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## ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report of the County Clerk of Borden County, Texas of the Assets, Receipts and Disbursements of the different County Funds of said county for the year beginning February 1, 1906, and ending January 31, 1907 and of the Bonded and Registered Indebtedness of said county.

### JURY FUND 1ST CLASS.

To Balance on hand	388.18	
To amount received	91.67	
By amount paid out.		71.92
By amount to balance		357.93
Balance	429.95	429.85
To Balance on hand	357.93	

### ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND NO. 1 2ND CLASS.

To Balance on hand	2854.71	
To Amount received	1309.92	
By Amount paid out		2885.77
By Amount to balance		1778.86
Balance	4164.63	4164.63
To Balance on hand	1778.86	

### GENERAL FUND 3D CLASS

To Balance on hand	783.67	
To Amount received	3457.23	
By Amount paid out		3946.43
By Amount to balance		794.47
Balance	4240.90	4240.90
To Balance on hand	294.47	

### COURT HOUSE FUND, 3RD CLASS.

To Balance on hand	2688.07	
To Amount received	874.24	
By Amount paid out		425.17
By Amount to balance		3132.14
Balance	3557.31	3557.31
To Balance on hand	3132.14	

### JAIL FUND 5TH CLASS.

To Balance on hand	1051.80	
To Amount Received	524.43	
By amount paid out		269.44
By Amount to Balance		1306.79
Balance	1576.23	1576.23
To Balance on hand	1306.79	

### SCHOOL FUND 6TH CLASS

To Balance on hand	1155.39	
To Amount received	3085.56	
By Amount paid out		3218.06
By amount to balance		1022.95
Balance	4240.95	4240.95
To Balance on hand	1022.95	

### ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND NO2 7TH CLASS

To Balance on hand	108.33	
To Amount received	287.06	
By Amount paid out		142.66
By Amount to balance		252.75
Balance	395.41	395.41
To Balance on hand	252.75	

### RECAPITULATION.

Jury Fund	357.93
Road and Bridge Fund	1778.86
General Fund	294.47
Court House Fund	3132.14
Jail Fund	1306.79
School Fund	1022.89
Road and Bridge Fund No. 2	252.75
Total	8145.89

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.				
For What Issued.	Date of issue.	Rate of Int.	When due.	Amount.
Court House	April 10, 1901	5 per cent	Apr. 10, 1941	\$7000.00
Jail	April 10, 1901	5 per cent	Apr. 10, 1941	\$4500.00
Road and bridge	April 10, 1901	5 per cent	Apr. 10, 1941	\$2900.00
"	April 10, 1907	4 per cent	Apr. 10, 1908	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	Apr. 20, 1909	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1910	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1911	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1912	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1913	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1914	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1915	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1916	\$ 500.00
"	"	"	" 1917	\$ 500.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$19400.00</b>

**REGISTERED INDEBTEDNESS.**  
NONE.

The State of Texas }  
County of Borden } I, J. D. Brown, County Clerk of Borden  
County Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a  
true and correct statement of the assets, receipts and disbursements  
of the different county funds of the year beginning February 1, 1906,  
and ending January 31, 1907, and of the bonded and other indebted-  
ness of the county.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 20th day of Feb-  
ruary 1907.

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County Clerk Borden County Texas.

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**Choosing a wife.**

"In selecting a wife," said a man whose success in such selections has been conspicuous, "always go by the mother of the girl. Its a good rule, and I've never known it yet to fail. There's a good long stretch of future before most people who make up their minds to get married, and for a considerable portion of that stretch the girl will be much more like her mother than like herself. It's easy enough to choose a wife so far as the parent is concerned, but if your want to know something of your wife in the future you should take her mother into account. When you see a really charming mother you may be pretty sure that her daughter is to be depended upon when she reaches the same age. Long before I was more than aware of the existence of my wife, I thought her mother was one of the loveliest women in the world. I was only a little chap, and she, a brilliant young matron, was of course unaware of my devotion but my allegiance never lost its hold, and when I grew up I promptly fell-in love with the daughter of the woman I had so long admired. I have great faith, concluded the man, in the doctrine that calls mothers warn-  
ing."

We met James Pratt on our streets last Friday limping badly. On inquiring the cause, he told us it came of interfering with his wife's business, that he had undertaken to chop wood to cook supper, and somehow chopped his foot. This might not have happened had he been living here.

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# With Edged Tools

By HENRY SETON MERRIMAN

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nor paused.

Oscard followed him with the patient apathy of the large and mystified.

And so they left her—amid the disorder of the half unpacked wedding presents—amid the ruin of her own life. Perhaps, after all, she was not wholly bad. Few people are; they are only bad enough to be wholly unsatisfactory and quite incomprehensible. She must have known the risk she was running, and yet she could not stay her hand. She must have known long before that she really loved Jack Meredith, and that she was playing fast and loose with the happiness of her whole life. She knew that hundreds of girls around her were doing the same, and, with all shame be it mentioned, not a few married women. But they seemed to be able to carry it through without accident or hindrance. And illogically, thoughtlessly, she blamed her own ill fortune.

She stood looking blankly at the door which had closed behind three men, one old and two young, and perhaps she realized the fact that such creatures may be led blindly, helplessly, with a single hair, but that that hair may snap at any moment.

She was not thinking of Guy Oscard. Him she had never loved. He had only been one of her experiments, and by his very simplicity, above all, by his uncompromising honesty, he had outwitted her.

It was characteristic of her that at that moment she scarcely knew the weight of her own remorse. It sat lightly on her shoulders then, and it was only later on, when her beauty began to fade, when years came and brought no joy for the middle aged, unmarried woman, that she began to realize what it was that she had to carry through life with her. At that moment a thousand other thoughts filled her mind; such thoughts as one would expect to find there. How was the world to be deceived? The guests would have to be put off, the wedding countermanded, the presents returned. And the world—her world—would laugh in its sleeve. There lay the sting.

"Where are you going?" asked Meredith when they were in the street.

"Home."

They walked on a few paces together.

"May I come with you?" asked Meredith again.

"Certainly; I have a good deal to tell you."

They called a cab, and, singularly enough, they drove all the way to Russell square without speaking. These two men had worked together for many months, and men who have a daily task in common usually learn to perform it without much interchange of observation. When one man gets to know the mind of another, conversation assumes a place of secondary importance. These two had been through more incidents together than usually fall to the lot of man; each knew how the other would act and think under given circumstances; each knew what the other was thinking now.

The house in Russell square, the quiet house in the corner where the cabs do not pass, was lighted up and astir when they reached it. The old butler held open the door with a smile of welcome and a faint aroma of whisky. The luggage had been discreetly removed. Joseph had gone to Mr. Meredith's chambers. Guy Oscard led the way to the smoking room at the back of the house—the room where

the eccentric Oscard had written his great history—the room in which Victor Durnovo had first suggested the simiacine scheme to the historian's son.

The two survivors of the originating trio passed into this room together and closed the door behind them.

"The worst of one's own private tragedies is that they are usually only comedies in disguise," said Jack Meredith oracularly.

Guy Oscard grunted. He was looking for his pipe.

"If we heard this of any two fellows except ourselves we should think it an excellent joke," went on Meredith.

Oscard nodded. He lighted his pipe, and still he said nothing.

"Hang it," exclaimed Jack Meredith, suddenly throwing himself back in his chair, "it is a good joke!"

He laughed softly, and all the while his eyes, watchful, wise, anxious, were studying Guy Oscard's face.

"He is harder hit than I am," he was reflecting. "Poor old Oscard!"

The habit of self suppression was so strong upon him—acquired as a mere social duty—that it was only natural for him to think less of himself than of the expediency of the moment. The social discipline is as powerful an agent as that military discipline that makes a man throw away his own life for the good of the many.

Oscard laughed, too, in a strangely staccato manner.

"It is rather a sudden change," observed Meredith, "and all brought about by your coming into that room at that particular moment—by accident."

"Not by accident," corrected Oscard, speaking at last. "I was brought there and pushed into the room."

"By whom?"

"By your father."

Jack Meredith sat upright. He drew his curved hand slowly down over his face—keen and delicate as was his mind—his eyes deep with thought.

"The gov'nor," he said slowly. "The gov'nor!"

He reflected for some seconds. "Tell me how he did it," he said curtly.

Oscard told him, rather incoherently, between the puffs. He did not attempt to make a story of it, but merely related the facts as they had happened to him. It is probable that to him the act was veiled which Jack saw quite distinctly.

"That is the sort of thing," was Meredith's comment when the story was finished, "that takes the conceit out of a fellow. I suppose I have more than my share. I suppose it is good for me to find that I am not so clever as I thought I was—that there are plenty of cleverer fellows about, and that one of them is an old man of seventy-nine. The worst of it is that he was right all along. He saw clearly where you and I were—damnably blind."

He rubbed his slim brown hands together and looked across at his companion with a smile wherein the youthful self confidence was less discernible than of yore. The smile faded as he looked at Oscard. He was thinking that he looked older and graver—more of a middle aged man who has left something behind him in life—and the sights reminded him of the few gray hairs that were above his own temples.

"Come," he said more cheerfully, "tell me your news. Let us change the subject. Let us throw aside light dalliance and return to questions of

money. More important—much more satisfactory. I suppose you have left Durnovo in charge? Has Joseph come home with you?"

"Yes, Joseph has come home with me. Durnovo is dead."

"Dead!"

Guy Oscard took his pipe from his lips.

"He died at Msala of the sleeping sickness. He was a bigger blackguard than we thought. He was a slave dealer and a slave owner. Those forty men we picked up at Msala were slaves belonging to him."

"Ach!" It was a strange exclamation, as if he had burned his fingers. "Who knows of this?" he asked immediately. The expediency of the moment had presented itself to his mind again.

"Only ourselves," returned Oscard. "You, Joseph and I."

"That is all right, and the sooner we forget that the better. It would be a dangerous story to tell."

"So I concluded," said Oscard in his slow, thoughtful way. "Joseph swears he won't breathe a word of it."

Jack Meredith nodded. He looked rather pale beneath the light of the gas.

"Joseph is all right," he said. "Go on."

"It was Joseph who found it out," continued Oscard, "up at the plateau. I paraded the whole crowd, told them what I had found out, and chucked up the whole concern in your name and mine. Next morning I abandoned the plateau with such men as cared to come. Nearly half of them stayed with Durnovo. I thought it was in order that they might share in the simiacine. I told them they could have the whole confounded lot of the stuff. But it was not that. They tricked Durnovo there. They wanted to get him to themselves. In going down the river we had an accident with two of the boats, which necessitated staying at Msala. While we were waiting there one night after 10 o'clock the poor devil came alone in a canoe. They had simply cut him in slices. A most beastly sight. I wake up sometimes even now dreaming of it, and I am not a fanciful sort of fellow. Joseph went into his room and was simply sick. I didn't know that you could be made sick by anything you saw. The sleeping sickness was on Durnovo then. He had brought it with him from the plateau. He died before morning."

Oscard ceased speaking and returned to his pipe. Jack Meredith, looking haggard and worn, was leaning back in his chair.

"Poor devil!" he exclaimed. "There was always something tragic about Durnovo. I did hate that man, Oscard! I hated him and all his works."

"Well, he's gone to his account now."

"Yes, but that does not make him any better a man while he was alive. Don't let us cant about him now. The man was an unmitigated scoundrel. Perhaps he deserved all he got."

"Perhaps he did. He was Marie's husband."

"The devil he was!"

Meredith fell into a long reverie. He was thinking of Jocelyn and her dislike for Durnovo, of the scene in the drawing room, of the bungalow at Loango; of a thousand incidents all connected with Jocelyn.

"How I hate that man!" he exclaimed at length. "Thank God, he is dead, because I should have killed him."

Guy Oscard looked at him with a slow, pensive wonder. Perhaps he knew more than Jack Meredith knew himself of the thoughts that conceived those words, so out of place in that quiet room from those suave and courtly lips.

All the emotions of his life seemed to be concentrated into this one day of Jack Meredith's existence. Oscard's presence was a comfort to him. The presence of a calm, strong man is better than many words.

"So this," he said, "is the end of the simiacine. It did not look like a tragedy when we went into it."

"So far as I am concerned," replied Oscard, with quiet determination, "it certainly is the end of the simiacine. I have had enough of it. I, for one, am not going to look for that plateau

"Nor I. I suppose it will be started as a limited liability company by a German in six months. Some of the natives will leave landmarks as they come down so as to find their way back."

"I don't think so!"

"Why?"

Oscard took his pipe from his lips.

"When Durnovo came down to Msala," he explained, "he had the sleeping sickness on him. Where did he get it from?"

"By Jove!" ejaculated Jack Meredith, "I never thought of that. He got it up at the plateau. He left it behind him. They have got it up there now."

"Not now?"

"What do you mean, Oscard?"

"Merely that all those fellows up there are dead. There is £90,000 worth of simiacine packed ready for carrying to the coast standing in a pile on the plateau, and there are thirty-four dead men keeping watch over it."

"Is it as infectious as that?"

"When it first shows itself infectious is not the word; it is nothing but a plague. Not one of those fellows can have escaped."

Jack Meredith sat forward and rubbed his two hands pensively over his knees.

"So," he said, "only you and I and Joseph know where the simiacine plateau is."

"That is so," answered Oscard.

"And Joseph won't go back?"

"Not if you were to give him that £90,000 worth of stuff."

"And you will not go back?"

"Not for £900,000. There is a curse on that place."

"I believe there is," said Meredith.

And such was the end of the great simiacine scheme—the wonder of a few seasons. Some day, when the great Sahara is turned into an inland sea, when steamers shall ply where sand now flies before the desert wind, the plateau may be found again. Some day, when Africa is cut from east to west by a railway line, some adventurous soul will scale the height of one of many mountains, one that seems no different from the rest and yet is held in awe by the phantom haunted dens of the gloomy forest, and there he will find a pyramid of wooden cases surrounded by bleached and scattered bones where vultures have fed.

In the meantime the precious drug will grow scarcer day by day, and the human race will be poorer by the loss of one of those half matured discoveries which have more than once in the world's history been on the point of raising the animal called man to a higher, stronger, finer development of brain and muscle than we can conceive of under existing circumstances. Who can tell? Perhaps the strange, solitary bush may be found growing elsewhere—in some other continent across the ocean. The ways of nature are past comprehension, and no man can say who sows the seed that crops up in strange places. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and none can tell what germs it bears. It seems hardly credible that the plateau, no bigger than a cricket field, far away in the waste land of central Africa, can be the only spot on this planet where the magic leaf grows in sufficient profusion to supply suffering humanity with an alleviating drug, unrivaled—a strength giving herb unapproached in power. But as yet no other simiacine has been found, and the plateau is lost.

And the end of it was two men who had gone to look for it two years before—young and hearty—returning from the search successful beyond their highest hopes, with a shadow in their eyes and gray upon their heads.

They sat for nearly two hours in that room in the quiet house in Russell square, where the cabs do not pass, and their conversation was of money. They sat until they had closed the simiacine account, never to be reopened. They discussed the question of renouement and after due consideration concluded that the gain was rightly theirs, seeing that the risk had all been theirs. Slaves and slave owner had both taken their cause to a

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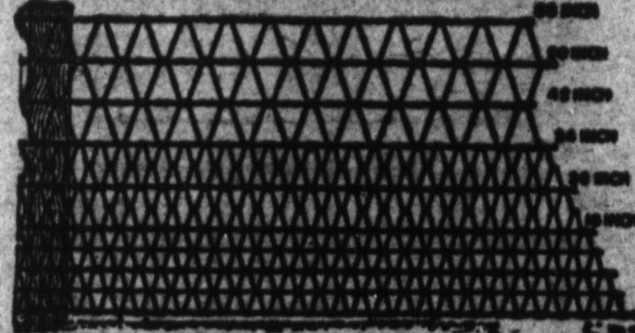
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**DIRECTORY.**

**District Officers.**

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M. Carter ..... Attorney  
Court convenes eighth Monday after first Monday in February and September.

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W. K. Clark, Sheriff & Tax Collector  
J. D. Brown ..... Clerk  
D. Dorward, Jr. .... Treasurer  
S. L. Jones ..... Tax Assessor  
M. J. Thornton ..... Attorney  
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Presbyterian: Preaching every third Sunday. Rev. W. W. Werner, Pastor.  
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Baptist Sunday School, at 3 p. m. T. R. Mauldin, Supt.  
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**Matrimonial.**

Three Germans were sitting at luncheon recently and were overheard discussing the second marriage of a mutual friend when one of them remarked:

"I'll tell you what. A man what marries de second time don't deserve to have lost his first wife."  
—Life.

**The kind they Fool.**

He—Some girls are awfully conceited. She—Why? He—They'll brag about making a fool of a man that was never anything else.  
—Detroit Free Press.

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One of our exchanges gives the following piece of reind and appropriate repartee to the man who does not go to church because too many hypocrites are in attendance; "A visiting Bishop in Washington city was arguing with a friend of his on the desirability of Church attendance. At last he put the question squarely; 'What is your personal reason for not attending?' The gentleman smiled in a non-offending way as he replied: 'The fact is one finds too many hypocrites there.' Returning the smile, the Bishop said: Don't let that keep you away; there is always room for one more.' " We need not pause to make the applications of this illustration to those who decline to go to church because there are kypocrites in the way. All the hypocrites do not attend Church.

While doing some shopping in one of our grocery stores last evening we chanced to hear a little boy ask his father who that man was buying the beans. "That is our editor," said the father. "What do editore live on?" said the inquisitive little urchin. "Why do you ask that question?" said the indulgent father. "Because I heard you say you had taken our home paper for three years and had never paid a cent for it." To save the father embarrassment we left the store, but it is safe to predict that the child got spanked when the father got him home.

"I am not bound to win, but am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but am bound to live up to the light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."—Lincoln.

### INDUSTRIAL GROWTH OF TEXAS

There are now more than a dozen cotton mills projects being furthered in Texas, says the Dallas News.

### Editors Appeal.

My friend help the editor in his wild-eyed search for news. When your friends come to see you, if you are not ashamed of it, tell him; when your wife gives a tea-party if you have recovered from the effects of the gossip, drop in with the news, when a baby arrives fill your pockets with cigars and call; if you go to a party, steal some of the good things and leave them with the item in our sanctum. If your wife licks you, come and let us see your scars, and tender our sympathies through the paper; If your mother-in-law has died don't be bashful about it, give in all the commonplace news. In short, whatever makes you feel proud, sad, lonesome or glad, submit it to our 14 karat wisdom and see our matted locks part and stand on end with gratitude, which will pour from every pore like moisture from the dew besprinkled earth.—Big Springs Herald.

### Grading Being Pushed.

The grading on the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific is being pushed as rapidly as possible just now. Nine graders were brought in this week to be put on the work.

The Company is making a strong effort to complete the grade to Snyder by April 27, according to contract, and it looks as if they are going to succeed—Roscoe Times.

Mr. Wills, one of the promoters of the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific Railroad was in the city Tuesday and in conversation with a Light reporter he stated that the grade between Snyder and Roscoe was completed with the exception of some "fill ins," aggregating only a few miles, all told. He further stated that the laying of steel out of Roscoe would begin April 1st, if delivery was made promptly as contracted for. Mr. Wills was of the opinion that we Snyder people could prepare to celebrate in grand style about July 4th.—Western Light.

### Mail Order Houses.

We should patronize the home merchant; because mail order houses do not extend credit, nor do they contribute to charity in the community from which their business comes. Money left at home will not only build up the merchant, but will enable him to increase his business and employ more help and with his means help, to build up and improve his town and community. Upon the home merchant you are dependent for a market for your produce. You must keep what you buy from the mail order houses, as it is usually too expensive to return it, but your home merchant will take his goods back, if not as represented. There we think are sufficient reasons why we should patronize the home merchants.

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TEXAS.

We often wonder why it is, so many young men can be seen loafing upon our streets until a late hour of night. Many of them are from our best homes. The fathers of these young men many of them at least, are numbered among our best citizens. If their cow or their horse or even their favorite dog was away from home after dark they would be out on a search; but their own children can roam the town all night with apparent no effort being made to find them. The boy seems to be turned loose at

a tender age to wander at will into the paths of sin and vice and then we wonder where all our tramps and worthless specimens of humanity come from. It is a regrettable fact that too many of them come from seed germinated in good homes and then sown in a careless manner upon our streets and back alleys. Reader, is your boy waisting his time upon our streets? If so would you not at least, look after him as carefully at nightfall as you would your horse or cow. We do not intimate that this evil ex-

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ists to a greater extent in this community than in our sister towns, but the evil seems universal and increases in magnitude as the years roll by.

It is cheaper—and otherwise preferable—to train and raise children right than it is to attempt to correct their errors in the courts, reformatories and penitentiaries after they become daults.—Haskell Free Press.

**Millinery,**

I have a nice assortment of Easter hats and hat trimmings. Can also dress hats to suit customers.

Mrs. M. E. BERRY.

**Notice.**

The Commissioners Court of Borden county Texas will receive bids, on the second Monday in May from any banking incorporation, association, or individual banker, in Borden county, as the depository of the funds of said county.

E. R. YELLOTT,  
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**Cotton.**

Bring your cotton to me, I am paying the highest market price

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## Local

New Leather, Buggy and Wagon harness just received at H. D. Pruetts. He invites inspection.

Extra high patent flour at Dodsons, for \$3.00.

W. A. Jones has sold his interest in the automobiles to Mr. Chenoweth and Col. Slaughter of Dallas. We are informed that Mr. Slaughter has ordered sixteen more autos, eight of them have been unloaded at Big Springs. A line will be established from San Angelo to Lubbock—Avalanche.

Go to W. R. Cole and Strayhorn of Big Springs, Texas, for Buggies, Wagons, and the best implements on Earth.

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WANTED—Fifty head of cattle to graze on 1000 acres miles South of town. Fact is of grass and water.

T. R. Mauldin, as a delegate to Dallas Woman's Association, returned home Sunday evening, with his family.

D. Dorward and Family visited Elmer Russell on the plains last Sunday.

Warren Bros. will be glad to see you when you come to Snyder.

Cases of measles are scattered all over Jack county and several have died from the effects of this disease—Jacksboro News.

The disputed survey line between Jno. B. Slaughter and settlers in Garza county has been settled by Mr. Slaughter purchasing the claim of J. H. Maxey, Henry Johnson, N. W. Hight and E. S. Bolin.

D. Dorward has added a room to his dwelling and will have his building painted at once.

J. M. Evens who lives in the Jenkins neighborhood was in last Monday and reported all of his family sick with measles who had not recovered from them.

F. M. Burnett, of the Julia neighborhood planted some Maize this week.

Miss Myrtle Jolly visited in Gail Sunday.

Mr. Smith is cultivating the Court House square for a garden, which will put it in good tith for Bermuda grass and shade trees.

Miss Hettie Kincaid was in town Tuesday.

Warren Bros. of Snyder keep a full line of Drugs and Drug-gist sundries.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jeniks were shopping in Gail yesterday.

Our District Court convenes Monday April 1st.

S. W. Joplin was in Gail yesterday, wanting to buy yearlings.

W. D. Stevens and M. D. Paschal are here taking orders for Spaulding hacks and buggies.

J. H. Whitaker's son-in-law, J. L. Sanford and family are visiting him from Jackson county. He is here also as a prospector.

Work has begun on the M. J. Thornton Office building, and M. J. Kincaid has got a supply of building material and resumed work on his dwelling.

When you come to Snyder don't fail to call on Warren Bros.

Warren Bros. handle Dr. Hess' stock food.

### Durham Items.

Durham Tex. Mar. 16—We have been blessed with a fine rain, plows are seen in every field. Quite a lot of land is being broke in our community. Some oats sown, rent houses are going up and our country begins to look like a farming country.

J. L. Waskom returned from the O'Keefe ranch a few days ago, with some fine cattle purchased from Mr. O'Keefe.

Mrs. Joe Wicker who has been in Dallas the last few weeks, under a specialist of that city has returned. We are glad to hear her health is much better.

L. O. Crutchenfield reached home last night after a weeks absence in the West.

Mrs. Wyoha of Light, visited her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Crutchenfield last Sunday.

Mrs. Hooten of Delta county has moved into our neighborhood.

Joe Ainsworth is building his residence this week.

Mr. Bairds children have the measles, but were doing very well when last heard from.

Mrs. S. E. Waskom, who has been visiting the family of J. L. Waskom, has returned to her home in Roswell New Mexico.

Wat Hill went to Snyder yesterday.

Jesse York was in Snyder Saturday and Sunday. X Y Z.

Plainview School House. Mr. Gleastine and family have moved to our community from Hylton.

Mr. Mm. Davis and family left last Monday for Regan county to make their future home, hope they will be bettered by the change.

Mr. King has come and taken

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chased of L. E. Owen some time ago.

possession of the ranch he purchased. Mr. Walter Thorn of Lamesa, visited in our community last Sunday.

Party last Wednesday night, all who attended report an enjoyable time.

Singing at Mr. A. L. Jones last Sunday. All who attended claim to have had a good time.

Several cases of Lagrippe in this community. I. C. U.

### Married

Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, J. C. Howe and Miss Ella Holler.

The ceremony took place at the brides home, the Rev. J. W. Childers officiating.

No one was present except Mr. Tom Cotten and the brides family. After the marriage a chivareeing party visited the house, were hospitably received and treated to refreshments and

music.

We congratulate the couple and wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe left Wednesday morning to visit Mr. Hows father in Winkler county, near Monahans.

### Fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pruett and Mrs. N. C. Cathey went fishing on Bull creek yesterday and brought back a nice little string of fish.

J. G. Taylor is building an addition to his residence in North Gail,

Frank Denton who left Gail last fall and is now in Purvis, Earth county, has been afflicted with sciatic rheumatism and is still a sufferer with that disease.