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The country papers generally speaking are not aware of the power they possess, and the instruments they are, in the hands of destiny, to work out the course of the Nation. The work these sheets do, is not of the revolutionary sort. They are incapable of throwing the Nation into a panic, but through the child-life that they come so close to they are the real moulders of public opinion, after all has been said and done. Don't you, dear readers feel the effects to this day of the little home paper upon your life? Then how careful should the country editor be to say or do nothing that will have an ultimate bad end in a boundless eternity.

Bill Nye had the truth well told when he said: "A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button; ride on the back coach of a railroad train to save interest on his money till the conductor gets around; stop his watch at night to save wear and tear; leave his 'i' or 't' without a dot or cross to save ink; pasture his mother's grave to save corn; but a man of this sort is a gentleman and a scholar compared to the fellow that will take a newspaper two or three years, and when asked to pay for it puts it into the office and has it marked "refused."

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By order of the Federal Court, the 2-cent railroad rate for State passenger traffic will be given a trial for a period of three months in Missouri. The decision is the outcome of a suit to restrain the State from enforcing the rate law enacted by the last Legislature. The judge based his opinion upon the fact that whatever evidence might be submitted in support of contentions, pro or con, would at best be only theoretical; that in as much as the reduced rate had

never really been given a trial he could not determine whether the new rate would be confiscatory or not, and concluded that the only fair way in which to determine the justice of the issue involved would be by experiment. Consequently, beginning at 6 o'clock June 19th, the 2-cent rate was ordered to be enforced for a period of three months, after which the question will be finally determined. —Ex.

Washington, June 24.—A solution of the problem presented to housekeepers by the soaring of meat prices in the course of thirty days may be furnished by Consul George N. Ifft, at Annaberg, Saxony, although it is not known at the Department of Commerce and Labor where the report was received, that Consul Ifft hoped to offer a solution of the financial puzzle presented by 20c round steak and 18c chuck and sirloin at 32c with evidence of a further rise.

Consul Ifft reports as follows on slaughter of horses and dogs for food in the German Empire:

"During the year 1906 there were slaughtered for food in the kingdom of Saxony (which constitutes one thirty-sixth of the area and contains one-thirteenth of the population of the German Empire) 12,922 horses and 3,736 dogs. This is an increase of 224 horses and 133 dogs over the year 1905. In all Germany, during the year 1906, there were slaughtered for food 182,000 horses. This is an increase of 20,000 over 1905 and of about 47,000 over 1904.

"Complete figures in regard to the slaughter of dogs for food for the German Empire. I have not been able to secure, but fragmentary statistics indicate that the total number was about 7,000 more rather than less.

"Horse flesh is very generally advertised in the German newspapers especially in those of the large commercial centers, and most cities have at least one market which makes it a specialty, claiming for it a higher percentage of nourishment than that of either beef, veal, mutton or pork. Neither is it unusual to find advertisement of dog meat or for the purchase of dogs for slaughter.

"Nor is it possible to read the German newspapers for any length of time without coming to the conclusion that a great many dogs are killed and eaten that do not give up their lives under inspection. News items detailing the arrests, trial, conviction and punishment by fine or imprisonment of men charged with killing and eating dogs that belong to others, sometimes valuable animals or cherished household pets, are not infrequent. Such an item told how the police at Cassel a city of Hesse-Nassau while searching for a lost dog, for whose recovery a reward was offered located a private dog slaughter house and arrested four men who were apparently making a regular business of stealing and killing dogs several live dogs, several freshly slaughtered carcasses and evidence of the slaughter of dozens of other dogs, were found on the premises. —Dallas News.

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Printer Has Last of Laws  
Austin, Texas June 21.— Secretary of State L. T. Dashiell has sent to the Public Printer the last of the laws passed at the special and regular session of the Legislature. The printer has sixty days in which to send the laws back to the office. There were 211 laws passed at both sessions of the Legislature, more than have been passed at any previous session.

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## FREMSTAD AS SALOME.

The Operatic Star and Her Ideas as to Her Much Discussed Role.

Olive Fremstad, the operatic star who sang the part of Salome in the music drama of that name by Richard Strauss and Oscar Wilde, was at first repelled by the production. Since the piece was taken off at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on account of the objections raised to it, comparison has been instituted between it and the play "John the Baptist," by Sudermann, in which Julia Marlowe takes the role of the daughter of Herodias. Miss Marlowe says nothing would induce her to play Wilde's Salome. She



OLIVE FREMSTAD.

says, "Sudermann's Salome is not the morbid, abnormal creature of Oscar Wilde's imagination." Miss Fremstad agrees to a certain extent with Miss Marlowe's characterization of the role in the Strauss-Wilde production. She says Wilde's Salome is a degenerate. Asked if she had any hesitation about assuming the role, she replied:

"Well, I'm rather a daredevil sort of person, you know, but I must confess that I needed all my nerve, for it was the hardest thing I ever tackled. When I first saw 'Salome' in Cologne, it nauseated me. I was absolutely sickened by it. It was horrible, disgusting! Ugh!" She believes that the music justifies the performance. On this point she says: "The play is small, always harping on the sensational and the ugly. But the music—it soars on the wings of poetry. The music enlarges it for me. I like 'Salome' because it is a tremendous work. I like to get hold of something big. That bloody head sickened me at first. I could hardly bring myself to approach it at rehearsal. I sort of sidled up to it. I knew it was papier mache, of course, but I had to touch it with my fingers to satisfy myself. The fact that it is an exact copy of Van Rooy's head—a fact that is not generally known, I believe—made it all the more hideous. I was told of this at the beginning and advised to get used to the ghastly thing. But even we hardened stage people shrink from some things."

## LOUIS W. HILL.

Son of James J. Hill, Who May Succeed to His Father's Shoes.

On account of the great railway interests controlled by James J. Hill there has been much interest in the question of who will succeed to his powers in the railway world when he dies or becomes too infirm to take the active part he has taken for so many years in the affairs of the financial and industrial community. It has been stated recently that he contemplated handing over his work as the director of a great railway system at an early



LOUIS W. HILL.

day to his son, Louis W. Hill, who has been trained for the duties likely to fall to him sooner or later. Louis Hill is a Yale graduate and has gone through all the departments of the complex railway business, mechanical, executive and accounting. He has been in a model school under the eye of a master. He became president not long ago of the Eastern Minnesota railroad, one of his father's acquisitions. Since that he has become first vice president of the Great Northern road.

## HUMOR

### COMMON SENSE VIEW.

Why Viola Decided to Marry Young Harry Wilkins.

"Father, I would like to see you in the library on a matter of business."

"Very well, Viola; come along. Now, then, what is it?"

"Father, you are aware that Harry Wilkins has been paying me his attentions the last year?"

"Yes, and I've felt like kicking him! The idea of a Wilkins daring to aspire to the hand of a Grafton!"

"He has asked me to be his wife."

"The scoundrel! Why, I'll—"

"And I've almost promised," she placidly continued.

"What, what! My daughter marry a Wilkins on \$25 a week? Never! Go to your room while I seek out this base adven—"

"Father, I want to talk real business to you," she interrupted. "Have you seen the marriage statistics of London for the last year?"

"No, of course not! The idea of Harry Wilkins skulking around after my—"

"Wait! According to the statistics, this city has 871,240 more females than males. There are 226,890 more marriageable girls than can find husbands, to say nothing of 182,321 widows who are very anxious for a No. 2. The number of young men in London earning over \$15 a week and in the market is only 22,107. There are after these young men exactly 220,000 young women and 150,000 widows. Three out of every five children born are girls. Death removes two young men to one married man or old bachelor."

The old man turned pale and grasped a chair for support. After a pause she continued:

"From June to October over 80,000 marriageable young women visit fashionable watering places, and it is estimated that 31,442 of them catch husbands, thus further reducing the chances of a resident cockney. Father, take this pencil and figure out your

Viola's chances of catching another

man if she lets Harry Wilkins center away."

"Great Jimminy!" he gasped, figuring for a moment. "Why, your chances are only one in 21,875,947!"

"Just as I figure it out. What shall I say to him this evening?"

"Say! Say! Why, tell him you'll have him and be mighty glad of the chance! And don't let him draw a long breath before you add that the ceremony can take place right after breakfast tomorrow morning and that I'm to give you a wedding present of \$500 in cash!"—Tit-Bits.

### Two Muffs in One.

She sat between her two lovers in the trap. George was driving, and Edward was pressed closely against the rail. The night was dark, but the horse was old and knew his way. This gave George an opportunity to hold the reins in one hand and also to slip the other into the lady's unoccupied muff. Presently—well, two hands were tenderly pressing each other.

The end of the drive came at last, and a sweet, small voice whispered:

"When you two gentlemen have quite done with my muff perhaps you will be kind enough to let me have it."

Then did two sworn enemies alight from the trap with thoughts that could scarcely be expressed coherently in presentable language.—Judge.

### The Elm Incident.

Washington was taking formal command of the Continental army at Cambridge. He crooked his arm, placed his elbow against the historic elm and rested his head on his hand. Then he addressed the ill assorted gathering of patriots. In the midst of his remarks his elbow suddenly glided from the tree and Washington completely lost his equilibrium.

"Why didn't you inform me," said the great general, with dignity, "that this tree was a slippery elm?"—Woman's Home Companion.

### One He'd Missed.

Borrowby—Let's see. Do I owe you anything?

Morrowby—Not a cent, my boy. Going round paying your little debts?

Borrowby—No. I was going round seeing if I had overlooked anybody. Lend me five till Saturday, will you?—Lippincott's Magazine.

### Cornered.



She—And is my Percy quite happy? He—Certainly, pet. I wouldn't dare to be anything else.—Sketch.

### How It Terminated.

Husband—Did you discharge the cook this morning?

Wife—Well, you know, I meant to, but before I could do it I gathered from her language that she had discharged me.—Houston Post.

### Economy.

Lady Shopper—Have you any of your dollar goods marked down to 99 cents?

Salesman—None left, ma'am. We have the \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 grades at the regular price and the \$5 grade marked down to—

Lady Shopper—Give me the \$5 grade.—New York Times.

## FORTY-SIX STORIES.

The Metropolitan Life Building's New Tower Will Break Record.

The tower of the Metropolitan Life Insurance building in New York, which is to occupy the site of Dr. Parkhurst's old church on Madison square, will make the Park Row building, which



METROPOLITAN LIFE TOWER AND PARK ROW AND FLATIRON BUILDINGS.

has held honors as to height heretofore, look small. It will soar away above its freakish looking neighbor, the Flatiron building, at Twenty-third street and Broadway. It will even beat the height record the tower of the new Singer building on lower Broadway is expected to make. The Flatiron building is 286 feet in height, the Park Row building 382 feet, but the tower of the Metropolitan Life building will be 658 feet high from the sidewalk and 690 feet from its foundation. It will have forty-six stories above the sidewalk and two stories below. The tower will have six passenger elevators, so that persons occupying offices far above the madding crowd of the great city may have real rapid transit in going to and fro. The cost of the tower will be \$3,000,000.

### Rather Soupy.

Stubb—That barber told me a remarkable yarn while he was shaving me. He said one day he shaved the "ossified man" from the museum, and sparks of fire leaped from the razor.

Penn—Hm! Did you swallow the yarn?

Stubb—No, confound it, I swallowed the lather!—Detroit Tribune.

### An Important Question.

While little Christabel and her yet smaller sister were playing her mother was announcing to grandma, "Our neighbor, Mrs. P., has a new baby."

Instantly Christabel turned in eager excitement.

"Oh, mamma," she asked, "what is she going to do with her old one?"—Lippincott's Magazine.

### DAM WHICH FAILED TO STOP OVERFLOW.

annually threatened to break through the banks. Only a little human aid was needed to cause it to do so."

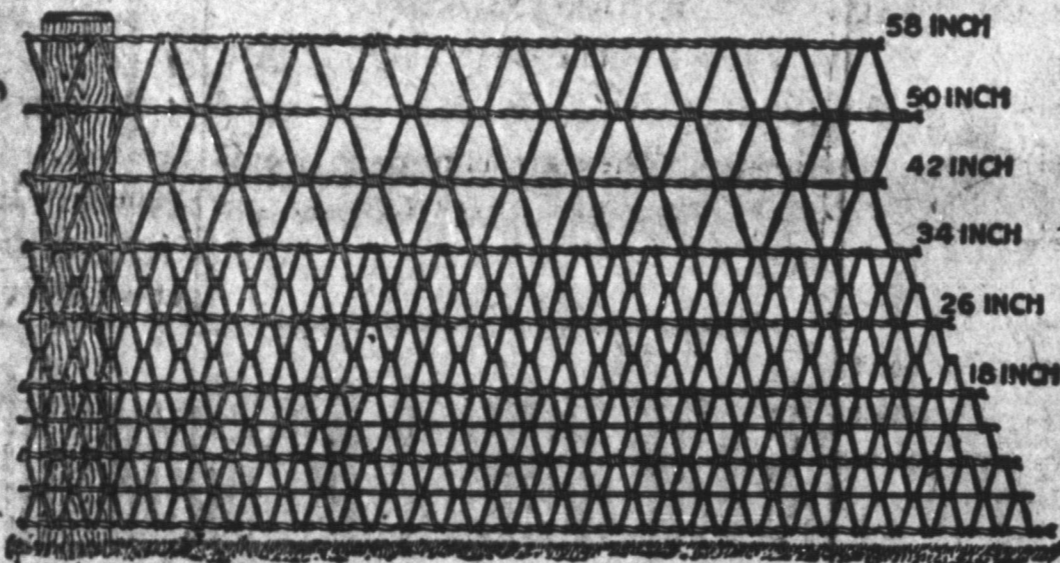
This aid was supplied when the California Development company undertook to make the desert blossom like the rose by means of water from the river. It spent a great deal of money advertising all about the fortunes to be made through location in the valley on the lands to be irrigated, but did not

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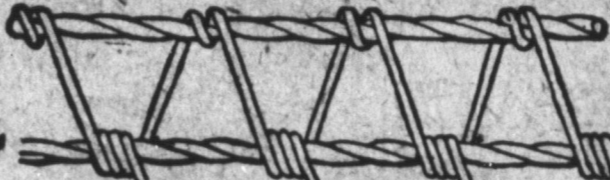
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One Sunday a teacher was trying to illustrate to her small scholars this lesson, "Return good for evil. To make it practical she said: "Suppose, children, one of your schoolmates should strike you and the next day you would bring him an apple—that would be one way of returning good for evil." To her dismay one of the little girls spoke up quickly: "Then he would strike you again to get another apple!"

A saving husband said to his wife: "Susan, don't spend a cent of my money with a merchant that don't advertise in the newspaper." The wife, who was a business woman, replied: "You old goose, I learned better than to go where I was not invited long ago. You would be an old bachelor now, if you had not invited me to be your wife. Catch me going to a store without an invitation. I guess not.—Ex.

The visible supply of cotton now on hand in all the world is 4,500,000 bales. At this time last year it was 3,971,000 bales. Under this showing ordinarily the price would be lower than last year, but the bad condition of the crop has offset this showing and a steady advance may be reasonably expected.

**Home, Sweet Home**  
 The wife of a naval officer attached to the academy at Annapolis has in her employ an Irish servant who recently gave evidence of nostalgia. "You ought to be contented and not pine for your old home, Bridget, said the lady of the house, "You are earning good wages your work is light, everyone is kind to you, and you have lots of friends here." "Yis, mum" sadly replied Bridget "but it's not the place where I be that makes me so homesick; it is the place where I don't be.

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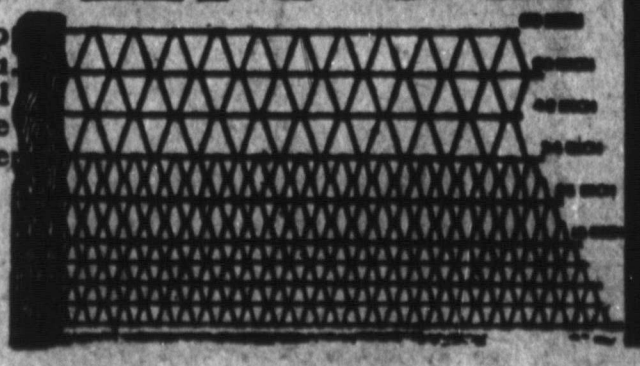
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### Importance of Good Roads.

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### Foresight

Thirty years ago land could be acquired in some of the most fertile counties of the State, for a mere song compared to its present value. So cheap was it then that many did not consider it worth owning, while others who seemed gifted with more foresight located choice tracts, which have since become valuable and have made their owners rich. The lands of South West Texas offer the same rare opportunities of investment now, that those of North Texas offered 30 years ago, and year after year as that section settles up and develops will become more and more valuable. Those who exercise foresight by purchasing ranches and homes now, will in 10 or 15 years, become independent or rich simply from the increase of land values. Recently land locators have guaranteed Public School land to settlers at \$100.00 per section. The offer of J. F. McCullough of Snyder whose ad will be found in this paper, is the best we have seen. Mr. McCullough offers from 1 to 200 sections of good and well watered public land at \$25.00 per section bonus, the only condition imposed is that you are required to live on the land.

## Prairie Dogs.

In 1903 the Legislature of this State passed an act for the extermination of prairie dogs. This act was submitted to a vote of the people in Borden County and adopted by them without opposition. Twelve months after its adoption any lessee or land owner who should fail or refuse to kill the prairie dogs on his land became liable to the owners of adjoining lands for \$2.50 damages, for every month his dogs were permitted to run at large. Any land owner who has complied with the law in case his land is invaded by the prairie dogs of his adjoining neighbor, can sue such neighbor for \$2.50 damages, for every month he is so aggrieved, giving 90 days notice prior to filing said suit. Under this act a land owner can employ a lawyer at his own expense and sue a neighbor for its violation, and if successful in his suit, recover \$2.50 for every month his land is trespassed upon by the dogs, on the other hand if unsuccessful in the suit he must pay the costs of suit. We have never heard of a suit under this act and do not suppose one was ever brought. Soon after its passage the law seemed to act as an incentive to a few land owners to destroy the dogs, but the majority have paid no attention to it, and it will soon be a forgotten law. The dogs where they are very numerous are very destructive to grass and also to crops. Although their extermination will require considerable labor and expense, no pasture man or farmer can afford to submit to their deprivations. It is unneighborly and very wrong to suffer your dogs to deplete upon your neighbor, who has rid his own land of the pest. On some lands dogs eat up and destroy half of the growing grass rendering the pasture capable of carrying just half as much stock as it would if not infested with dogs. Relief from the ravages of prairie dogs would be a great boon to Borden Co., all that is needed is concert of action on the part of land owners. Let a written obligation be circulated in each community, for each citizen to sign, binding himself to kill the dogs on his own land and if all will unite and make war on the dogs they can soon be exterminated.

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### Result of a Dream.

Goodland, Kan., June 23.—John Bello, the Italian who killed a man and wounded two women passengers on a Rock Island train west of here last night, told through an interpreter today the story of the shooting. Bello asserted he committed the murder in his sleep as the result of a dream. His story follows:

"My wife and children and Patsy Leganbradi and his wife and children lived in Geneva. We decided to come to the new world and grow rich, as we heard it was easy to do so. We landed in Boston a few days ago and took a train for the west.

"We were in a strange land, among people whose language we could not understand. I had been nervous from the time I left home. Last night I went to sleep in a seat and had a terrible dream. I dreamed that a man with a white handkerchief over his face had me by the throat and was trying to rob me.

"I fought with all my strength. Finally I managed to throw my assailant off. The robber turned to run. I had a revolver in my pocket and I seized it and began to shoot.

"All of this was in my sleep. The report of the weapon awakened me and I found myself on my feet with the pistol in my hand shooting right and left. God knows I did not mean to kill anyone. It was all a terrible dream."

Carl V. Topp, the tailor who was killed by the Italian, was asleep in his seat with a white handkerchief over his face.

Bello is in the county jail here. He sits rocking to and fro, with his face in his hands, muttering in Italian.—Ex.

### The Congregation Laughed

A revival meeting was in progress and Sister Jones was called upon for testimony. Being meek and humble, she said: "I do not feel as though I should stand here and give testimony I have been a transgressor for a good many years and have only recently seen the light. I believe that my place is in a dark corner behind the door."

Brother Smith was next called on for his testimony, and following the example set by Sister Jones said: "I, too have been a sinner for more than forty years, and I do not think it would be fitting for me to stand before this assembly as a model. I think my place is behind the door, in a dark corner with Sister Jones."

And he wondered why the meeting was convulsed with laughter of those who came to pray.—Houston Post.

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The city is extending beyond the valley in which it originally nestled. New additions have been laid out to accommodate the rapid increase of population, among them are Millers, Conners and Coles Additions on the South side of the city, and recently a new Addition between the Cemetery and the city. Big Springs business men are full of public spirit, grit and enterprise, and as a rule they are liberal and broad minded, and of the kind one likes to trade with.

One more railroad to Big Springs is all that is required to secure for it the wholesale trade of this section and make it the most flourishing city of West Texas. Does she fully realize the advantages of a competing road, or is she content with her present trade and prosperous condition?

### Bale Wire kills cows.

Scraps of baling wire in baled hay is responsible for considerable mortality in herds of dairy cows. Geo. M. Lummis of the New Mexico Agricultural College says that the men who tie the bales rake up leaves containing wire cuttings and put them into the bales. He cites one instance of the El Paso Dairy Co., which has lost for many years an average of one \$85 cow per month. This company states that considerably more than 50 per cent of the deaths in its herd are caused from this wire trouble, as shown from the fact that in each of about fourteen post mortems where careful search was made, a scrap of baling wire ranging from three to seven inches long was found actually piercing or in the immediate neighborhood of the heart. Tracing back along the path traversed by these wires H. R. Blair, veterinarian in charge of the herd, finds that these wires invariably come from the stomach. The company has lost 400 milk cows in the last few years.—Ex.

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# Local

Dr. J. F. Riggs Dentist of San Angelo, will be in Gail on or about, July 13.

There will be a big camp meeting at Tredway on the 16th of this month conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Cagle and J. T. Upchurch of Arlington. Refreshments will be provided for all who attend. Everybody invited.

John Benton of Odessa stopped on his return from Chicago for medical treatment last week, to see his parents in Garza county. We learn he is doing well and hope he will continue to improve in health during his stay in this section.

A good many young people left Gail yesterday for the barbecue at Post City. We surmise they will enjoy the entertainment in spite of the hot weather.

There is no celebration of the 4th, this time in Gail and for those who did not go to the Post city barbecue, the only chance for enjoyment will be to go fishing.

Dink Smoot and John Middleton got back yesterday evening from a trip to El Paso county. They found that section in a dry and parched condition.

The Ira and Morris Base Ball teams left here yesterday for Post City, where they are matched to play several games today.

Miss Verda Layton, who has for some time been printing the Citizen, was called away last Tuesday to see her mother who was very sick at Ft. Worth. She writes that she will be back Saturday, if her mother's health continues to improve.

Mr. Stokes who was associated with Tom Cotten in business, sold his interest in the grocery to J. C. Howe and the latter has sold out to J. B. Cotten.

J. B. and Tom Cotten will now constitute the firm. Our goods are new and fresh. Good measure and fair weights will be our motto.

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## Plums

Several parties have brought wild plums to Gail this week to sell. The wild plum is a native of this Section and when the season is favorable produces abundantly.

It is rumored that C. W. Post has made arrangements for an Auto line to run between Big Springs and Post City.

Judge Yellott has set up a nice windmill on his property in North Gail and is preparing to do some irrigating in his garden and orchard. His young trees have already demonstrated the fact that nice fruit can be produced in Borden County and he proposes to profit by his experience.

Dr. D. H. McDaniel, formerly of Gail but now of Toyah has been here for several days.

Rev. J. R. Mood President of Clarendon College passed through Gail this week.

Mr. Mood was returning from the Methodist Conference at Snyder.

The Home Mission Society of Gail will meet at the Union Church next Saturday afternoon at the usual hour.

Rev. J. W. Childers announces that he will preach in Gail Sunday at 11 o'clock A.M. and the night service will be conducted by the Rev. C. G. Shutt, Missionary evangelist.

On Tuesday J. H. Smoot moved the house formerly occupied by George Clark to the farm of W. K. Clark 1 mile south of Gail.

The work of setting up and moving was completed by 5 o'clock of same day.

Mr. Smoot is a skilful house mover

## Fruit

It has been only two or three years since farmers, encouraged by the accounts of the fine fruit raised on the plains, have been encouraged to set out orchards in this locality. There were but few people who believed that trees would bear fruit here on account of drouth, even if they should live and flourish. This opinion has been recently dispelled, since by actual test it has been proven that nice fruit can be grown here.

Notwithstanding the present drouth and practical failure of all vegetables, some very good fruit has matured in this county. J. S. Fritz who lives about 1 mile from Gail has brought plums to Gail three times in the last ten days and sold them from his wagon. He has only a few fruit trees, and his orchard has not had extra care, or the benefit of irrigation. We have a pretty good soil and climate for fruit growing, and our people are beginning to realize what they have lost by not setting out orchards years ago.

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The Gail Hotel has changed hands, Tom Smith having rented it to J. C. Howe, who took charge yesterday. We commend the new management to the favor of the public. Mr. Howe is an enterprising young man who will be watchful of the wants and wishes of his patrons. Particular attention will be paid to neatness and comfort and that guests and not disturbed by noise or disorder of any kind. He solicits your patronage. Stop with him when you come to Gail.

H. D. Pruett has some nice sets of Harness single and double, call and see them.