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FROM WEST TEXAS.

Dimmitt, Texas, April 4.

Bryan Eagle:

Still it rains on the plains. I think I will have to move to Arizona; getting too wet here. I shall wait awhile, though, for it may get dry enough here for me before the year is out, and save me the trouble of moving.

Now for what you Brazos folks will call a "big windy," about the plains again. But you can call it what you please, I shall only state facts. Our county is comparatively new, yet she is making rapid strides toward becoming the greatest agricultural portion of Texas. This county is filled up with nothing but an energetic class of white people from nearly all parts of the United States who have the utmost confidence in its future. We are building good churches and schools. We have eleven school buildings in the county. The terms of schools last from four to nine months, according to the number of pupils and the amount of special school tax each district has.

Our farmers are preparing to plant all kinds of crops that are adapted to this country, such as wheat, corn, maize, millet, sorghum, Kafir corn, oats, peas, peanuts, California wheat, broom corn, etc.; also cotton spelt, flax, and many other crops that we don't claim to be successfully grown here yet. I expect to plant 10 or 12 acres in cotton again this year, as I have a good underground season to commence with. I have about eight acres of Macaroni wheat planted March 31st. I am also planting some oats and millet.

One of my neighbors, W. P. Boyd, has 25 acres of wheat planted last fall, that he grazed all winter and it is fine now. He is planting 40 acres in oats this spring. In all there had been five carloads of seed oats sold in Hereford up to March 20, all to be planted in Deaf Smith and Castro counties.

Lands are beginning to sell again here, and if our crop does well this year, we expect a large flood of immigration in the fall. While

traveling over this county I found one man, J. L. Crum, who is a successful farmer and stock-raiser here. He plants from 300 to 350 acres of land in different crops every year. He says he sold \$1200 worth of feed in 1903 and wintered 600 cattle, besides his horses and hogs. He is planting 40 acres in pumpkins and kershaws this year to fatten hogs and cattle on.

Say, who is "W. I. T." of Oklahoma? I know he has the plains fever, or he would never become interested in the Dimmitt letters. Come on, W. I. T., you needn't believe the yarns about people starving to death out here. I have eight in family and none of us have starved yet.

Well, the Brazos County colony is getting along all o. k. Every once in a while one of our number goes back to Brazos, but another one comes in his place. The last arrival was Hiram L., the big eight pound boy of S. I. Lee and wife, born March 31, 1905.

I was glad to see some interesting communication in the Eagle last week from different parts of Brazos county. Would like to see something from Green's Prairie—my old home.

The Hereford Brand, a neat, all home print, eight-page paper, has eight correspondents. I think I am the first regular correspondent it had. One of the old Eagle boys, Jack Garvin, is now setting type for the Brand. W. S. D.

A. & M. BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

The A. & M. College baseball team and the teams that are competing with it are playing some very fine games this season, as evidenced by the scores. They are up to and in some cases ahead of the games usually played by the Texas league teams.

The schedule has now been completed, and is announced by Prof. E. J. Kyle, the manager of the A. & M. team, as follows:

- March 31-April 1—St. Edwards, at College.
- April 4—S. W. U., at College.
- April 11—Trinity, at College.
- April 14-15—U. of T., at College.
- April 18-19—Austin College, at Sherman.
- April 20—Trinity, at Waxahatchie.
- April 21-22—Baylor, at Waco.
- April 28-29—Austin College, at College.
- May 3—S. W. U., at Georgetown.
- May 4—St. Edwards, at Austin.
- May 5—U. of T. at Austin.
- May 6—Texas D. and D., at Austin.
- May 12-13—Baylor, at College.

SOME ODD LEATHERS.

Prepared From the Skins of Various Aquatic Animals.

Leather is prepared from the hides of nearly all aquatic animals, principally the seal, whale, porpoise, alligator and walrus. The use of these hides is almost as old as man himself, and they have ever been most eagerly sought after for the many uses to which they could be put after being prepared as leather. At the time of the Russian occupation of Alaska they made great use of walrus hides. Furs were usually wrapped up in these skins, and when they reached Khabarovsk, China, the great mart of those days, the skin was sewed over chests of tea. On arrival at Moscow the soundest portions were removed, cut up and stamped into keps, and a variety of small change. This formed the chief currency of Alaska for a time. The Russians also made harness of walrus leather, while the natives of Alaska used the skin as a covering for their boats.

A queerer kind of leather, however, comes from the bodies of fishes. An extremely fine quality of green leather made in Turkey is manufactured from the skin of an ugly fish called the angel fish. The sword grips of the German army are made from shark leather, which is beautiful in pattern, being marked with dark diamond shaped figures. This skin comes from a North sea shark called the diamond shark. Leather manufacturers have tried to produce a substitute from animal hides, but in vain. Unlike animal leather, fish leather is absolutely impervious to water and never gets soggy from dampness. Therefore it is ideal for sword grips, as, no matter how much the hand may perspire, the grip remains hard and dry.

Leather is made from the skin of the Pacific coast and great lakes sturgeon, which is exceedingly tough and is used in making leaces for joining leather belting. In Canada the skin of a species of silurid is used in making gloves.

THE PARIS CAFE.

It is the Frenchman's Outdoor Home Part of the Day.

For an hour or two of the day the cafe is the Parisian's outdoor home. There he gets all the morning and afternoon papers. There if he likes he may write his business letters and private correspondence. Many a "client" writes all or most of his correspondence at his little marble topped table. The garçon brings him the black portfolio stocked with letter paper and envelopes and pens and ink. Notre client may use up as much paper and envelopes as he pleases. These are provided by the staff of waiters at their own charge, not by M. le Patron, the landlord—a curious custom. Notre client is welcome to sit there all day long over his newspapers and correspondence and his glass of bordeaux or his "lait chaud" (perhaps with a nip of rum in it when the weather is cold).

The counter is reserved for waiters and for M. le Patron's wife or daughter or lady clerk, who sits behind it receiving orders.

The "habitués," "nos clients" or passing customers are comfortably seated at their neat, scrupulously clean little tables. Outside the chairs and little tables are arranged in rows, three, four, five, six deep. There "nos clients" sit at their ease underneath the broad awning when the sun is ablaze. Winter drives "notre client" indoors, though out he will come again on the slightest temptation from the weather, for your Parisian loves fresh air, loves to gaze over his light bordeaux or his

"bock" at the tide of human life as it sweeps by. On the inner half of the pavement beneath the awnings, behind the trees, along the miles of boulevard, sit in their thousands in spring, summer and autumn the customers of the Paris cafe.—London News.

The Hamburg Bourse.

Hamburg's first bourse, established in 1558-60, was a shelterless, paved meeting place, 112 feet long and 42 feet wide, supported toward the water front by means of bulwarks and having its three other sides surrounded by a low stone wall. In 1577 the bourse was enlarged by adding a cloth hall, supplied with a roof. The present bourse also differs in many respects considerably from American and other foreign exchanges. No membership exists here, but attendance and admittance to all privileges of the floor free of charge are permitted to every respectable male person.

Derby's Market Stone.

In Derby, England, there is a curious relic of the great plague of 1665. It stands in the arborvitae gardens and is commonly called "the market stone." To avoid infection the country folk from the surrounding villages would leave their orders for anything they might want with the watchman, who used to go into the town, make the necessary purchases and deposit them on the steps of "the market stone."

A Good Reason.

The good woman was distributing a few tracts behind the bars. "And what are you in for, my unfortunate friend?" she asked of No. 1313.

"'Cause I can't git out," sullenly answered the prisoner.

And the good woman passed on.

An Extended Sonnet.

"He doesn't display much originality in his poems."

"Doesn't he? He wrote a sonnet with twenty-three lines the other day. If that isn't originality, what do you call it?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Active natures are rarely melancholy. Activity and sadness are incompatible.—Bovee.

Innate Perverseness.

The neighbors were discussing the peculiarities of an eccentric old resident. "I do think," remarked Mrs. Higgins, "that old Mr. Tightum is the contraryest man on the face of the earth."

"What's he doing now?" asked Mrs. Joggins.

"Doing? You remember he used to say that when he had accumulated \$50,000 he was going to quit saving money—the old skinflint!—and settle down to the enjoyment of it?"

"Yes."

"Well, he's actually done it!"

Glass and Sunlight.

Common clear glass left exposed in certain desert regions of the earth soon changes greatly in appearance and acquires color, sometimes rose purple and sometimes amethyst. This change has been attributed by some observers to alkaline soils, but others maintain that such changes occur where there is no alkali and that it must be due to the great activity of the actinic rays of the sun where the atmosphere is very clear.



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The plan is simple; for every 10 cent purchase of goods you are entitled to one vote, and the institution whose members and friends poll the highest popular vote by June 24th next, 12 noon, will get the entire collection.

Voting tickets are free with all purchases. The rules governing the contest are:

First--The person making purchase must fill out ticket at time of purchase and hand to clerk for private mark or o. k. Clerks are not allowed to make out tickets.

Second--Employers and clerks are not allowed to vote or influence votes in their own establishment, and transfer of votes from one club to another will not be allowed. Cash sales or prompt payment of accounts only entitle you to vote.

The merchants and this paper will remain strictly neutral throughout this race. See the offer on subscription in another column. You can vote only at the following places:

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- THE EAGLE, Job Printing.

Contest No. 2

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