

MRS. E. A. ROBERSON.
 Mrs. E. A. Roberson was born in Balton county, Georgia, March 1, 1831. She departed this life at the home of her son seven miles northwest of Bryan, Dec. 10th, 1908. She was united with the Baptist church in 1873 and has lived a consistent member until called up higher. Her life was characterized by a strong sympathy and a friendship that was ever steadfast and true. Every sufferer, from the smallest upward, found a ministering friend in her. In her death the church sustains a serious loss and her friends a warm personal friend and the family a devoted christian mother. She leaves one son and several grandchildren, with many friends to mourn the loss of a true mother and friend. May the same loving Father, who has taken her from our midst, soothe the sorrows of her bereaved relatives and friends until they all shall be reunited in the Paradise of God. A Friend.

BENCHLEY NEWS.
 The 9 years old son of Henry Worsham was run over by a horse last week and got his right leg broke in two places. He is reported better.
 Uncle Brad Seale is reported very ill.
 H. L. Bush visited Bryan Monday.
 We hope the Christmas tree at the house Christmas evening will be a success.
 Seale and Prater's gin burned here last week. Twelve bales of cotton burned with it and a good many cottonseed.
 There will be singing at Rev. Luther Sikes' Saturday night.
 H. F. Payne, Jim Sikes, Lewis Glaze, Lee Josie and others visited Houston last week. Umbria.
 In order to make room for a large spring stock everything is being closed out at cost at the St. Leon millinery parlors. We carry nothing over and have some rare bargains to offer holiday purchasers. Remember the season for wearing winter millinery is not more than half over.

MILICAN NEWS.
 As there has been no news from Millican for some time, the correspondent will try to give the passing events.
 Quite a crowd of Millican people went to Houston last week to take in the F. F. & V. festival. All report a good time.
 Mrs. E. McGregor and Mrs. W. T. Beene went to Hempstead Monday evening to visit relatives.
 Mrs. W. H. Dunlap and son, W. H. Dunlap, returned from Houston Saturday.
 Miss Alice Dunlap returned from Houston Sunday. She reports lots of fun and a general good time.
 Mr. Vernor Henry of Bryan was a pleasant visitor to Millican Saturday and Sunday.
 Mrs. S. N. Sandel went to Wellborn Sunday to visit her son, Mr. C. M. Sandel.
 Rev. G. S. Sandel who has been in charge of the Millican circuit for the past three years will leave in few days to take charge of the Anderson circuit. We are sorry to lose Bro. Sandel and his family, but we hope that our loss will be his gain.
 There was no service at the Methodist church Sunday as the new preacher has not as yet arrived.
 We are thinking of having a Christmas tree, and it will be decided next Sunday when the two Sunday schools meet.
 Correspondent.

Morrison Will Come.
 In view of the fact that sometimes high class shows are booked here and afterward canceled, to the disappointment of our theatre goers, we are requested to publish the following regarding the coming of Mr. Lewis Morrison in Faust, Dec. 21:
 Mr. John B. Mike, Bryan, Texas, Dear Sir:—Replying to your valued favor of last inst., we will play our date as contracted. Yours very truly,
 Jules Murry.
 It's the skill of putting together the proper ingredients that makes your prescription right—better go to Eumelia—a right reasonable price there too. 1908

"IT'S NOT MY WAY."
 "It's not my way."
 How often is this heard.
 "It's not my way, to speak the kindly word,
 I feel enough, but 'tis not well to say,
 To tell my loving out it seems so sad."
 "It's not my way."
 How often hearts have broken
 Because the loving word has been unspoken
 Because the smile we looked for was a frown,
 The hand that should uplift, but held us down.
 "It's not my way."
 To speak the word that craving love requires,
 To voice approval, foster vain desires,
 Hearts often faint and fall out by the way,
 Because to speak is not your way.
 "It's not my way."
 Ah, well, when death shall come
 And touch the best loved lips and make them dumb,
 Had will it be for you if grim regret
 And stern remorse upon your heartstrings set
 Their fingers firm,
 Because it is their way to torture and to wring
 Then you'll remember every little thing,
 The smile you did not give, the word unspoken
 Which might have gilded life and kept a heart
 Unbroken.
 Aye, then you will remember
 And in blood sweat and agony will say,
 "Would it had been my way
 To love, approve and tell it out, so meet,
 For it was you that made my life complete."
 —Howe Society-Miller in Observer

DEALING WITH LUMBERMEN.
 Peculiar Tricks Indulged In by Both Buyer and Seller.
 There is an old retired merchant in Detroit who delights in recalling his experiences when an active man running a general store in one of the northern cities of the lower peninsula.
 "I used to reap a harvest when the men were coming out of the woods," he relates. "They were not up in styles, and about any old thing would suit them provided the color was right and the fit even passable. But there were ticklers among them, and I had to have my wits about me in order to keep even with them.
 "How much is that hat?" asked a strapping six-footer, who arrived from camp one day with a pocketful of money.
 "Two fifty," I replied.
 "Then he informed me that he always had the crowns of his hats punched full of holes in order to keep his head cool and his hair from coming out. I soon had this attended to, and then he asked what the hat was worth. 'Two fifty,' I responded in surprise, but he laughed at me for asking such a price for damaged goods. He had me, and got his hat for \$1, while the jolly crowd with him had a laugh at my expense. He wanted to look at some 'fiddles,' and after pricing one at \$10 concluded to take it.
 "Where's the bow?" he asked, as I was doing up the package.
 "You only bought the fiddle," I laughed. The others saw the point and laughed too. The giant tried to bluff me, but I kept good humored, and got even on the hat by charging him \$1.50 for the bow. I had only got even, but the others were so pleased with my 'Yankee trick' that they spent plenty of money with me." —Detroit Free Press.

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 Write a letter to
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 Postoffice is at James & McDougald's Drug Store. Take your Letters there and Mail them to him. He gets his Mail there every Night, and will be Sure to get your Letter. While you are there you will See MORE PRETTY THINGS in Toys and Novelties than You ever saw Before.

Our Papas and Mamas Will Like Lots of Real Nice Things for the Kids. For Fine Presents, we are Invited to Come and See Them—JAMES & McDougald's Stock of Fine Chinas and Toys. The nicest things for Gifts is the town.

YOURS TRULY,
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Mice of All Colors.
 The National Mouse Club of England recently had an exhibition where several first class mice competed for gold medals, champion cups and various other prizes. These little creatures are not the ordinary everyday mice which come to the cook and drive the mistress of the house to take refuge on a chair. They are well bred mice that expected to be petted and caressed and treated as tenderly as a pet cat or dog.
 By careful breeding they have developed great variety in coloring and sometimes in shape. One very choice style of animal, called the spiny mouse, has a row of bristling hair for a spinal ornament and is a very cute miniature reproduction of a porcupine. The familiar white mice as often seen for sale on the streets have been bred with black eyes instead of red ones. It has taken several years to produce these results, but the society now claims to be able to furnish mice in 12 or 14 different shades. To any one who is able to appreciate the fine of mice they are dainty, delicate little studies at any time, but when they play around in suits of chocolate, sables, fawn, jet black, tortoise or golden spots they become perfectly fascinating.
 As in the case of all fabled creatures, the price brought by these little pets are extremely steep. Fifteen dollars or \$20 is not a large price to pay for a well bred mouse, and some of them have been sold for as high as \$25.

A Judicial Ruling.
 During the hearing of a case at the Bloodsborough county court counsel referred to the defendant, an Oxford master of arts, as "this man," whereupon the defendant's counsel protested, saying he might at least have used the word "gentleman." Judge Bacon — Non-sense. That is the sort of affection you often hear among women when they say "you ought to call me a lady." In my opinion man is a much better title than gentleman. —London Telegraph.

You Can't Hear It.
 There are many sounds animals can hear which are inaudible to man. Mr. Galton, the famous anthropologist, has invented a little whistle with an adjustable plug, by which it can be rendered more and more shrill till it ceases to give any note to our ears, yet a dog will hear it as a whistle still and answer readily its call.
 The plant known as vervain, which is not distinguished for its beauty and which grows nowadays utterly disregarded, was so sacred to the Druids that they only gathered it for their divinations when the great dog star arose, in order that the moon should not be seen.

THE BEST READING FOR THE FAMILY.
 We have made arrangements whereby we can offer Texas Farm and Ranch and the Bryan Weekly Eagle both papers one year for \$1.50. Texas Farm and Ranch is the cleanest and best Agriculture, Stock and Family Paper in the Southwest. It is printed on super-calendered paper, is handsomely printed, beautifully illustrated, ably edited, and will be of practical value to each member of every family. You need the best farm paper, which is the Texas Farm and Ranch. Only \$1.50 for both papers for one year.
 General Miles seems to have very clear ideas about recognizing the army. His proposition to base the regular army on population is a very fair and reasonable one. General Miles believes the army ought to be increased until it will consist of one soldier to every one thousand population, which would give us about 75,000 men. The opposition bill provides for an increase to 100,000. With his thorough practical knowledge of the service General Miles ought to know better than any other man living what is best. —Waco Telephone.

Joe Rubenstein, a brakeman employed on the Houston and Texas Central, was killed Monday afternoon near Cypress. He was on duty at the time and was caught between two freight cars and crushed to death.

Yulen Lodge No. 37, A. O. U. W. — Meet second and fourth Thursday in each month. M. H. James, M. W.; A. Emden, recorder.
 Bryan Tent No. 19, K. O. T. M. — Meeting nights first and third Monday in each month. Sam B. Wilson, C.; Joe R. K.

CITY DIRECTORY.
 Baptist—E. D. Wilson, pastor; Services every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.; Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; prayer-meeting Thursday night.
 Methodist—J. H. Cochran, pastor; Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday; Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Epworth League Sunday 4 p. m.; prayer-meeting Tuesday night.
 Presbyterian—J. B. West, pastor; Services morning and evening 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday in each month; Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; prayer-meeting Wednesday night.
 Christian, J. L. Andrews, pastor—Services 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday; Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor 5 p. m. Sunday; prayer-meeting Wednesday night.
 Free Communion Baptist—A. M. Stewart, pastor; Services every Sunday night in each month; Sunday school 10 a. m.
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church—Father Delmar, pastor; Mass at 8 and 10 a. m. Sunday.
 LODGE DIRECTORY.
 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Knight Templars—Meet 2nd Tuesday in each month. A. M. Rhodes, E. C.; H. G. Rhodes, Secretary.
 W. T. Austin Chapter No. 87, R. A. M.—Meets third Monday in each month. John Q. Talbot, H. P.; Joe B. Reed, Sec'y.
 Brass Lodge No. 129, A. F. & A. M.—Meet fourth Monday in each month. R. M. Nell, W. M.; C. O. Carr, Sec'y.
 Brass Lodge No. 64, K. of P.—Meet first and third Tuesday in each month.—A. M. Welltop, C. C.; D. C. Demaret, K. of H. & S.
 Yulen Lodge No. 37, A. O. U. W.—Meet second and fourth Thursday in each month. M. H. James, M. W.; A. Emden, recorder.
 Bryan No. Lodge 1032, K. of B.—Meet first and third Thursdays in each month. A. Emden, Dictator; A. J. Platter, reporter.
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