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RAMBLING AND RUMINATING.

SOME MENTAL FERMENTATION, MORAL COGITATIONS, AND CORPOREAL JOURNEYING EXPERIENCED BY THE EDITOR.

I LEAVE EL PASO.

It was with some reluctance that I left El Paso after having spent only one day in so interesting a city. I would have been glad to have remained a few days longer, but my time was limited and much of my contemplated trip was not completed. All thru life we find it necessary to do things reluctantly, as we are creatures of our environments as well as creators of them.

I boarded the eastbound Southern Pacific train in the evening at 7:20 Pacific time, or 8:20 Central time. At El Paso Central time ceases to be the standard and Pacific time becomes the standard. El Paso is the first point on the globe, or anywhere else, I have ever visited where the time was really one hour slow. I ruminated over my situation. I wondered if I were really one hour younger by going to El Paso than I would have been by remaining east of that place. My ruminating amounted to no more than a sort of wool-gathering of my head. Such is never pleasing to my sight or to my thoughts, so I ceased to ruminate on the time subject and started on my journey of rambling towards San Antonio. The evening I boarded the train for San Antonio I was in a physical condition that demanded rest and repose. I had put in the entire day rambling over El Paso and Juarez. My ruminating consisted

of perambulating. How fatigued during the day I had perambulated I can not approximate. I would have doubtless have continued perambulating over the cities of El Paso and Juarez, but the train was going to leave on time, whether it be Central or Pacific. As I had ceased ruminating on the time system, I took no notice of the time farther than to make sure that I was not living over the defunct past. We often ruminate to ourselves and expatiate with others on how we could improve our conditions had we the opportunity to live our lives over. When we suffer ourselves to take a gloomy aspect of life and of things in general we then think we might do better could we recall the past. If we have made the best of our opportunities and have "sown no wild oats" we are silly to want a trial at living over the past. It is human to blunder. Holy Writ will bear me out in the assertion. If we have blundered—and, who has not blundered?—if we have blundered with our heads—and who is it that has not?—we should thank our stars that our blunders have been of the head and not of the heart. We can be optimists as easily as we can be pessimists.

ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC. Traveling at night is not as desirable a time as in the day time. When traveling by night one is denied the benefits to be derived from exterior observation. I would have preferred leaving El Paso at any other time than at early twilight; but this was a matter, like many others, in which I had no choice. I am a modest "blower of my own horn," and I am quite timid in displaying that quality of character which is of so much value to people who are short on brains and which is commonly designated as gaul—defined as sublime audacity, superabundant effrontery, and brass in solid chunks. But I must not digress too far on the subject of gaul, nor ruminate too much on the advantages of traveling in the daytime over those of night. Only one train leaves El Paso each four and twenty hours, and that is at 7:20 or 8:20.

I would not ask the railway com-

pany to have the train leave at a time to suit my convenience, as I felt that I had displayed enough gaul in asking for a round trip ticket in exchange for newspaper advertising.

There were numerous passengers, and some of them were people who could not speak the English language fluently. What time I was not slumbering I spent conversing with those who could talk as Plains people do. I never like to try to converse with foreigners who have a poor command of the English language. I am not used to associating with such people and I find it difficult to get used to such—so difficult that I seldom attempt it.

I did nothing to distinguish myself save to accommodate some ladies by breaking the backs of some plush-seated and flush-backed passenger chairs, which can be adjusted to serve the purpose of chairs for those who are rested and wish to sit erect and observe or for those who are fatigued and wish to recline and slumber. I did not tender my services in readjusting the chairs until I saw that the ladies could not. I acted as tho I had been used to traveling on the cars all the days of my life, and I did not tell them that I traveled all the way to Kansas City and back home before I learned to operate passenger chairs. I seldom expose my ignorance unless I can learn something by so doing. I usually

travel alone in my shyness in traveling experience. I could see none of the country until Pecos County was reached, when a new day dawned. An arid country presented itself to view. No material signs of settlement could be seen. I would doubt the country in Brewster, Presidio, Pecos, and Val Verde counties being capable of producing enough Indian corn to furnish corn hucks for the hot tamale vendors along the Southern Pacific. The pretty scenery is dwarfed by the aridness of the country. I saw several horse shoe bends or loops in the track, and from my range of vision I was puzzled to account for them. Upon inquiry I was informed that such was necessary for the natural declivity of the country.

The Pecos River viaduct or bridge is 321 feet high and 2180 feet long. I stood upon the car platform and took as extensive a view as I could. When I cast my eyes towards the bed of the river I could not help thinking that if the bridge were to give way, "Gret would be the fall of it!" There is a vast difference between the appearance at this place and at Pecos City on the Texas & Pacific. At the latter place there is scarcely any banks to the river.

The Devil's liver country presents some rugged scenery and some uninviting recesses. In that country the hermit could find a recluse to spend his days in absolute seclusion from the civilized world. The time may come when it will be different, but now it appears very much like Granny Grumldig as Dickens makes her say, "lone and lorn."

In the region of Del Rio, near the banks of the Rio Grande River some rich valleys can be seen with evidences of prosperity. When Governor Roberts asserted that "Civilization begins and ends with the plow," he gave utterance to something as true as Gospel.

I could not be impressed otherwise than that all Southwestern Texas is the home of droughts and sterility, tho I am aware of the fact that I saw the country at a most unfavorable time.

Please Bear in Mind

That we are constantly carrying in stock a Full and Well Selected Line of

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

We are striving to please the trade and believe we are succeeding in our effort. Come and see for yourself.

We are making a special drive in supplying the trade with a complete and judiciously-bought and well-assorted stock of staple

GROCERIES!

Our prices are as low as the lowest and we are always pleased to have you inspect our stock and to quote our prices.

CHOICE FENCE POSTS!

We have a lot of Fence and Gate Posts at customary prices.

ROBBINS & CAMBLE, Floydada.

Uvalde and Medina counties are old settled, but are not yet adapted to extensive and diversified farming. The prevailing dry weather caused the country to appear at a decided disadvantage. Not seeing the country at any other than an unfavorable time I am not qualified to present its true merits alongside its demerits.

In the suburbs of San Antonio, where market gardening and truck growing is carried on by irrigation I saw corn waist high on about the 25th day of April. When such a beautiful scene presented itself to my range of vision I was moved to exclaim, "I am in God's country once more!"

I arrived at San Antonio at early twilight. I did not take in any of the scenes of San Antonio that night, as I had been denied by constant train-riding and sight-seeing the opportunity of preparing copy for the columns of THE HESPERIAN. I was somewhat fatigued, but my combustible imagination was recharged and I had to give vent to the sentiments I had been ruminating over or else be the subject of a Vesuvian eruption. I wrote with much energy and enthusiasm the thoughts and sentiments that had been possessing me for several days.

I was enthusiastic; but if I were a preacher, a poet, or a statesman, some people might have superstition enough to have declared me inspired.

I did not begin taking in the scenes of San Antonio the following morning, but boarded the International & Great Northern passenger for Laredo, a city of 12,000 inhabitants on the Rio Grande River, 150 miles south of San Antonio. After leaving Bexar County, I passed thru corners of Atascosa and Medina Counties, and thru Frio, La Salle, and Webb Counties. I thought I had seen some of the most arid-looking country in the world outside the Sahara or Gobi Deserts, but I changed my mind when I reached La Salle County. I may sometimes exaggerate when overwrought with enthusiasm, but I am not when I say that the country lying south of San Antonio contains no more grass than the public square of Floydada. There is absolutely no grass at all to be seen. A perfect forest of cactus and mesquite bushes cover the ground to the exclusion of all things else. It is known as strictly a grazing country, but there is nothing for stock to browse upon save the cactus plants and the mesquite bushes. Only the tender shoots of the cactus can be eaten by the cattle. During the past winter cattle had nothing save cactus to subsist upon unless fed. I was told that many people cut the cactus and burned off the stickers, so their cattle could eat them more readily.

The heat of the weather was oppressive. It might have been cool

on the Plains, but it was not so in Southern Texas. I was entertained by listening to a spirited discussion between two gentlemen on the money question. I maintained my reserve, but felt like patting the silver advocate on the shoulder and admonishing him to continue. With me the money question is not dead, and it never will be settled until settled right.

The passengers were a medley of Mexicans, Germans, and other Nationalities. I saw few with whom I could converse with any degree of satisfaction. I could hear much vocal clatter, but it was nearly all perfectly meaningless to me. I had what I thought to be a tough people and peculiarly adapted to deal with in my career in this enlightened and benighted land, but I saw more in a wad in going to Laredo than I care to be with again.

For some distance I rode with a man who was slightly intoxicated, but was agreeable in disposition. I did not feel charmed with his presence. I felt thirsty and walked to the water tank for a drink. My "partner" followed me and presented his flask of red-eye. I informed him that my religion, politics, and lodge obligations forbade my indulging, whereupon he very kindly assured me that he had "plenty of it" and that "it was perfectly free." His generosity was admirable; but it was of no service to me, as he and I viewed the temperance question differently.

Laredo is a dingy, dusky place. Were it not for the fact that Laredo is an important gateway between two Republics and in the midst of considerable mining interests she would be an insignificant place. On the south bank of the Rio Grande River is located Nueva Laredo, a town of about 6,000 people. Both the American and Mexican Laredos are greatly Mexicanized. The streets are narrow and the buildings unartistic, as a rule. I had thought in times ago that the Plains country could present fewer people with bleached cutis than any other country in America; but I changed my mind after visiting Laredo. Many of the white people at the Laredos are so greatly tanned that they could pass unchallenged as Mexicans among people not accustomed to associating with Mexicans.

An iron bridge spans the Rio Grande River connecting the two Laredos. It is used as both a wagon and a foot toll bridge. I paid five cents for the privilege of walking across to New Laredo and the same amount to return. At about the midway point of the bridge is a monument marking the dividing line between the two Republics.

I remained in the Laredos only one afternoon and a night. Some

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I am Making a Special Drive on My Stock of

DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS

—MY RULES OF BUSINESS—

Are simple enough. First, I buy my goods where I can get them at the lowest dealers' prices; second, I mark my goods down so as to make a small but legitimate profit; third, I sell rapidly and keep new stocks of goods constantly coming in.

JUST RECEIVED!

My stock of Spring and Summer Goods are here and I want you to call and inspect them.

Of all the good things I have in it will pay you to see my extra fine shoes, worth \$3.50 marked down to only \$3.00.

Ladies' and gents' slippers for Sunday wear at the lowest prices. Nice dress goods—Lawns, Prints, Gingham, and fine patterns. Don't fail to see my Misses' and Children's Hose.

GEO. R. GRIGGS, -:- Floydada, -:- Texas.

Cresylic ointment at R. C. Scott's. All the latest work of Art at Big Tent.

Another season visited this part last Saturday night.

See those nice parasols and umbrellas at Snodgrass & Nelson's.

Judge Campbell and son, Harry, of Lyman, Motley county, were in the city last Monday.

The Chicago Photo & Novelty Co. will be in Floydada for two weeks from date. At Big Tent.

W. C. Robbins, the genial and energetic teacher of the Sunset School, was in Floydada last Saturday shaking hands and selling goods on the side.

We are having frequent calls for one and two section places convenient to Floydada. Give us a list of your property with prices.—T. L. Layne & Co.

Everything seasonable at R. C. Scott's drug store. Fresh insect powders, Paris Green, Moth Balls, Fly paper, Carbolic Acid, crude and ure.

There will be a picnic at Lockney tomorrow, and the Woodmen of the World boys of Floydada will do some chopping in the Forest tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Snodgrass & Nelson have a lot of seed cotton seed for sale. Farmers desiring to grow cotton in Floyd county have an opportunity to do so, and there is no doubt that cotton can be successfully grown in this county.

LOST—About the last day of last March I lost a nice lap-robe red and yellow in color with flowered designs, and the edges fringed and tasseled. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to me.—M. W. Whitlow, Starkey.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this county have ordered themselves a dispensation and expect to organize at an early day and go at once to transforming raw material into full-fledged three-linkers. The Odd Fellows will use the Woodmen of the World camp house for their work.

W. H. Martin, the newly-elected principal of the Floydada Public School, has been circulating extensively and promiscuously among the people of Floyd County in the interest of his school. He states that some of his Virginia pupils who are now in Floyd County will attend school at Floydada the coming session. If the citizens of Floydada will put forth the effort that Mr. Martin in her school will doubtless make rapid and marked growth.

Competitors may blow that they do not sell on time, and, for that reason their customers do not have to pay other people's debts. I will state that I sell as few goods on time as any man in Floyd county, and what goods I do sell on time are the same as the spot cash, for I have been in Floyd county a long time and know whom to credit and whom not to credit and I never fail to collect from all of my customers whom I accommodate for a short time: I can always collect from them without having to dun them thru the columns of the newspapers. I am anxious for you to call and price my goods. My long experience in the mercantile business is an important item for the custom to consider.—A. C. Bowers.

Simmons' Stock powders at R. C. Scott's

Photos from 25c. per dozen up to \$25.00 per dozen at Big Tent.

100 gallons of high grade house paint soon to arrive at R. C. Scott's

J. T. Fish, of Whiteflat, Motley county, was in the city a few days ago.

Picture taking is one of the fads on among the people of Floydada nowadays.

Ripe mulberries from C. L. Rice's place were being masticated at Floydada this week.

Millet and sorghum seed, best variety, for sale at Snodgrass & Nelson's. Come at once if you want them.

Money to loan on deeded lands. Loans from \$500 upwards.—T. L. Layne & Co.

C. A. Hines has been in the city this week quite ill with a painful affection of the bladder.

Nearly \$500 worth of laces and embroideries at the popular mercantile establishment of Snodgrass & Nelson.

Dr. Carson made professional call to Mr. Blanco Monday night in attendance at the bedside of Mrs. Clarence Taul.

Mrs. J. P. Drace has been quite ill with rheumatic troubles at the residence of J. B. Bartley the past two weeks.

Lincoln Dip for lice, ticks, screw worms, mange, house flies, lice on chickens, and as a disinfectant, at R. C. Scott's drug store.

Fire Insurance, in "Time tried and Fire tested" Companies at lowest rates consistent with conservative underwriting.—T. L. Layne.

The ladies will always find what they are looking for at my store. It is always a pleasure for me to show my goods and quote prices.—A. C. Bowers.

All kinds of Photo Jewelry at Big Tent. Buttons! Buttons! Buttons!!! All kinds! Solid Silver, Gold, and Gold-filled, guaranteed by Photo Jewelry Mfg. Co. of Chicago.

W. A. Robbins, of the firm of Robbins & Gamble, left last week for his former home town, Ennis, where he is renewing acquaintances and looking after business interests. He may, some day in the near future, make a transaction that will show to the world that even he must yield to the influence of Cupid.

We keep an eye on every detail of our business. We sell lots of goods, but we make it a point never to run short on any line. This week we have shelved some replenishing stocks so that our many customers will not fail to find everything they may want at our store. We start in with a full stock and we keep up a full stock. That's the way to run a business on business lines. Call and see us. No trouble to show goods.—Snodgrass & Nelson.

Elocution Class.

The Elocution Class will meet regularly at the School House Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours for Special lessons arranged to suit convenience of pupils.

Those desiring private lessons will please call for terms.

Hours for class lessons 8:30 to 9:30 and from 9:30 to 10:30.

Linda E. Adair.

Windy, blustery weather prevails.

A complete line of undertaker's goods at C. Surginer's

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. N. Farris visited in the city the fore part of the week.

Judge Duncan visited the town of Lockney last Tuesday returning Wednesday.

W. A. J. Jones, of Pansey settlement, was trading in the commercial center last Tuesday.

F. O. Aiken paid the northeastern section of the county a business visit the fore part of the week.

All persons desiring lumber for any or all purposes can be accommodated at the Floydada Lumber Yard.

For some time you have been wanting a cook stove for your wife. C. Surginer has them. See him.

New Millinery arriving all the time at my store. Come on and get your hats. Respectfully,—Mrs. F. Montague.

Rob Wilkinson returned Saturday night after a month's stay at Dallas serving in the capacity of a messenger boy.

A large stock of buggies and carriages have just arrived at C. Surginer's. Bought in car lots, consequently at the lowest prices and are being sold accordingly.

If you want anything in 2x6, 4x4 4x6, or 1x6 rough, any length from 12 to 24 feet for tower timber, or anything in lumber call on Lockney Lumber Co., Lockney, Texas.

If you want doors, windows, screen doors, moldings, brackets porch columns, gable ornaments of any kind or size, call on Lockney Lumber Company. A car load just received.

Ever ready, always reliable, are Cheatham's Laxative Tablets. They cure a cold quicker than any other known remedy. Easy to carry, pleasant to take. Guaranteed. Price 25c.

For catarrh and colds in the head, Hunt's Lightning Oil inhaled is a sure cure. A few drops taken internally relieves and cures cramp colic, cholera morbus and such troubles. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local application as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Parum Pose arrived last Saturday night from Dallas, where he has been spending the past two months attending the Metropolitan Business College. He did not complete the course, but expects to return after the warm weather is over to secure his diploma.

No Loss of Time.

I have sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy for years, and would rather be out of coffee and tea than it. I sold five bottles of it yesterday to threshers that could go no farther and they are at work again this morning.—H. R. Phelps, Plymouth, Ok. is will be seen by the above the threshers were able to keep on with their work without losing a single day's time. You should keep a bottle of this remedy in your home. For sale by R. C. Scott.

Tax Assessor Dumas has been in this part of the county rounding up the remnant of those who have not rendered their property for the purpose of taxation. His daughter, Miss Lillie, accompanied him and has been visiting friends at Dallas.

IF YOU ARE WANTING SOMETHING TO WEAR

That Will Fit



and will fit you right, and will fit you to the best advantage—show you off to the best advantage—, you can not do better at any place—as well at many places—than you can in selecting from my splendid stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing.

I have clothing for all sizes and ages— all occupations—and have bought them so that I can undersell others, quality considered. If you want to buy it will pay you to see me. It is always a pleasure to show my goods to you.

A. C. BOWERS, Floydada.

Some Fire Insurance Facts and Figures.

While the insuring public of Texas is burdened with all manner of theories and arguments, for and against, the solvency and stability of the various State companies, and their methods and means of caring for the risks entrusted to their keeping; there is a steady fight, to the finish, it seems, between the Old Line, or Stock companies and Home, or Mutual companies, that have sprung into a lively existence within the last 32 months, and in the meantime the Assured are paying their premiums with a certain fear and trembling, lest they are paying too much for their protection against the "fiery fiend"; or else getting something so cheap that it may prove (in an emergency) to be dear at any price, and it is highly important to look well at these two extremes, for it is a deplorable fact that outside companies are enjoying reserved seats and exacting high rates for their commodity, (after paying the admission fee) and the whole insurance pasture is dotted here and there by "black sheep." I have information from the head of the Insurance Department at Austin, saying: "This office is constantly besieged by letters from people complaining to the office of losses sustained by companies who even refuse to investigate such losses," and these "shady sheep," aforesaid, are found to be flocking with the "old band" as well as the new.

There is little doubt but that the laws governing Fire Underwriting are largely to blame for this condition of affairs, since no fair minded man will say that Texas does not contain numbers of men who have ample means, brains and integrity to establish and manage a Fire Insurance on any basis that any other community, or set of men, could do.

Some one may ask why we do not have stock companies managed and controlled by Texas capital. The solution is simple enough. In Texas money costs more and is worth more than in most any other State, and the investments are more alluring and offer quicker returns than elsewhere, while the Eastern capitalist can handle large sums of money at a minimum rate of interest and sell it to the farmers and business men of the South and middle West in the form of a Real Estate Mortgage bond, Life, or Fire policy, and a ten year old boy can tell you where the profits go and why the people of the North and East have cheap money. Ten old line (Fire) companies declared dividends of over two million dollars last year, and three of the number (within my knowledge) have advanced their rates 25 per cent all along the line.

Statistics show that there are more than 500 Mutual Associations, or companies, doing a safe and successful Fire Insurance business in the United States, and many of them have been operating

for half a century. The Georgia Mutual was organized over 50 years ago, and on a mutual basis and other \$1 companies sprang into life with it, and for as a guarantee, or reserve fund, for forty years have paid all claims returned to and in recent years have returned to policy holders over 40 per cent of their premiums, besides accumulating \$100,000.00 as a reserve fund that is being borrowed by Georgians at a much lower rate than any Texan can borrow money. Some of these Georgia companies are writing like lines of insurance in different towns in Texas, and the money, the thousands being paid out by the wise (?) Texas business man and farmer, goes back to the vaults of the Loan and Insurance companies in the Eastern States, the greater portion going to N.Y., Conn., and other New England States, while not a little finds its way across the Atlantic. The fight is fairly on in Texas between the Old Line and State companies and bids fair to prove the "survival of the fittest." The State companies are fighting on their own ground and getting a firmer hold each day, in spite of a strong tendency on the part of the people to believe that something from a distance is always superior to a home product, and it is growing plainer each day that the outside or stock companies, are becoming alarmed over the prospects of their best picking becoming "Georgianized" as they choose to term the situation in Texas. Should you ask some Old Line solicitor, who is informed, if it is not a fact that the strongest and most popular Life Insurance companies are not run on a mutual plan, and if he is honest, he must admit that it is a fact.

One often hears a business man say that he is not informed on insurance matters, and some will say that the modern business man can't afford to study these questions, while the truths of the matter is: Can he afford not to? Take the Jewish class of merchants, and who ever heard of one neglecting this branch of his business, or allowing a policy lapse on the eve of a lively blaze? And many of them could open a "night school" and teach some self styled Specialists points on Fire Underwriting that they have never dreamed of. I call to mind one old gentleman at the head of a prosperous Jew firm, that has carried for the past five years Fire insurance aggregating \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00 and you could not deliver a policy to him for over \$1,000.00 and there are very few on his expiration register that run over \$500.00, and any one who has gone thru a considerable fire will appreciate his wisdom in the arrangement, besides the convenience of having his premium payments distributed thru every week in the year. Small losses are quickest settled.

T. L. LAYNE.

M. S. Dumas authorizes this paper to place his name in the announcement to Column as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor. Mr. Dumas is one of the best known men in Floyd County. He has resided here the past twelve years and has been identified with the interests of the Plains Country during that time. In the election of 1900 the people of Floyd County honored him with the office of Tax Assessor. He asks that he be honored with a second term, promising to render efficient and painstaking services.

J. W. Edwards, of Plainview, visited relatives at this place, among whom is included the carmine-headed ink-slinger of this office. Mr. Edwards was here in the interest of establishing an automobile passenger and express line from Plainview to Canyon and other lines including one to Floydada. Mr. Edwards and another Plainview gentleman of the name of Roberson are the promoters. They contemplate putting on the road automobiles that will carry six passengers each. It seems that an enterprise of this sort would prove a success.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

To the public:
The trustees of the Floydada Public School have elected W. H. Martin principal for the session of 1902-3. Mr. Martin comes to us from Virginia. He is well recommended as a scholar, an instructor, a disciplinarian and a high toned christian gentleman. He has had fifteen years' experience in school work. During the past year he was principal of Gladeville College of Wise, Virginia.

We sincerely hope that the people of Floydada will cooperate with Mr. Martin to make our school second to none of its grade.

Let our people open their doors to their friends and keep boarding pupils as cheaply as possible.

Mr. Martin has a fine reputation as a school builder and we feel it to be of interest to every one to assist in building up the school interests of our town and surrounding country.

The central location of our town and the thrifty, intelligent class of citizens surrounding it at once mark it as an educational center. Let us not disappoint these anticipations. Let us not forget that "in union there is strength." By united action and energetic work we can build such an institution of learning that not only Floydada but Floyd County and even surrounding counties may feel proud to patronize.

C. SURGINER,
L. P. TAFFINDEL, } Trustees.
W. E. BUCKLEY,

W. A. Shipley is replacing the nice residence he had the misfortune of losing this spring with a larger and more handsome one.

I have a lot of German Millet Seed for sale at my place ten miles southwest of Floydada, in the Starkey neighborhood.—M. W. Whitlow, Starkes.

Mrs. Joe Gound and infant son left a few days ago to visit relatives in Eastern Texas. She will join her husband in New Mexico on her return.

All itching diseases are embarrassing as well as annoying. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and permanently cure all forms of such diseases. Guaranteed. Price 50 cts.

Those who visited the Reunion say that the best thing they found while good cup of good coffee. G. E. Griggs has the brands that will make the coffee that you like.

Have you seen Snodgrass & Nelson's assortment of ladies dress goods? Patterns of every description are there for your inspection. They range in price from 3 cents to \$1.00 per yard.

Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, but Simmons' Cough Syrup soothes any breast; if same be afflicted with coughs, colds, and like troubles. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Fine stock and small farms and pastures are fast superceding the long horns and Spanish bronchos and the large pastures. Barns and sheds are becoming a desideratum. Ancient ways are fast giving way to modern equipments. Let the improvement wave roll.

White top wagons are coming in and passing on at a rapid rate. The Great West will settle this summer as it never has settled before. There are not enough people here yet to make this a prosperous community and the social and educational center that it should be and will be.

Don't Become Discouraged.
But use Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box.) Many imitations of the original so be careful and see that it's "Purifier" and manufactured by the A. G. Simmons Jr. medicine Co.

In the Announcement Column appears the the name of Cary Griggs as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the ensuing November election. Mr. Griggs is a young man of energy and steady habits. He has resided in Floyd County the past eleven years and was partly reared here. He is well and favorably known among the old settlers of the county. He has spent four months during the past winter attending the Metropolitan Business College at Dallas for the purpose of equipping himself for the business duties he may wish to fill. He will appreciate your support.

Our New Spring Stock

IS ARRIVING!
SPRING AND SUMMER

Dry Goods, Clothing, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS

In fact, all that an up-to-date, live, wide-awake, trade-pleasing, trade-drawing Dry Goods establishment should have. We had two members of our firm visit the St. Louis markets and select in person Our Mammoth Stock of the Latest Styles and Most Serviceable goods to be found in use. Come and see with your own eyes our Display and Array of Dry Goods.

McMANNIS, BUCKLEY & WHITE,
FLOYDADA'S LEADING CLOTHIERS,

Trade Paragraphs.

EDITED BY McMANNIS, BUCKLEY & WHITE.

Shaving brushes, good razors, hones etc.

Just received a new lot of Cow Boys kid-leg boots.

Get you a hammock for these hot days. Only \$1.50.

Just received a nice line of men's pants. Come and see.

T. L. Wayne of Crosby county was in trading with us this week.

Our new shoe sign is attracting considerable attention. Come and see it.

Remember we have a complete stock of Hamilton-Brown shoes. Prices guaranteed to be as low as anywhere in the South. This means what it says.

We are destroyers of high prices. We keep right on heaving to the line, letting the chips fall where they may. Our fight is against wrongful business methods. We are setting an example for others to follow. We are leaders! Hear us, readers, hear us.

Young man, old man; young lady, old lady: Have you been casting about for a nice trunk? Doubtless you have, and you have been disappointed in failing to find what you were hunting. You should see our collection of trunks. They are beauties; they are durable; they are large and ample; they are marked down to bed-rock prices; and they are going to sell quick.

Our celebrated Rocker Washers have arrived and you can not fail to be pleased with them. The lady who has not one lacks an important house keeping utensil. We may seem lavish in our praise of the Rocker Washer, but it is because our enthusiasm is based upon qualities that we know it to possess. We are enthusiastic because we believe—yes, because we know—them to be what we claim for them.

Cotton checks 4 cts.

See our summer suits.

Italian razor hones for 25 cents. Razor straps from 15 to 50 cts.

See our toweling remnants.

Let us sell you a watch.

Nice Carpeting at 15c a yard. Ladies' hats trimmed to order.

Ladies' hose, all grades.

Wall paper, nice patterns.

Get your wife a hammock.

We have a mandolin for sale at \$1.50.

Plenty of shoes and hats in stock.

Window shades, lace curtain goods, creton etc.

Don't fail to see our nice summer dress goods.

We mean everything we say in our advertisements.

We have a nice assortment of trunks, large and small.

We have a second-hand Organ to trade for a cow and calf.

J. K. Fulligan of Emma was in viewing our store this week.

See our new line of men's pants. For quality and prices they can't be beat.

Buy your goods where you can get them the cheapest. This is business.

We buy our goods where we can get them the cheapest, and it is your privilege to do the same.

Get out of the rats, be up to date, trade where your money will go farthest. Look out for your self; no one will do it for you.

Have you seen our new Manchester Sewing machines? You will regret it if you buy any other make. We handle the drop head machine and they are handsome. One will be a handsome article of furniture in any home as well as a useful piece of machinery. Only \$25 each.

Announcement Column.

THE HESPERIAN will announce candidates under this head at the following rates:

District Judge	\$10.00
District Attorney	5.00
County Offices	5.00
Precinct Offices	2.50

THE HESPERIAN is authorized to announce the following candidates for the respective offices, election November 4, 1902:

For District Judge, 50th District,
D. F. GOSS.
CHAS. E. COOMBES.

For County and District Clerk.
HOMER HOWARD.
U. S. WILKINSON.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.
C. F. RAMSEY.
E. C. HENRY.

For County Treasurer.
O. J. KING.
CARY GRIGGS.

For Tax Assessor.
M. S. DUMAS.

AGENTS WANTED

LIFE OF T. DEWITT TALMAGE by his Son, REV. FRANK DEWITT TALMAGE and associate editors of Christian Herald. Only book endorsed by the Talmage family. Enormous profit for agents who act quickly. Outfit ten cents. Write immediately CLARK & CO., 222 S. 4th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Mention this paper.

We copy any kind of a picture for those Fine Photo Buttons at Big Tent.

At best life is short. Do not make it shorter by rank neglect of that cough of yours, when one bottle of Simmonds' Cough Syrup would cure. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

N. W. Hight and J. H. P. Reed the middle part of last week from a prospecting tour thru Linn, Garza, Borden and other counties. They found some country that would not equal old Floyd.

Won't Take Advice After Paying For It.

In a recent article a prominent physician says, "It is next to impossible for the physician to get his patient to carry out any prescribed course of hygiene or diet to the smallest extent; he has but one resort left, namely, the drug treatment." When medicines are used for chronic constipation, the most mild and gentle obtainable, such as Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets, should be employed. Their use is not followed by constipation as they leave the bowels in a natural and healthy condition. For sale by R. C. Scott.

E. M. Walling of Lockney was a mixer and minger on the streets of Floydada Tuesday.

Mrs. F. Montague and two little daughters visited relatives in the north part of the county this week.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured After Fourteen Years of Suffering.

"I have been afflicted with sciatic rheumatism for fourteen years," says Josh Edgar, of Germantown, Cal. "I was able to be around but constantly suffered. I tried everything I could bear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured, and I am happy to say it has not since returned." Why not use this liniment and get well? It is for sale by R. C. Scott.

Whooping Cough.

A woman who has had experience with this disease, tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: Our three children took whooping cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to our giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our eldest little girl would call lustily for cough syrup between whoops.—Jessie Pinkeye Hall, Springville, Ala. This remedy is for sale by R. C. Scott.

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Work done in an up-to-date manner and at customary prices. Satisfaction assured. Good BATH OUTFIT in connection.

FLOYDADA TEXAS.

S. T. Cooper and son, of Lockney, were in Floydada Saturday.

Sheriff Fullington of Crosby county was in the city Wednesday.

If you want something good in the way of a pocket knife, R. C. Scott can please you at the drug store.

Get one of those latest-out paper weights with your own photo in it. A nice present. Big Tent.

What Thin Folks Need

Is a greater power of digesting and assimilating food. For the King's New Life Pills work well. They tone and regulate the digestive organs, gently expel all poisons from the system, enrich the blood, improve the appetite, and make healthy flesh. Only 25c at R. C. Scott's.

Manufacturing of fine Celluloid Buttons right in Floydada. Call and see our work at Big Tent.

Do not miss the first pretty day as the Big Tent will not permit us making photos while the wind blows.

The Most Common Ailment.

More people suffer from rheumatism than from any other ailment. This is wholly unnecessary too, as a cure may be effected at a very small cost. G. W. Wescott, of Meadowdale, N. Y., says: "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for some time and it has caused me much suffering. I concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm and am pleased to say that it has cured me." For sale by R. C. Scott.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Floyd County will sit as a board of Equalization at the Court House thereof in the town of Floydada on the Second Monday in June, A. D. 1902, the same being the 9th day of said month.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Floydada Texas, this the 21st day of May, A. D. 1902.

U. S. WILKINSON,
County Clerk, Floyd County, Texas.

Holds Up a Congressman.

"At the end of the campaign," writes Champ Clark, Missouri's brilliant congressman, "from overwork, nervous tension, loss of sleep and constant speaking I had about utterly collapsed. It seemed that all the organs in my body were out of order, but three bottles of Electric Bitters made me all right. It's the best all round medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter." Over worked run down men and sickly women gain splendid health and vitality from Electric Bitters. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by R. C. Scott.

RAMBLING AND RUMINATING.

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market garden interests are being conducted profitably by irrigation. I was told that one planting of cotton would produce two cotton crops in two years; that one planting of sugar cane would produce several successive crops; and that two crops of Indian corn could be grown in one year. In the region of Laredo there is scarcely any winter weather at any time.

THE CITY OF MISSIONS.

I spent one and one-half days and three nights in San Antonio. San Antonio is one of the oldest settled spots in Texas and is the most interesting place in the State to visit. I visited many interesting places, but I did not see all. She is truly the City of Missions, there being six of these old structures in and near the City. It goes without saying that I visited the Alamo building, where one hundred and sixty-nine Texas patriots sacrificed their lives in behalf of human rights and human liberty. On this interesting place I shall in some subsequent number of THE HESPERIAN write.

I visited San Pedro Springs Park and Zoo. Anyone visiting San Antonio and failing to visit this celebrated resort will miss much that is interesting and instructive. In the zoological garden I saw a splendid collection of animals peculiar to Texas, Mexico, and Central America. The study of zoology was a favorite one of mine when in school, and I was highly gratified with my visit to the San Pedro Zoo.

Sam Houston Military Post was visited. I may prepare a special article on this military post for the instruction of the readers of THE HESPERIAN before long.

The Hot Wells and the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum were other places of interest I visited at San Antonio. The Hot Wells is just what the name implies. On the grounds of the Asylum is a flowing well. The water comes out with a temperature of 105 degrees. It contains much sulphur and is noted as a panacea for rheumatism. Near the Asylum grounds is a large health resort with a magnificent hotel and natatorium. To this health resort the hot sulphur water is piped, in which operation it lowers about two degrees in temperature. People suffering with rheumatic troubles from all parts of the civilized world go to San Antonio to bathe in the waters of the Hot Wells.

The Asylum at San Antonio has not many over one-half the number of unfortunates that the Asylum at Terrell has. This institution, like others in the State of its character, impressed me as being well-managed—managed on humane principles. My guide was a lady, whose duty it is to conduct visitors thru the Asylum buildings and grounds. Having visited the Asylum at Terrell the past fall, it was not necessary for me to propound as numerous questions as I did at Terrell; but as I was out seeking information I did not hesitate to make such inquiries as I saw fit, and my guide was quite patient with my apparently nonsensical questions.

By chance I met some friends of yore in San Antonio. It is a supreme pleasure to meet in a strange place those whom we have known in the past.

Whilst visiting San Antonio I lodged at a private boarding house. The family in possession were true Southerners in customs and sentiments. What I am sentimentally or otherwise is readily detected as soon as I am seen. Where I stopped a number of Northerners lodged much of the time. These people seemed to regard Southern people with suspicion and contempt. They were absolutely non-communicative. If it would have done any good I would have taken upon myself the burden of teaching them some lessons in urbanity and civility. Thru their misunderstanding of the people of the South they are ever ready to misrepresent Southern people. It is as deplorable to be misunderstood as it is to be misrepresented and calumniated.

San Antonio is not only an interesting place to visit, but it is also one of the most pleasant places in the world for recreation. The cli-

mate can not be excelled for mildness. The nights are cool and pleasant; so are the days. Early of mornings and late of afternoons are the most sultry periods, there being no sea breeze perceptible.

MY RETURN TRIP.

It was with some misgiving that I took my departure from San Antonio; but I had already remained away from home longer than I had intended, and time was growing heavy. I left San Antonio on Saturday morning on the Southern Pacific. On Sunday morning I met the eastbound Texas & Pacific at the old town of Ysleta, which is twelve miles east of El Paso. I rode from Ysleta to Pecos City. From Pecos City I rode to Amarillo on the Pecos Valley, thence to Childress on the Denver. In my trip I traveled by rail, all told, 3131 miles, which is nearly one third of the railroad mileage of Texas.

The Southern Pacific carries many passengers to and from California. I met many families from the New England States going to California to make their future home. Some of them were laborers and were going to California in quest of greater remuneration for their services.

The Sunset is one of the best equipped roads in the State. It is doing much for the material growth and development of Texas. It spends much in advertising Texas and her resources and possibilities. It has rendered the weekly press much valuable assistance by furnishing information and data in advertising Texas. I could relate many amusing incidents of my return trip, but lack of space forbids. I was taken, in my rounds, by first one and another, for anything but an editor. Hotel men at some places were presumptuous enough to refer to me as a traveling man—a drummer. A lady passenger inquired of me if I were traveling to restore my health. I wondered what sort of a looking personage I am—if I were a walking-skeleton!

Adios with my "Rambling and Ruminating!"

AFFIDAVIT

of Commissioners Court to Examination of County Cash and Assets.

The State of Texas, } In Commission-
Floyd County, } ers Court, May
Term, 1902.

Before me, U. S. Wilkinson, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, personally appeared the Members of the commissioners' court, whose names are below subscribed, who, upon their oaths, do say: That the requirements of Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, have in all things been fully complied with, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the quarterly report made to and filed in this court by S. B. McCleskey, county treasurer of said county, for the quarter ending the 30th day of April, 1902, and held by him for said county, have been fully inspected and counted by them at this term of said court; and that the amount of money and other assets in the hands of said treasurer are as follows, to-wit:

Balance on hand, in all funds, as shown by Treasurer's Report, on the 30th day of April, 1902	\$3844.44
By amount disbursed since said date	\$168.35
By amount to balance cash actually counted by us	3675.99
	\$3844.44 \$3844.44

ARTHUR B. DUNCAN, County Judge Floyd county.
J. D. STARKS, County Commissioner, Floyd county.
WM. McGEREE, County Commissioner, Floyd county.
T. B. MICHAEL, County Commissioner, Floyd county.
JOHN B. BAKER, County Commissioner, Floyd county.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of May, 1902.
U. S. WILKINSON,
County Clerk, Floyd county, Texas.

Visiting cards, the best quality, for sale at THE HESPERIAN office.

Democrats in the Saddle.

Pursuant to the call of Chairman Andrews, of the Democratic Committee of Floyd County, the Executive Committee met at the Court House last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of determining the ways and means of ascertaining the will of the Democracy on the issues and candidates that shall receive consideration in the State and several District conventions, and so forth. Messrs. White, Pelphrey, and Hall of precinct No. 1, M. S. Dumas of precinct No. 2, and S. H. Adams of precinct No. 4 were present, Chairman Andrews presiding.

After considerable discussion and deliberation it was determined that there be a mass meeting of Democrats of each Commissioners Precinct held and that Saturday, June 7, be recommended as the day for all the Precincts to hold uniform primaries or conventions, and that Saturday, June 14, following be the day recommended for all the delegates from the several Precincts to meet at the Court House at Floydada.

It was also determined that the basis of representation in the County Convention of June 14 be one delegate for every ten votes or fractional part thereof which was cast for Governor in 1900. The following was the vote cast for Governor in 1900 in the several Precincts:

Precinct No. 1, 94; Precinct No. 2, 53; Precinct No. 3, 56; and Precinct No. 4, 44. Precinct No. 1 will be entitled to 10 delegates; Precinct No. 2, 9 delegates; Precinct No. 3, 6 delegates; and Precinct No. 4, 5 delegates, making a total of 30 delegates to the County Convention of June 14.

The Democracy of each Precinct is at liberty to do in the matter of instruction as it chooses. If it deems proper to send delegates to the Convention uninstrued it will be its prerogative.

It was the opinion of the committee that by holding precinct mass meetings a fuller representation of the Democracy of Floyd County on the issue, would be obtained than by holding a County mass meeting.

The following gentlemen were appointed temporary chairmen to preside for the several precincts of Floyd County: A. D. White, Precinct No. 1; John McCrary, Precinct No. 2; J. C. Fortenberry, Precinct No. 3; and S. H. Adams, Precinct No. 4. It is recommended that the chairmen of the Precincts issue calls for the mass meetings to take place at 2 o'clock, June 7. Among other matters considered by the committee the following test was adopted after some discussion: "I pledge myself to support the platform and nominees of the Democratic Party at the November election."

The meeting adjourned sine die.

Democratic Call.

By virtue of authority vested in me as chairman of the Democracy of Precinct No. 1, I hereby call the Democracy of said Precinct to meet in mass at the Court House on Saturday afternoon, June 7, 1902, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of instructing delegates to the County convention of Floyd county on Saturday, June 14, 1902. All persons who expect to support the platform and nominees in the November election are earnestly requested to be present. Respectfully,
A. D. White,
Chairman Precinct No. 1.

C. Sarginer carries a splendid line of undertakers goods. This is a great accommodation to the people generally, and Mr. Sarginer should have the benefit of your trade in that line.

Attention, Democrats

I hereby call a mass meeting of the Democrats of Precinct No. 4 to meet at Lakeview School House at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, June 7, 1902, for the purpose of electing and instructing delegates to the County convention to be held at Floydada on Saturday, June 14, 1902, at 11 a. m.

S. L. Adams,
Chairman Precinct No. 4.

R. H. NORRIS, Childress, Texas.

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I have the most complete stock of WIND MILL SUPPLIES in the country. The AERMOTOR continues at the head of the procession, and why? Because it takes less wind to run it, pumps more water, takes care of itself in a high wind, and lasts longer than any wind mill made. There is no piece of machinery of its size that will do as much work, and do it as cheerfully, and with as little attention, as the Aermotor. In other words, it boards itself and works for nothing.

I have also a good TIN SHOP in connection. Send me your orders for HARDWARE. My prices are right and I treat my customers as friends.

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FOR THE HEALTH SEEKER: A climate already famous for its health-promoting qualities. Altitude not too high, air pure and dry, temperature even with no extremes of heat or cold.

And the PLEASURE SEEKER will find something to see and something to do.

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E. TRICE, D. J. PRICE,
2d Vice-Pres. and Gen. Supt., Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent,
PALESTINE, TEXAS.

C. W. Joe and John Gound and R. L. Ward left the latter part of last week with their cattle and the well machine for some part of New Mexico, where they intend to make their home during time to come. These gentlemen are followed with the best wishes of a host of friends at Floydada.

Stand Like a Stone Wall

Between your children and the tortures of itching and burning eczema, scaldhead or other skin diseases. — How? why, by using Bucklen's Arnica Salve, earth's greatest healer. Quickest cure for Ulcers, Fever sores, Salt Rheum, Cuts, Burns, or Bruises. Infallible for Piles. 25c at R. C. Scott's Drug Store.

A man on horseback from New Mexico or somewhere else lodged his horse at Hugh Harkey's livery stable and himself at W. M. Martin's hotel Wednesday night. Early Thursday morning the man and the horse became conspicuous by absenting themselves before they were observed and before the bills were paid. Hugh was determined not to be beaten, so he rode in hot pursuit overtaking his man in Lakeview settlement near Joseph Fowler's place. The traveler pointed his pistol to Hugh and asked him what he wanted. Hugh answered that he wanted his livery bill. The man threw a dollar upon the ground and went on his way rejoicing, and Hugh returned with his money, which was all he was after.

Something of a wind storm raged for a few minutes at Floydada last Saturday night at about 8 o'clock, but did no serious damage further than to partly wreck the photograph tent of G. W. Miller. Mr. Miller was away visiting the family of his old-time friend, J. J. Maxwell, southeast of Floydada.

Reveals a Great Secret.

It is often asked how such startling cures, that puzzle the best physicians, are effected by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Here's the secret. It cuts out the phlegm and germ infected mucous, and lets the life-giving oxygen enrich and vitalize the blood. It heals the inflamed, cough-worn throat and lungs. Hard colds and stubborn coughs soon yield to Dr. King's New Discovery, the most infallible remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. C. Scott's.

The people of Floydada were entertained Tuesday night by the Chicago Photo & Novelty Company at the company's big tent. It was as free as Plains wind and all attended—excepting those who did not. The exercises were opened by the ladies balloting on the ugliest and meanest looking man in the audience. Hugh Harkey and Attorney Pruitt were the most prominent candidates, and on the first ballot a tie was declared; but on the second ballot Pruitt ran his level best. Pruitt is of the opinion that the ladies misunderstood the proposition they were voting on.