [illegible] cars which run within [illegible] State. The lower co[illegible] State could not levy [illegible] Supreme Court of the [illegible] Broad that decision.