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On last Thursday Mr. T. F. Spears and Miss Edna Lane of the Julia neighborhood made a hurried call on H. D. Pruett, and at their request, were united in marriage, sitting in a buggy in front of the harness shop.

May time strenghten the union and love of these two, is the wish of the writer.

Look out.

Look out in the next issue for the 12 page story, of The Lion and the Mouse. The story of here, now and to-day. And all through the battle of wits between an alert, self reliant, resourceful young woman and a thoroughly unscrupulous "captain of industry" is interwoven a love story that furnishes the element of romance which appeals so strongly to most readers. Not only does the love story end "right" but the young woman succeeds in awakening the trust king to the fact that there are other and better things in life than mere money.

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With a delightful host and hostess, the forty-two party last Monday night was made a pleasant occasion. The party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Thornton, in honor of C. S. Brown of Tahoka. The following parties were present: Miss Kate Turner and Mr. C. S. Brown, Miss Ethel Blankenship and Mr. J. B. Cotten, Miss Nellie Hale and Mr. Tom Cotten, Miss Fannie Whittington and Mr. Thad Durst, Miss Verda Layton and Mr. Sam Burke.

Another memorable occasion, was a forty-two game at the residence of A. J. Scarlet Tuesday night. The parties participating were Miss Kate Turner and Mr. C. S. Brown, Miss Ethel Blankenship and Prof. W. S. McClung.

Mr. Brown returned to Tahoka Wednesday, and Miss Blankenship left to-day on a pleasure trip East.

A GUEST

Mr. Holt Stokes went to Tahoka Wednesday with C. S. Brown to spend several days with friends and relatives.

RIDING BACKWARDS.

Did you ever enter a railway car, finding the seats all taken but a reversed one, you took that and rode backwards! How rapidly everything seemed to be leaving you! No matter how beautiful the scenery, how many flowers decked the wayside, how many sparkling brooks crossed, or how many delightful retreats glided by, you saw nothing until you had passed it. And then it hurried away, away in the distance, until it was lost from sight. You were scarcely made sensible of a new beauty until it had gone by you, and you had of it only an unsatisfactory glimpse.

How many of us are thus riding backwards through life! We appreciate the beautiful things around us, and we long to enjoy them, but scarcely do we see them until they are gone. Blessings come and blessings go, but we do not recognize them until they are passed, and then our hearts are filled with a sad longing for their return. Friends surrounded us and would make us happy, but too often we do not know it until they, too, are gone. Then we grieve over their departure, but our tears cannot bring them back. Our eyes are turned only to the past, and the things we love are getting farther away from us. We are riding backwards.

Turn around. Face the front. Look to the future. See the beauties as they unfold themselves before you. Go forward to meet the blessings as they come, enjoy them while they go by, and treasure them in fond memories when they have passed on.

Life, indeed, is like a railway on which we are all passengers. What we get out of it depends upon how we are riding. Let us keep our eyes to the front, and be prepared to meet our friends as they approach us, to greet them with smiles of recognition and appreciation, to give kindness in return for the kindness they have in store for us, and thus gather flowers on the journey rather than see none but what are already rushing beyond our reach. The past may be sacred as it is held in memory's strong casket, and we may turn our heads sometimes to gaze upon it fondly, but the future is Hope's fruitful garden in which God has planted sweetest flowers to perfume and make glad our passing away.—John P. Stelle—Up-to date Farming.

Show.

Baynes advertising show wagon arrived Saturday evening, and bills of the show, which will exhibit on the 22 were distributed. They will give a street parade with a brass band. The Martin family from 4-1-2 to 20 years of age play the instruments with

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The mercantile house of Travers & Co., New York, had a branch in Paris for twenty years, when Travers himself, after looking over old accounts, noticed something wrong.

The next steamer sailing for Havre carried with her Thomas Agnew, the firm's bookkeeper. He was provided with all proper credentials, and his instructions were to give the Paris books a thorough overhauling. He was to interview the head of the French firm first. This he did soon after reaching Paris.

"I hardly expected you, but I am glad that you are here," was his greeting. "It is true that the business has fallen off, and it has been a source of anxiety to me. We seem to be doing as much as ever, but the sales show less and less. I cannot suspect any of the employees. The bookkeeper is the only one who could juggle the figures, and he is probity itself. He has been with us for ten years past and is as steady as a church. I might as well suspect myself."

"Nevertheless, if there is anything wrong it must be in his department," suggested Agnew.

There were two or three interviews, and then it was suggested that Dubois, which was the name of the bookkeeper, be given leave of absence for a couple of weeks. He refused to take it. Then Agnew cabled for instructions and was told to go ahead. He was taken to the office and introduced and his errand stated. To his agreeable disappointment Dubois gave him a cordial welcome and offered every assistance in his power. He would be only too glad to have his books looked over and verified. His frankness and eagerness were a setback to Agnew, but a day was appointed for the commencement of the work. No man could have set out to render himself more agreeable than the French bookkeeper did. He first invited Agnew to his home to dinner. It was a modest little cottage, plainly furnished and evidently economically managed. There were a wife and two children, and the family appeared to be happy and contented.

Agnew had made up his mind that Dubois was certainly living on his income and was a man of steady habits when his wife happened to mention during the momentary absence of the husband that she would be entirely happy if Claude did not have to remain at the office so late three or four nights in the week. As a matter of fact, the office always closed at 5:30 p. m., and Agnew was made uneasy by the remarks. Dubois made arrangements to show the American certain sights the next evening, and they were together for several hours. At a cafe where they stopped for a last drink Agnew, who had taken very little during the evening and who called for a mild glass on this occasion, suddenly found the room whirling round and round with him and finally pitched forward on the floor and became unconscious. When he came to some time during the next day he was ill and found that he had been robbed and was clothed in the garb of a workingman. He was also a prisoner in a cellar so dark that he could not see across it. There were a pitcher of water and a loaf of bread beside him. He drank of the water and slept for hours.

When he awoke again the effects of the drug were gone, and he explored his prison, to discover that it had only one small window, and that looked out on a back yard and was heavily barred. There had been stairs leading up to a door, but they had been removed. No sounds reached him from above, and the noises from the street were muffled.

An hour later a man thrust a ladder down and brought more bread and water. He was armed with a knife and refused to answer any questions. The

American coaxed, threatened and tried to bribe, but the man was firm. Three times a day for the next ten days he brought bread and water, but never anything else. Then one evening he left the ladder behind him when he ascended, as if by an oversight, and after waiting for an hour Agnew crept up, to find the door open. He had no trouble in leaving the house, which was without tenants and situated in a slum street. The man hadn't a penny in money, and his suit was old and ragged. When he accosted a gendarme he was ordered to move on. He moved on and told his story again and again and at length was arrested and locked up. In the morning the police judge was about to commit Agnew as a vagrant when he asked that the head of the firm be sent for. This was done, and of course the prisoner was soon at liberty. He could not guide the police to the street where he had been held prisoner, but a visit to the home of Dubois explained everything. He had abandoned his family eight days previously. In a day or two it was shown that for five years he had maintained three separate establishments, and in two of them he had passed for a single man. Instead of being a man of steady habits, he was a regular rounder. Instead of being a man of probity, a brief examination of his books showed that he had stolen \$10,000 from the firm in six years. Had an expert been put on his books at any time his frauds must have been discovered in half a day.

It took the police a couple of weeks to secure a clue, but the embezzler was finally followed to South Africa and up the country to the diamond mines. When arrested he was all bravado, but three days later he committed suicide under the officer's nose, and the case against him was closed.

M. QUAD.

Panama Canal's Isthmian Rival.

IN view of the fact that it is likely to prove a rival to the Panama canal, the Tehuantepec railroad in Mexico has received surprisingly little attention from the public of the United States. When it was opened with imposing ceremonies the other day, President Diaz starting the first freight train across the isthmus of Tehuantepec, a great many people heard of the enterprise for the first time. Perhaps it is its rivalry to the Panama canal as a system of transportation from ocean to ocean that gives the Mexican undertaking its chief interest on this side of the international boundary line. It is the opinion of some who have studied the question that when President Diaz pressed the button at Salina Cruz, thus putting the new road in operation, he started a competition that will never end. It is maintained, however, that neither enterprise will put the other out of business, as there is room for both, and each route from sea to sea has its own special advantages. The competition between the two will, it is thought, prove beneficial to the interests of trade. The Tehuantepec route is on an average about 1,250 miles shorter than the Panama voyage between New York and San Francisco or Honolulu or Japan.

For certain classes of freight this is a very important advantage for a saving of a few days' time in delivery and may make considerable difference in the value of a cargo. On other classes of freight the saving in time is not of so much account, and it is a great advantage in favor of the Panama canal that vessels taking this route can carry unbroken cargoes.

The Tehuantepec railway was really originated by American enterprise. More than fifty years ago there was talk of a canal under the supervision of the United States which should cross from ocean to ocean on about

the line of the railway just opened. Later the Nicaragua and Panama



SIR WEETMAN PEARSON AND MAP SHOWING ROUTE OF THE ROAD.

routes came under discussion, the latter receiving the most favor and being adopted as the route of the waterway to be constructed by the United States. In 1879 the Mexican government gave a concession to a syndicate of business men, mainly residents of New York, for the construction of a railway across the Tehuantepec isthmus, and operations on the project began, but the enterprise met with obstacles in the way of disagreements between the Mexican officials and the American promoters, and work was discontinued. The road has now been finished under a fifty-year contract entered into between the Mexican government and the English contracting firm of S. Pearson & Son, limited, the same firm which is building the Pennsylvania-Long Island tunnel under the East river at New York. The railway is to be operated jointly by this firm and the government. The line is about 189 miles long and crosses the Sierra Madre mountains at an elevation of about 800 feet above sea level.

The Tehuantepec railway is a much less expensive affair than the Panama canal is expected to prove, the former having cost to date about \$40,000,000. It connects the ports of Salina Cruz, on the Pacific, and Coatzacoalcos, on the gulf of Mexico, and a great deal of money is being expended in improving the harbors of these ports and creating terminal facilities. Sir Weetman Pearson, head of the British firm which has constructed the railroad, is a member of the British parliament and a man of international reputation as an engineer and contractor. Between his duties in connection with the East river tunnel and his interests in Mexico he spends much of his time on this side of the Atlantic. Under him in the management of the Tehuantepec project in one or another of its phases are a large number of engineers and other skilled employees who are citizens of the United States, so that people from this side the line have had a good deal to do with the success of this big undertaking for increasing the prosperity and commercial prestige of the republic on our southern border. When President Diaz crossed the isthmus in his special train and entered the port of Coatzacoalcos, there was a notable demonstration. The train passed under triumphal arches, guns boomed, and fireworks were everywhere. Mexico is very proud of this new evidence of her enterprise and commercial progress.

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 Blätter.

TRUTH ABOUT CANCER.

This Deadly Disease is a Puzzle to the Medical World.

About cancer we must admit that we know next to nothing. We don't know the cause of the disease. Except in a small proportion of very early cases, we don't know how to cure it. We don't know whether it is hereditary. We don't know if it is induced by peculiarities of diet. We don't know to what extent it depends upon climate. We don't know whether it is contagious or infectious. We don't know why it reserves its attacks for oldish people. We don't know why it is increasing. All we may do at present is to keep a sharp lookout for incipient cancers and cut them out ruthlessly.

In brief, we must try to kill the cancer before it really exists. The preliminary spot or pea-like growth must be removed at once. We must keep a weather eye upon inflamed places and have them looked after without delay. No one fears the removal of such tiny growths these days. Not even children are scared by small operations.

It is not sufficient that a family physician remove the suspected growth with lancet or caustic. He has done his share if he merely sounds the warning in time. The cutting out should be done by a thoroughly competent surgeon, one who has served an apprenticeship under a master of the art and not one who has merely dabbled in surgery while attending cases of pneumonia, typhoid and measles.

A good surgeon of this sort does not temporize with a cancer. He knows that the operation must be performed immediately and that there must be no fatuous endeavor to conserve healthy tissue. It is far better to remove two inches of sound flesh than to err on the cautious side and leave behind one microscopic cancer cell. It is only by such radical and merciless surgery that we may combat cancer. We must take it in time, and we must cut deep and wide.

And even then we are never sure. Nature indeed is the only doctor whose skill is capable of combating cancer. Ehrlich and others have observed that of a given number of mice displaying symptoms of cancer a certain portion recover. The same thing is true of human beings.

Luckily there is no disease, no matter how virulent, that nature herself cannot cure, and so even in the worst cases of cancer it is well not to abandon hope. I have myself seen several cases of such spontaneous cures. One patient was a wealthy Baltimorean, whose malady was diagnosed by an operation as cancer of the stomach.

Three prominent American surgeons saw the cancer, which was inoperable because of its location. He submitted to a serum treatment, and three years later a second operation revealed the fact that his cancer had entirely disappeared, leaving a scar. Here was an undoubted case of cure. But did the serum do the work? Its advocates maintain that it did, but a great many very learned and scientific physicians hold that it did not. One cure, it is obvious, by no means establishes a specific's efficacy.—Dr. Hirschberg of Johns Hopkins in American Magazine.

Pea Soup and Electric Baths.

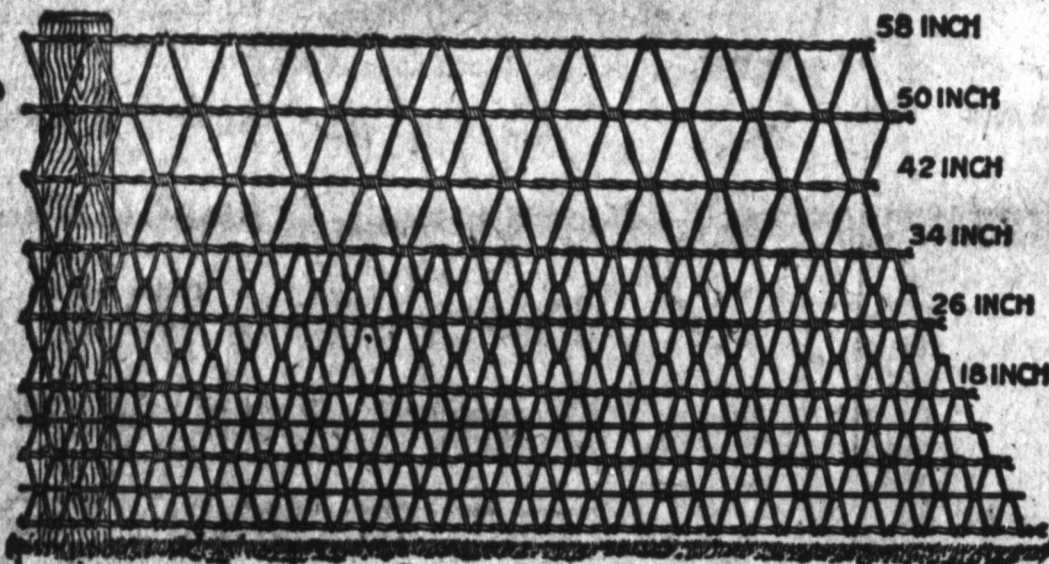
Two savants have just announced the discovery of a means of prolonging life indefinitely. A Frenchman says a certain sort of electric bath solves the problem, and a Massachusetts man declares that pea soup is the elixir so long searched for. The French physician is a comparatively young man, who employs the bright vocabulary of youth, in which, it is said, there is no such word as "can't." The New Englander is ninety-three years old and has been growing young, so he asserts, since he discovered the rejuvenating qualities of pea soup and eschewed all other meat and drink with a view to turning back the hands of the clock.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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THE MOMENTOUS 12TH.

The 12th day of July, 1907, which has come, is destined to be a date referred to in later-day Texas history; and also is expected to figure conspicuously in various and sundry decisions, as handed down from time to time, by the representatives of law and justice in the state.

The above for reasons that numerous bills passed by the last session of the State Legislature became operative on the last stroke of the midnight hour last Thursday night.

It may be stated that practically "every thing started over again in Texas at that time" under the laws which became effective, changing the order of things in many different avenues of activity.

Among the principle bills which became laws are the following:

The 14 hour bill, the full crew bill, Juvenile Court bill, Anti-free pass bill, Saloon regulation bill, Bill for drawing juries by the wheel method, Bill to compel cities to deposit their money in banks under contract, The anti-bucket shop bill, prohibiting dealing in futures: The anti-nepotism bill, Bill prohibiting corporations from contributing to campaign purposes, Bill prohibiting betting on football, and baseball games, Bill creating department of agriculture, The "jim crow" bill, applying to street and interurban cars, The "Ghost bill"—allowing medical colleges to take all unclaimed dead human bodies, except those who died in eleemosynary institutions.

There were 111 new laws passed, a greater number than at any previous session, and these are a few of the more important ones.

TAX OF BAD ROADS.

According to the Southwestern Farmer, bad roads levy a more burdensome tax on the

farmer than the railroads. It declares that with good roads, taking into consideration the farmers time and expence, he can save one half in getting his cotton to the railroads. On this is figured that farmers of Texas are paying about \$8,000,000 more annually than if roads were generally good.

"It is a moderate estimate," it says, "to put the cost of hauling farm products from the farm to the railroads all over the U. S. at \$100,000,000 more than it would be if the country roads were such as to allow a good two horse team to draw such a load as its strength would enable it to do." Think of our roads all over this country, are they in moderately good condition? Of course not. While they are no worse than they are, why not get them in first class condition. It will cost something now, but think of the lasting good they would be to you and many others that travel. It is just that the roads be made better, if not for you, for your faithful team. Lets wake up on this question.

The man who raises what he uses, as largely as he can, is the one who always has a few dollars to loan to his less fortunate neighbor. He it is who does not have to pay out all he has to go on.

A diversifier is one who has a variety of crops growing all the time. It takes a smarter and more industrious man to keep half a dozen things going than it does to keep one iron hot. But this sort of a man will get there with both feet warm, every time.

Yes the idea is beginning to spread that the land in the old corner cost as much as the land in the open field, and it should be made to pay its share some way. There is not an odd corner that will not grow a good tree and a good tree, is one of the best things on the farm.

The timber panic is being felt in many parts of the country, and will be worse before long. Save a tree when you can. Remember that it is always a good time to plant a tree, though some times are better than others

It is wonderful how the demand for fruit grows with the growth of the population and education of the country. Twenty years ago, apples that now sell for two dollars a barrel in the field, could be bought for fifty cents or less. Get your fruit trees and care for them. It will reduce doctor's bills.

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County Officers.

E. R. Yellott Judge
 W. K. Clark, Sheriff & Tax Collector
 J. D. Brown Clerk
 D. Dorward, Jr. Treasurer
 S. L. Jones Tax Assessor
 No Attorney.

Court convenes first Monday in February, May, August and November.

Commissioners.

J. A. Scarlett Precinct No. 1
 W. P. Coates Precinct No. 2
 J. H. Wicker Precinct No. 3
 C. E. Reader Precinct No. 4

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.

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In this age of competition, public spirit and enterprise the slow old methods of the past will not win, we must keep up with the procession or be relegated to the rear, and forced to take a back seat. Business men who continuously sit on the stool of do nothing and make no effort to increase and build up their business are forced to retire, when confronted with energy and enterprise. As this is true of an individual, so it is with a town. A town will not grow or improve much whose citizens have no faith in it, but sit around whittling on goods boxes, and predicting failure of every proposed undertaking of a beneficial character. Towns that rely solely upon their natural advantages rarely increase rapidly in improvements and population. But those towns only are of rapid growth whose capitalists and business men, put their shoulders to the wheel and expend money to invite capital and enterprise, to bring railroads, factories and institutions that add to their population and wealth. Is our attention directed solely to our own interests, in other words, to the making of money, and are we forgetful or indifferent in regard to the improvement and material development of Gail? Results speak for themselves. Neighboring towns have sprung up and outstripped us in growth. Their natural advantages are no greater than our own, but they have faith in their towns, they boast of them at home and advertise them abroad, and there is concert of action on the part of their citizens. They have offered bonuses to railroad companies and are confident of securing a railroad, and this very confidence is booming these towns. Why cannot Gail, with the wealthy land owners in its vicinity, unite with Big Springs in offering a good bonus and securing a road. We are as well, or better able to do so than the towns referred to, and with concert of action we can.

The Court of criminal appeals have held that part of the Terrell Election law unconstitutional which says a voter shall not borrow money to pay his poll tax. In a case from McLennan county the court will next fall have to pass upon the constitutionality of the law which makes the payment of a poll tax a qualification of a voter. Should this law be held unconstitutional, another law would have to be enacted before poll taxes could be collected.

This locality was again visited with a nice rain Sunday evening. We have suffered some loss from hail in the Northern part of this and Garza county, but recent rains have greatly improved the crop prospects.

Fred Petzel was in Gail Saturday, he informs us that he had 32 acres of cotton which is looking well, and putting on blooms, he has 8 acres of very promising corn about knee high, and about 30 acres in sorghum, maize and Kaffir corn. Altogether about 70 acres in cultivation.

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Local

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C. S. Brown who kept a market here and recently moved to Tahoka was here this week.

W. S. Norton the jeweler of Lubbock was here last week and left for Snyder.

J. F. Coats who has made his visits to Gail somewhat rare of late was here again last Saturday.

W. K. Clark returned from the Sheriffs Association at San Antonio, last Saturday.

The storm of the 10th played havoc with the poultry in the Julia neighborhood. At the home of Crawford Hoy who the day before had left with his family to visit relatives in Stonewall county, it upset the fowl house and killed 15 chickens. At A. W. Bouchers it blew down the hen house and about 100 chickens were killed or drowned.

The debate at the Kincaid school house was postponed till after the proposed barbecue.

Mr. Mat Cathey and family left here last week for the Pride neighborhood in Dawson county having some carpenters work to do there, they will probably be absent three or 4 weeks.

Prepare for your fall reading by subscribing for the Borden Citizen and the Western Breeders Journal. Both for the price of one.

The Commissioners Court of Garza county had a call meeting on Monday for the purpose of ordering record books and stationery for the county.

The travelers who visit Gail will be attracted by something not often seen; a Court house square converted into a vegetable garden. A sight of this garden will convince the doubting Thomases, that the soil of Borden is hard to beat.

Judge Yellott W. K. Clark and J. B. Stokes visited Post City, the county seat of Garza county this week.

Mrs. Scarlett, Misses Kate Turner and Ethel Blankenship and Prof. W. S. McClung went out Saturday afternoon to Mr. W. N. Colliers. They had a nice time fishing that night and caught a good string of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crowley of Garza county were here Tuesday and Wednesday.

N. H. Graham of Garza was here Tuesday

Mrs. Curtis and Alexander will at once install a telephone exchange here. This will give us connection with the neighboring ranches and communication with all houses in the town, where there are phones. It will be a great convenience to persons in the country who have them, or are near to a phone, to call a physician or talk on urgent business.

Prof. L. F. McKay has secured the school here and Miss Ethel Atwood of Big Springs will be assistant teacher. Our school will begin the 1st. Monday in September.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter who formerly lived here are again residents of Gail. They are occupying the John Howe house in the north part of town.

Mr. Dave Dorward with his family visited his father last Sunday. No doubt they enjoyed the tranquil quiet, and pure air of the country, after being pent up so long in the over crowded and densely populated city of Gail.

Miss Ethel Blankenship left Gail this morning for a trip of several weeks to Decater, Temple, Troy and Oneaville and other points. Miss Ethel has been closely confined clerking for J. W. Chandler for months and will no doubt enjoy a little outing.

Mr. Tom Smith who has been quite sick at the Gail hotel is reported better, and we hope will be up and about in a short time.

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J. S. Fritz and family started to-day on a trip to Nolan county to be gone two or three weeks.

J. M. Evans of the Julia neighborhood was here Tuesday and had us enrol his name on the register of subscribers.

Public Festival.

The Womans Home Mission Society will serve ice cream and cake at the court house Saturday before the first Sunday in August beginning at 5 o'clock.

Everybody invited to come. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Parsonage.

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Plainview School House.

We had a nice refreshing rain last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry have returned from Grady, New Mexico, where they have been visiting their children, Messrs Johnson and Berry.

Mr. William Davis has moved back to Lynn county, he says Lynn is good enough for him.

Mr. Will Farris has gone to Abilene to spend a few days.

Mr. Wm. Salyers, wife and son have returned to Tahoka where they have been attending the Holiness meeting.

Mrs Tom Kennedy was the guest of Mrs. Beach Friday.

Mr. Cypher and family have gone to Lubbock to visit Mr.

Bounds and family.

Mr. Geo. Riley was in our community on a visit last week.

Mrs. R. I. Rains is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Will Salyers and wife will go to Buffalo Gap, to attend the Holiness meeting next week.

The singing at Mr. Austins was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. R. I. Rains made a business trip to Tahoka Thursday.

Mr. Oscar McCarley has returned from Big Springs, he reports a nice rain but not enough to put water in the lakes and tanks.

Mr. Waller has had a well drilled on his place.

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