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Silverton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 754 meets Saturday night, on or before each full moon.
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Mrs. R. Sedgwick, Pres.
Mrs. Ed B. Wallace, Sect.

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M. E. Hopson, Secretary.

KEYS.

Many pretty legends might have been written of Keys and they, in the minds of those dreamy, flighty Greek and Roman writers, could have been made to add an odd charm to those stories in mythology plucked wholly from superstitious tradition and beautiful imagination. Far back in the hazy by gone of forgetfulness, Keys of crude shape were first used, and since that time, have been wrought into every artistic design of beauty that the castor could conceive. Rhetoricians have framed them in attractive figures, and poets have woven them as types and symbols, into the melody of immortal song. Holy Writ has told us of the keys of the Kingdom in the hands of the Sainted Peter, who stands at the entrance of Heaven to "let the beautiful gate ajar" to those spirits of earth who have their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

One beautiful custom that is growing in favor, is that of the bracelet and key—the engagement—that of symbolizing the pledged vow by a single bracelet locked on the arm of the fair one, while the key is carried by her ardent adorer. How beautiful the tokens! All the expectant joys, the fond hopes, the trembling emotions and the tender affections of that one trusting life locked up in implicit confidence in the life of her lover—the bracelet on the frail arm of sweet weakness, symbolizing the lock of safety, and the key carried by the tender, ardent adorer, typifying his exclusive control and possession and his access to all the resources of her sympathy and kindness, faith and tenderness, love and adoration!

A wealthy nobleman many years ago fell desperately in love with a little-hearted rustic maiden who prevailed on her to become his wife; but she painfully hesitated. Perceiving her dilemma, the nobleman pressed her for an explanation. Finally she said: "To accept would be to elevate myself and lower you; to reject would be to offer an insult to my superior. So, please free me from either wrong by withdrawing your proposal." He was much grieved, and would consent only on her promise that he might come again and bring her a small present, which she promised to accept. On the very following morn he was back again and held out to her the promised present, which was a bunch of small, golden keys. Without questioning, she accepted them whereupon the nobleman at once repeated his vows and begged her consent to marry him, which was met by the same excuse as at first. "But," said he "your excuse no longer has grounds, for you have the keys that give you access to all my gold and jewels, and whose carries those keys owns all behind their locks. You are now my equal!" There was now no alternative but to accept him, which she did and was carried in a few days to a magnificent palace where she was made mistress over every department, and with her keys had access to every closet where valuables were kept except one which opened with a large steel key on the ring of which all the others were attached. "This one," said he, "opens the closet where is hidden the great secret of my life, and you must not under any circumstances insert it in the lock nor dare try to open that closet; for 'twill kill all your happiness and wreck all my pleasure. Every other key you may use to unlock every other lock." This warning he gave one morning an left for a day's sport. To excite human curiosity and then place a "Tou Shalt Not" abut an object in the surest way of warranting its

olence, as in the case of Eve. The sweet wife battled hard against her curiosity but was overcome. Cautiously inserting the steel key, she turned it—there was a whirr, a shock, a glamor, a gasp and she fell dead on the spot! The husband coming in at last, seeing the key in the fatal lock and his wife dead on the floor, in a frenzy of despair and remorse grasped the key and instantly fell lifeless by her side. To test his wife's fidelity, and to know she disobeyed in the least instance was the object of the contrivance he had placed in the lock, being an electric battery, which, heavily charged, resulted fatally. No cruel jealousy and prying curiosity were rewarded by the death penalty through the innocent medium of a key.

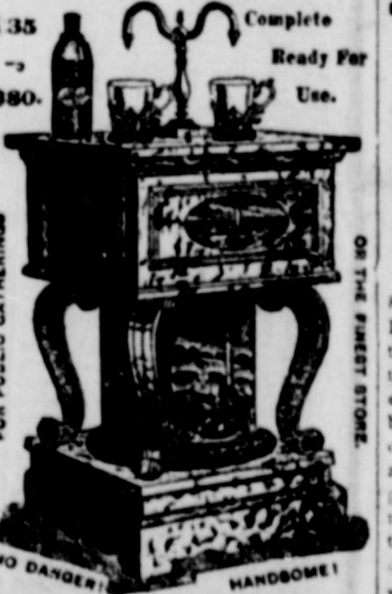
Keys are of great variety, and I will mention a few kinds only—Steel keys—yes some steel keys are made of wood even, some of brass, but the steel key is much degraded when in the hands of a steel nerved burglar. Then there is another key—the key that has unlocked the mouths of the wise men turned out foolishness, vulgarity and profanity; the key that has unlocked homes and turned out peace, prosperity and happiness, and turned in wrangle, poverty and misery; the key that unlocks honors of position and turns debauched and profligate demagogues into officials. It is the one key of all keys whose work of mischief goes on from day to day, from year to year under sanction and protection of law—that key is Whiskey!

Again, there is another key around which plays the robust order of gourd vine—the key that unlocks indignation of a South and North and split the blood of hundreds of thousands of men in the bloodiest of wars.
Dar key!
 The key that makes itself heard is the Don-key.
 But the one key of all keys, the key conceded by all to be the key of the best taste, is the Tur key.
R. H. E.

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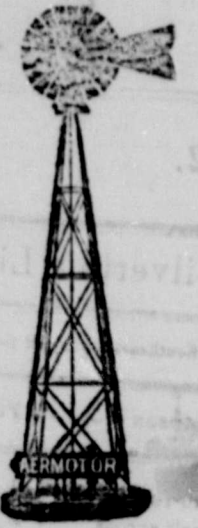
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But I have of nearly midnight. Now, the Constitution guarantees to every man free thought and free speech, and with this doctrinal bulwark of our back, we are going to infer and surmise and conjecture as much about the matter as we please, and some can't declare the Constitution unconstitutional and thereby enjoy a certain privilege.

In the first place we make the declaration that Adam had ten toes, basing that declaration on the fact that he did not toe the mark. God had laid out for him. Some one of short reasoning, now wants to say that possibly the reason Daddy Adam did not toe the mark was, because he didn't have the toes. But we know God would not have laid out a mark and required Adam to toe it without first furnishing him the toes. Now having reasonably shown that our meddling old parent had toes, let us proceed further and come directly to the subject under discussion. Now again we assert that Adam had sore toes. This is of him in the lap of parasitic luxury, and then being tossed suddenly out in this wide and wild world, cursed for his sweet sins with sharp stones, thorns, but-nettles, cactus and canela thistles, and then suppose, if you can that Adam was lucky enough to escape the evils or rather the enemies of and prime propagators of sore toes. Let your minds ramble back for a moment through the dim, dusty and cob-webbed vistas of the past, and with your mind's eye you can see poor old Adam limping up to Eve to have her wrap his bleeding toe in a binding of elder leaves and plantain. Adam not only suffered with sore toes but he did a mean thing and delivered the plague to his posterity. How many of us can look back to the days of chestnut-burners or rather to the days of trial-fraught boyhood, and remember distinctly the throbbing, jerking, sensitive, pulsating toe, devoid of a nail and clothed only in a soft, turgid, sebaceous and irritating, turpentine-saturated shroud of blue hema-spunt. Ah! how often our heart has sunk within us when

nursing a toe, and that to such a great depth, that it seemed to us to have moved its washing and taken up its humble abode in the quicky regions of our palpitating toe—

In any state, in any clime,
No matter where you go,
You'll meet the boy in Summer-time
With a palpitating toe.

No matter what your station be
The boy would have you know
That on his horn's right foot he
Has a palpitating toe.

When manhood days his life adorn
He will a limping go
A victim to a cruel corn
On a palpitating toe.

When on his best girl he does call
He stays so late you know,
The old man sends him through
The hall
At the end of a palpitating toe.

So from Adam's day to this
We've had this itching woe;
Let's hope Peter, at the gate of bliss
Has no palpitating toe.

— R. H. E.

A Religious Poem—The Widow's Mite.

There were two widows,
Cute as they could be;
Requests were made to them
When they looked at me.

They were not familiar,
Though they always were polite;
They did never bring my sweethearts,
But I thought the widow's mite.

The girls had filled me
And I knew it wasn't right,
So I wisely hesitated,
For I thought the widow's mite.

I took one to the opera
On a balmy autumn night,
And found myself enamored—
Held in a widow's mite.

I asked her: "Be my sweetheart,"
Half in trembling fright,
And the answer, half cooing—
The widow said she might.

Then I tried to kiss that widow—
Just a thrilling sweet good-night
But she flung me down the steep
steps
With all a widow's might.

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Our neighbor, The Mayshaw Zephyr, in its excellent write-up of our barbecue says the following of the welcome address: "Mr. W. C. being asked by the citizens of Briscoe to deliver the address of welcome, he kindly consented and did so to the best of his ability, and in a manner we seldom see on the Plains. With a class of persons who admire the composition of ordinary words into beautiful and grand sentences, having a tendency to elevate the mind and furnish a field for thought, he seemed to please. He is seemingly a gentleman of education and refinement; has an easy flow of language, which seems to be more a natural gift than acquired, and in ordinary conversation is equally as eloquent, so having been perfectly natural, but his mode varying from the old stereotyped B. C. way of addressing an audience, while they sleep and dream of things that never were, consequently he failed that class.

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Four years ago the territory now comprising Briscoe county was a wide uninhabited expanse of prairie with nothing to break the reigning quiet of the primeval plains save, now and then, the howl of a hungry coyote, the hiss of a rattlesnake, or the gloomy, oft repeated call of the lonesome curlew. The buffalo was gone, the mustang was no more, the cowboy of the seventies had crossed the Great Divide and all things were ready to welcome the advance of an ever rest-less civilization and it came—came with a firm rapid tread that gave evidence of permanence, stability and security and how well that evidence has been verified let the result show.

The coyote's howl and the curlew's call have been succeeded by the low of cattle, the "Gee, Haw," of the sturdy farmer and the glad-some shout of the school-boy. The ring of the hammer and the hum of the saw are heard in the land, wind mills dot the county everywhere, houses of worship have sprung up as if by magic and religion and civilization, here, as elsewhere, go hand in hand. Here, where three years ago, was not to be seen a human habitation, the passerby can hear the sheriff, from the second story window of a magnificent courthouse, crying, "Oh, Yes! Oh, Yes! the honorable district court of Briscoe county is now in session."

"The Plains" is a vast undulating prairie averaging 300 feet above sea level. The banks that surround the plains rise precipitously and at intervals are broken by canyons that wind their circuitous way back into the interior. In one of these wonderful and awe-inspiring works of nature, and once powerful tribe of Comanche Indians made their last great struggle against the resistless march of a civilization that was to ruthlessly wrest from the ill-starred Red man his possessions in the new world. Here the Comanche brave made his last desperate stand against the unrelenting pale-faces and here he fought with that desperation that carries with it the idea of "liberty or death," but he fought vain, the goddess of fortune turned the scales, as usual, for her chosen favorite, the Caucasian; and immediately Genl. McKenzie gathered the fragment of the once haughty and powerful tribe and removed them to their meagre reservation where now they are forced to submit to contact with a civilization that they hate with all the intensity of their passionate natures. McKenzie troops had scarcely completed their work when the surveyors came forward looking for land on which to locate railroad certificates that had been issued by the state. Slowly the prospectors climbed the vine entangled hills that surround the plains white here and there a wolf would flee to his subterranean home, a venomous serpent warned the intruders of his presence and a hooting owl, from a dismal grotto, complained that man should come to "disturb her ancient solitary reign." When these weary prospectors reached the capstone of the picturesque embankment they saw stretching before them a view fit for the gods. A wide shoreless expanse of Gramme and Mesquite grass and they were wondrously exclaim, "It is enough, we have reached the Eden of the new world, verily we have discovered a new paradise in a new country."

In the midst of this fertile country Briscoe county with her rich chocolate loam soil, inexhaustible wells, thousands of acres of grazing land and her rapidly developing agriculture possibilities. Here, land can be bought for a song—in fact, a purchaser does not have to sing all the song, one verse will do *besides there is some vacant land*

with in the past is and those who can first can avail themselves of this opportunity of securing a home. There is still large bodies of school land that can be bought for \$2.00 per acre on forty years credit. The large tracts of the plains go dry in summer and if their beds grows a fine hay as was ever shipped from Henry Clay's farm in Kentucky.

There is a fine quality of red cedar growing in the different parts of the county which is sufficient in quantity to fence all the land in the county for a century and also supply wood for "the nation."

The county was organized in 1892 and by wise management of the financial affairs of the county we are in the best financial condition of any county in the Panhandle. No heavy taxes, no burdensome loads to carry, no big jail or court house debt to carry; on the other hand, low tax, good people, good land, public spirit and universal enterprise.

Silverton, the county site, was laid out in 1892. Now we have stores, hotels, blacksmith shops, drug stores, physicians, livery stables and lawyers; also a six column home print newspaper published every Saturday, subscription price \$1.25 a year—don't take it if you don't want to keep posted on everything. We have daily mails, lodges of the different secret orders and in fact everything that goes to make up a progressive thriving town. We have strictly a cosmopolitan population. We have people from everywhere. Here the small truck farmer from the north meets on a common level the big cotton planter from Dixie. Here the fruit man from north Arkansas clasps hand with the big ranchman of the Panhandle. Here the genial, jovial Irishman converses with the matter of fact German about Gladstone's home rule policy; here the conventional Englishman greets the hardy emigrant from the land of the ill-fated Mary Stuart and asks him what is the news across the "bloomy sea;" here the dreamy eyed and ever chivalrous Spanish knight tells of his adventures in his ancestral hills of Andalusia, and here in fact all meet on a common level and work for the up-building of the town and county. Capital finds safe investment and labor has sure reward. The soil will produce anything that will grow in the temperate zone and responsive to the plowshare may now be seen all over Briscoe county fields of waving grain such as wheat, oats, millet and everything that satisfies the temporal wants of God's creatures. Aladdin has thrown the rays of his wonderful lamp across our "Garden of the Gods" and civilization and progress have sprung up as if by magic. The wand of the magician has swept over us and truly the spirits that hover over this favored county seem to possess the whistle carried by the Danish boy with Jason in his celebrated trip in the Argo in search of the Golden Fleece.

A cordial invitation is extended to homeseekers to come, the land is inviting to the man who wants to live in peace and plenty, the people say come, the county says come, the newspaper says come and who-soever will let him come and share in the healthy development of a country that is attracted the attention of two continents and must at last be the land where the lion and the lamb shall lie down together. Come! Come! The very birds will meet you and in their sweetest notes bid you welcome, thrive well come to the land of hospitality, generosity and enterprise.

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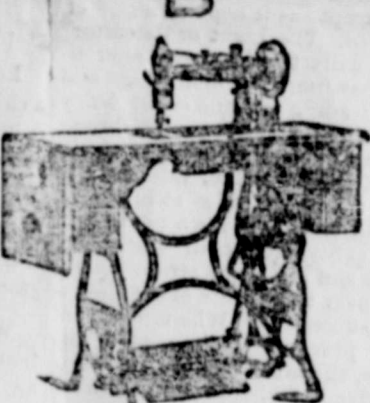
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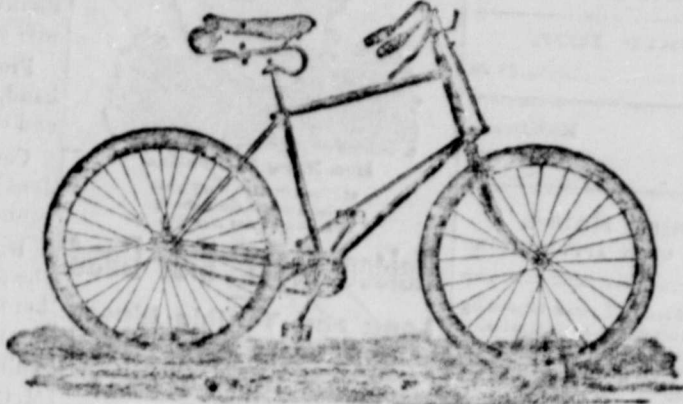
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Maj. Howell, a prominent attorney, of Plainview, is in the city.

Mrs. Joe Buckheimer and little daughter, of St. Louis, Mo., are visiting their cousin, Mrs. J. G. Davidson, this week. This is Mrs. Buckheimer's first visit to the Plains and she says the pure fresh air, excellent water and cool winds makes this one of the best portions of the union.

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THE --BQ

The 4th. day of July arrived on schedule time in Silverton and with it came as passengers people from Floyd, Hale, Swisher, Randall and Motley counties all accepting the invitation of the people of Briscoe to attend a barbecue here on that day.

Promptly at 10 A. M. the Floyd City Brass Band marched to the arbor, where over a thousand people awaited them, and played two excellent pieces after which Judge Staibird introduced Mr. W. B. Ware, who on behalf of our people, in a splendid address welcomed the people to Silverton.

Mr. W. B. Massie, of Floydada, responded in a most eloquent manner. He looked at Mr. Ware in a manner that they carried their only barbecue, but everything they undertook.

After the band had rendered the Bonny Blue Flag Mr. W. D. Fisher, in his able and impressive manner, made an excellent speech on "The day we celebrate."

This closed the morning program and Judge Staibird announced that dinner would soon be ready and the people scattered meeting old friends, forming new acquaintances and repairing to the lemonade stands.

Afternoon the band assembled, and of course the people followed, playing several pieces after which it was announced that an orator would address the people from a populist standpoint but we were all disappointed for instead of arguing the case he started out with and kept up all during his harangue an abuse of almost everybody and everything.

Mr. Ware, being called on, replied in a humorous manner that elicited applause from both democrats and populists.

Mr. W. P. Stone was then asked to present the populist side which he did in a sensible manner, taking up the subject in a pleasant way and giving a reason for everything he said. He, instead of abusing the democrats, talked with them in such a way as to make friends among those who had never heard him. Mr. Stone, like most of the populists we have listened too, believes in reason and persuasion instead of the lash and abuse.

At the ball ground the Floyd county boys and our club picked from out of both sides a mixed nine and played six innings and we want to say right here that there is not a club on the Plains that can beat a picked nine from the boys that played that day.

A ball at night brought the day to a close and all we talked to said that they and all they talked with enjoyed the day splendidly.

Notes on the barbecue. Our three neighboring counties, Floyd, Hale and Swisher were

represented by the editors of their respective papers, Hawkins of the Mayshaw Zephyr, Shafer of the Plainview Herald and Butts of the Tulia Enterprise. Come again boys, we enjoyed your visit.

Mrs. J. N. Donohoo, R. C. Ware and W. Z. Hamilton, of Plainview, relatives of ye editor's wife spent the day with us.

Prof. Kelsey, a member of the band, was accompanied by his wife and three little children.

County Judge Duncan and Sheriff Jenkins were among the Floyd county delegation.

B. F. Farmer and lady visited the family of T. J. Braiddoot while here.

Albert Latham and family, of Quitaque, were the guests of Dr. McClendon and wife.

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Postmaster Webb, of Beverly, was present and helped celebrate.

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THE FINALE.

We regret that it again becomes necessary, as a matter of journalistic pride, to dignify The Floyd County Times, by a slight reference to a multitude of breezy articles that have recently appeared in its columns. The Light has provided The Times with matter for its recent issues and we feel gratified that such is the case for The Times has been a most interesting and useful man except as it copied from, or criticized, The Light or its editor. It is usually filled up with anarchistic howling and bellowing and while reading it, one could fancy himself in the midst of bomb-throwers and dynamite cranks and in mortal terror lest an infernal machine would explode at his very feet and blow him down to the regions of Stygian gloom where The Times and all of its stripe would float over the torture of the moderately successful. When a reasonable, practical man reads The Times, the murky air seems filled with fiends invisible and minous sounds come, to his ears, on the whispering winds like sibilant hissing of the dead; her each him it is darker still, and the slimy sickening serpents, scorpions and other creeping things, shuddering from the outer darkness, cling around his feet in all the cringing ghastliness of fear. He calls one of his bright literary gems "A Skunk fight" but we are happy to announce that the name was never appropriate until he got into it, since which time it could have no better appellation. It is his only manifestation of intelligence. When a skunk is approached by a man it does not log but infect him with an unpleasant odor that sticks to him with bull dog tenacity and we feel that the fifth and elime that we have absorbed already by contact with The Times and its nihilistic editor will cling to us for two or three weeks. Not longer. God forbid. Death would be preferable.

Not satisfied with slandering the editor of The Light he raises a howl against Jno. D. McCall, Wiggins, Cooper, Fisher, the sheriffs and in fact everybody who was lost here to be born with more sense than The Times editor is blessed with. A man is excusable for being ignorant but he is not excusable for parading his misfortune before the gaze of the world.

As to the political features of this matter we will state that the astute (C) editor of The Times bolted the democratic ticket because Jno. D. McCall's name appeared on it at the same time the editor of The Light bolted because Jas. S. Hogg was the nominee for governor. We have got back into the ranks and The Times man has gone further and further away until now he is a pragmatist and having with schemes that are as dark as the ink that falls from the pen of the recording angel of hell and when ladies he will be buried face down.

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the nearer home he will get. We do not deign to notice the slander that he publishes against us as it is the vain howling of a deluded fanatic who is as unjust as he is corrupt. "He who steals my purse steals trash. What is it? Something—nothing—'twas mine—'tis his; and has been slave to thousands; but he who filches from me my good name, robs me of that which not enriches him and makes me poor indeed." If a man puts his hand into a coal bin it will get black; that is the condition of the editor of The Light. We hope we will never again so far forget ourselves as to bring The Times or its editor up to our standard by noticing either of them and in future we will endeavor to treat them both as they deserve—with dignified and contemptuous silence. However it may be that we have put The Times and its editor on the right line as he seems to be more of a success as an anarchist and a slandering than at anything else he has undertaken. Let us hope that in process of time he will recover from his present mental imbecility. Let us hope that from out the shadow of his own unfortunate ignorance he can see the sunshine of a brighter life and that at last he will be what he ought to be—a practical reasonable creature in being. We lay the mantle of charity over his faults and failures and turn him over to Him who cares for idiots and children. This ends the matter with us. We bid the editor of The Times good-day, hoping that, with all his failures, he will never again fall in with, "You Know Who." Ah! how well we know who. Another stigma on the human race. Another fish-blooded, broken-down aristocrat. Another man (?) who is not conscious of his own ignorance and simplicity. A self-constituted politician who would make Tammany Hall's most servile minion green with envy. A sol-dan statesman who is ever ready to "bend the pregrant hinges of the knee where thrift may follow fawning." A glance at men of his ilk would drive the most faithful to doubt the wisdom of its creator. "Vipers that creep where men disdain to climb." From all these evils, good Lord, deliver us.

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