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## THE PARSON'S CORNER By Rev. B. J. Minort, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Alliance)

BE A MELIORIST

There is a word in the English language that has practically passed out of existence, or certainly out of use-the word meliorist-ameliorate. The study of this word ought to be of interest in this day and age. Its meaning is wonderful, and its lesson very badly needed in this day of mixture of pessimism and irrational op-timism. Meliorism is neither pessim-ism or optimism, it includes the ele-ment of both.

Meliorism is that which believes that the world is neither so bad that it cannot be made better nor so good that it needs no improvement. Meliorism believes that the world can be made better; that it needs to be made better. Meliorism is that which recognizes a need and proceeds to meet that Meliorism does not believe the need. world beyond recovery, nor that the millennium has been achieved. It formillennium has been achieved. It for-gets the blunders of the past and pro-ceeds to make conditions better with-out blowing a horn. Meliorism in business learns by the mistakes of the not silently proceeds to improve them without bragging.

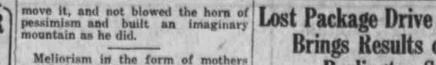
Meliorism is neither pessimism or optimism, but it includes in a measure both of these. Pessimism can see nothing but destruction ahead, optimism thinks everything perfect; neither of these is right. Meliorism recognizes the faults of this world but does not dwell upon them any longer than it is necessary to study them so as to ht itself for their removal, and then better town, a happier people, a necessary to study them so as to fit

Meliorism sums up the good points of this world and then proceeds to make things so that these will be multiplied. Meliorism is that spirit that conserves the good and destroys the bad. Whether known or not, it is the spirit of melforism that has brought about progress in the history of mankind. Meliorism knows no knocking or wild visions. It follows no knocking or wild visions. It follows no fanastic mirage, neither will it worship at the shrine of failure.. It sees the good and removes the bad.

Meliorism is death to the slanderer and 28th. and backbiter. Meliorism would not cover up the one that slandered our 50-1-2 high school but would publish his name

that the public may know who to shun. Meliorism would not magnify

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and fathers is trying to discover the scandai monger and woe unto him when he is finally revealed.

Meliorism is absolutely unbending in its effort to eradicate the evils but as faithful to replace them with the good. Meliorism is the supreme need in the commercial, political, social and religious world. The confirmed pessimist cannot be a meliorist; the optimist in become more rational by becoma meliorist.

Meliorism will make this world sing with praises and ring with gladness. You may not be able to join the different lodges because of the want of money; you may not feel fit to mix with certain society folks, but one thing you can do-you can become a meliorist-you can join this boosters band in whatever walk of life you live.

Meliorism seeks the improvement of no use for the hammer save to conwheel of progress and push.

Meliorism will not remind a person wicked to call attention to in vil-ment or defect without also providing the remedy or seeking to bring about better condition.

Let us all get into the band wagon

NOTICE

Regular teachers' examination will be held at the courthouse, May 27th

OPAL RUSSELL,

County Superintendent.

Census figures show population den-sity has increased nearly five to the guff and piffle! What man could en-Meliorism, had it found the ant hill, would have quietly proceeded to re-most sparsely settled areas.

**Brings Results on** Burlington System Variety.

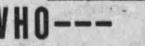
Packages which, because . of im-

proper labeling, misrouting or any one of many other reasons, fail to reach their proper destinations are a source of great annoyance and expense to shippers and carriers alike. The total payments made by all roads for lost packages, last year, aggregated an enormous sum, exclusive of payments made for known robbery cases.

The "no lost package" drive idea was enthusiastically received by the army of employes of the Burlington route. Circulars of information were distributed, cartoons "burlesqueing" the wrong way of doing things were scattered broadcast. The sentimental side of the freight handlers found expression in poetic efforts which also were given wide distribution. Many shippers, appreciating the efforts being put forth to insure safe transporthe community and loses no time to tation, came forward in a spirit of co-listen to the knockers. Meliorism has operation, with a "perfect package week."

At the close of the drive, the records showed the astonishing decrease of 70 per cent in the number of lost packages, compared with the same period last year.

Two weeks later, 60 per cent of the "shorts" reported had been located, the goods forwarded to destination and he is sick without proceeding to re-lieve him if possible. It believes it is an unbelievably small number of an unbelievably small number of



Indeed would want to wear a last year's garment before having it thoroughly cleaned and pressed?

Remember those disease germs that live in clothes-they live right through the winter.

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"Ordinarily women endure the pains of common afflictions with more pa-tience than men, but men endure the supreme agonies with greater fortitude," says a medical writer. Fustian,

People are in the habit of thinking of China as a back number, but there is a permanent air mail service be-tween Peking and Tientsin, and the Chinese national music is of the jazz The Paris opera house is falling back on movies to keep going. And the "highbrows" are convinced civil-ization is crashing. Housed Want Ada be a word Herald Want Ads 1¢ a word. lose its vogue.

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## Foresight vs Hindsight

While it is not possible for all of us to have the foresight with which Thomas Jefferson was gifted when he made the purchase of that vast tract of land known as the Louisiana Purchase, nevertheless we can in our own way look into the future with much greater confidence if we are prepared to meet whatever conditions may arise.

And one of the best ways to prepare is to lay aside regularly a certain amount of your income, and then when opportunity does come you will thank your foresight for making it possible for you to take advantage of it.

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