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How is McKinley's backbone?
It is now President McKinley.
Grover has stepped down and out.

The Kentucky legislature will be convened in extra session March 16.

Never before in the history of the country has there been such a clamor for spoils.

The office seekers in Texas don't know who to apply to for office—Druid or Green.

Mr. McKinley's backbone will now be severely tested.

Diversify your crops this year and thus multiply your chances of success.

They had big time in Washington on the 4th of March.

No man who has nothing to do should not let the month of March pass without picking a crop.

The people of Texas are now waiting patiently to see what the platform promises of a political party amounts to.

Gov. Bradley of Kentucky, has appointed Major A. T. Wood to succeed Senator Blackburn as United States Senator.

President McKinley has called an extra session of Congress to convene March 15th. The "McKinley property" will then begin.

Green and Grant are both in Washington trying to get the job of distributing McKinley pie in Texas.

A change of venue was granted W. N. Coe, ex-treasurer of Dallas county, indicted for embezzlement of county funds.

Gov. Lord of Oregon, has appointed ex-Senator H. W. Curbett United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of the legislature to elect at its recent session.

Texas will soon be an oil producing state. A big flow of oil has been struck at Corsicana, and now Brownwood has found it in abundance.

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The New Cabinet.
Washington, March 5.—The president today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long of Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior, Cornelius S. Bliss of New York.

Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson of Massachusetts.

Something to Depend On.
Mr. James Jones, of the firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Paris could do nothing for her. It seemed as though she would never recover.

Why Weyer is Not Recalled.
A very true condition of affairs prevail in Spain. The most acute distress is being experienced, the Carlists are showing unmistakable signs of activity and there is further alarming news from the Philippine Islands.

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Letter From Rev. R. C. Buckner.

Buo. Editor: Please allow space in your columns for our grateful acknowledgement of sixty three dollars, just received from Mrs. R. A. Doty, as contributed by citizens, church members and Sunday School classes in your city.

The contributors could only look on this home for the homeless and see the hundred of orphans, representing all sects and sections of our great State, see the good that is being done for them, and how our boys, who were burned out of a home need, not only a good house, but a large one and safe in its protection from the ravages of fire, they would feel glad that they had made their contributions; so would many others give if they could only realize how badly it is needed.

We cannot wait for better times, but right on through the dull season will have to press the work or not be ready for the next winter. To do this money will have to be provided to pay for material and to keep a large force of men at work.

The newspapers of the country—most of them—have been liberal and kind in letting their readers know of this great work, its pressing necessities and the vast amount of good being done.

R. C. BUCKNER,
Orphans' Home, Texas.

Ways to Be a Fool.

There are plenty of ways to be a fool, and our laws give a wide range of liberty in this matter. The price of cucumbers is too low to justify our people to raise and pickle them, yet we mortgage our land to the northerner and easterner who does raise them and pay freight on pickles to our doors.

We raise a crop of tomatoes, yet "don't sell for nothing," yet months later we buy them shipped from Maryland and then mortgage our land for the money we paid.

You don't pay for your trouble in making and taking care of butter, yet Dallas jobbers buy Kansas butter by the ton, and the Kansas farmers have paid off nearly two-thirds of outside mortgages within the past six months.

Hogs ain't worth a star yet we find already this attention to their mules, ground, or lying on their backs, open, and the mules unplanted north keeping.

Old fools we may hear thunder to roll in Texas—Arlington Democrat.

I can understand every crime in the calendar but the crime of greed.

Every day of the flesh but the lust for gain, every sin that ever damned a soul but the sin of selfishness, says Bran's Iconoclast, "By all the sacred bugs and beasts of ancient Egypt, I'd rather be a witchcraft—or even a politician—and howl in sympathy with my tribe; I'd rather be a tramp and divide my handouts with one more hungry; I'd rather be a manny dog without a master and keep the company of my kind, than to be a multi-millionaire, with the blood of a snake, the heart of a beast, and carry my soul, like Pedro Gracia, in my purse. When I think of the three thousand children in the city of Chicago without rags to shield their nakedness from the cold north winds; of the ten thousand innocents, such as Christ blessed, who die in New York every year of the world for lack of food; of the million a every year whose cries go up night and day to God's great throne—not for salvation, but for soup;—not for the robe of righteousness, but for a second hand pair of pants—and then contemplate those beside whose boarded wealth the riches of Lydia's ancient kings were but a beggar's patrimony, praying to him to reverse the law of nature to feed the poor. I long for the mystic power to coin sentences that set clear like sulphurous flames of hot hell, and to weave of words a whip of scorpions to lash the rascal-turd through the world."

No newspaper, no matter how ably edited or how enterprisingly conducted, can long keep afloat or abreast with the times when published in a dead town. It takes a live town to make a live newspaper. There, however, never will and never can be a live town without a live newspaper. The newspaper is dependent on the town. It reflects the push, progress and aspiration of the town. Without the home patronage it cannot live and thrive. Then again, while it is dependent on the town, the town cannot get along without it.—Ex.

Dr. J. B. Brooks, late physician in charge of the Wesley Inst. at Hot Springs, Ark., and the Tex. Electric Ins. Co., Memphis, Tenn., has opened a private Institute at Hot Springs, for the treatment of the MORPHINE, WHISKEY, OPIUM AND COCAINE HABIT.

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More Homes Than Children.

Fort Worth Tex., Feb. 25.—Rev. I. Z. T. Morris returned to-day from north Texas, where he went after some homeless children. He brought in the little ones, but in a few days he will pass them on to good families, where they will have permanent homes. Mr. Morris has now ten homes for girls and eight for boys. As soon as the children can be found he will place them in them. He has placed thirty-seven up to date, and all are happy and doing well.

By this method he says the state has been relieved of \$185 per month, placing the expenditure no more than \$5 per month for each child. If all who want to adopt a child apply to Mr. Morris, he requests, and he will hold the home open until the child can be found. That may occur any day, as he is now receiving calls from every part of the state. He leaves for south Texas to-day to look after the work in that part of the state.

An Equal Standard of Morals.

"I believe absolutely in an equal standard of morals for men and women," writes Edward W. Bok in the March Ladies' Home Journal, replying to an inquirer "Nor is this an ideal condition because it does not now exist. It is not at all unlikely that such equality will be the standard of the future. At all events, for yourself live a pure life, so that you may be able to look every woman in the world in the face and have the greatest satisfaction that can come to a man: that when you marry you can give to the girl of your heart what you expect that she will bring to you: moral purity. It is the most solid of all foundation stones on which a man and a woman can begin a life of perfect understanding and happiness."

Newspaper men are blamed with a lot of things they cannot help, says an exchange, such as using partiality in mentioning visitors, giving news about some folks and leaving out others, etc.—They simply print the news they can find. An editor should not be expected to know the names and residences of your uncles, aunts, and cousins, even if he should see them off and on the train. Tell us about it. It's news that makes a newspaper, and every man, woman and child in the neighborhood could be associate editor if they would.

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Johnson county is in the heat of a prohibition campaign. They have had no liquor according to law for two years and they will vote on the proposition to see what the next two years shall have in store for them.

A company of prospectors are expanding \$12,000 in staking gold at Marble Falls in search of gold. Three shafts sixty feet deep have been sunk and gold in paying quantities has been found.

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CHANG'S LIBERAL VIEWS.

It is claimed that notwithstanding Li Hung Chang has shown some liberality of views toward modern improvement and education, he is at heart a hater of foreigners and has an abiding faith in Chinese institutions and methods of government, says Century. He is, it is true, a great admirer of Confucian philosophy, and remembering the enduring history of his people we can hardly wonder at his devotion to the institutions which have made that history possible.

When we think of the experience China has had with certain western nations, it might not be considered strange if his attachment to foreigners was not very ardent; but in all his public life his conduct shows that he feels the need of foreign aid and is disposed to give it proper welcome, and of all Chinese statesmen he is the most liberal-minded and free from prejudice.

He is far from claiming that the present system of government is perfect. He has, in fact, urged upon the authorities at Peking two important changes which lead to a reform of the most serious defects in the system, to wit, the withdrawal from the viceroys of provinces of powers which should be exercised only by the imperial government, and such a change in the method of education to the public service as will liberalize the examinations and make them rather than selection by antiquated customs which prevent desirable reforms.

RELIGIOUS UNBAPTIZED.

An interesting find in the Harvard College grounds.

Students of antiquity at Harvard college and the Harvard College library are interested in a find unearthed within a few days on the college grounds, old Cambridge, says the Boston Globe. One of the sites of some of the old buildings, being removed to widen the square, newspapers of the year 1850 and copper coins have been found. One of the latter newspapers bears date of July 4, 1850, and the word "Telegraph" on the title page. Another paper bears date of August 11, 1850, and the word "Constitution" or "Constitutions" at the top of the first page. The papers are badly discolored from age and exposure.

Some believe that the paper bearing the word "Telegraph" was an early issue of the Boston Daily Telegraph, which is preserved in the Harvard college library as far back as 1824. The typography of the paper is in the style of the period of its publication, and quite representative in the matter of advertisements of the early business life and conditions in Boston. Politics are discussed with almost as much energy as the present day. As an instance, reference is made to Hamilton and Jefferson, the former being referred to in such elegant terms as "great and notorious Jacobin, alias Democrat, alias Republican."

The eight coppers found have found a place with the other relics of the Harvard college library.

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REPORTED BY A. C. CASER, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, and left with W. C. Buckley, Jr., one bay or brown mare, 7 or 8 years old, about 14 hands high, branded L or left thigh. This 15th day of Feb., a. d. 1897.

Reported by W. H. Ardis, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, and left with Sam Daws one black roan horse, 14 1/2 hands high, branded L or left shoulder, 5 years old. This Feb. 18, a. d. 1897.

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