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Heavy Destruction of Texas Crops by River Floods.

The rice crop of Texas is the
only agricultural product that
has not suffered from the recent
and in many localities, present,
overflowing of the rivers of Texas.

These floods were caused by
the heavy and continued rains to
the northward, where the rivers
obtain their sources, and all the
large rivers of the more easterly
portion of Texas have been
changed into veritable floods that
swept everything before them,
disinherited by their banks,
levees, and natural con-
fines, and swept unrestrained
over the lower portions of country
along their banks.

The rivers that wrought the
greatest amount of havoc were
the Colorado, Brazos, Trinity and
Natchez, and the Colorado led
the way from a standpoint of
damage done to farmers and
farm lands. It has been impos-
sible for us to arrive at anything
like an intelligent or reasonable
estimate of the amount of this
damage, as in many cases the
waters are still over the fields,
and it has not been determined
whether or not the fields will
need replanting.

All along the banks of the
Colorado were left the marks of
destruction to crops. From
Brownwood we have the report
of a farmer named Bangh who
lost 300 acres of wheat, which
loss he estimates at \$750, and he
also fears that his field of corn,
150 acres in extent, will have to
be replanted. This is the great-
est single loss we have heard of.

Along the banks of the Color-
ado, north of Weimar is reported
that thousands of acres of
corn and cotton are entirely sub-
merged, and will have to be
entirely replanted when the flood
subsides. The total loss of time
and labor in this district alone
will be thousands of dollars, even
if the replanting is successful on
account of the great amount of
time and labor lost.

The Trinity and the Brazos also
did considerable damage to crops
along their banks, but nothing
in comparison to what the Color-
ado accomplished. Some live
stock was destroyed in the farm
district, but not a great deal,
such cases being isolated ones,
where the river burst its banks
and submerged barns before the
stock could be turned loose.

Rice Industry

Paying by Check.

A friend of the writer who
came in to pay an account the
other day handed a check book
out to him, with the remark
that for the past two years
he had paid all his bills by check

and found the system a most sat-
isfactory one. The check method
of payment has several arguments
in its favor and should be more
generally employed. In the first
place, where accounts are paid
thus, the check made payable to
order, with the payee's signature
on the back, it serves as a receipt
for the amount, while the stub in
hand of the payer, states for
what purpose the check was
drawn. Again with this system
the bank keeps one's books and is
glad to do so in return for the
additional circulating medium.

If a fellow loses his pocketbook
and a check is in it, there is
there is always a loss of silver or
paper currency which cannot be
identified or recovered, if his
check book, none can get money
through it except by forging the
owner's name, which is a peniten-
tary offense. Finally the check
system gives one a complete re-
cord of expenditures and enables
him to learn by a review of his
account at the end of the year
just where his money has gone.

A record that is very uncertain
and hazy when he uses the cash
system and does not keep a care-
ful record of same. Of course
the check system presupposes a
bank account, in accumulation of
which, the individual ought not
to need particular urging. Ex.

No Animals in Japan.

Japan is a land without the
domestic animals. It is this
lack which strikes the stranger
so forcibly in looking upon Japa-
nese landscapes. There are no
cows—the Japanese neither
drink milk nor eat meat. There
are but few horses, and these
are imported mainly for the use
of foreigners. The wagons in
the city streets are pulled and
pushed by coolies, and the pleas-
ure carriages are drawn by men.

There are but few dogs and
these are neither used as watch-
dogs, beasts of burden, nor in
hunting except by foreigners.
There are no sheep in Japan; the
wool is not used for clothing,
silk and cotton being the staples.
There are no pigs—pork is an
unknown article of diet, and lard
is not used in cooking. There
are no goats or mules or donkeys.
Wild animals there are, however
—in particular bears of enor-
mous size. One of these Mr.
Finck saw stuffed in a museum,
and he described it as being "as
big as an ox." War, of course,
is acquainting the Japanese with
the use of animals. The army
has cavalry horses and others to
drag field arms. The empress
also, in obvious imitation of
European royalties, is an expert
horsewoman, and saddle horses
are kept for her use.

Railroad Man's Prayer.

The following is the text of a
"Railroad man's prayer," posted
on the fireman's side of a switch-
engine in the Northern Pacific
yards at Spokane:

"Now that I have lagged thou,
lift my feet from the rough roads
of life and plant them safely on
the deck of the train of salvation.
Let me use the safety lamp of
prudence, make couplings with
the link of love, and let my hand
be the Bible and loyal switch-
es, crossed that lead of the main
line into the siding with blind
pads. Have every semaphore on
the line show a white light of
life without stopping. Give me
the Ten Commandments as a
working card, and when I have
finished the job on schedule
time and paid into the treasury
my tax, let the superintendent of
the universe say: 'Well done, go
and father a family of sons and
daughters, and I will give thee
the general office to sign the
pay roll and issue your check
for eternal happiness.'—Ex.

JONATHAN LANE FOR DAVID- SON.

Says the Fight Being Made is
Contemptible.

In a conversation with a half
dozen men in the lobby of the
Rice hotel Sunday afternoon,
Hon. Jonathan Lane made this re-
mark:

"I am taking no part in the
present campaign for delegates
at large to the national demo-
cratic convention, but I may take
part in the campaign for attorney
general. The fight being made
on Judge Davidson is, when it is
difficult to express one's indigna-
tion on account of the method be-
ing used. It is simply contempt-
ible, and is enough to cause the
people to flock to Davidson. Such
effort to discredit a public
official who has done his duty in
every instance will make him
votes."—Houston Chronicle.

Cure Not Proved.

It is not every one who proves
the ineffectiveness of the insom-
nia cures at 7 years of age.

The father of the lad, who was
about 7 years old, was a physi-
cian, and when the child found
difficulty in getting to sleep was
ready with advice.

"I'll tell you something that
will soon put you to sleep," he
said. You begin and count slow-
ly up to 100, and then another hun-
dred and so on, and before you
know it you'll be sleeping. Try
it tonight when you go to bed."

Everything remained quiet
that night until the father went
to retire. As he passed the boy's
bed a little voice piped:

"Papa."

"Yes, my boy."

"What comes after trillions?"

But the wakeful youngster's
query was not answered; his father
had vanished into his own bed-
room.

The Dallas Times Herald says:
"Forty thousand candidates for
precinct, county, district and
state offices are in hiding in the
brush this week, all waiting to
see which way 'the cat is going
to jump.' And most of 'em will
line up on the winning side next
week. An open and honorable
fight straight from the shoulder wins
one's admiration. A political
fence rider—well, he goes for
the other fellow. He does not
count with the red blooded man
on either side of a controversy."

Last week Attorney General
Davidson was in Washington a city
endeavoring to convince the United
States Supreme Court that it
is a duty of the federal government
to answer to a Texas indictment for
perjury, while Mr. Joe Bailey
was absent from his post of duty,
engaged in heaping personal
abuse upon General Davidson, a
valiant and efficient officer of the
State government. Yet, being
claiming to be a democrat of the
fanatical, oil trust stripe, we go
suffice.

The Denison Gazette drew
attention to the fact that every
physician who is licensed to prac-
tice medicine in Texas, and ex-
pects to practice legally after
July 12, 1908, before that date
must register a declaration of
sincerity in the medical register in
the State clerk's office and out-
side to his age, postoffice address,
place of birth and school of prac-
tice.—Brethren Banner.

At Oklahoma the House of Rep-
resentatives passed a bill making
it a crime to smoke cigarettes.
The bill has less than 50 more
than \$25.—Brethren Banner.

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Don't Neglect the Aged.

We believe there are no other
people neglected so much as the
aged men and women who have
lived out their best days and are
now waiting until the summons
calls them up higher. Too
often we pass them by not realiz-
ing that they are lonely and that
a kind word or pleasant greeting
would cheer them and make their
lives happier. In our great rush
in a business way we often pass
them by thoughtlessly, not ap-
preciating the fact that they have
passed the time when their minds
are taken up with business and
letting thought of or caring for these
old people be a thing of the past.

power today that leads the world
helter-skelter. We too often for-
get that these old veterans have
too great extent fought battles
in this life that make our lives
happier. Don't neglect the gray
haired people that come about
your place of business, nor neg-
lect to speak a kind word to those
you meet. Cheer them, do not
and not only will their remaining
days be made happier, but your
own life will be brighter and bet-
ter.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Why do you wear a harassed
and troubled look? Are you
really in trouble, or are you al-
lowing the little worries of life to
grind furrows in your face? Take
a glance at yourself in the
mirror and reform—that is, re-
shape your face into the lines of
comfort and good cheer which
ought to wear. Take an honest
inventory of your troubles, and
decide whether or not they are
really worth advertising in your
countenance. It may seem a lit-
tle thing to you whether or not
you wear a smiling face, but it is
not a little thing. A serene look
advises the tired and troubled
men and women whom you meet
that there is peace and joy in at
least one heart. And there may
be among them some one who
had begun to doubt if joy existed
at all. "A merry heart doeth
good like a medicine."—Christian
Advocate.

A CHRISTIANIAN'S LOOK.

"The luckiest day of my life was
when I bought a box of Bucklen's
Arnica Salve," writes Charles F. Budahn
of Tracy, California. "Two 25c. boxes
cured me of an annoying case of
itching piles, which had troubled me
for years and that yielded to no other
treatment." Sold under guarantee at
Calvert's drug store.

COMMON SENSE

Leads most intelligent people to use only
medicines of known composition. There-
fore, it is that Dr. Pierce's medicine, the
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