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A TALK ABOUT GOOD ROADS

The Movement is of Vital Interest to Farmers,
Prof. Ridgway Says.

On the wall of his Kansas City office hangs a diploma from the University of Missouri which proclaims J. T. Ridgway a master of arts. Mr. Ridgway wears a beard and bow spectacles.

"It is only within the last ten or fifteen years," he was saying. "That the road question has been a serious one in Missouri. Before that time we had ridge roads, which followed the crests of the hills and took a short cut across country to the nearest town. There are counties in the Ozarks where this condition still exists, but everywhere there are new roads laid out along section lines. And in these places the matter of good roads for market purposes is one of the most vital problems the farmers have to confront."

Mr. Ridgway is not an officeholder nor a politician. The office where the diploma hangs is in the Washington school, Independence avenue and Cherry street, of which he is the principal. He began the study of roads because, as he explains, "it has as much to do with civilization as anything else I know of, and I had to have something to study after I left college."

"In Linn county, when I was a boy of 16 or 17, he continued, I used to drive to Iowa over a ridge road that was 100 miles long. There was little trouble with the roads then. Now there's a road on every section line, and the cost of maintenance of the county's highways has increased 100 times. The worst of the matter is that there isn't enough rock in Linn county to macadamize these roads. Per-

haps it will be necessary to resort to the material that is tried in many counties in Illinois—burnt clay macadam. Under new conditions it is costly to grade a dirt road so that it will drain and dry up quickly."

Then Mr. Ridgway brought the palm of his right hand down on the desk top.

"I tell you, we'll never have good roads until we do away with the present system of perfunctory poll-tax road management. While every man between the ages of 21 and 45 has to work on the roads and it's everyone's business to keep things up, no one in particular cares how it's done. The farmers come out with axes and spades and 'putter around' a bit. That's all there is to it. There should be contracts let for building and maintaining the roads.

"But the next best thing to that is township management of roads instead of county management. The county courthouse 'rings' always fight any effort to install this system, and the counties that have it are made up of persons who have moved from Illinois and care more for good roads than for politics."

"Nothing is more important than that the farmer be able to haul his produce to town at the time when he can receive the best prices for it. Here in Jackson county, Missouri, we raise fruit, grain, poultry and similar products that vary in price. The farmer must not allow himself to lose sales because the roads are muddy. In Clay county, where the chief occupation is stock raising, it doesn't make so much difference. The stock raiser can drive his cattle through the mud."—Kansas City Star.

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Borden county is located partly below and partly above the "cap rock". The altitude below the cap rock is about 2300 feet. Soil fertile, climate pleasant. About 25 per cent of the land to some extent is rough and better adapted to stock raising than to farming. Timber for fuel is plentiful, below the foot of the plains, mesquite being the most abundant. This country is well set in good grass, the principal grasses being the needle and mesquite.

The rainfall here is sufficient for abundant and successful farming. The products of the farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat and oats have not been grown extensively in this county, but some parts are specially adapted to the raising of small grain. We find the gardens bedecked with beans, peas, turnips, onions radishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts and watermelons. The orchards furnish peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums and apricots. The wild fruits are grapes, plums and mulberries. At present orchards are comparatively few, but bear good and abundant fruit. Agriculture is fast becoming the leading industry. The lands which only a few years since were trodden under the foot of the buffalo and mustang pony, and the howl of the lobo and the yelp of the coyote were the only signs of life now are under fence and the soil beneath the plow. At present the whistle of the farm boy, the songs of the milk maid, the bark of the neighbor's dog, the rattling of wagons, and the hum of gins are some of the indications of life and civilization.

Stock raising is still a leading factor in the progress of our county. Borden county takes pride in raising some of the best horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry does extremely well in this locality.

The development of this county has been quite rapid the last six months. During that time there has been a nice little town build up. The Methodists have erected a handsome church building at Durham in the South-Eastern part of this county.

Gail, the county seat, is a small town but is building fast. There are eight business houses, besides a bank, two hotels, a restaurant, a livery stable and a wagon yard, two blacksmith

shops and a new gin. Several of these improvements have been recently erected. Borden county is almost sure to average one-half bale per acre to all lands planted in cotton. I have lived in Borden county for eight years and have never witnessed a complete failure in crops. The lands about Gail have not heretofore been for sale, hence the slow development. At the present some of the pastures are for sale in small tracts.

Order of Commissioners Court.

The State of Texas }
County of Borden } Be it remembered that on this the 9th day of Oct. 1907, there was begun and holden a session of the commissioners' court of Borden county at the court house thereof in Gail Texas, Present and presiding Hon. E. R. Yellott County Judge, J. A. Scarlett, W. P. Coates. C. E. Rreeder and J. F. Wicker. commissioners, W. K. Clark Sheriff. Rodway Keen county clerk, when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

After having made a careful

canvass of the votes cast for and against prohibition, Sept. 28. 1907 at the different voting places in said county, we find that votes cast are as follows: For prohibition 109, and against prohibition 27. It is therefore declared by the court that the election is in favor of prohibition. It is therefore ordered by the court that the sale of intoxicating liquors within said Borden county shall be absolutely prohibited except for the purposes and under the regulations specified by law until such time as the qualified voters therein may at a legal election held for that purpose by a majority vote decide otherwise.

E. R. YELLOTT,
County Judge.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the order passed by the Hon. Commissioners court, this the 9th day of Oct. 1907.

SEAL RODWAY KEEN, Clerk
County Court Borden County Tex.

Japs are Studying Hotels.

The Japanese government now has commissioners in the United States and in European countries to become acquainted with

Western methods of operating hotels. The Japanese commissioners, it is said, take service in establishments famed for their cuisine and remain a few weeks or a month making observations. In several instances they have explained their missions to the landlords and in this way their mission has been made easy. On their return to Japan the commissioners will conduct a symposium and from the best ideas of each will devise a course of instruction for hotel servants.—Kansas City Star.

Hon. C. H. Jenkins publishes a card in the last issue of the Brown Wood News advising farmers to continue to hold their cotton. He says the recent decline is based on false estimates and concludes as follows: "Hold your cotton, at least until the ginner's report in December is in, and I think you will then see that that the crop will not exceed 12,000,000 bales. If you will only stand firm you will get fifteen cents even though the crop should prove to be 13,000,000 bales."—Breckenridge Democrat.

The farmer might get a better price by holding, but if by doing so he should cause embarrassment to the business man and merchant to whom he is indebted, would such a course be just and right?

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"But you didn't ask me to call merely to find out what I thought of my own work."

"No," replied Ryder slowly. "I want you to do some work for me."

He opened a drawer at the lefthand side of his desk and took out several sheets of foolscap and a number of letters. Shirley's heart beat faster as she caught sight of the letters. Were her father's among them? She wondered what kind of work John Burkett Ryder had for her to do and if she would do it whatever it was. Some literary work probably, compelling or something of that kind. If it was well paid, why should she not accept? There would be nothing humiliating in it; it would not tie her hands in any way. She was a professional writer in the market to be employed by whoever could pay the price. Besides, such work might give her better opportunities to secure the letters of which she was in search. Gathering in one pile all the papers he had removed from the drawer, Mr. Ryder said:

"I want you to put my biography together from this material. But first," he added, taking up "The American Octopus," "I want to know where you got the details of this man's life."

"Oh, for the most part—imagination, newspapers, magazines," replied Shirley carelessly. "You know the American millionaire is a very overworked topic just now—and naturally I've read"

"Yes, I understand," he said, "but I refer to what you haven't read—what you couldn't have read. For example, here." He turned to a page marked in the book and read aloud: "As an evidence of his petty vanity, when a youth he had a beautiful Indian girl tattooed just above the forearm." Ryder leaned eagerly forward as he asked her searchingly, "Now who told you that I had my arm tattooed when I was a boy?"

"Have you?" laughed Shirley nervously. "What a curious coincidence!"

"Let me read you another coincidence," said Ryder meaningly. He turned to another part of the book and read, "the same eternal long black cigar always between his lips."

"General Grant smoked, too," interrupted Shirley. "All men who think deeply along material lines seem to smoke."

"Well, we'll let that go. But how about this?" He turned back a few pages and read: "John Broderick had loved when a young man a girl who lived in Vermont, but circumstances separated them." He stopped and stared at Shirley a moment, and then he said: "I loved a girl when I was a lad and she came from Vermont, and circumstances separated us. That isn't coincidence, for presently you make John Broderick marry a young woman who had money. I married a girl with money."

"Lots of men marry for money," remarked Shirley.

"I said with money, not for money," retorted Ryder. Then, turning to the book, he said: "Now, this is what I can't understand, for no one could have told you this but I myself. Listen." He read aloud: "With all his physical bravery and personal courage, John Broderick was intensely afraid of death. It was on his mind constantly. Who told you that?" he demanded somewhat roughly. "I swear I've never mentioned it to a living soul."

"Most men who amass money are afraid of death," replied Shirley with outward composure, "for death is about the only thing that can separate them from their money."

Ryder laughed, but it was a hollow, mocking laugh, neither sincere nor hearty. It was a laugh such as the devil may have given when driven out of heaven.

"You're quite a character!" He laughed again, and Shirley, catching the infection, laughed too.

"It's me and it isn't me," went on Ryder, flourishing the book. "This fellow Broderick is all right; he's successful and he's great, but I don't like his finish."

"It's logical," ventured Shirley.

"It's cruel," insisted Ryder.

"So is the man who reverses the divine law and hates his neighbor instead of loving him," retorted Shirley.

She spoke more boldly, beginning to feel more sure of her ground, and it amused her to fence in this way with the man of millions. So far, she thought, he had not got the best of her. She was fast becoming used to him, and her first feeling of intimidation was passing away.

"Um!" grunted Ryder. "You're a curious girl. Upon my word you interest me!" He took the mass of papers lying at his elbow and pushed them over to her. "Here," he said, "I want you to make as clever a book out of this chaos as you did out of your own imagination."

Shirley turned the papers over carelessly.

"So you think your life is a good example to follow?" she asked, with a tinge of irony.

"Isn't it?" he demanded.

The girl looked him square in the face.

"Suppose," she said, "we all wanted to follow it; suppose we all wanted to be the richest, the most powerful personage in the world?"

"Well, what then?" he demanded.

"I think it would postpone the era of the brotherhood of man indefinitely, don't you?"

"I never thought of it from that point of view," admitted the millionaire.

"Really," he added, "you're an extraordinary girl. Why, you can't be more than twenty or so."

"I'm twenty-four or so," smiled Shirley.

Ryder's face expanded in a broad smile. He admired this girl's pluck and ready wit. He grew more amiable and tried to gain her confidence. In a coaxing tone he said:

"Come, where did you get those details? Take me into your confidence."

"I have taken you into my confidence," laughed Shirley, pointing at her book. "It cost you \$1.50." Turning over the papers he had put before her, she said presently, "I don't know about this."

"You don't think my life would make good reading?" he asked, with some asperity.

"It might," she replied slowly, as if unwilling to commit herself as to its commercial or literary value. Then she said frankly: "To tell you the honest truth, I don't consider mere genius in money making is sufficient provocation for rushing into print. You see, unless you come to a bad end, it would have no moral."

Ignoring the not very flattering insinuation contained in this last speech, the plutocrat continued to urge her:

"You can name your own price if you

will do the work," he said. "Two, three or even five thousand dollars. It's only a few months' work."

"Five thousand dollars?" echoed Shirley. "That's a lot of money." Smiling, she added: "It appeals to my commercial sense. But I'm afraid the subject does not arouse my enthusiasm from an artistic standpoint."

Ryder seemed amused at the idea of any one hesitating to make \$5,000. He knew that writers do not run across such opportunities every day.

"Upon my word," he said, "I don't know why I'm so anxious to get you to do the work. I suppose it's because you don't want to. You remind me of my son. Ah, he's a problem!"

Shirley started involuntarily when Ryder mentioned his son. But he did not notice it.

"Why, is he wild?" she asked, as if only mildly interested.

"Oh, no; I wish he were," said Ryder.

"Fallen in love with the wrong woman, I suppose," she said.

"Something of the sort. How did you guess?" asked Ryder, surprised.

Shirley coughed to meet her embarrassment and replied indifferently:

"So many boys do that. Besides," she added, with a mischievous twinkle in her eyes, "I can hardly imagine that any woman would be the right one unless you selected her yourself!"

Ryder made no answer. He folded his arms and gazed at her. Who was this woman who knew him so well, who could read his inmost thoughts, who never made a mistake? After a silence he said:

"Do you know you say the strangest things?"

"Truth is strange," replied Shirley carelessly. "I don't suppose you hear it very often."

"Not in that form," admitted Ryder. Shirley had taken on to her lap some of the letters he had passed her and was perusing them one after another.

"All these letters from Washington consulting you on politics and finance—they won't interest the world."

"My secretary picked them out," explained Ryder. "Your artistic sense will tell you what to use."

"Does your son still love this girl? I mean the one you object to," inquired Shirley as she went on sorting the papers.

"Oh, no, he does not care for her any more," answered Ryder hastily.

"Yes, he does. He still loves her," said Shirley positively.

"How do you know?" asked Ryder, amazed.

"From the way you say he doesn't," retorted Shirley.

Ryder gave his caller a look in which admiration was mingled with astonishment.

"You are right again," he said. "The idiot does love the girl."

"Bless his heart!" said Shirley to herself. Aloud she said:

"I hope they'll both outwit you."

Ryder laughed in spite of himself. This young woman certainly interested him more than any other he had ever known.

"I don't think I ever met any one in my life quite like you," he said.

"What's the objection to the girl?" demanded Shirley.

"Every objection. I don't want her in my family."

"Anything against her character?"

To better conceal the keen interest she took in the personal turn the conversation had taken, Shirley pretended to be more busy than ever with the papers.

"Yes—that is, no—not that I know of," replied Ryder. "But because a woman has a good character, that doesn't necessarily make her a desirable match, does it?"

"It's a point in her favor, isn't it?"

"Yes, but"—He hesitated as if uncertain what to say.

"You know men well, don't you, Mr. Ryder?"

"I've met enough to know them pretty well," he replied.

"Why don't you study women for a change?" she asked. "That would en-

able you to understand a great many things that I don't think are quite clear to you now."

Ryder laughed good humoredly. It was decidedly a novel sensation to have some one lecturing him.

"I'm studying you," he said, "but I don't seem to make much headway. A woman like you whose mind isn't spoiled by the amusement habit has great possibilities—great possibilities. Do you know you're the first woman I ever took into my confidence—I mean at sight?" Again he fixed her with that keen glance which in his business life had taught him how to read men. He continued: "I'm acting on sentiment—something I rarely do, but I can't help it. I like you, upon my soul I do, and I'm going to introduce you to my wife—my son!"

He took the telephone from his desk as if he were going to use it.

"What a commander in chief you would have made—how natural it is for you to command!" exclaimed Shirley in a burst of admiration that was half real, half mocking. "I suppose you always tell people what they are to do and how they are to do it. You are a born general. You know I've often thought that Napoleon and Caesar and Alexander must have been great domestic leaders as well as imperial rulers. I'm sure of it now."

Ryder listened to her in amazement. He was not quite sure if she were making fun of him or not.

"Well, of all"—he began; then interrupting himself he said amiably, "Won't you do me the honor to meet my family?"

Shirley smiled sweetly and bowed.

"Thank you, Mr. Ryder, I will."

She rose from her seat and leaned over the manuscripts to conceal the satisfaction this promise of an introduction to the family circle gave her. She was quick to see that it meant more visits to the house and other and perhaps better opportunities to find the objects of her search. Ryder lifted the receiver of his telephone and talked to his secretary in another room, while Shirley, who was still standing, continued examining the papers and letters.

"Is that you, Bagley? What's that? General Dodge? Get rid of him. I can't see him today. Tell him to come tomorrow. What's that? My son wants to see me? Tell him to come to the phone."

At that instant Shirley gave a little cry, which in vain she tried to suppress. Ryder looked up.

"What's the matter?" he demanded, startled.

"Nothing, nothing!" she replied in a hoarse whisper. "I pricked myself with a pin. Don't mind me."

She had just come across her father's missing letters, which had got mixed up, evidently without Ryder's knowledge, in the mass of papers he had handed her. Prepared as she was to find the letters somewhere in the house, she never dreamed that fate would put them so easily and so quickly into her hands; the suddenness of their appearance and the sight of her father's familiar signature affected her almost like a shock. Now she had them, she must not let them go again; yet how could she keep them unobserved? Could she conceal them? Would he miss them? She tried to slip them in her bosom while Ryder was busy at the phone, but he suddenly glanced in her direction and caught her eye. She still held the letters in her hand, which shook from nervousness, but he noticed nothing and went on speaking through the phone:

"Hello, Jefferson, boy! You want to see me. Can you wait till I'm through? I've got a lady here. Going away? Nonsense! Determined, eh? Well, I can't keep you here if you've made up your mind. You want to say goodby. Come up in about five minutes, and I'll introduce you to a very interesting person."

He laughed and hung up the receiver. Shirley was all unstrung, trying to overcome the emotion which her dis-

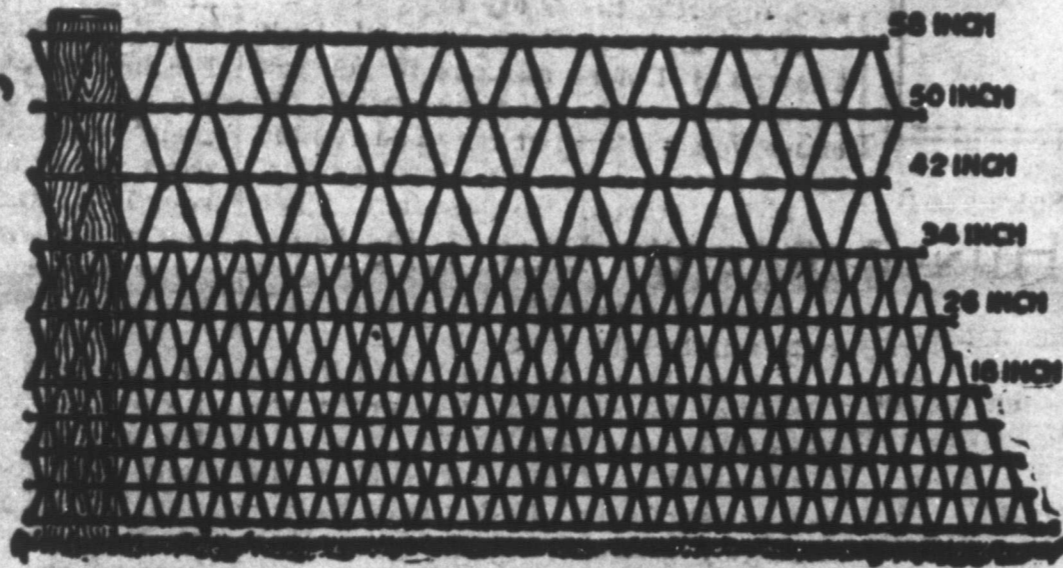
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another example of personal
sway like Mr. Bryan. At this
time he controls his party, in a
political sense, even more than
President Roosevelt dominates
the Republican organization. It
cannot be recalled that any other
man who has not achieved the
Presidency has ever acquired
such a powerful grip on his par-
ty. As a rule, failure means
loss of prestige. But Mr. Bryan
has met with two defeats in the
last eleven years; yet during all
of that time he has been the un-
disputed leader, and most of the
time the absolute dictator, of his
party. If he had demanded
the nomination in 1904 he could
have secured it. The nomina-
tion of another man was possible
only because he declared that he
was not a candidate. Even in
that year it was Bryan, not
Parker, who represented Demo-
cratic leadership in the popular
sense.

Does all this mean that Mr.
Bryan, in spite of his failure to
achieve the Presidency, is a man
of extraordinary genius, or does
it mean that the party has be-
come weak, aimless and inas-
sertive, and is therefore, easily
controlled by a nominal leader-
ship? Be that as it may, Mr.
Bryan's responsibility is rela-
tively great. It is for him to di-
rect the strengthening of his party
or to put the responsibilities of
leadership on other shoulders.—
Kansas City Star.

To Seek the Poles With Bears.

Captian Roald Amundsen, the
Norwegian Arctic explorer, said
recently. "I intend to try to
find the pole and will start in
1910. I shall equip a vessel for
a stay of six years. I figure that
it will take possibly five years to
accomplish what we set out to
do.

"My idea is to pass through
the Bering sea as the Gjoa did
and then drift with the Nippon
current in water and with the ice
until near enough to make a
dash for the pole. I don't be-
lieve that this can be accom-
plished in one or two years.
Eventually, I believe, it must
succeed. I am having some po-
lar bears trained by Carl Hagen-
back, the animal trainer. They
are at home in the cold of the
Arctic and can be easily cared
for and fed with seal meat.
When near enough to the pole
it is my intention to use these
bears to make a dash. There
will be six of these bears
and they will haul three sledges."

—Kansas City Star.

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CROWTH OF TOWNS.

Cities and towns differ as much in all that constitutes character and individuality as do men. For after all what are towns but a collection of individuals, whose customs, character mode of living collectively are those of the town. As there are no two individuals in all respects alike so neither can we find two towns one of which is an exact counterpart of the other. They all differ somewhat in their local aspects and general appearance. One will take a pride in erecting fine showy buildings of brick or stone while another will pay more attention to improvement of its sidewalks and streets, and cleanliness of the same, or to beautifying its homes with nice lawns, shubbery and everything that tends to make them attractive and home like. Towns also differ in the matter of public spirit and enterprise. In some there is a spirit of harmony, and concert of action, all pulling together in one common cause, for the upbuilding of their town and community. Such towns fully recognize the importance of co-operation, and realize that the general growth of their business depends upon the growth of their town and community. They are always ready to contribute of their time and means to all public spirited enterprise and are not afraid to spend a dollar when by doing so they may get two in return. Towns full of enterprise and push soon grow to the measure of cities and ere long hear the whistle of trains and the whir of factory spindles. On the other hand the town that lacks enterprise and relies on its natural advantages for growth, and improvement, will make slow growth for population will seek other towns which advertise their advantages and offer them induce-

ments to come. Gall has made considerable improvement in the last two years but that was due not so much to the enterprise of its citizens, as to increase of immigration and consequent settlement of the country. Our country is as yet only partially settled and it possesses many attractions to the home seeker. If we would get our share of the immigrants to this section of the country, we should invite them to come by advertising freely. our fine climate, fertile soil and cheap lands. A plain truthful account of this triple combination of advantages, sufficiently advertised, will attract the home seeker and settler to our country more rapidly than any other means or agency we can employ. Why are we sitting on the stool of doing nothing, while our neighboring towns are doing all that effort and enterprise can, to secure railroads, and to promote their own growth and advancement? Let us catch their spirit of enterprise and turn our attention somewhat to the upbuilding of our town and not devote it all to our own special business and selfish personal interests.

Hints for Dry Years.

This has been a dry year, the kind of year that require of the farmer a careful cultivation of land after each rainfall in order to conserve the moisture in the soil. If land is not broken after rain falls a crust forms. Each day this crust thickens. Microscopic chimneys—thousands of them to the square foot—form and lengthen as the crust thickens. Through them streams of vapor ascend out of the ground, leaving the soil utterly without water to feed plant roots. Cultivation destroys that crust and the chimneys, and the moisture remains to feed the plants. The editor studied this question and practiced it when he owned a fine farm near this city, and knows the value of it. As a matter of fact farmers can get along with less rainfall than they usually get if they will break their land early in the Fall and cultivate their crops properly. Don't try to raise cotton two consecutive years on the same land. By no means permit any one to burn the grass and stalks on your land. Plow them under and keep your land in perfect fertility. A constant burning off of the grass and stalks impoverishes your land and it gets drouthy, in a condition to bake quickly after rain. If you will heed these suggestions you will make better crops on less land than you have heretofore been doing.—Stephenville Tribune,

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Local and Personal

J. C. Benton and family left the first of the week for a visit to home folks in Plano, and also take in the Dallas fair.—Big Springs Herald.

Comanche county has voted for issuing \$170,000 road bonds.—Big Springs Herald.

The Misses Glasscock from Big Springs came in last week to visit their sister Mrs. Paul Dillahunt. We hope they are having a pleasant visit.

Mrs. J. W. Chandler spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Cranfill.

Mr. Will Hamilton was in town Monday with cotton.

Mr. Echol Park, who has been here two months attending school returned to his home Monday. He will attend school out there.

Mr. Joe Roper was in town Monday with a bale of cotton.

Prof. S. McClung of Post City was here Saturday shaking hands with friends. He was accompanied by Mr. Smith.

Miss Margrette McKay returned to her home in Big Springs. She has been here a week visiting her brother.

The family of Mr. S. A. Morrow moved in town last week.

Mrs. Green moved in her new home last week.

Mr. G. Webber and family left the first of this week for their new home at Pyote, Winkler county.

Mr. Red Rodgers was in town last Saturday on business.

Miss Stella Nisbett is on the sick list this week.

Dr. J. H. Hannabass and wife left Sunday for Snyder to visit her people there; they returned Monday.

Miss Aby Wilborn of the plains was in town last Sunday visiting the Misses Hopkins.

Mr. Gibb Doyle came in last Thursday from Big Springs to see his father. He returned Monday.

Successor to Cole & Strayhorn. See Towle and Johnson when in Snyder for every thing in good jewelry.

Mrs. Pindergrass, a sister of Mrs. Carpenter left here about a month ago and located at Climax, N. M. We hear she is very low and may die.

J. W. Chandler returned from the Dallas fair on Monday last.

For ridge roll, cresting and finials, call at Arnolds tin shop when in Big Springs, or write him for prices. Also for Gutters and tanks.

NOTICE.

On Monday, Nov. 11 the Commissioners' Court of Garza county will receive bids from banks for the custody of the county funds until Feb 1909. Bids should be addressed to the County Judge at Post City Texas.

J. M. BOREN.

County Judge, Garza county.

I have got 24 extra fine Registered Hereford Bull calves for sale from 8 to 12 months old.

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Gail, Texas.

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To Those who are Indebted to Me.

I am now having heavy obligations to meet and must rely on those whom I have favored to aid me. All who are indebted to me, either by note or account are earnestly requested to settle at once.

Respectfully

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Hardin Dodson returned last Saturday from his ranch in Winkler county.

HALLOWEEN.

Halloween night found quite a crowd of ghostly apparitions gathered in Mrs. Taylor's parlor. From the home of Mrs. Taylor we were marched in single file to the home of Mrs. Thornton, where we were met at the door by our hostesses Mrs. Thornton and Miss Ethel Blankenship, and assigned names for the evening. From the hall we were ushered into the parlor where the shades of Cleopatra and Julius Caesar were on the friendliest terms.

At the unmasking, we recognized our dearest friends who had been masquerading as Adam and Eve and other ancient people long since dead.

The parlors were artistically decorated with chrysanthemums, ferns, and vines. Apples were suspended from the ceiling just a tempting distance from the mouth, and formidable looking Jack-O-lanterns were strung on the walls. In the hall was an immense tub filled with water, apples, oranges, nuts and other good things, that could only be had by ducking your head for them.

In the parlor quite a number of young people were busy testing their skill threading pumpkin seeds with needles and thread. Eunice Nisbett being the best needle-woman received as a prize a box of Lowneys. Mr. Michael received as a consolation a stick of red candy.

At eleven the crowd assembled in the dining hall where they were served a delicious repast of sandwiches and cake. As the clock was striking the hour of twelve the crowd went home declaring the evening the most pleasant one spent in many months. Out of town guests were:

Misses Margaret McKay, Big Springs; Katy Willis, Smith and Josie York, Julia.

Messrs. Graham Whitaker, Clyde Willis, Julia; Gibb Doyle, Big Springs.

Just received a car of the Old Reliable Peter Schuttler broad tire wagons.

D. P. STRAYHORN,

Our Schools—One Class vs. Another.

The school bell again chimes out "come," and as we look forth and see the groups of boys and girls on their way to school, we note some whose elastic step and cheerful faces are highly indicative of the soul and mind, and all such will prove a blessing to themselves, their teachers and their school. Their actions show their anxiety for work; their lessons will be perfectly prepared; their recitations well given; and they will attain to that round on the ladder of fame and learning called success. They will master all knotty problems, not only in school but in life. They will not require punishing in order to teach them the necessity of getting their lessons. They study because they love to; are industrious and energetic from principle; their life will be a success.

Following comes another group of boys whose lagging steps and sullen faces show that the sound of the bell grated harshly upon their ears. These boys will prove unruly, unkind and, unlike the other class named, will take but little interest in their work, and at the end of the year, in spite of a teacher's earnest efforts in their behalf, will be but little further advanced than in the beginning.

We need not say what the result will be in the latter case, but to these boys' parents we wish to say, try to cultivate in their minds a love for the School and school work. See to it that they are in school every day; that their report cards show a good grade or know why such is not the case. In other words see if you can't control your boys and not depend upon the teacher to do it.

During "Bargain Days," Dec. 1 to 15, watch for great subscription proposition—THE FORT WORTH TELEGRAM, daily and Sunday, by mail one year. Postmasters or rural route carriers will tell you.

Serious Accident.

The little son of Mr. Frank Hughes about 7 or 8 years old was run over by a wagon in which was a bale of cotton, Tuesday morning. The wagon wheel ran over the little fellows back he having fallen out face downward. He was getting along well when his uncle, Will Hughes left with him for home yesterday morning.

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A Chinaman in Colorado has made quite a success of dry farming in a small way. Mr. Armstrong, secretary of the Durango board of trade, asked him how he did it, and the Chinaman said: "Velle muchee workee. I plow and hallow and hallow like hellee." —Berckinridge Democrat.

Schools and churches do much towards building up a town with desirable citizens, and it is seldom an editor can overdo the matter of speaking encouraging words for the schools of his town. Many editors make it a rule never to let their paper go to the public without calling attention to the advantages of its schools. Such notices encourage the pupils, strengthen the teachers and

are the best advertisements for the town and community.

A Bryan dinner will be given at the Raleigh hotel in Washington on the 26 of this month. Mr. Bryan is expected to make announcement then, as to his candidacy.

Sensible Advice.

The habit of indulging in the use of profane or obscene language is one of most nonsensical habits a human being ever acquired. No man or youth ever raised himself in the estimation of saints or sinners by the use of foul language. Purity of thought and speech are valuable virtues. And yet, its our honest opinion that the man who unwittingly "cusses" a little now

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and then, is not half so big a sinner as the fellow who continuously thinks evil and speaks evil of his neighbors, and refuses to pay his honest debts upon the theory that "Jesus paid it all, all the debt I owe." If the pulpits of the land would "go after" the fellows who refuse to pay their honest debts and to love their wives and their fellowmen—"go after" them as vigorously as they go after the fellows who "cuss and chew tobacco," the true reformation of the race might be nearer at hand.

The Vine Hill nursery of Titus which we represent is one of the best nurseries in the state. It replaces dead trees and supplies shortages and omissions. It is best to patronize a local agent, who is always in reach.

T. M. JONES.

Mr. West of near Tredway was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Chaney was in town Wednesday with a bale of cotton.

We are sorry to hear that the little daughter of Mr. Reed is no better.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Dodson returned from an absence of several weeks. Mrs. Dodson has been visiting her sister Mrs. Bullard at Mineral Wells. Mr. Dodson has been to Loving county.

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COLORADO, TEXAS.

Mr. Ed Conley was in town Tuesday on business.

Mr. Jess Walker returned Saturday after an absence of several days from Loving county.