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### Negro kills White Man.

On Thursday morning about 12:15 o'clock, Jim Burk who accompanied City Marshall T. B. Sullivan to raid a disorderly house in the negro reservation in Big Springs, was shot through the heart and almost instantly killed while in the act of reconnoitering the house. The three negroes implicated in the murder, Ed Hardgraves, Will Manning, and Albert Smith were arrested during the morning (Thursday) and taken to jail.

Burke who was 36 years old, unmarried and time keeper in charge of the commissary for the grading outfit, for the new shops. He was a worthy young man and had

many friends.

The entire negro population of the town, except the three arrested, and one or two who remained to sell their property, boarded the East bound train that afternoon for other parts.

### Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting will be held at the opera house in Big Springs Saturday the fourth, to determine whether or not the majority of the voters of Howard county favor the tearing down of the old court house and jail, and erecting new buildings.

The action of the meeting will be reported to the commissioners court, which meets May 13.

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### Railroad Improvements.

Grading is nearly completed for the new machine shops of the T. P. at Big Springs and new switches are being built and yards enlarged, which will facilitate the handling of the immense business of the road at that point.

### Improvement.

H. D. Pruett, prop. of our Saddlery and Harness shop, having enlarged his stock to accommodate his growing trade, finds it necessary to build a larger house. This he is preparing to do having moved back the old shop, and purchased material for a new building.

### Church Services.

Rev. M. C. Bishop, Baptist minister, filled his appointment here last Lords day, accompanied by Mr. Ruth of Abilene, a missionary working in the interest of foreign missions and Sunday schools. Mr. Routh delivered interesting discourses, on Saturday and Sunday night and made an interesting talk on Sunday evening to the old and young engaged in Sunday school work in Gail. Mr. Routh went from here to Snyder.

### Taxes.

Under the late ruling of the Attorney General, the County Commissioners Court, can at any regular meeting, except the August term, change the rate per cent of taxes.





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Hon. Wm. A. Coker, the quiet little man who filed charges against Senator Bailey and against great odds stayed before the committee of investigation to the end, and wanted to stay longer, was in San Angelo the other day on private business, and was given a banquet by a number of admirers. To a Brownwood Bulletin reporter as he was returning home, Mr. Coker stated that out of thirty lawyers in San Angelo, twenty-eight were against Mr. Bailey. He also remarked that he believed the people of Texas would become so aroused over this question, within the next year, that another and more searching investigation would result.—Billinger Ledger.

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South Side of Square,



# Bert's Rescue

By JAMES CONLEY.

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"Come on, Bert," urged Charlie. "The ice is bully just now. Come on ahead."

"Don't rub it in," pleaded Bert Bentham. "This is my punishment for seeking to astonish the natives with a frock coat and silk hat. The train was so late that no one beheld my glory, and as my trunk will not be here until tomorrow, I'm afraid that I shall have to go without my skating."

"But we're the same size," insisted Charlie. "Put on some of my duds."

Bentham winced. It was his quarrel with nature that she had made him but two inches taller than five feet. His little cousin was only thirteen yet, and, as he said, Bert could wear his things. For a moment pride fought with desire, and desire won. He had always been passionately fond of the ice, and it had been a couple of years since he had enjoyed an opportunity of skating. This chance was too good to be lost. It was a beautiful night, and the probabilities were that no one would recognize him. He could slip into the crowd and quickly lose himself.

"Proceed," he said, with mock tragedy. "I shall enjoy my second childhood rather earlier than most men; that is all."

Half an hour later they were on the river. Already a crowd had assembled, for the moon was full and the ice a perfect glare. Charlie's simple "My cousin, fellows," was regarded as sufficient introduction, and presently Bert was skimming over the ice with an easy swing that betokened the experienced skater.

He shot straight up the river, speeding along with no thought of anything save the enjoyment of the skimming motion, and it was half an hour before he realized how far he had gone.

Skating back against the wind was a slower process, and by the time he reached the ferry road again the ice was crowded. He hunted up Charlie and then contented himself with shorter flights, though he kept away from the most crowded part of the ice. He had been skating in artificial rinks for so long that the broad stretch of glassy ice fascinated him, and he had no use for the parties of skaters that clung in groups.

He had just wheeled for a trip up the river when a tiny form shot past him, and almost unconsciously he gave chase. Apparently she was a mere child, but her strong, graceful strokes carried her along with a speed that tested his own qualities, and he skated after her.

Around the bend of the river the sluiceway from the cotton mill emptied into the stream, and for a space the ice was thin. Bert had kept away from this side of the river after the discovery, but now he was so intent upon his chase that he did not realize that the child was bearing dangerously in toward shore until she gave a little cry as she felt the ice crack under her feet.

Instead of keeping ahead she seemed paralyzed with fright and dug her skates into the ice to stop herself. He could hear the new ice giving way as the strain of her weight continued, and with a sudden swerve he dashed in toward her.

He was powerfully built for his size, and it was an easy matter to catch the child up in his arms and carry her out of the danger zone. As they swept along he could feel the ice give under him, and the ominous crackle seemed to follow him. Then the noise stopped as he shot out on to the firm ice, and he ceased skating, coming gradually to a halt.

"That was a risky thing to do," he said sharply as he set her on her feet. "Don't you know about the sluice?"

"I should have remembered," she said as she clung tremblingly to him. "but I heard one of the boys coming after me, and I wanted to beat him. I forgot all about the danger."

"I guess that's the last time you'll forget this season," he said.

"I should say so," she agreed. "It was awfully good of you to act so quickly. Who are you?" she added as he changed position so that the moon shone on his face.

"I'm Charlie Bentham's cousin," he explained.

"Oh, yes," she smiled. "I remember Mrs. Bentham telling us that Charlie had a little cousin coming to visit him. You're a good boy, and I'm awfully grateful to you."

She stood on tiptoe and kissed him squarely on the lips. For a moment Bert was too astonished to speak; then he sped after her.

"Can't I skate with you?" he asked. "Let's skate up as far as the railroad bridge."

"Come ahead," she called as she put out her hand. Bert grasped it, and they glided off. For a few minutes nothing was said. They skated together as perfectly as though through long practice, and they were almost at the bridge.

"You are a newcomer in Maridale?" he asked, breaking the silence. "I don't think I remember you."

"We moved here two years ago," she explained.

"That's it," he declared. "I pride myself on my memory for faces. I have not been able to get up here for a couple of years. My business has kept me pretty close to town."

"Your business?" she echoed, losing her stride and stopping. "Why, Mrs.

Bentham said you were the same age as Charlie!"

"That's Ned Collins," he explained. Ned's coming down for the holidays. I'm Bert Bentham."

"But"—she began, with a glance at his clothes.

"I see," he laughed. "You thought I was a boy because I was wearing one of Charlie's suits. You see, I got a foolish idea that it would be funny to come down all togged out. When Charlie said 'skating' I realized that a frock coat was scarcely a skating costume, so I put on one of his suits. I guess I look pretty much like Charlie. That's the worst of being so short."

"And you let me kiss you," she reproached.

"That's all right," he smiled. "I've had little girls kiss me before, you know."

"But I'm not"—she began. Bert started.

"You don't mean to tell me that you"—he gasped.

"I'm nineteen," she said, her eyes filling with tears. "There's nothing to laugh about," she added as Bert shouted. "You let me kiss you, and it was real mean."

"It was real nice," he contradicted, "and I didn't let you. You kissed me before I knew you were going to."

"And now every one will laugh at me," she sobbed.

"The laugh is as much on me as it is on you," he reminded. "I don't think I'm any too anxious to be laughed at."

"And you won't tell?" she demanded, her sobs growing less violent.

"Never," he promised, "not if you kiss me a thousand times. But I thought surely you were a child," he said, glancing at her short skirt.

"I have my dresses all made long, so that I look taller," she explained, "but they are awfully in the way when I skate, so I borrowed one from my sister."

"I guess it's a standoff," he declared. "We fooled each other and ourselves. But we haven't reached the bridge yet."

He held out his hand, and she slipped hers into it. Somehow the sense of a secret between them gave her a feeling of security, and her embarrassment soon wore off. Before they turned she

was chatting away as though he knew her all his life.

They were on the ice again the next morning, and Bert went home a slave to her charms. Alice Vinton was the first woman he had ever seriously cared for, and he made such an active courtship that on the last night of his stay, as they turned at the railroad bridge, which marked the limit of their progress, he held her hand for an instant.

"I'm going home tomorrow," he said, "and I want to take back with me your promise that I may come for you in the spring. Will you promise, dear?" For answer she reached up and kissed him as she had done on the night of their meeting. But this time there was no mistake of identity.

## Her Serious Programme.

"I am going to have a little girl baby, and when she is three years old I am going to kill myself."

This startling remark came from the lips of a seven-year-old north side girl and was made with no more demonstration than if she had remarked that she was going to take one of her dolls out for a walk.

"My, my!" said her father. "What in the world possessed you to make such a remark?"

"Well, papa," replied the little miss, "I have just been reading a lovely story about how a little girl only three years old put fresh flowers every day on her dear dead mother's grave, and her mother had killed herself, and I thought how nice it would be to have a little girl put beautiful flowers on my grave."

"Oh!" said her father reflectively. "I guess you had better play outdoors more and do a little less reading."—Columbus Dispatch.

## Jeweler's Bit of Advice.

"I think I'll have to bring her in and let her choose," said the embarrassed young man as he looked hopelessly at the diamonds spread out on the table.

"Pardon me for a bit of advice," the jeweler said earnestly, leaning forward, "but I've had a lot of experience in such matters. If you pick it out yourself and take it to her she'll surely be satisfied. Always are. But if she comes here and sees bigger, handsomer rings she won't be contented with the one you can afford. The \$500 or \$800 ring she sees will stay by her. We've often lost sales that way. I've frequently seen the young woman pick out a ring that the man obviously couldn't afford, and he would find some excuse for not buying it."

Then the young man said he thought he might as well decide on that \$110 trifle at once.—Kansas City Star.

## Came Near Missing the Abbey.

"Well, it was worth coming the few miles for," said the American as he puffed a cigar and drank his coffee outside the restaurant at Mount St. Michael. "They told me that I ought to come here and eat an omelet, and that omelet was real good. Now, I expect there's not much more to do on this little rock, and so I'll be getting back to the motor."

"But," suggested his English companion of the moment, "have you seen the abbey?"

"Abbey?" came the sharp reply. "Have they got an abbey on this bit of stone? No, I've not seen that, and they didn't tell me anything about an abbey. They all talked about the omelet. But if you tell me that I ought to see the abbey, then I'll just have to stay half an hour and have a look at the place, but it'll make me late for dinner, I guess."—Westminster Gazette.

## Bad Bargain.

Waiter (presenting a plate before an old man from the country)—For the music, sir.

Old Man (gathering the coins up off the plate)—Thank you. The music was pretty bad.—Lustige Blatter.

## HARRY A. RICHARDSON.

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The long struggle in Delaware over the question of a successor of James Frank Allee in the United States senate resulted in the choice of Harry A. Richardson for the place. He was nominated by the Republican majority in caucus and subsequently elected by



HARRY A. RICHARDSON.

the legislature, the outcome being a defeat for the faction owing allegiance to ex-Senator Edward Addicks. The senator elect is a partner of his father at Dover in the canning business and other industrial enterprises and is thirty-seven years of age. He is said to be the youngest man ever elected to the senate from the state of Delaware.

## The Smile That Makes Tears.

"What is meant by 'the smile that is close to tears?'"

"The particular drink that plunges a man into the weeping stage of intoxication."—Judge.

## Animated Inanimates.

The Bottle—Well, what are you driving at these days?

The Luminous Face Clock—Oh, I have a fine job as night watch.—Chicago News.

## "Boldface Type."



—Inland Printer.

## Real Boss.

Neighbor—I heard your wife giving you ball Columbia this morning.

Homer—Hub! That wasn't my wife; it was the cook.—Detroit Tribune.

## A Precaution.

Parrot—What have you got that knot tied in your neck for?

Ostrich—I've got to go down to the club on business, and I promised my wife not to take a drink today.—Puck.

## Told in Confidence.

His Daughter—Papa, did you know mamma long before you married her?

Her Father—Just between you and me, my dear, I don't know her yet.—Chicago News.

## Caution.

First Housekeeper—And why don't you keep any maids?

Second Housekeeper—What! And run the risk of their leaving?—Harper's Weekly.

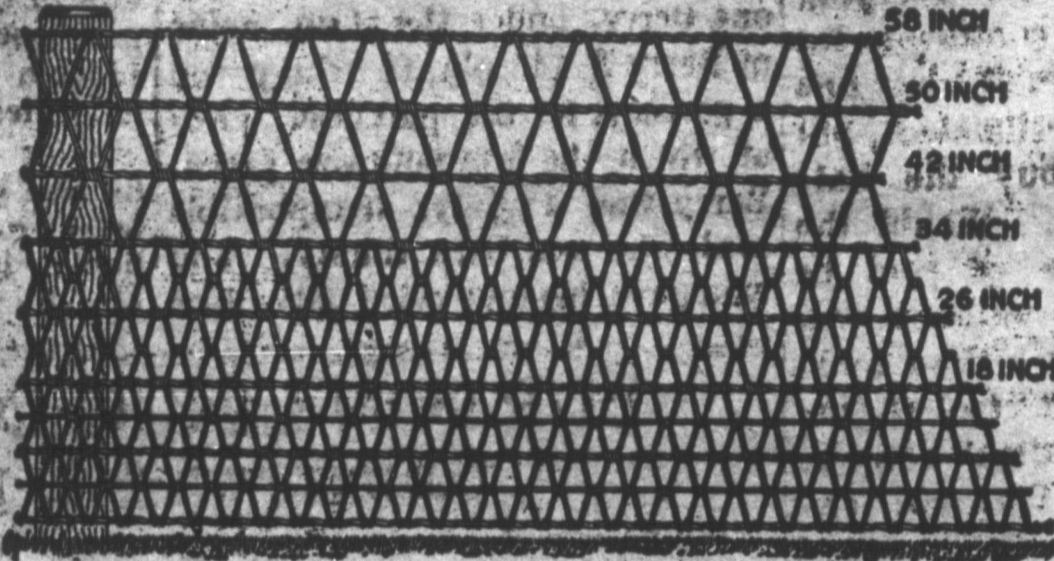


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**Secret Orders.**  
 Mason.—Meets Saturday night on or preceding full moon.  
 W. O. W.—Meets first Saturday night after each full moon, and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

**Churches.**  
 Methodist: Preaching every first Sunday. Rev. J. W. Childers, Preacher in Charge.

Church of Christ: Preaching every second Sunday. Eld. H. D. Pruett, Pastor.

Presbyterian: Preaching every third Sunday. Rev. W. W. Werner, Pastor.

Baptist: Preaching day every fourth Sunday.

Baptist Sunday School, at 3. p. m. T. R. Mauldin, Supt.  
 M. C. Bishop, Pastor.

Union Prayer Meetings every Wednesday night.

**Is This for You.**

Haskell Herald: You can always tell a citizen who is progressive by the appearance of his premises.

That being true the character of a people can be told in the way they keep the streets and parks of their town. When one goes into a new town and sees the streets full of tin cans, paste board, paper and other kinds of rubbish, he at once concludes that it is a "grown town," and the people thereof look at it in that way. It requires a steady nerve for a man to invest in a town where the people show their lack of interest in its being neat and tidy. It is a sure sign that progressiveness does not abide there. —Dallas News.

Now will some of our people read the above over carefully and ask themselves the question: How does the back yard and all alleys around my premises look? —Haskell Free Press.

Mr. Bryan made a mistake when he threatened to drive Democrats out of the party if they refused to approve of the referendum. There are many Democrats who do not consider it a practical way to do it, and who will insist that the people have a right to employ for certain lines of service specialists who know a thousand times more about it than they do. —News.

**The American Political Boss.**

All over this fair country of ours there is talk of "machine," "boss," "graft" and "boodle," but not one in a thousand of "the common people," realize how often and how easy they are worked in favor of great trans-continental railway combinees transportation, produce and manufacturing "interests," by the men sent to make the laws of the land. How much would it be worth to control the carrying trade across the continent for ten years, five years or even one year? You can't estimate it, but it is enough to "buy the balance" of power. Would the control of the price of coal be worth anything? Millions and millions, and yet an artless looking phrase that will "fool all the people some of the time" can be inserted in an act that will enable a "controlling combination," and some who are paying eight to ten dollars for soft coal think it has been done. What are the lumber "interests" doing to the "common" people? Plenty to be

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**Lincoln as a Grocer.**

Mr. Lincoln's first business venture resulted in downright failure. He formed a partnership with one Berry, under the firm name of Berry & Lincoln, to carry on a grocery, for the purchase price of which the firm note was given. Berry was a jolly, irresponsible soul, who was born thirsty, and who gave his undivided attention

to that part of the stock known as "wet groceries." Mr. Lincoln, on the other hand, having a keen appetite, devoted himself to the crackers and cheese, smoked herrings and other edibles at the dry end of the shop. This happy adjustment rivaled the familiar case of Jack Sprat and his congenial spouse; but the meager stock could not long withstand the inroads of hunger at the one end and thirst at the other, and a crisis came which required the sale of the remnant stock. The purchaser defaulted, and Mr. Lincoln was left to pay all the liabilities—a task which plagued him for several years. Thereby he had impressed upon him a legal proposition that a partner is liable in solido.—Judge J. V. Quarles in Pufnam's.

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Gail, Texas, May 2, 1907.

If we would enjoy to the fullest, advantage of travel by rail, it is necessary that the road should be kept smooth and in good repair, otherwise it soon gets too rough and unsafe for travel, lose patronage and becomes unprofitable to its owners. The same may be said of the dirt roads of a county, and there is nothing in which the welfare and prosperity of a people are so deeply involved, as in the condition of their public roads. The importance of accessibility to market, to church, to school and to post office is so manifest to an enlightened community, as to be almost a reflection upon their intelligence to be reminded of it. In an undeveloped country however, we become accustomed to traveling new and rough roads and are disposed to be satisfied so long as they are not impassible. The old settler will say by way of argument, I don't see why other people can't make out without them as I do. He loses sight of the loss he has suffered in time, expense, wear and tear of wagons and horses, and of the danger incurred by himself and family. He forgets too, that the value of a home depends greatly upon its accessibility, that an isolated place is of but little value and that fine roads greatly enhance the value of lands in their vicinity. The prospector looking for a home or the capitalist will not invest money in a locality where roads are almost impassible, and the marketing of crops and produce in consequence rendered difficult and expensive. The good roads movement is gathering force and favor in almost every section of the country. Its support in many localities are supplementing the public road funds with their own private means, realizing the inestimable advantages to be derived from having good roads. In nothing is the spirit of enterprise more conspicuous

than in the wholesale improvement of the public roads of the country. A good road to Big Springs would invite the establishment of an auto line which affords a means of passenger travel quite as good as travel by rail. The drummer could breakfast in Big Springs and arrive in Gail in time for dinner, and to work the town for orders the same day. Business men of our town could go to Big Springs, attend to business, and return the same day. In respect to passenger travel we would be almost as well off as if we had a railroad. Travel would greatly increase to Gail, and through Gail to points north of us, of prospectors, other travelers and of drummers. Travel is now being diverted from our town by auto lines, and to prevent this we should secure a line ourselves. Then let us begin to improve our roads, so we may get an auto service and in time also free rural mail delivery, for either of which good roads are indispensable.

"The country that is governed least is governed best," is a trite old saying, but like many old sayings it has merit and truth to support it. The modern legislator goes to Austin deeply impressed with the idea that he must originate a bill of some kind in order to retain the favor and good opinion of the people, to whom he owes his election. Consequently so many laws are being enacted, so many amendments made, that it is now difficult for the average lawyer, to master the profession of law, much less for the ordinary citizen to know what the law is, on any subject. And we need not be surprised at some of the crude laws that are being passed. The laws of Texas will soon have to be revised and codified. We have this session, had some good laws enacted of a paternal character such as the inspection, pure food laws &c, but why as a sanitary measure, hotels and boarding houses should be required to have a nine foot sheet for a 6 foot bed, we fail to understand.

A new law makes the drinking of intoxicating liquors on the trains a finable offense. It will not prevent one getting off a train and drinking, but it will lessen drunkenness and ruffianism on trains, which are a nuisance to travelers and especially to ladies.

The Russian Admiral, Nelogostoff, who surrendered his fleet to the enemy in the late war, has begun to serve a ten year sentence in a Russian fortress. The unfortunate officer, however, is to enjoy comfortable quarters, and allowed the best of rations.

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Parents Advice.

A father talking to his care-less daughter said: "I want to speak to you of your mother. He has saved trying to get a divorce. One man keeps a pistol careworn look upon her face to protect himself against burg-lary. Of course, it has not been brought there by any act of yours, still it is your duty to chase it away. I want you to get up tomorrow morning and get breakfast; and when your mother comes and begins to express her surprise go right up to her and kiss her right on the mouth. You cannot imagine how it will brighten her dear face. Besides you owe her a kiss or two. A way back when you were a little girl she kissed you when no one else was tempted by your fever-tainted breath and swollen face. You were not as attractive then as you are now. Then through these years of childhood and shadows, she was always ready to cure by the magic of a mother's kiss, the little dirty, chubby hands, when around town, you will be to blame when the "twelve good men and true" send him over the road to skirt with the rough old world. Then too the midnight kisses with which she routed so many bad dreams as she leaned above your pillow have all been of interest these long, long years. "Of course she is not as pretty and kissable as you are, but if you had done your share of the work during the last ten years, the contrast would not have been so marked. Her face has more wrinkles than yours, and yet, if you were sick, that face would appear more beautiful and strong convictions, in chaste dition and in manner pleasing. —Belton Journal.

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This is a sort of topsy turvy world. No one seems to be satisfied. One man is struggling to get justice and another is lying from it. One man is saving up to buy a house, and another is trying to sell his dwelling for less than it cost, to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he earns in taking a girl to the theatres and shows, and sending her valuable presents in

the sad, tired eyes will have opened in eternity. Then you will appreciate your mother, but that will be too late.

Each other over the dear old face, wavelets of sunshine, chasing wrinkles would seem to be bright comfort and every one of those opportunity to minister to your over you; watching every operation an angel, as it hovered would appear more beautiful and strong convictions, in chaste dition and in manner pleasing.

What a contrast between the Senators from Texas when addressing the legislature; the one egotistical, blatant, spectacular, spewing out billingsgate and hate-inspiring epithets; the other sane and sensible, dignified and deferent, uttering clear-cut ideas and strong convictions, in chaste dition and in manner pleasing.

Keep your boy off the street and in the school, or at work. There is no greater saying than that "an idle brain is the devil's work shop." Your boy will be, when he reaches manhood, largely five then as you are now. Then through these years of childhood and shadows, she was always ready to cure by the magic of a mother's kiss, the little dirty, chubby hands, when around town, you will be to blame when the "twelve good men and true" send him over the road to skirt with the rough old world. Then too the midnight kisses with which she routed so many bad dreams as she leaned above your pillow have all been of interest these long, long years.



## Local

J. J. Dodson is having a new extension built to the shed room of his store which will make it 60 feet long. In this he will keep his buggies and farming implements.

T. R. Mauldin is building a T addition to his residence in North Gail, which will be quite an improvement to his property, in point of convenience as well as appearance.

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

Warren Bros. of Snyder keep a full line of Drugs and Druggists sundries.

Miss Bullard is visiting her sister on the plains this week.

J. A. Scarlett moved his old building on the public square, on Tuesday to his residence in North Gail.

Several improvements are being made in Gail, and others planned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Benton stopped with H. D. Pruett Tuesday evening, on their way to Odessa, to visit their son, John Benton, who is in bad health.

Phone 262 Big Springs, Texas for Undertakers goods. Open night or day.

Home made soap for sale at the Stokes House, 5 cts per pound.

The West Texas Normal at Snyder will begin June 25, and continue until July 31.

Mr. Bean Cathey, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past few days, returned to Big Springs Wednesday.

Felix Howard of Lamar county arrived here Wednesday evening on a prospecting trip.

Isaac Griffith of Armstrong was prospecting in this section last week.

J. G. Taylor and J. A. Scarlett have given to each of their residences a nice coat of paint which adds very much to their neatness and home like appearance.

Callaway Johnson has added a cook room to his dwelling, East of the court house.

WANTED—1000 dozen eggs at 10 cents a dozen.

4t DODSON & SON.

Warren Bros. handle Dr. Hess' tuck food.

Mr. Graham Whittaker attended services in Gail Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. N. H. Nisbett and family spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Crutchfield were dealing in Gail yesterday.

Big Springs Furniture Company guarantee their goods.

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

Morrow's Show exhibited here last Friday and Saturday evening. The performance each night was creditable and well attended, and free from the objectionable features, for which many shows are conspicuous. A great many were from the country to see the show.

West Colorado has been platted by Walter Stoneham and lots will soon be placed on the market, B. N. Garrett having the agency. West Colorado lies just across the river west of town and is owned by Judge Ed Hamner.

Mrs. John DeShazo and daughters, Misses Alma and Josie, were here from the ranch last Friday and returned home Saturday afternoon.

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

### Plainview School House.

We are having some cool windy weather on the plains at this writing.

Fencing is the order of the day. Miss A. C. Etter has returned from an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Several of this community attended the picnic and teachers Institute at Lamesa last Friday and Saturday. They report a pleasant time.

Grandma Walls is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Tom Stevenson has been very sick, but we are glad to note that she is improving.

Mrs. A. L. Jones went to Light last Saturday returning Sunday.

Bro. Childers filled his regular appointment Sunday. a large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Saulsbury moved to Tahoka last week, we regret to lose them from our midst, but wish them much success in their new home.

Mrs. G. T. Beach and daughter, Miss Annie visited the families of Mrs. A. L. Jones and Mrs. Tom Stevenson last Friday.

Misses Lula and Nora Luttrell and Linnie King visited the Beach girls last Sunday.

Mr. Walk and family made a flying trip to Gail on Friday.

The family of Mr. Ed Harrington visited the family of G. T. Beach.

Mr. Carl Salyers was a visitor at his brothers, Will Salyers last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. J. V. Sewalt moved near Light in Scurry county last Monday.

Mrs. Verner Dulin spent last Friday with Mrs. Beach.

Master Charles Beach spent Saturday night with Mr. Alpha Mayfield.

Mr. Roberts, the teacher of Mesquite school visited the school at Plainview last Thursday, which we appreciated. I. C. U.

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

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I. W. Persons of Colorado city, representing Burnham, Hanna, Munger dry goods store of Kansas City, made Gail last Friday and left next morning for Lamesa. Mr. Persons has been visiting Gail for 15 years and contemplates settling soon in Garza on his land, which is near the center of the county. J. C. Ethridge also of Colorado, accompanied him to see the country.

### Killing.

Yesterday morning Earl Nance was shot and killed by John Haynes at the home of Mrs. Nance, sister-in-law of deceased and sister of John Haynes.

The trouble grew out of the persistent efforts of Earl Nance to marry his sister-in-law, to which she seriously objected, and had forbidden his visits. It is reported that Nance had come armed and to make trouble.

Haynes was baid in the sum of \$2000.

### Automobiles.

The new law regulating autos, limits their speed on the public roads to 18 miles per hour, and 8 miles in town, unless changed by municipal ordinance. Must be numbered with figures six inches long, and registered with County Clerk where owner resides, for which there is a fee of 50 cents. Prohibited from racing on the highway, and required to stop when driver of a horse vehicle signals him to do so. For any violation of the law a penalty of from \$5 to \$100 prescribed.

### School Building

A plan is receiving encouragement in Snyder to build a new \$8000.00 school, on Windy hill, in the Western portion of the city.

The citizens in that quarter and others propose to subscribe \$5000, and to call on the school Board for the remaining \$3000 for that purpose.