The Easton Gazette.

SATURDAY, - - - - JULY 2, 1892.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

GO FOR HARVEST GROCERIES, DISHES, Knives, Forks and Spoons,

To Headquarters on Low Prices,

S. LEE TUCKER,

Opp. Brick Hotel.

Hood's Sarsaparilla **absolutely cures** all diseases caused by impure blood and it builds up the whole system.

—First Class New Thresher for sale for nearly one-half list price.

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—Water taxes due.

—Convict labor on our streets looks enterprising.

—The Brick Hotel building will need some new tin roofing after Thursday's gale.

—J. K. Shannahan is selling all Summer Goods lower than you ever heard of. They must go. So don't fail to see the great Bargains he is now offering. It will surely pay you.

—Several of the leading stores in town will be closed on the Fourth.

—Crabbing and picnic parties are all the rage.

—The Md. Steamboat Co. is offering delightful trips now on its elegant steamers, the Ida and Joppa, for a mere trifle. The public can find no cheaper and better trip of a day on the water than that given. See advertisement.

—If you wish to do business writing less laboriously and more modern, buy a Remington Typewriter. Call at the GAZETTE office for terms and further particulars.

—J. E. Shannahan has marked everything in summer goods down lower than you ever heard of: 8c. Challies for 5c, Llama Cloths 7c, Belford Cords 8c, Duchesse Mulls 10c, Shantang Pongees 12c. Ginghams, Outings and all summer goods in same proportion. Don't miss this chance.

—Old Sol his fiery rays pours down,
The corn is on the jump,
And o'er the land from town to town
The candidate doth bump.
The picnic time is now at hand
And through the gloaming din,
Fond lovers hie to the ice cream stand
While the small boy's in the swim.

—Our readers who are afflicted with deafness should not fail to write to Dr. A. FOXTAIN, Tacoma, Wash., for his circulars giving affidavits and testimonials of wonderful cures from prominent people. The Doctor is an aurist of world-wide reputation. See his advertisement elsewhere.

—He's done been through the college and he's got his edication,
An' it's sworn to with a blue an' yaller seal;
An' now he's gittin' ready to enjoy his long vacation,
An' the ole mule's waitin' fur him in the fiel'.
With a "gee!" an' a "whoa!"
An' a "git up thar, an' go!"
He'll be jerkin' of the plow-lines
An' a-sweatin' in the row;
An' the Latin he will speak
To that ole mule will be Greek,
While he parses with the plowstocks
An' makes syntax with the hoe!
—Atlanta Constitution.

—See the new advertisements in this issue. That of Jos. Miller, Md. Steamboat Excursions, W. L. Douglas, Deafness, Notice of Tabernacle Meeting at Oxford, etc.

G. A. R.—The regular meeting of Hicks Post No. 24 G. A. R. will be held at the Post Room in Easton on Tuesday evening next, July 5th at 8 o'clock. This meeting is one of importance to every Comrade and a full attendance is earnestly requested. By command of THOS. H. CONTEE, Com.

Personals.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Nickerson, of Easton, returned from their western trip early part of this week. Mr. Nickerson "did" Pike's Peak and the Garden of the Gods as well as several other points touched by the editorial party but a few days ahead of him.

Paul Winchester, Esq., of the Baltimore Evening *News*, is one of the most active newspaper men in Baltimore. He says "Harrison hasn't got the ghost of a show."

Rev. B. S. Highley, editor of Talbot *Times*, returned last Sunday morning from a trip in the west. He paid his respects to the Chicago Convention and visited St. Louis and other points.

Inspectors S. E. Jump and S. H. Dawson, of the Baltimore Custom House, arrived in Talbot to-day, where they will spend the Fourth at their homes in Chapel and St. Michaels.

Col. Thomas Hughlett was in Baltimore Wednesday.

Mr. P. B. Spring will spend the summar at East Hampton, N. Y.

Editor Haddaway and Chas. E. Nicols will spend Sunday and Monday with J. H. K. Shannahan at Ocean City.

Rev. C. E. Buck, rector of St. Peter's parish Easton, has a call from St. John's parish, Georgetown, D. C., and another from St. John's parish, Hagerstown, Md.

Rev. Walter E. Avery was in Dover this week.

Dr. E. R. Trippe has rented a cottage at Ocean City where his family are sojourning for the heated term.

Mrs. Harry Taylor, of Balto. is on a visit to friends in Easton and vicinity.

Mr. W. E. Willson of Barnwell is spending a few days at St. Michaels.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hooper and family are going to spend the Fourth at Denton.

Miss Isabel Percy and Miss May Valliant are in Baltimore, after a two weeks' summer schooling at St. Michaels.

Miss H. Anna Powell is visiting in Montgomery county, Maryland,

Miss Helen Gillingham, of Philadelphia, is on a visit to her father, Mr. R. P. Gillingham who at this writing is very low.

Mr. Samuel Shannahan, of this office, spent last week at Ocean City.

Mrs. Josiah White and two sons of Atlantic City are visiting Mrs. Isaac H. Dixon, Bloomfield.

Bicycle Riding is now one of the pleasures on the good roads of Talbot county. The best wheel in the market is advertised in this paper, the New York. It is not because it is seen in these columns that makes it the best, but because expert riders on other wheels say so. Mr. W. G. Harrison of St. Michaels has one, and parties desiring to know of the merits of the wheel are requested to write him. Sold in this county only through the GAZETTE. Write for further particulars.

Fires This Week.—On Monday last at about one o'clock, a fire broke out on Dover street at the residence of a Mr. Butler, owned by Mr. R. F. Walker, and raged with fury as a stiff breeze was blowing, but by the vigorous efforts of the hose company and the efficient plugs, the fire was kept under control and did not spread beyond the house which was only partially destroyed. Covered by insurance.

Wednesday a fire was seen in the rear of Mr. Ades' store on Dover Street, among some boxes, but was fortunately discovered in time to prevent what might have proven a disastrous fire. Mr. Ades was moving his goods to the new block at the time from which he had recently been burnt out but now rebuilt, and the fire in his back premises had the appearance of an incendiary or child's play.

Memorial Services.—A beautiful and impressive ceremony was witnessed at Spring Hill Cemetery on Sunday afternoon last.—Notice had been given sometime previous that "Star of the East" Lodge, No. 106, K. of P., would observe this day for the purpose of decorating the graves of deceased brothers. Accordingly, the Lodge, marshaled by Chas. G. Wright, filed out to the cemetery at the appointed hour; assembling around the last resting place of Robt. L. Dallam, a deceased brother, the rites and ceremonies were strictly observed, each member depositing upon the grave cut flowers and evergreen. The Marshal then formed the Knights in line and proceded at once to Castle Hall, where the services were concluded. "Star of the East" is a growing and prosperous lodge, and we bespeak for it great attainments in the future.

M. E. Church Notes.—Communion tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Preaching at 8 p. m., subject, 'The three Hebrew Children.'

B. & E. S. R. R. Co. Special Notice.—The Company will sell special low rate round trip tickets between all points and from all Stations to Ocean City on July 4th for all regular trains, good for the day only.

The sale of round trip tickets from Baltimore to Easton was resumed last Monday, 27th ult.

A. J. BENJAMIN, Supt. & G. P. A.

Religious.—There will be preaching in Calvary M. P. Church, Sunday, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Communion and reception of members at the morning service. The subject for the evening service is Heaven. Pubhc cordially invited.

Public Business.—Orphans' Court met Tuesday.

George M. Russum, adm'r of Thomas Wilkens, presented account of debts sperate, and first account of administration. Passed.

Wm. H. H. Pastorfield, adm'r of John D. Pastorfield, presented account of debts sperate and 1st and final account of administration and distribution and releases. Passed.

Wm. J. Morris, adm'r of B. Perry, presented inventory of real estate.

Court passed a decree for the sale of the real estate in the case of Johnson vs. Adams and others, and appointed Charles E. Shanahan, trustee to make the sale.

Oswald Tilghman, trustee in case of Johnson vs. Johnson, filed an approved bond.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday.

Receipts were:

W. T. H. Lee, collector 1891, : :	$123 00
John H. Holt, " " : :	400 00
Total, : : : : : : : : : :	$525 00

The report of the directors of Dover Bridge was examined and approved.

The Board directed a communication to be addressed to Capt. John T. Tyler, of Broad Creek Neck, requiring him to remove his fence which is alleged to be on the county road.

W. C. Dunham was authorized to repair the draw of Miles River Bridge.

One redeemed Md. & Del. railroad bond for $500 was burned.

It was determined to build a brick culvert across Aurora street, extended, near creamery.

Lane's Family Medicine Moves the Bowels each day. Most people need to use it.

Fourth of July Prohibition Celebration.—The Prohibitionists of Talbot Co., will celebrate the coming 4th of July at McDaniel station. On the B. & E. S. R. R. about 200 yards from the station is a beautiful grove in which will be erected a speaker's stand and seating capacity for from 500 to 800 people. There is on the ground an abundant supply of elegant water; there will be a refreshment stand, from which will be dispensed edibles, and refreshments at reasonable prices. Speakers from abroad will address the people, morning and afternoon on the subjects of Prohibition, Patriotism and Protection. Every body is invited and a good time is promised, and for all who go the Railroad will run a special train at less than half price. The time-table and prices will be given later.

Election of Officers.—"Star of the East" Lodge at its regular session on Tuesday night elected these officers to serve for the ensuing term: Past Chan., Wm. B. Legg; Chan. Com. George W. Mowbray; Vice-Chan., Charles H. Hughes; Prelate, A. A. Hughes; Master at-Arms, S. Lee Tucker; Master of Exchequer, Chas. H. Leonard; Master of Finance, S. Alex. Benson; Keeper of Records and Seal, Wm. J. Benny.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once.

Summer Schooling.—The teachers at the St. Michaels Summer School are having a pleasant time and seem to be absorbing all the voice culture, psychological percepts and concepts, artistic color work, and various obligies besides the boating, fishing, crabbing, good eating and afternoon napping so easily and comfortably indulged in at that resort,

The untimely death of Prof. Smith who made them personally a cheerful good-by at the close of the session last week, cast a gloom over them from which they have not recovered, but are bearing it as bravely as humanity can. Prof. Smith was one of the thirteen unfortunate victims of the terrible rail road disaster at Harrisburg one week ago and which is briefly noted on the fourth page of this paper.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world· Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

Lippincott's Magazine for July 1892.—The complete novel in LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE for July, "White Heron," is by M. G. McClelland, and one of the quaintest and most cheerful mountain stories that writer has yet given her readers. The tale opens with a charming legend of the Cherokee Indians, about a long hidden treasure cave which the hero is destined to mend his wild ways in tracing. The work progresses with greater interest to the reader since Jack Clive pursues at the same time the equally absorbing task of making love amid attractive surroundings, which the author knows and lets one feel so well.

In the *Journalist Series*, Max de Lipman recounts "The Newspaper Illustrator's Story" with the help of numerous illustrations.

In the *Athletic Series*, W. P. Stephens contributes an illustrated article on 'Canoe Life.'

"Peary's North Greenland Expedition and the Relief" is well and interestingly covered by those authorities on the expedition,—W. E. Hughes and Benjamin Sharp.

Gertrude Atherton contributes a short but clever essay on "Geographical Fiction."

Agnes Repplier talks about the "Trials of a Publisher" in her naturally readable style. Robert Burns Wilson gives an interesting review of Waitman Barbe's volume of poems, "Ashes and Incense." Joel Benton tells of "An Old Boston Magazine" established in 1842 and edited by Nathan Hale, Jr. The department "As It Seems" discusses the reception of Julien Gordon's work abroad, Excess of Cerebration and Mr. Nye's remedy, Genius and Labor, The Gift of Expression, etc.

The short story is by Molly Elliott Seawell. The poetry of the number is contributed by Edgar Saltus, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, Flavel Scott Mines, and Harrison S. Morris.

Joseph Ruby, of Columbia, Pa., suffered from birth with scrofula humor, till he was perfectly cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It Should Be in Every House.

D. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attakk of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cookasport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free trial bottles at J. C. Henry & Bro.'s Drug Store. Large bottles 50c. and $1.00.

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HATS, CAPS,

AND

FURNISHING

Have been Added to my Stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CALL.

JOHN T. RATHELL,

MARKET SPACE.

W. C. T. U.

Women's Christian Temperance Union meets every Sabbath afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in its hall (second floor) corner of Washington and Dover streets; entrance on Dover St. An invitation is extended to all who wish to attend these meetings.

Quite a large number gathered at the M. E. Church, South, on Sunday last to listen to our State Organizer, Mrs. Mary Haslup. She is a pleasant speaker and gave a full and plain description of the work the Women's Christian Temperance Union is engaged in. She attended the Loyal Legion on Saturday, as announced, and endeavored to stimulate her hearers to a greater diligence in that line. She also attended the African M. E. Church on Sunday evening and organized a Union for them.

Mrs. Mary Haslup, State Organizer of the W. C. T. U. of Md., gave an interesting talk to a most appreciative audience Wednesday evening at the M. E. Church, South, of this place. She did not confine her remarks to setting forth the evils caused by the deadliest and most insidious foe with which our country and our homes have ever been threatened. Neither did she consume time in arraigning the liquor seller, nor exposing ruthlessly the glaring faults of the drunkard, with whom she charged her listeners earnestly to be charitable, believing in many cases, by the law of heredity, he was "more sinned against than sinning." Mrs. Haslup's remarks consisted mainly in urging White Ribboners to more vigorous action, pleading earnestly with them for united effort in bringing the young folks into the Loyal Legion, whereby they may receive temperance instriction which will prove a safeguard to them in later years and fit them to do noble work when duty calls. She made an earnest appeal to outsiders to join the ranks of the White Ribbon army, showing them plainly their duty in the matter, and the necessity of numerical strength, to accomplish effectual work. At the close several new names were received, which gave fresh impulse to the already enthusiastic members, who we are confident will be more zealous and vigilant than ever in their warfare for "God and Home and Native Land."

—Supt. Press Work, Cordova, Md.

The members of the Cordova W. C. T. U. participated in a most enjoyable White Ribbon Tea on Wednesday of last week at the residence of Mr. A. V. Nevius. About twenty were present, including honorary members who were as equally enthusiastic as the ladies over the success of the venture, both socially and financially, it being the first entertainment of the kind our Union has held. We welcomed most heartily Mrs. Bush, the president of Easton Union, whose cheery presence and timely words of encouragement are keenly appreciated by her weaker sisters. The time passed pleasantly in social converse and croquet, interspersed with appropriate music from "The Glorious Cause," Miss Willie Morgan of Hillsboro presiding at the organ. Our kind hostess had prepared for us a most bountiful supper, to which a band of hungry White Ribboners did ample justice. The paying of a quarter of a dollar with the relating of the means by which it was earned was a most interesting feature, and was the means of adding about $6.00 to the treasury. Our first tea met with such cordial support, it's very probable you will hear from us again in the near future.

CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERS.

WHERE THE CHURCH STANDS.

Methodist—The liquor traffic can never be legalized without sin.

Presbyterian—It is the duty of all Christians to use every legitimate means to bring about national, local and univeral prohibition.

Baptist—We reaffirm our earnest protest against the liquor traffic in any form.

Congregationalist—Prohibition is the only effective way of banishing the liquor traffic.

Disciples—We are pledged to the cause of legal prohibition of the rum traffic.

Lutheran—We heartily endorse and pledge our continued support to the present prohibitory law.

Friends—On purely secular matters Christians may safely be indifferent, but as between sin and righteousness, and drunkenness and sobriety, it will never do to be neutral. There is no escaping the conclusion that if the drink traffic is a sin, those voters who knowingly select men as law makers who favor license are implicated in the crime.

N. W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

Inasmuch as nearly all ecclesiastical bodies have declared in favor of total abstinence and constitutional prohibition,

Resolved, That we urge upon the members of churches the necessity and importance of upholding by voice and vote the declaration of their respective religious denominations.

DUTY OF THE CHURCH TO THE SALOON.

BY JOSEPH COOK, OF BOSTON.

"As no rum-seller ought to be accepted as a church member, all denominations of Christians ought to rise to the level of the Methodist body and declare that the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin. The church cannot consistently exclude rum-sellers from membership and at the same time favor license for rum-sellers. It cannot in reason or honor with one hand (voting) make rum-sellers and with the other hand excommunicate rum-sellers.

"If rum-sellers ought not to be church members, and if the liquor traffic can never be legalized without sin, then it follows that church members ought never to vote for a political candidate who is in favor of legalizing the liquor traffic. While the churches as such need not declare for any one political party, they ought to declare that church members as individuals should support no political party that is dominated by the whiskey rings. Christians on their knees before God will never vote for any party on its knees before the liquor traffic."

SAVE THAT BIG DRUNKARD.

A reformed drunkard thus speaks of how grace came into his heart. Although I turned a deaf ear to a wife's petitions, I could not help hearing her sing hymns upon her sickbed. Many a time have I threatened to throw the Bible into the fire, telling her I would have none of that in my house. But one night I came in here, sneaking and creeping behind the door thinking to escape observation. Now I am very tall, and after I had been in a short time I heard our sister in prayer say, "Lord, save that big drunkard!" Now drunkenness was my besetting sin, and there is no other big man in the room, I could not but think she was referring to me.

The Spirit of God seemed to come into my heart and subdue it. I cried unto the Lord, and asked Him, for Jesus Christ's sake, to take away from me the craving for drink. Bless God, He has done it for me.

Oh, the power of prayer, when the petitions ascend on wings of faith to the Father's ear, How quick the response to the expectant heart.

For the Gazette.

AN EASTONIAN VIEWS THE GREAT SOUTH WEST.

A RECENT TOUR MADE BY C. W. B.

(Continued from last week.)

Apropos of "reality," a description of El Paso would be incomplete without a mention of the productions of its soil aided by its wonderful atmospheric conditions. It is useless to open up the subject of mines as it would be impossible to do anything like justice to the unbounded wealth of her mineral surroundings. Immense quantities of ore are shipped to this point from Mexico and there are two of the most extensive smelters in the country located here, and they are doing an immense business. To the visitor not accustomed to such operations, it is a source of great interest and instruction to be shown through these works and observe the different stages of the processes, and the vast wealth represented.—it is one of the most interesting features of this interesting place.

The surface of the valley at this point is smooth and level, but with sufficient fall to carry irrigation to all parts of it. The soil, an alluvial deposit of a chocolate color, underlaid with strata of sand and clay, is exceedingly fertile and productive, and is from one to three feet deep. It is free from stone and eerily cultivated, growing richer year by year from the deposits left after irrigation by the water of the Rio Grande, which is a natural fertilizer.

The products that are known to thrive and produce well here are corn, wheat, barley, rye and oats among the grains, and broom corn, sorghum and hops. Alfalfa does especially well among the forage plants. The list of fruits embraces all the varieties grown in the temperate zone, as grapes, apples, pears, peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines, quinces, cherries, figs and pomgranates and all the small fruits do remarkably well. Among the nuts, are English walnuts, chestnuts, filberts and pecans. Vegetables of all kinds are grown successfully, and the valley has become famous for its fine onions, sweet potatoes and cabbages. Flowers of every kind grow. The grapes of El Paso are superior for table purposes to those of California. They are very sweet, have little acid or astringency, and are entirely devoid of the "foxy" taste of Eastern grapes. Mildew is unknown. A three year old vineyard will produce 10,000 pounds of grapes to the acre, and will yield 700 to 800 gallons of wine that sells for one dollar per gallon. Vineyards at five years are worth eight hundred to one thousand dollars per acre, and will pay fifteen to twenty per cent. per annum on that investment. The Mission grape is the leading variety: the last year's crop selling at the railroad depots at an average of 3½ cents per pound.

It is said that the Mission grape produces fully 22 per cent more saccharine matter than the standard Eastern grape. No country in the world offers greater opportunities for successful grape culture than El Paso. Owing, no doubt, to the pure atmosphere, mild climate and superior, a delicacy to the taste is produced that is unsurpassed, and can be appreciated by those who are accustomed to these grown in the Eastern States.

Evidently, the coming and wealth-producing crop is alfalfa (lucerne.) It is cut from three to five times a year, and produces from 4 to 2 tons of hay per acre at each cutting, worth at present about fifteen dollars per ton. Stockmen are beginning to recognize the value of alfalfa in fattening cattle for the market.—The usual method of seeding is to sow it down with oats One seeding of alfalfa lasts from ten to twelve years. In this connection, dairy farming will pay largely in El Paso county. The feed and pasturage and climatic conditions are all favorable. The prices for dairy products will for many years rule high on account of the consumption being in excess of the production. Farming, grape and fruit lands under irrigation can be bought at from $5.00 to $30.00 per acre according to location, etc. Grazing lands lower. Taxation is low, the valuations being moderate.

From this delightful spot we took our farewell of Texas, not without regret for we felt that to be able to stay would be our gain in pleasure and comfort, but as we were only a few miles distant from the next territory which we were to explore, and of whose wonders and advantages we had heard so much, we were anxious to plunge into them. It would not be fair to the home-seeker to leave Texas without a word about the famous "northers," nor to the general reader to omit the reference to the cow-boys and their life and to the pleasures of the rod and the chase.

Texas has her variety in climate as well as other things. A very large portion of the State it swept by the Gulf breezes, which dispense life to vegetation and health to the inhabitants wherever they reach. The long summers characteristic of this latitude are by them rendered not only endurable but enjoyable. So marked is the influence of the Gulf winds on the climate of the State that the average temperature along the Gulf coast and for many miles inland is much lower during the summer months than it is in the higher latitudes of the north. The same influence neutralizes the cold of winter and makes the winters of the southern and southwestern Texas the mildest and most delightful of any State in the Union. The prevailing winds throughout the entire State is the South wind from the Gulf. The "Norther" constitutes an important feature of Texas climate, but one by no means fraught with such portentous meaning as people abroad have been taught to believe by sensational writers, who thrive on extremes of every kind. The Texas Norther is nothing more than what is elsewhere called a cold North wind. The long unobstructed sweep across the prairies from the plains of the Northwest heightens its velocity and increases the suddenness of its approach, and these are about the only features that distinguish it from a cold wave from the north in other states. These winds are classed as "wet" and "dry" northers, according as they may be accompanied by rain or sleet, or come without moisture. The wet norther is the kind from which damage to vegetation and live stock is most feared. The duration of a wet norther is usually about 24 hours. Dry northers last but 48 hours to a week. The wind usually reaches its greatest velocity within 24 hours, and then gradually subsides until the end, when it veers again to the south. The dry northers drive away all miasmatic poison, and are considered a very healthful influence, thus doing for Texas in that respect what the "cold wave" does for the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The marvelous stories in the newspapers about the Texas Norther are for the reading public and have no existence except in the brain of the reporter. We have known a change in temperature in the East of 51° in 15 hours, and nothing like that has overtaken us here, although at a time when the news chronicled so much imaginary destruction and suffering. The fact that consumptives build up so rapidly here is the best evidence on that point.

Philanthropists have devoted their lives to the mental and material improvement of the hungry millions; pamphlets have been distributed by hundreds of thousands, and the burning question still remains unanswered. Our answer would be, acquaint them with Western Texas. Some information on that topic would also be an advantage to thousands of health, wealth and pleasure-seekers all over the world. Sportsmen and consumptives should get rid of the idea that Western Texas is "all prairie." Between the Brazos and the Mexican frontier there are as much timber and ten times as much hill-country as in the State of Ohio. Up and down the lower Rio Grande for a stretch of two hundred miles and about twenty miles northward there extends a belt of woodland known as the "Wilderness" or the "Mustang Vega", about the prettiest bit of landscape-gardening Nature ever managed to combine with berries and spontaneous orchards; rounded hillocks, densely wooded with live oaks and mimosas, alternating with open glades and little crystal clear lakes—"ojos" as the Mexicans call them—the bright eyes of the wilderness. The "Wilderness" looks rather an improvement on the trans-Rio Vegas—less cactus and more tall timber and game. Prairie chickens whirr up from every coppice; the yellow-breasted lark flutters warbling from meadow to meadow, and the south-side glades are covered with blue larkspur and white-blooming elderbushes; spring is well underway, ten weeks ahead of her advent at the Chesapeake.—Leaving the Rio Grande in a northerly direction the land rises into hills and by-and-by into good sized mountains. The Guadalupe Range, west of San Antonio, and the Moras Hills of Uvalde county have the average elevation of the Northern Alleghanies. These highlands, too, abound with game and with growing berries; there are trout-creeks, and mineral springs and timber enough to supply thousands of small farms. Going northwest instead of north we reach the Mesa, the lofty table-land of Western Texas, a land full of mineral treasures and such game as panthers, mountain-sheep, etc. The levels are covered with cactus copses, or rather forests, attaining the height of fifty feet and a diameter of twenty-six inches. In the northwest the Mesa is flanked by the Snow Mexican Sierras, true Alpine ranges with cold springs and wild mountain forests.

But my private Eden would be somewhat further northeast, at the headwaters of the Trinity, or near the ruins of old Fort Belknap on the upper Brazos. It was in this region that we passed nearly two weeks of unalloyed enjoyment of the sports of the rod, rifle and gun, while waiting for the arrival of a gentleman, the owner of a large ranch, whom we had been instructed to visit and deal with. Although not an expert with the rifle, the writer soon had several deer, one panther and quantities of other game to his credit. Several wild turkeys fell victims to our revolver, one magnificent gobbler dropping dead in his tracks with a 45 cal. bullet through his body at fifty yards. With the shot gun one would almost tire of the sport, such was the ease with which quail and chicken could be tamed. And, the "mule ear rabbits" were too plentiful to be interesting, while fishing in the delightful cool streams was the pastime of any hour. I regret that I cannot have time to relate many of the incidents of these hunts. It was here that we saw and learned to know the cowboy in all his glory and nature. He it was, who entertained us in the absence of the owner, and we were never more royally entertained. No trouble was spared to provide for our comfort or sport. Here, too, we again found a Marylander in all his natural glory, and to him the writer, as a Marylander I presume, was indebted for much of his pleasure of the chase. A more manly, noble-hearted set of beings we never saw, brave to recklessness, and generous to a fault. We had seen them before but principally in the towns and they conducted themselves with more propriety than some petty officers-of-the-law we have seen when away from home in the East. So far from being outlaws, they have, as a class, the greatest regard for the *law*, but, none for those who attempt to distort the legal forms and powers to engines of oppression and abuse. Woe to the officer, who, when business is dull, attempts to make it boom by using it as a subterfuge in his dealings with the "boys," for he would then find to his sorrow that one principle of the Declaration of Independence was fully understood out here, and that is that all men are born free and equal. Of course some of these people are rough, not only in exterior but in heart also, but no larger proportion than among any other class of people.

As a winter asylum Texas has four decided advantages over Florida—more sunshine, better water, less entomological bother and no miasma. The difference between the thermal extremes is larger than on the Gulf coast—that is, the temperature ranges from 95° to 30° or 25°, but more winter days can be passed in the open air, and the average temperature of the cooler months is 45° in December, 40° in January and 50° in February. Rains are scarce, and dews just frequent enough to keep the shrubs and flowers alive and fresh. At least fifty nights in every winter a consumptive could sleep in an open tent under a single army blanket. In March the south wind wakens the first prairie-flowers and before the middle of April the "boscalas" resound again with the voice of the turtle-dove.

But the distinctive loveliness of such a country is, after all, the charm of its solitude, and one cannot but muse on the secret of that charm. Is it the interest of knowing what the face of our Mother Earth may have looked like before her pet child began to mar her features? Yet there may be still another reason: Even in this era of civil rights laws and Episcopal churches a free man cannot be quite sure of his independence unless he feels that, as a *dernier resort*, he could reconcile himself to a hermitage, and it is a consoling thought that in this part of the earth at least it is possible to live thus without living in a desert.

NOTICE.—Easton, Md., July 1st, 1892.—We have this day associated with us William H. Kemp as a member of our firm. The business will be conducted in the present firm name. ROBERT B. DIXON & Co.

Private Electric Plant.—Mr. W. L. Hubbard is negotiating with the Edison Electric Company to place a plant in his canning factory. This will enable the working force to operate at night and thus save hundreds of dollars' worth of perishable fruit during the season. Mr. Hubbard is enterprising and will make his business pay if it can be done by canning fruit and vegetables.

TURNIP AND RUTA BAGA.

We have just received New Crop BUIST'S TURNIP & RUTA BAGA SEED, from selected and transplanted roots. This improved method of selection and culture has made the standard Eastern grape. No country in Buist's celebrated in every market for their purity and fine quality. For sale by

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Heavy Blow and Rain.—At four o'clock on Thursday a heavy thunder cloud passed over Easton from the south-west and not only deluged the earth but did considerable damage to crops and trees. The Ebenezer M. E. Church was damaged to the extent of $150.—One of the small ornamental towers on the steeple was twisted off and hurled on the roof. On the top of the tower was a heavy iron ornament which crashed through the slate roof and fell in the gallery of the auditorium of the church. Some chimneys were blown down and houses of weak structure shaken. The storm raged for a few minutes and subsided into a gentle shower.

FOR DYSPEPSIA,

Indigestion, and Stomach disorders, take **BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.**

All dealers keep it, $1 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

A Man Eating Plant.—There has been discovered in Nicaragua a flesh-eating or rather man-eating plant, which is called by the natives "the devil's snare." In form it is a kind of vegetable octopus or devil-fish, and it is able to draw blood of any living thing which comes within its clutches. It appears that a Mr. Dunstan, a naturalist, has lately returned from Central America, where he spent two years in the study of the plants and animals of those regions. In one of the swamps which surround the great Nicaragua lake he discovered the singular growth.

He was engaged in hunting botanical and entomological specimens when he heard his dog cry out as if in agony from a distance. Running to the spot whence the animal's cries came, Mr. Dunstan found him enveloped in a perfect network of what seemed to be a fine, rope like tissue of roots and fibres. The plant or vine seemed composed entirely of bare, interlacing stems, resembling more than anything else the branches of the weeping willow denuded of its foliage, but of a dark, nearly black hue, and covered with a thick viscid gum that exuded from the pores.

Drawing his knife, Mr. Dunstan attempted to cut the poor beast free, but it was with the very greatest difficulty that he managed to sever the fleshy, muscular fibres of the plant. When the dog was extracted from the plant Mr. Dunstan saw to his horror and amazement that the dog's body was blood-stained, while the skin appeared to have been actually sucked or puckered in spots and the animal staggered as if from exhaustion. In cutting the vine the twigs curled like living, sinuous fingers about Mr. Dunstan's hand and it required no slight force to free the member from its clinging grasp, which left the flesh red and blistered.

The gum exuding from the vine was of a grayish dark tinge, remarkably adhesive and of a disagreeable odor, powerful and nauseating to inhale. The natives showed the greatest horror of the plant, and recounted to the naturalist many stories of its death-dealing powers. Mr. Dunstan said he was able to discover very little about the plant, owing to the difficulty of handling it, for its grasp can only be shaken off with the loss of skin and even of flesh. As near as he could ascertain, however, its power of suction is contained in a number of infinitesimal mouths or little suckers, which, ordinarily closed, open for the reception of food.

If the substance is animal the blood is drawn off and the carcass or refuse then dropped. A lump of raw meat being thrown in, in the short space of five minutes the blood will be thoroughly drunk off and the mass thrown aside. Its voracity is almost beyond belief.—*Horticultural Times.*

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Simply apply "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT." No internal medicine required· Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for SWAYNE'S OINTMENT. e7

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Swift Justice.

A North Carolina tourist, in Cuba, had his watch stolen on the street. In less than two hours a police judge had sentenced the robber to three years' imprisonment. He also awarded the North Carolinian twenty-three dollars damages for the injury sustained by his watch in the struggle for its possession, and ordered the convict to work it out.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Swiss savant is said to have made a discovery by which he reduces milk to a dry powder in such a manner that by the addition of water it at once assumes all its natural properties.

A Bride and a Widow in One Day.

Pretty seventeen-year-old Conception Sylva, a Portuguese maiden of Contra Costa county, was a bride at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in West Berkeley, and three hours later she was a widow. She was married to Frank Bispo, a young Portuguese dairyman, and after the ceremony and reception the wedding guests repaired to the station, where the young couple were to take the train for San Francisco.

While waiting for the train Bispo took a little nephew in his arms and trotted up the track, while several others walked along the railroad. Suddenly the shriek of the overland flier was heard, and a moment after it swept around a curve. It disappeared in an instant. On one side of the track was Bispo, dead. In his arms lay his little nephew, alive, but badly wounded. On the other side of the track lay the body of Mrs. Sylva. All three had been struck by the train. The grief of the bride was heartrending. The mourning party went to the house, where the wedding supper was cold on the table.—San Francisco Cor. Chicago Herald.

THE PUZZLER

No. 187.—Pi.

Romf eht saditat cropit drants,
Hewer the wilsols, tlarigh dan bandl,
Dg pegering, llerung droun het psalm lwit
twese tinaf tenuradne.
Morf sit stolet fo plupprin slowfer
Slirl tew wilst framcart sweshor,
Het phayp hutso dwin, nilginger, wepses bet
loray bolsom to nuje.

No. 188.—Anagrams.

Two distinguished American men of letters:

WHOLE RANDOM PEARLS.
MUSES, ALL JEWELS ROLL.

A famous artist:

CHIME ON ALL AGE.

No. 189.—A Tree Puzzle.

One-eighth of chestnut, one-fourth of pine, one-third of elm, one-fifth of maple, one-sixth of willow, one-seventh of hickory, one-third of oak, combined, will give an evergreen tree found in North America. It was from a species of this tree in the Old World that a poisonous draft was made and administered to one of the best of heathen philosophers.

No. 190.—Transposition Puzzle.

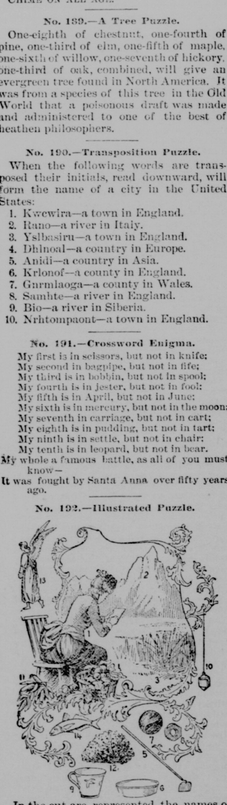
When the following words are transposed their initials, read downward, will form the name of a city in the United States:

1. Kwewira—a town in England.
2. Rano—a river in Italy.
3. Yslhasiru—a town in England.
4. Dhinoal—a country in Europe.
5. Anlil—a country in Asia.
6. Krlonof—a county in England.
7. Gurmlaoga—a county in Wales.
8. Samhte—a river in England.
9. Bio—a river in Siberia.
10. Nrhtompaont—a town in England.

No. 191.—Crossword Enigma.

My first is in scissors, but not in knife:
My second in bagpipe, but not in fife;
My third is in bobbin, but not in spoon;
My fourth is in jester, but not in fool:
My fifth is in April, but not in June:
My sixth is in mercury, but not in the moon:
My seventh in carriage, but not in cart;
My eighth is in pudding, but not in tart:
My ninth is in settle, but not in chair:
My tenth is in leopard, but not in bear.
My whole a famous battle, as all of you must know—
It was fought by Santa Anna over fifty years ago.

No. 192.—Illustrated Puzzle.



In the cut are represented the names of fourteen different kinds of cake.

No. 193.—Hidden Proverbs.

One word of two well known proverbs is in each of the following sentences:

1. She was all the time learning experience.
2. Is he going, or is he not.
3. I shall be all the better for the trip.
4. He is better than Dora, although Maggie is the best.
5. And is she really mistress of all these riches?

No. 194.—A Double Acrostic.

My initials and finals read downward form the names of a large country of America and a smaller one of Europe:

1. An article used in work. 2. A weapon. 3. A relation. 4. In foreign countries. 5. An amusement. 6. Once more.

No. 195.—Behead and Curtail.

I am a bird. Behead me and I am some one who loves. Behead me again and I am not under. Curtail me and add a letter at the beginning and I am a bird.

No. 196.—Missing Letter Puzzle.

If the missing letters be supplied, the whole will form a well known proverb:

F-i-t-e-r-n-v-r-o-f-i-l