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**Mind Your Own Business.**  
Those are just the words. Had we looked through "Webster's Unabridged" we could not have found four words that expressed so entirely our meaning as these. We believe the four words were made with direct reference to the grumbling, growling mischief-makers.  
People who never mind their own business are very much such a class of animals as the cross, surly, whiffet dogs, that are always barking, biting and nabbing somebody. We wonder if they would appreciate a lecture? We will ask them a few questions just to find out. Don't you think the world and the people in it will live and prosper without the tremendous anxiety you carry on your shoulders by keeping an eye

on everything and everybody in the whole neighborhood and world besides? Can't Mrs. A. make a sweet cake without your lying awake nights for fear there is going to be a wedding and you will not be invited? Can't Jennie have a new gown but you must immediately see it, know the price, and for what special occasion it was purchased, or die of curiosity? Can't neighbor B. and his wife go by but you'll bet they're going to see somebody and have slighted you?  
Did God make you and us on purpose to superintend His universe, and everybody's affairs and assume the control of the "free will" he gave men? Is this the purpose and plan of our existence and destiny, to forever be meddling with somebody's business? It gives us "that tired feeling" to think of the pains some people

take to gather the smallest items of "news." They leave their own garden to grow full of weeds while they are trying to hold up before everybody, the few they pull from their neighbor's. They do everything but mind their own business. They never speak of their own faults or follies. No, indeed; by the time the whole town is criticised and judgement pronounced, they have not a moment left to do more than congratulate themselves on their own good works.  
People who don't mind their business bring more misery into families, societies and churches than everything else combined. They turn the pleasant, peaceful stream of good will into a loathsome pool.  
Minding our own business will make peaceful homes, happy neighbors and a sweet conscience that will make us know why Jesus

loved the peacemakers and said of them "Blessed are the peace makers; for they shall be called the children of God."  
Now this is plain talk, but if the shoe does not fit you, then do not put it on, but should it fit the longer you wear it the better it will be for you and the entire community.  
Mrs. E. R. Yellott has been absent two or three months visiting relatives at Lockheart returned home Tuesday evening. We congratulate the Judge on the transformation her presence will make in his home and happiness.  
J. D. Brown went to Post City on business this week.  
M. H. Leak went to Winkler county last week with Genus Webber.

## Local and Personal

Bob Peter's of Brady City passed through Gail on Friday on his way to Post City.

Mrs. W. P. Bullard of Mineral Wells came in on the Friday hack to see her daughter, Miss Mattie Bullard who is very sick at her brother's Troy Bullard on the plains.

Judge Yellott and myself visited the Gail school on Friday last. We were present at the recitations in Arithmetic before Prof. McKay. The Prof. seems perfectly at home in his work and holds the attention and self-respect of his pupils, who on their part seem to be interested in the work.

J. R. Whitaker of Jackson county a brother of Graham Whitaker is visiting his father J. H. Whitaker of this county.

J. C. Babb lately from New Mexico has bought out the old Clark Blacksmith shop and tools, and will from this time on run the business himself. Mr. Babb is an old and experienced blacksmith and guarantees his work.

We were visited by a cold wave last Sunday evening, drizzling and sleeting after dusk, and Monday morning the ground was covered with snow. Tuesday was cold but it moderated with a the bright sunshine.

Mrs. M. E. Berry returned Saturday from a several weeks visit to her daughter in Big Springs.

Miss Stella Nisbett returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. H. S. Bolin left on last Saturday for a several weeks visit to her mother in Lockney.

Miss Hettie Klincaid was in town trading on last Saturday she and Miss Ola spent the night with their sister, Mrs. Arnett.

Mr. Sam Sanford was in town Monday.

Mrs. Tom Hale left last Thursday for a several weeks visit to friends and relatives in Lockheart, Texas. We wish her a pleasant visit.

Miss Lula Gober entertained several of her friends on last Saturday night.

Mr. Carrol Holler returned last Saturday from a several weeks trip to Morris.

D. C. Stevens who has been to Cleburn to see his son David Stevens returned Tuesday evening coming in on the mail hack. He left his son still sick with some fever, but convalescent. Mr. Stevens stopped for his buggy and horse at the home of H. D. Pruett and went on home Tuesday night,

### BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB

The Business Men and Citizen Organize for the betterment of the town.

An organization, termed the business mens club, which means a great deal to Hermleigh, was effected last week, the object of which is the betterment of Hermleigh in every way. By maintaining that good citizenship that exists. Keeping the town clean by obliterating everything that is a detriment to the towns best interest. Grading streets and establishing a fire works department was discussed and ways effected which makes them a certainty. This is something

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Mr. and Mrs. Beach spent last Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Raines.

Mr. Tom King has purchased two ponies from D. N. Glass of Draw.

Singing last Sunday night at Mrs. Bailey's, very good attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Oscar McCarley passed through Gail last Sunday en route to Big Springs. Mr. McCarley carried a load of feed to Gail for Bro. Childers.

Mr. Albert Mayfield has been picking cotton for Mrs. Bailey.

Mr. Griffin Berry of Tahoka

we have been needing, now that we have it lets keep the good work going.

A business men's club was organized Friday night, with J. N. Board as Chairman, and M. O. Robuck Secretary. The pool-hall opposition was discussed at length, and steps were taken to rid the town of the same. In a call meeting Monday night was about 25 enthusiastic business men and citizens present which resulted in the election of a street grading committee, and also a bucket brigade of which Jack Hillmer was elected Captain. The sowing of wheat and raising more hogs and planting of trees was all encouraged and agitated. A more enthusiastic lot of men never met. It only remains for us to keep the fire burning and we will see the

results.—Hermleigh Herald.

Should Gail follow the example of Hermleigh in this laudible and enterprising movement, we on our part, would contribute liberally to it. Let us not be content with the improvements already made, but put our shoulders to the wheels of progress and push them along. Every town however small should have its Business men's club.

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Big Springs, Texas.

Mr. John DeShazo was in town several days this week.

lake was in our community last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Parker and daughter. Miss May of Tahoka, returned to the farm last Monday.

Mr. Walter Kennedy and wife have gone to Gail to see Mr. Kennedys father,

Misses Lula and Nora Luttrell accompanied by their brother Westley, spent Sunday with Mrs. W. A. Sayles.

Mr. Luke Riley attended services at Draw last Sunday night.

Preaching third Sunday at Plainview by a Baptist preacher.

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# THE LION AND THE MOUSE.

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A Story of American Life Novelized From the Play by ARTHUR HORNBLow.

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covery had caused her, and in a strangely altered voice, the result of the nervous strain she was under, she said:

"You want me to come here?"

She looked up from the letters she was reading across to Ryder, who was standing watching her on the other side of the desk. He caught her glance and, leaning over to take some manuscript, he said:

"Yes, I don't want these papers to get"—

His eye suddenly rested on the letters she was holding. He stopped short, and reaching forward he tried to snatch them from her.

"What have you got there?" he exclaimed.

He took the letters, and she made no resistance. It would be folly to force the issue now, she thought. Another opportunity would present itself. Ryder locked the letters up very carefully in the drawer on the left-hand side of his desk, muttering to himself rather than speaking to Shirley:

"How on earth did they get among my other papers?"

"From Judge Rossmore, were they not?" said Shirley boldly.

"How did you know it was Judge Rossmore?" demanded Ryder suspiciously. "I didn't know that his name had been mentioned."

"I saw his signature," she said simply. Then she added, "He's the father of the girl you don't like, isn't he?"

"Yes, he's the"—

A cloud came over the financier's face. His eyes darkened, his jaws snapped, and he clinched his fist.

"How you must hate him!" said Shirley, who observed the change.

"Not at all," replied Ryder, recovering his self-possession and suavity of manner. "I disagree with his politics and his methods, but—I know very little about him except that he is about to be removed from office."

"About to be?" echoed Shirley. "So his fate is decided even before he is tried?" The girl laughed bitterly. "Yes," she went on, "some of the newspapers are beginning to think he is innocent of the things of which he is accused."

"Do they?" said Ryder indifferently. "Yes," she persisted, "most people are on his side."

She planted her elbows on the desk in front of her, and looking him squarely in the face she asked him point blank:

"Whose side are you on—really and truly?"

Ryder winced. What right had this woman, a stranger both to Judge Rossmore and himself, to come here and catechise him? He restrained his impatience with difficulty as he replied:

"Whose side am I on? Oh, I don't know that I am on any side. I don't know that I give it much thought. I"—

"Do you think this man deserves to be punished?" she demanded.

She had resumed her seat at the desk and partly regained her self-possession.

"Why do you ask? What is your interest in this matter?"

"I don't know," she replied evasively. "His case interests me, that's all. It's rather romantic. Your son loves this man's daughter. He is in disgrace—many seem to think unjustly." Her

voice was low and tremulous as she said:

only disgraced but beggared, that he is pining away slowly, dying of a broken heart, that his wife and daughter are in despair. Tell me, do you think he deserves such a fate?"

Ryder remained thoughtful a moment, and then he replied:

"No, I do not—no"—

Thinking that she had touched his sympathies, Shirley followed up her advantage:

"Oh, then, why not come to his rescue—you, who are so rich, so powerful; you, who can move the scales of justice at your will—save this man from humiliation and disgrace!"

Ryder shrugged his shoulders, and his face expressed weariness, as if the subject had begun to bore him.

"My dear girl, you don't understand. His removal is necessary."

Shirley's face became set and hard. There was a contemptuous ring to her words as she retorted:

"Yet you admit that he may be innocent!"

"Even if I knew it as a fact, I could not move."

"Do you mean to say that if you had positive proof?" She pointed to the drawer in the desk where he had placed the letters. "If you had absolute proof in that drawer, for instance, wouldn't you help him then?"

Ryder's face grew cold and inscrutable; he now wore his fighting mask.

"Not even if I had the absolute proof in that drawer!" he snapped viciously.

"Have you absolute proof in that drawer?" she demanded.

"I repeat that even if I had I could not expose the men who have been my friends. It's noblesse oblige in politics as well as in society, you know."

He smiled again at her, as if he had recovered his good humor after their sharp passages at arms.

"Oh, it's politics! That's what the papers said. And you believe him innocent. Well, you must have some grounds for your belief."

"Not necessarily."

"You said that even if you had the proofs you could not produce them without sacrificing your friends, showing that your friends are interested in having this man put off the bench"—She stopped and burst into hysterical laughter. "Oh, I think you're having a joke at my expense," she went on, "just to see how far you can lead me. I daresay Judge Rossmore deserves all he gets. Oh, yes, I'm sure he deserves it." She rose and walked to the other side of the room to conceal her emotion.

Ryder watched her curiously.

"My dear young lady, how you take this matter to heart!"

"Please forgive me," laughed Shirley and averting her face to conceal the fact that her eyes were filled with tears. "It's my artistic temperament, I suppose. It's always getting me into trouble. It appealed so strongly to my sympathies, this story of hopeless love between two young people, with the father of the girl hounded by corrupt politicians and unscrupulous financiers. It was too much for me. Ah, ah, I forgot where I was!"

She leaned against a chair, sick and faint from nervousness, her whole body trembling. At that moment there was a knock at the library door, and Jefferson Ryder appeared. Not seeing Shirley, whose back was toward him, he advanced to greet his father.

"You told me to come up in five minutes," he said. "I just wanted to say"—



"What have you got there?"

"Miss Green," said Ryder senior, addressing Shirley and ignoring whatever it was that the young man wanted to say, "this is my son Jefferson. Jeff, this is Miss Green."

Jefferson looked in the direction indicated and stood as if rooted to the floor. He was so surprised that he was struck dumb. Finally, recovering himself, he exclaimed:

"Shirley!"

"Yes, Shirley Green, the author," explained Ryder senior, not noticing the note of familiar recognition in his exclamation.

Shirley advanced and, holding out her hand to Jefferson, said demurely:

"I am very pleased to meet you, Mr. Ryder." Then quickly in an undertone she added: "Be careful. Don't betray me."

Jefferson was so astounded that he did not see the outstretched hand. All he could do was to stand and stare first at her and then at his father.

"Why don't you shake hands with her?" said Ryder senior. "She won't bite you." Then he added: "Miss Green is going to do some literary work for me, so we shall see a great deal of her. It's too bad you're going away." He chuckled at his own pleasantry.

"Father," blurted out Jefferson, "I came to say that I've changed my mind. You did not want me to go, and I feel I ought to do something to please you."

"Good boy," said Ryder, pleased. "Now you're talking common sense."

He turned to Shirley, who was getting ready to make her departure: "Well, Miss Green, we may consider the matter settled. You undertake the work at the price I named and finish it as soon as you can. Of course you will have to consult me a good deal as you go along, so I think it would be better for you to come and stay here while the work is progressing. Mrs. Ryder can give you a suit of rooms to yourself, where you will be undisturbed, and you will have all your material close at hand. What do you say?"

Shirley was silent for a moment. She looked first at Ryder and then at his son, and from them her glance went to the little drawer on the left-hand side of the desk. Then she said quietly:

"As you think best, Mr. Ryder. I am quite willing to do the work here."

Ryder senior escorted her to the top of the landing and watched her as she passed down the grand staircase, ushered by the gorgeously uniformed funnels, to the front door and the street.

## CHAPTER XIII.

SHIRLEY entered upon her new duties in the Ryder household two days later. She had returned to her rooms the evening of her meeting with the financier in a state bordering upon hysteria. The day's events had been so extraordinary that it seemed to her they could not be real and that she must be in a dream. The car ride to Seventy-fourth street, the interview in the library, the discovery of her father's letters, the offer

to write the biography and, what to her was still more important, the invitation to go and live in the Ryder home—all these incidents were so remarkable and unusual that it was only with difficulty that the girl persuaded herself that they were not figments of a disordered brain.

But it was all true enough. The next morning's mail brought a letter from Mrs. Ryder, who wrote to the effect that Mr. Ryder would like the work to begin at once and adding that a suit of rooms would be ready for her the following afternoon. Shirley did not hesitate. Everything was to be gained by making the Ryder residence her headquarters, her father's very life depending upon the successful outcome of her present mission, and this unhoped for opportunity practically insured success. She immediately wrote to Massapequa. One letter was to her mother, saying that she was extending her visit beyond the time originally planned. The other letter was to Stott. She told him all about the interview with Ryder, informed him of the discovery of the letters and after explaining the nature of the work offered to her said that her address for the next few weeks would be in care of John Burkett Ryder. All was going better than she had dared to hope. Everything seemed to favor their plan. Her first step, of course, while in the Ryder home would be to secure possession of her father's letters, and these she would dispatch at once to Massapequa, so they could be laid before the senate without delay.

So, after settling accounts with her landlady and packing up her few belongings, Shirley lost no time in transferring herself to the more luxurious quarters provided for her in the \$10,000,000 mansion uptown.

At the Ryder house she was received cordially and with every mark of consideration. The housekeeper came down to the main hall to greet her when she arrived and escorted her to the suit of rooms, comprising a small working library, a bedroom simply but daintily furnished in pink and white and a private bathroom which had been specially prepared for her convenience and comfort, and here presently she was joined by Mrs. Ryder.

"Dear me," exclaimed the financier's wife, staring curiously at Shirley, "what a young girl you are to have made such a stir with a book! How did you do it? I'm sure I couldn't. It's as much as I can do to write a letter, and half the time that's not legible."

"Oh, it wasn't so hard!" laughed Shirley. "It was the subject that appealed rather than any special skill of mine. The trusts and their misdeeds are the favorite topics of the hour. The whole country is talking about nothing else. My book came at the right time, that's all."

Although "The American Octopus" was a direct attack on her own husband, Mrs. Ryder secretly admired this young woman who had dared to speak a few blunt truths. It was a courage which, alas, she had always lacked herself, but there was a certain satisfaction in knowing there were women in the world not entirely cowed by the tyrant man.

"I have always wanted a daughter," went on Mrs. Ryder, becoming confidential, while Shirley removed her things and made herself at home. "Girls of your age are so companionable." Then abruptly she asked, "Do your parents live in New York?"

Shirley's face flushed, and she stooped over her trunk to hide her embarrassment.

"No—not at present," she answered evasively. "My mother and father are in the country."

She was afraid that more questions of a personal nature would follow, but apparently Mrs. Ryder was not in an inquisitive mood, for she asked nothing further. She only said:

"I have a son, but I don't see much of him. You must meet my Jefferson."

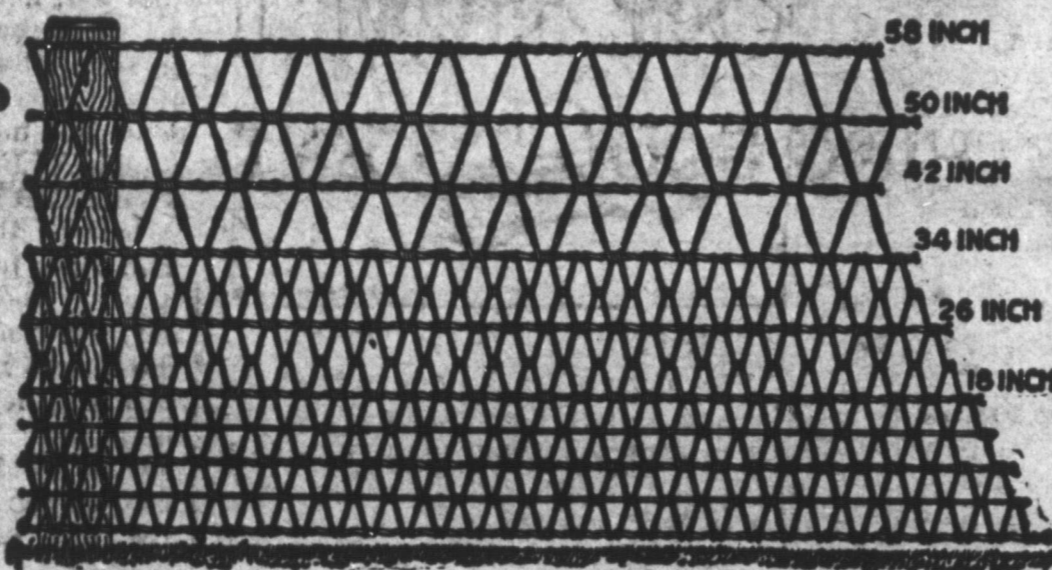
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**Crawford Denounces Bailey.**  
 Quite a flurry was caused in Dallas Saturday evening at 8 o'clock by the distribution of the following circular:  
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 In a speech which I delivered at Waxahachie Sept. 21, 1907, reviewing Joe Bailey's record as a senator, I stated amongst other things that: "Bailey never has, never can and never will fairly and honestly discuss the facts in this case. No advocate and no apologist of Bailey can ever do it. Fairly considered, his

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record is wholly indefensible."  
 Joe Bailey made a speech at Abilene yesterday. In that speech he did not attempt to discuss the facts in the case. He did, however, state: "Bill Crawford has suborned more men to perjury than any other ten lawyers that now practice in the State of Texas." I have never suborned any man in my life, and I denounce Joe Bailey as a liar, a bribe-taking scoundrel and a coward.

**W. L. CRAWFORD.**  
 Dallas, Tex., Oct. 26, 1907.  
 The belligerent talk Senator Bailey has been indulging in toward his "enemies," caused some to believe he would not wear the brand Mr. Crawford placed upon him, but though in the city at the time, he made no effort to seek redress in anyway. There the matter rested at last account.—Breckenridge Democrat.

**A Practical Joke.**  
 Below is printed a rare joke on Governor Tom Campbell as the Fort Worth Telegram tells it. It happened this way; Governor Campbell spoke at Meridian Oct. 11th before an immense crowd. In the crowd was a boy about 16 years old, who had two puppies tied with a rope and he was trying to sell the dogs for any price. They were of the mangy, fox hound variety and nobody wanted them. To get rid of the boy one man told him to go to Gov. Campbell; that he was buying dogs for the state and was paying big prices for them.  
 "Whatchureckon he'd give for my dogs?" asked the boy.  
 "Oh any price the man said, go see him. Leading the dogs the boy went to where the Gov. was talking to a crowd of his admirers and asked him to buy the dogs, the Governor saw at once here was a joke on and he humored it.  
 "All right, buddy how much do you ask for them?"  
 "I reckon they are \$100 for the pair said the boy.  
 All right said the Gov. send them to me at Austin and I will send you the money. The boy crated the dogs and shipped them C. O. D. from Meridian to Gov. Campbell, at Austin Texas. When the bill was presented it was turned down and the dogs were sent back to Meridian, without further delay the boy brought suit in justice court against Gov. Campbell for \$100. The Governor was heard to ask a lawyer what in the name of Sam Hill was best for him to do under the circumstances, if he don't pay the bill they will never let him have any peace on Earth."

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Callahan won the prize at both the Abilene and Dallas Fairs on its farm and truck patch exhibits. It is up to Borden to compete for some of the prizes next year. Why cannot we lead the State in producing the finest Maize, Kaffircorn, Watermelons, Peanuts etc, and of fine registered Hereford cattle, we can show as good as the best. Let us show the world what we can do by getting our share of the prizes hereafter and advertize our resources to the outside world.

Those who have ordered fruit and shade trees through us would do well to prepare for them before arrival as they will do better if not transplanted twice. Our trees will arrive between the 17th and 20th of this month.

President Roosevelt has issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation, setting apart Thursday Nov. 28th as a day of prayer and thanksgiving, for the manifold blessings of the present year.

### Good Roads.

No investment adds more to the wealth of a country than money expended in making good permanent public roads. Recognizing the value of good roads our law makers provided that the Commissioners Court at its first meeting after organization of the county should lay out four first class roads leading from the county seat. A farmer may raise good crops year after year but he cannot prosper if the cost of hauling his crops to market added to the expense of cultivation equals the price for which it sells.

Yet this is actually the case in some localities. distant from the rail road and having bad roads in addition to distance to contend with. The condition of the Gall and Big Springs road is such that hauling over it is hardly

practicable after a hard rain. All kinds of building material goods etc, are hauled from the rail road. transportation in some instances costing almost as much as the goods themselves. After a bad spell such as we have recently had merchants often run out of staple groceries, as is the case now, and people suffer for lack of the prime necessities of life.

We are quite sure this would never happen if we had good public roads, and we believe they could be made good with a judicious outlay of the county funds, using a part of the surplus now on hand, which I am informed at the end of the last quarter, amounted to about \$8000, and will be increased as the taxes are paid in. The assessed value of property in Borden this year was \$1,320,345. Comanche county has recently voted to issue \$170,000 of bonds for road improvements. Why cannot we emulate her example. Four per cent on the assessment of this year would be more than \$52800, and about three fourths of this is non resident property. A bond issue of \$50,000 made payable in 10 or 15 years properly expended in improving our roads would be a boon to the people of this county and increase the value of property many times the outlay suggested, and this would not increase the resident tax to pay the interest on the bonds more than six or seven hundred dollars annually. A couple of graders are needed, and the road work might be let out by contract the roads be graded, ditched on each side and culverts put in where necessary.

We might begin by making permanent improvement on one road at first, improving others later on.

There is a race of men called Todas, dwelling in the hills of southern India, who devote the whole of their careers to the worship of the cow. Their most sacred temple is a cow house, and the whole life of the people is governed by the most rigid observance of the routine of of dairy work, every detail of which is performed with the most elaborate ritual. They alone can perform the duties of milking and butter-making who have been duly consecrated for this work by fasting and the performance of mysterious rites. Representing the only priesthood, they are compelled after their initiation for the rest of their days to play the role of the dairyman. The lesser priests may marry, but the high priest must be celibate, at least for a given period of years.

Polyandry is the family rule, but divorce is unknown. After reading of this, even our most exacting dairyman will be less dissatisfied with the strict regulation of their business by the pure food law. If the worst comes to the worst, and our

dairymen just won't be good, the government may have to import a few of these Todas. When the cow is worshipped and her stable consecrated into a temple, it ought to be possible to get pure milk and A1 butter.—American Farmer.

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## BORDEN COUNTY.

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.

An exchange paper bids farewell to a departed citizen as follows: "He was a man of push; he played marbles with the boys for keeps and cheated all his play mates out of their allies; he swapped a bladeless knife, unseen, for a four blader, sold it for 50 cents, bought a pound of sugar made a barrel of lemonade which he sold on circus day for 8 dollars. He started in business and sold tough meats for choice cuts and made a fortune. When he got a thousand dollars he started a company with five million dollars, mostly water and sold the stock at par. When the company busted it was found that he had long since sold out. He died a millionaire and left all

his money here. It is very warm where he is now."

### Lassoed Bear.

Parties coming in from Bronco, near the line of New Mexico tell the thrilling story of a woman, boy and bear. It was Mrs. Sid Beal and her cousin, Pete Beal, who live on a ranch in New Mexico some ten miles from Bronco, Texas, started to the post office on horse back and while en route they encountered a full grown brown bear crossing their path and they at once proceeded to give chase. Mrs. Beal being handy with a rope soon had his bearship at the end of her lariat and the boy then put his string on the gentleman too, and there they had him stretched out between them and while the trained cow ponies held him fast they tied him hard and fast so there was no possible chance for his escape. They attempted to take their game to town a distance of several miles, but the worry of the long trip was more than Mr. Bear could stand and before they had landed him in town he was dead. It is an uncommon thing to see a bear running wild

in this section of the country, but it is supposed he had strayed off from the mountains of New Mexico and wandered down into the sand hills of the border counties and was making his way to the breaks when captured by Mrs. Beal.—Lubbock Avalanche.

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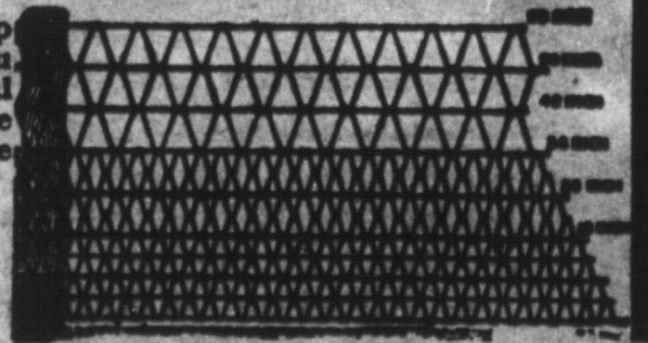
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Among other proceedings of the Commissioners court at this term was the appointment of a jury of review for that part of the Gail and Durham road, leading north from Durham to Snyder.

Next week we intend to make an extended announcement of the county institute which is to be held here Dec., 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6th. Many good speakers have been secured. Watch for the announcement.

We regret to hear that Miss Mattie Bullard is very ill with blood poison. Her mother is here from Mineral Wells and we hope she will improve soon.

Dr. McCoy was in town last Friday having come to bring Mr. Elmer Russell to town to send a telegram to Miss Bullard's folks at Mineral Wells.

Mrs. J. A. Smith is on the sick list this week.

Uncle Dick Cathey is quite sick this week we hope he will recover soon.

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Mr. Ellis Tredway came in town Tuesday with a bale of cotton.

Mrs. Austin Sullivan and Mrs. Frank Denton were in town Shopping Tuesday. Mrs. Denton has moved back to this county.

Mr. Henry Hale and wife returned to their new home in Winkler last Friday.

Mr. J. A. Arnett was in town Wednesday.

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Mr. Luther Crutchfield was in town trading Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Curtis returned Wednesday from an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Curtis at Lubbock.

The gin has turned out only 175 Bales of cotton to date. It has been out of gasoline about a week but it is expected to be here Sunday ready for work Monday morning.

Sid Stephenson who has been the telephone operator here for some time left this morning for Lubbock, and will work for the company there, for the present. Mr. L. B. Curtis takes his place here.

T. R. Mauldin made a trip this week to the plains to buy forage, and is still absent.

Tom Cotton is absent this week, on a visit to his relatives in Howard county.

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