

Communicated.

DARK CORNER, BANKS Co., May 21

EDS. OBSERVER:—The people in the Dark Corner did not know there was an Observer until I received a copy, for which please accept thanks. We did not know there was a mass meeting in Homer till we saw it in the Observer. I do not know how one could do without the Observer. Farmers have been much behind with their work, but was getting well up before the present wet spell set in. Corn and cotton is looking well, wheat blue, some rust on the blades; oats are promising. I see in the Observer that we are likely to have a primary in the county. It is rumored here that Mr. Coggin, Col. Merritt, Maj. Mintz, are prospecting candidates. If so, the people in the Dark Corner would like to know their views on the tariff question and the sale of the Western and Atlantic Railroad. Will they please give their views on these questions. It is rumored there is a dark horse out in the woods. If so we would like for him to come to town. Please send me the Observer. **W. J. B.**

FRUIT, May 22 1888—It has been raining almost incessantly for two days and nights, and still raining. We would like for Judge Hill to hurry up our bridge. The growing crops look well in this vicinity. Wheat looks tolerably well, but is on the low order. Oats look sorry for the time of year. Meeting at Damascus 4th Sunday in each month and Saturday before, Rev. Geo. Carrol pastor. We earnestly hope the good people of Banks will earnestly support their county paper, the official and only paper in the county. Fellow citizens, let us all come to the front and assist in supporting our county paper. It is as impossible for an editor to run a paper without the aid and support of the public as it is to make a good crop without work. **J. W.**

MAYSVILLE, May 24, 1888.—Miss Lucy Newton left for Washington, D. C., this morning, where she will spend a month visiting her brother.

Rev. Mr. Foster preached an interesting sermon in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

The clang of the hammer disturbs the quietude of our town. Maysville is alive with improvements.

J. M. Merritt attended Bushville justice's court last Saturday.

There appeared, as we first thought, a stranger on our streets last Saturday, but on being introduced, we found it to be our old friend Sim Willbanks, from the county, who had parted with his ponderous beard.

H. C. Standridge, Esq., has a slight attack of indisposition; hope he will recover soon. **JAS.**

COST, May 24, 1888.—The people around Mt. Pleasant are having a new church erected near where the old arbor stands.

We are glad to learn that the saloon of Payne & Thomason is about to flash out. Payne has withdrawn, and

Thomason says that if his brother don't furnish him he will have to close out.

Cotton in this section was badly injured by frost of the 15th inst.

Two pelicans were killed a few days ago at J. B. Strange's gin pond. They measured eight feet from tip to tip. **J. M. G.**

ARP, May 24, 1888—The picnic at Carson's Mills last Saturday was not a failure by any means. Although the clouds from the west brought hasty showers of rain, which made the white dresses become a little out of order for the day; yet, upon the whole, it was a grand success. The appearance of the young couples as they gathered and took their positions upon the creek banks and hill sides, or took pleasant tours up the pool in the canoe, with beaux and sweethearts nearby, was very fascinating to those engaged therein as well as to the less fortunate ones who gazed upon the scene in fanciful admiration. After the rain ceased and the clouds dispersed, the arranging committee prepared the table, and the young ladies filled it with the delicious cakes, pies, jellies, strawberries and pickles, which were in abundance, and which betrayed the skill of the young ladies as bakers. When dinner was announced, the youngsters chose their partners, and while they partook of sweet things they uttered sweet sentiments, to which the fair ones listened seemingly with untiring interest. After dinner some enjoyed the recess in pleasant drinks of lemonade, others in canoe rides, and others in buggies, but all equally well, judging from natural appearances. At three o'clock the audience was pleasantly entertained by orations delivered by some of the young men who were very efficient for the occasion, and who grew eloquent upon the subjects of "True patriotism" and the "Birth day of Washington." After the speaking the crowd dispersed, leaving the picnic grounds deserted until the fair month of May 1889 brings a new picnic with new friends, new scenes, and new hopes and pleasures. **SPECTATOR.**

"Necessity is the mother of invention." An old saying, but a true one. This however, is no truer than idleness being the nest egg of destruction. There is in all localities people who abhor real labor, especially such as may be done for good, but are always ready to take exercise in games that are of no benefit to mankind.

Homer, like all other towns is blessed with a sufficient share of this class of people.

The sun never shines hot enough to back them to a shade when an opportunity affords the pleasure of a game.

The first enterprising "set up" of social idleness was in the decoration shape of a ball battery. Where young and old met to spend the day. Some sweating like men malling rails and quarreling all the time about the game. This state of affairs was the leading topic with the people here and for miles around until they became disgusted and quit. Later on, as a change became necessary they introduced the famous game called "Croquet," which

is now at white heat. Up to yet we have been able to afford only one set of balls and mallets, but in the near future we can show two or more nice resorts for the idler.

If this amount of time and labor was placed in the right direction, times would not be so hard. People in this country are more willing to play than to go to church. They will contribute more as a general thing to games of idleness than they will to suffering humanity.

This state of affairs sets bad examples before the rising generation, and with so many various kinds of idle professions, how can we expect to cultivate their minds in a beneficial way.

Now, while I am writing I see a large assembly of the small boys with shovels, rakes, hoes, etc., making a fill on our uneven public square for an entertainment to their directed minds, while their mothers are carrying water and digging in the garden and chopping wood, washing and mending their dirty clothes. Now, the great trouble about raising children in such a way has been developed in all sections.

So soon as the young gentleman's upper lip begins to pin feather he begins to look out for an easy job. He wants to be a lawyer, doctor, school teacher, book keeper, merchant, or something else that has a large title to it, and no labor attached.

How can we wonder at money, grain and all other necessities of life being scarce.

We are on the nearest road to bankruptcy, starvation and destruction, when we encourage the rising generation in idleness.

If we cannot keep ourselves engaged in a way that is beneficial to some one, we have ample time then to learn our children habits of industry, the very thing the world is in so much need.

This state of affairs has existed until mothers have been compelled to lay aside their trained usages and give attention to their never ending wants. It requires as much time now to adjust the proper trimming on a young lady as is necessary for a family, and by the time she gets her son's boots blacked, and his hair parted in the middle, what use has she with cloth-making facilities? She has hardly time to darn the stockings for a small family and no time to make a visiting neighbor feel happy. Now, can you not see that this state of affairs makes times harder with fathers, who have to labor in the most profitable way he can to keep blaut means or some other keeper of a pauper's home from taking his handsome brood in charge.

It is therefore the duty of all men and women to discourage idleness among each other, and especially with the children.

Elsewhere in this paper you will see where a young man met a strange reminder of our trifling way and management. How could we be expected to journey unmolested always when so much of our time has been played in idleness, and have let a graveyard under the sound of the croquet-mallet become a shame to humanity? Poor, indeed! is the face we have to offer the journeyman or immigrants who might dwell among us and aid us in all branches of industry.

**DRS. HARDMAN & SHARP,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DRUGGISTS,
Harmony, Grove, Ga.**

The whole population of Utah is at least 200,000; four-fifths of them are Mormons in religious faith; the rest are non-mormons or what are called there "Gentiles." There are or lately were, about 2,000 heads of polygamous families. Very many of them are old people, some of them married their plural wives long before there was any prohibitory law against such marriages. These older people and their older wives are now rapidly passing away. The younger men of the Mormon faith, of the ages of 40 and under, have not married more than one wife.

Legal Notices.

Georgia,) Whereas R. J. Dyar
Banks Co.,) administrator of
Thos. P. House, late of said county, dec'd., has applied to me in terms of the law for letters of dismission from said administration. This is therefore to cite and admonish all concerned, to show cause at the regular term of the court of Ordinary of said county to be held on the 1st Monday in Aug. next, why said discharge should not be granted. Given under my hand and official signature, April 27, 1888.
3m T. F. Hill, Ordinary.

Georgia,) Administrator's sale:
Banks Co.,) Agreeably to an order of the court of Ordinary of Banks county, will be sold at auction at the court house door of said county, on the 1st Tuesday in June next, within the legal hours of sale, the following property, to wit, One undivided half interest in 50 acres of land more or less, known as the home place of Mary Daily, dec'd. Adjoining lands of T. N. Neal, C. W. Hurd and others, sold as the property of Mary Daily late of said county, dec'd. Sold for distribution among the heirs of said estate. terms cash. May 7th, 1888.

C. F. Daily, administratrix of Mary Daily, dec'd. 2 4w

Georgia,) To all whom it may
Banks Co.,) concern:

W. D. Hix having in due form applied to the undersigned for the guardianship of the person and property of Sallie A. House, minor child of W. P. House, late of said county, deceased, notice is hereby given that his application will be heard at my office on the first Monday in June next. Given under my hand and official signature May 4th 1888. T. F. Hill, Ordinary.

Georgia,) To all whom it may
Banks Co.,) Concern: Tayler

Armour having in due form applied to the undersigned for the guardianship of the person and property of Emma House, minor child of W. P. House, late of said county, dec'd., notice is hereby given that this application will be heard at my office on the 1st Monday in June next. Given under my hand and official signature this May 7th, 1888. T. F. Hill, Ordinary.