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Farmers are hustling for their coming crops.

C. P. Fischer and Dr. Biggs, of Webbyille, were horseback riding Sunday.

J. C. Hicks paid homefolks a visit Saturday.

John Belcher was the guest of Misses Florence and Martha Webb Sunday.

Tanda Giles has taken him a 19-year-old-boy to raise.

B. T. Giles made a flying trip to Grayson Monday.

Sam Shepherd has a severe case of measles.

Sol Jordan has entered the horse trading business.

Harman Green and wife were the guests of their many friends in this place recently.

Miss Cora Webb was called to the bedside of her cousin who is lingering with consumption. She will stay a few days.

A large crowd attended prayer-meeting at Brammer Gap church Sunday.

Miss Celia Peltry, who has been very ill is better.

Tandy Giles and wife visited Mrs. Minnie Giles Saturday and Sunday.

Henry Hicks was smiling on his "fairy one" Sunday.

Nannie Shepherd has returned to her home. Blue-Eyes.

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[Albany Evening Journal.]

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Novel Scheme for Cuba.

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Talmage's Sermon.

The text is Psalms xxiii, 1. "The Lord is my shepherd."

What with post and rail fences, and our pride in Southdown, Astrakhan and Flemish varieties of sheep, there is no use now of the old time shepherd. Such an one had abundance of opportunity of becoming a poet, being out of doors twelve hours of the day, and oftimes waking up in the night on the hills: If the stars, or the torrents, or the sun or the flowers had anything to say, he was very apt to hear it. The Ettrick shepherd of Scotland, who afterward took his seat in the brilliant circle of Wilson and Lockhart, got his wonderful poetic inspiration in the ten years in which he was watching the flocks of Mr. Laidlaw. There is often a sweet poetry in the rugged prose of the Scotch shepherd. One of these Scotch shepherds lost his only son and he knelt down in prayer, and was overheard to say: "O, Lord, it has seemed good in Thy providence to take from me the staff of my right hand at the time when to us sand-blind mortals I seemed to be most in need of it; and how I shall climb up the hill of sorrow and auld age without it, thou mayest ken, but I dinna."

If God will help me I will talk to you of the shepherd's plaid, the shepherd's crook, the shepherd's dogs, the shepherd's pasture-grounds and the shepherd's flocks.

And first: The shepherd's plaid: It would be preposterous for a man going out to rough and besoiling work to put on his splendid apparel. The Lord, our Shepherd, coming out to hunt the lost sheep, puts on no regal apparel, but the plain garment of our humanity. There was nothing pretentious about it. I know the old painters represent a halo around the babe Jesus, but I do not suppose there was any more halo around that child than about the head of any other babe that was born that Christmas eve in Judea. Becoming a man, he wore a seamless garment. The scissors and needle had done nothing to make it graceful. I take it to have been a sack with three holes in it; one for the neck and two for the arms. Some times he did not even wear the seamless robe. The work of saving the world was a rough work, a rugged work, hard work; and Jesus put on the raiment, the plain raiment of our flesh. The storms were to meet Him, the crowds were to jostle Him, the dust was to sprinkle Him, the mobs were to pursue Him. Oh, Shepherd of Israel! leave at home Thy bright array. For Thee, what streams to ford, what nights, all unsheltered! He puts upon Him the plain raiment of our humanity; wears our woes, and, while earth and heaven and hell stand amazed at the abnegation, wraps around Him the shepherd's plaid:

"Cold mountains and the midnight air,
Witness the fervor of His prayer."

Next I mention the shepherd's crook. This was a rod with a curve at the end, which, when a sheep was going astray, was thrown over his neck; and in that way was pulled back. When the sheep were not going astray, the shepherd would often use it as a sort of crutch, leaning on it; but when the sheep were out of the way the crook was always busy pulling them back. All we, like sheep, have gone astray, and, had it not been for the shepherd's crook, we would have fallen long ago, over the precipices.

There is no animal that struggles more violently than a sheep when you corner it and catch hold of it. Down in the glen I see a group of men around a lost sheep. A plowman comes along and seizes the sheep and tries to pacify it; but it is more frightened than ever. A miller comes along, puts down his grist, and caresses the sheep, and it seems as though it would die of fright. After a while some one breaks through the thicket. He says: "Let me have the poor thing." He comes up and lays his arms around the sheep, and it is immediately quiet. Who is the last man that comes? It is the shepherd. Ah, my friend, be not afraid of the shepherd's crook. It is never used on you, save in mercy, to pull you back. The hard, cold iceberg of trouble will melt in the warm gulf stream of divine sympathy.

Next I speak of the shepherd's dogs. They watch the straying sheep and drive them back again. Every shepherd has his dogs—from the nomads of the Bible times, down to the Scotch herdsman watching his flocks on the Grampian Hills. Our Shepherd employs the criticisms and persecutions of the world as his dogs. There are those, you know, whose whole work it is to watch the inconsistencies of Christians, and bark at them. If one of God's sheep gets astray, the world howls. With more avidity than a shepherd's dog ever caught a sheep by the flanks or lugged it by the ears, worldlings seize the christians astray. It ought to put us on our guard. They can not bite us if we stay near the Shepherd. The sharp knife of worldly assault will only trim the vines until they produce better grapes. The more you pound marjoram and rosemary, the sweeter they smell. The more dogs get after you the quicker you will get to the gate.

You have noticed that different flocks of sheep have different marks upon them; sometimes a red mark, sometimes a blue mark, sometimes a straight mark, and sometimes a crooked mark. The Lord our Shepherd has a mark for His sheep. It is a red mark—the mark of the cross. "Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Furthermore, consider the shepherd's pasture-grounds. The old shepherds used to take the sheep upon the mountains in the summer, and dwell in the valleys in the winter. The sheep being out of doors perpetually, their wool was better than if they had been kept in the hot atmosphere of the sheep-cot. Wells were dug for the sheep and covered with large stones, in order that the hot weather might not spoil the water. And then the shepherd led his flock wherever he would; nobody disputed his right. So the Lord our Shepherd has a large pasture-ground. He takes us in the summer to the mountains, and in the winter to the valleys. Warm days of prosperity come, and we stand on sun-gilt Sabbaths and hills of transfiguration; and we are so high up we can catch a glimpse of the pinnacles of the heavenly city. Then cold wintry days come, and we go down in the valley of sickness, want and bereavement, and we say, "Is there any sorrow like unto my sorrow?" But, blessed be God, the Lord's sheep can find pasture anywhere. Between two rocks of trouble a tuft of succulent promises; green pastures beside still waters; long, sweet grass between bitter graves. You have noticed the structure of the sheep's mouth? It is so sharp that it can take up a blade of grass or clover top from the very narrowest spot. And so God's people can pick up comfort where others can find none. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." Rich pasture, fountain-fed pasture, for all the flock of the Good Shepherd."

Lastly: Consider the shepherd's fold. The time of sheep-shearing was a very glad time. The neighbors gathered together and they poured wine and danced for joy. The sheep were put in a place inclosed by a wall, where it was easy to count them and know whether any of them had been taken by the jackals or dogs. The enclosure was called the sheep-fold. Good news I have to tell you in that our Lord the Shepherd has a sheep-fold, and those who are gathered in it shall never be touched by the jackals of temptation and trouble or struck by the storms. It is a high wall—so high that no troubles can get in—so high that the joys can not get out. How glad the old sheep will be to find the lambs that left them a good many years ago! Millions of children in heaven! Oh, what a merry heaven it will make! Not many long-meter psalms there. They will be in the majority and will run away with our song, carrying it up to a still higher point of ecstacy. Oh, there will be shouting! If children on earth clapped their hands and danced for joy, what will they do when, to the gladness of childhood on earth, is added the gladness of childhood in heaven?

It is time we get over these morbid fancies of how we shall get out of this world. You make your religion an undertaker planing coffins and driving hearses. Your religion smells of the varnish of a funeral casket. Rather let your religion of to-day come out and show you the sheep-fold which God has provided for you. Ah, you say there is a river between this and that. I know it; but that Jordan is only for the sheep washing, and they shall go up on the other bank snow-white. They follow the great Shepherd. They heard his voice a long ago. They are safe now—one fold and one Shepherd.

Alas for those who are finally found outside the enclosure. The night of their sins howls with jackals; they are thirsting for their blood. The very moment that a lamb may be frisking on the hills a bear may be looking at it from a thicket.

The Shepherd of old used to play beautiful music, and sometimes the sheep would gather around him and listen. To-day my heavenly Shepherd calls to you with the music of heaven, bidding you to leave your sin and accept His pardon. Oh, that all his flock would hear the piping of the Good Shepherd.

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FACTS ABOUT SAFFRON.

Its Use in Medicine Has Practically Died Out.

Saffron would strike an ordinary observer as decidedly expensive at 56 shillings per pound until told that it is composed of the central small portions only of the flowers of a species of crocus, 70,000 of which it takes to yield the material for one pound. The wonder then becomes that it is so cheap, that it can pay to grow and gather it at the price. As a matter of fact, it has failed to pay the English grower—by this retaining, in the name of his town of Saffron-Walden, but a hint of former importance in this particular direction—French and Spanish soils being more suitable to the full growth of the flowers and foreign labor cheaper in the work of picking. Its use in medicine has practically died out, bar, perhaps, the popular belief that, steeped in hot milk or cider, it helps the eruption of measles to fully appear, says Chambers' Journal.

As a dye in creaming curtains and to give a rich appearance to cake it is still, however, in general demand; for which purpose it is well suited, in being both harmless and strong, one grain, composed of the style and stigmas of nine flowers, being sufficient to give a distinct yellow tint to ten gallons of water. Its high price, by the way, has led to a peculiar form of adulteration; for, apart from the crude and commonplace one of dusting with a heavy powder, such as gypsum, to give weight, the similar portions of other and commoner flowers have been specially dyed and worked thoroughly in among the genuine ones.

THE JACK RABBITS OF TEXAS.

Not Commonly Used as an Article of Food.

"The big rabbits or hares that hang in front of Washington restaurants are not the jackrabbits or 'mule ears' that abound on the Texas prairies," said Mr. C. O. Kerns, of the Lone Star state, reports the Washington Post. "The sort that we have and that are common all through the southwest are of a brown color, identical with their small 'cottontail' brethren that abound in Virginia and Maryland, and that are numerous all through the old southern states. These imported hares with white bellies come from Canada, where all wild animals turn white in winter to match the snowclad earth, and they are not nearly as large as our Texas jackrabbits, nor do they have the enormously big ears that distinguish the Texas family. I should say that ours will get over the ground twice as fast as their Canadian cousins. A greyhound is the only animal, in fact, that can overtake a mule ear. An ordinary dog never forgets himself so far as to chase one for even the distance of a city block. It would be a rank waste of canine energy to do so. The jackrabbit is regarded at home more as an ornament to the landscape than anything else. Hungry men in camp who have run out of ordinary grub will occasionally kill them to stop the pangs of hunger, and they are said to be really fine eating, but they are not regarded as fit for the menu of the average Texas family."

THE HORSE TRAINERS' LIFE.

It Is Full of Responsibilities and Anxieties.

According to a sporting authority, the life of a horse trainer is about as little to be envied as that of any mortal. In the excitement consequent to a big race the jockey is the hero of the hour, and never a thought is bestowed on the trainer, to whose fostering care both horse and jockey owe the burst of enthusiasm that invariably proclaims victory. The jockey has the boys, the trainer none. The responsibility and anxiety felt by the jockey when he rides a Derby-winning favorite is but a drop in the ocean compared with that which weighs on the mind of a horse's trainer. The jockey's troubles are over within the space of a few fleeting moments, but the trainer who has a crack in his charge knows no peace of mind for months. Sleepless nights are frequently his portion. He never can tell from one to another what may happen. He the horse ever so sound, he cannot tell when an accident may destroy all hope of success, and bitter must be his experience when he sees victory slipping from his grasp. If the horse be a delicate one, with a slight suspicion of being not quite right in his wind, or uncertain on his legs, and the winner be a hard one, the trainer has a weary and unhappy time of it, and it must be with a feeling of intense relief that he delivers the horse fit and well on the eventful day of the big race.

New Railroads Built in 1897.

Although much railway construction is in progress the mileage of track actually laid this year is but little greater than that for the preceding year. The records of the Railway Age show 90 lines on which over 400 miles of track laying is in progress, or just beginning, much of which will be completed in January and nearly all by March. The total now reported for 1897 is 1,864 miles. California stands first with 310 miles; Louisiana, 145; Michigan, 133; Georgia, 119; Pennsylvania, 116; Wisconsin, 115; Alabama, 111; Missouri, 110; Arkansas, 109; Texas, 103; Illinois, 92, and Mississippi, about 90. No track was laid in 11 states and territories.

Railroading in China.

Consul-General Goodnow, at Shanghai, warns Americans who are desirous of going to China to work on railroads there to keep away. There are only two railways in operation, with a total mileage of 202½ miles. They employ only 17 foreigners, of whom four are engineers, managers and division superintendents. The operatives are practically all Chinese, and a foreigner cannot compete with them. The highest salaried natives are the telegraph operators, at $40 per month. Engineers get $30 to $35 and train hands and trackmen six to ten dollars per month.

INDIAN ANTIPATHY TO FISH.

Why Some Tribes Will Not Use Them as Food.

At a recent meeting in Baltimore by the American Folk-Lore society, Dr. Washington Matthews, of Washington, D. C., read a paper on "Ichthyophobia," which he described as an antipathy to fish. This aversion is especially strong in the Navajo, Apache and other Indian tribes of the far southwest, who will not eat fish nor have anything to do with articles made in the shape of fish. This "taboo" with the Navajos extends to all things connected with water. A probable reason why no more children of these tribes are sent east to be educated, Dr. Matthews thought, was a fear that they might be required to overcome this cherished "taboo" superstition, which is as firmly rooted as any religion, says the Baltimore Sun.

A legend to account for this fish "taboo" was given. There was a time when food was scarce and the mountain Indians had a big pow-wow with the river Indians. The result was that the river Indians agreed to kill no deer, but live entirely on fish, and the mountain Indians agreed to eat no fish, but live entirely upon deer. This made food plenty for both.

In the discussion of the paper it was stated that the Zuna Indians will not eat fish because savage tribes in desert lands regard water as sacred because of its scarcity, and this reverence extends to animal life in water. Several members thought, perhaps, this idea conveyed the true reason for the fish "taboo."

SWIMMING OUT WAS EASY.

But the Sergeant Didn't Come Back Until Long After Drill.

During a brigade encampment a year or two ago at Scarborough, says an English paper, a certain sergeant, in conversation within the mess tent one morning, loudly asserted that he could swim to a particular big buoy a mile or more from the shore, and back. Being challenged to "prove his words," he was soon bravely breasting the North sea.

Swimming strongly, he was observed to reach the aforesaid buoy, scramble thereon, wave his hands, and then sit down. As he, however, continued to sit there without attempting to move, and parade time approaching, his comrades reluctantly returned to camp, greatly wondering why he tarried on the buoy, to be reported "absent from parade."

Drill done, and the news of our hero's exploit having spread throughout the camp, a large crowd of officers and men hurried to the beach, only to see the aquatic absentee still "as you were" out at sea.

Now, convinced that something was seriously amiss, a rescue party was quickly rowed to the spot, and discovered that the ill-fated swimmer was not dead, but only stuck fast to the buoy, which had been newly tarred!

THE WORK OF GENIUS.

A western man has patented an animal trap, which is intended to be placed over the passageways frequented by the animals, and has a trigger hanging down into the passage, to release the spring-actuated lines and drive them down into the animal as he passed.

In a newly patented bottle the top portion of the neck is broken by inserting the cork, which holds it in place until the contents of the bottle are wanted, when the broken part is removed with the cork and cannot be replaced, thus preventing fraudulent refilling.

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