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### Crumpton Unable to Come

A phone message has been received from J. C. Crumpton to the effect that he will be unable to be here on Friday night Dec. 6, as has been announced. He expressed his regrets and stated that he was starting for eastern Texas on an important murder case. We trust that at some future date we will have an opportunity to hear him speak.

The money stringency seems to be easing up. Some of the banks are advancing money to buy cotton, others are removing restrictions heretofore imposed upon their customers, and confidence is being restored. The Gail bank, to its credit, be it said, has never placed any restriction on its depositors having continued to cash all checks presented for payment, in full.

### A Plea For the Sinner.

To the Editor of the Borden Citizen.

I would like to have space enough in your valuable paper to say a few words to the christian people of Gail in behalf of the sinner. I have been living in Gail nearly nine years and if there has been any one thing since I have been here that has made a greater impression on me more than anything else is the want of interest—on the part of the christian people of Gail for the comfort of those who attend church here. If you go into a saloon, the pool hall, barber shop or in any other worldly place of amusement or business you will be made comfortable, for the business men who conduct these places know that they must make these places attractive to make them pay, while if you attend church in Gail you

do it at the risk of losing your life. Sunday I went to church and suppose I heard a good sermon, but paid no attention to it for the reason I was so uncomfortable I couldn't. I counted twenty odd panes of glass broken and I was told by a gentleman after church that there were in fact 32. Two of the windows were down at the top about two feet. One door was wide open the other was open about a foot and some times blew wide open. There had been a small fire built to begin with but was never replenished during services. So there we sat with all sorts of breezes and cold currents playing on us from every direction. In looking around on the congregation my heart was filled with compassion for their sufferings. I saw their mouths and noses turning purple a sure sign of their being frozen to death. Nothing saved them from final destruction except the short du-

ration of the services, which fortunately came to an end without any immediate loss of life, though no one can estimate the suffering that will result from it in the future. Some may say that this could not be avoided as it was not known that so many lights were out, but there has been some out for a long time, and even if that part could not be avoided, they could have put down the windows and kept the doors closed, and made a good fire and kept it up, and by these means made the situation more tolerable. But I am not talking about this Sunday only but it has always been so in Gail ever since I have known it. If there is a good fire they do not receive the benefit from it they should, by reason of the fact that the doors are always left open. I have attended church at many places in my life, but I have never been so uncomfortable

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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 actor 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.

### Trades Day a Success.

Trades day brought an unusual large crowd to Blackwell last Saturday. Some came to sell, some to buy. Some came to do their fall trading with our merchants, while some came simply for the pleasure of being in Blackwell. A number of sales and trades are reported. The merchants report a good business on that date. There being so much cotton to pick and the weather being so favorable, many who would otherwise have come were prevented from doing so.—Blackwell Herald.

Senator Bailey's greatest consolation in his political struggles is that John Sharp Williams is his co-sufferer, that he and Williams are each marked for an untimely political death, and that Hearst is the would-be Author of his finish, etc. When we review Williams' record in congress we are made to wonder why Bailey would select him as an off-hand running mate. Williams voted with the telegraph and telephone companies, the express companies, and also with the Pullman Palace car people, assisting these corporations in fighting government regulations. He fought the most plausible and popular rate bill offered and joined with the Republicans in destroying the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission. But Williams' record harmonizes with Bailey's inapproprieties, hence we infer that the friendship is not affected, but real.—Blackwell Herald.

The appointment of negroes is becoming altogether too common. There can be no doubt but that there are white men better qualified for any Federal position than the best qualified negro in the country. The appointment of a negro to such a position as would not associate him so closely with white officials and white persons in general, might be pardonable but Roosevelt's recent act in appointing a negro to the office of Assistant United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia is an insult which the South, in fact that any true American, will feel deeply. The Caucasian race is superior to all others, the negro is inferior. Why should we countenance the acts of any man who by his official acts, would strive to elevate to our high plane, the base and degenerate sons of Ham? Why? Negro railway mail clerks are becoming so common that many of the white clerks are giving up the work. Why shouldn't they? Why compromise Caucasian honor and racial pride by working side by side with a Coon.

Every newspaper wants to publish the news. The better the paper the more prosperous it will be. Local news items are especially hard to run down. How many times have you, dear reader, been approached by the newspaper man for an item of news and told him that you knew nothing of interest. Probably at the time your family were away on a visit or some one from out of town was visiting at your home. Of course you didn't mean to deceive the scribe, yet when you receive your paper you wonder why your family or friends were not mentioned. A good way to avoid all of this is to kindly inform us of the facts or drop a note in the post office to the paper. The one item may not amount to much, but several columns of such news is the life of a local paper. See?

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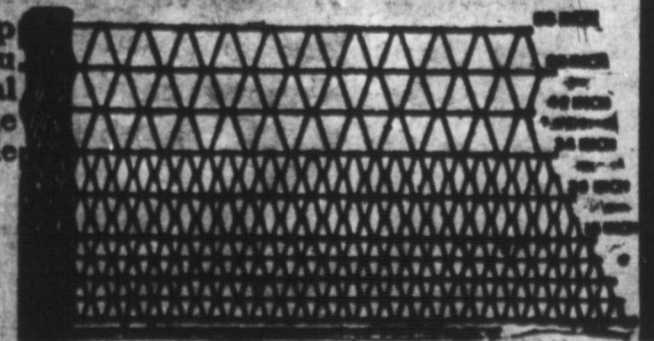
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She opened her eyes. His face was bent close over hers. Their lips almost touched.

"Yes, Jefferson," she murmured, "I do love you!"

His lips met hers in a long, passionate kiss. Her eyes closed, and an ecstatic thrill seemed to convulse her entire being. The birds in the trees overhead sang in more joyful chorus in celebration of the betrothal.

## CHAPTER XIV.

IT was nearly 7 o'clock when Shirley got back to Seventy-fourth street. No one saw her come in, and she went direct to her room and after a hasty dinner worked until late into the night on her book to make up for lost time. The events of the afternoon caused her considerable uneasiness. She reproached herself for her weakness and for having yielded so readily to the impulse of the moment. She had said only what was the truth when she admitted she loved Jefferson, but what right had she to dispose of her future while her father's fate was still uncertain? Her conscience troubled her, and when she came to reason it out calmly the more impossible seemed their union from every point of view. How could she become the daughter-in-law of the man who had ruined her own father? The idea was preposterous, and hard as the sacrifice would be Jefferson must be made to see it in that light. Their engagement was the greatest folly. It bound each of them when nothing but unhappiness could possibly come of it. She was sure now that she loved Jefferson. It would be hard to give him up, but there are times and circumstances when duty and principle must prevail over all other considerations, and this she felt was one of them.

The following morning she received a letter from Stott. He was delighted to hear the good news regarding her important discovery, and he urged her to lose no time in securing the letters and forwarding them to Massapequa, when he would immediately go to Washington and lay them before the senate. Documentary evidence of that conclusive nature, he went on to say, would prove of the very highest value in clearing her father's name. He added that the judge and her mother were as well as circumstances would permit and that they were not in the least worried about her protracted absence. Her Aunt Milly had already returned to Europe, and Eudoxia was still threatening to leave daily.

Shirley needed no urging. She quite realized the importance of acting quickly, but it was not easy to get at the letters. The library was usually kept locked when the great man was away, and on the few occasions when access to it was possible the lynx-eyed Mr. Bagley was always on guard. Short as had been her stay in the Ryder household Shirley already shared Jefferson's antipathy to the English secretary, whose manner grew more supercilious and overbearing as he drew nearer the date when he expected to run off with one of the richest catches of the season. He had not sought the acquaintance of his employer's biographer since her arrival and, with the exception of a rude stare, had not deigned to notice her, which attitude of haughty indifference was all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the Hon. Fitzroy usually left nothing unturned to cultivate a dis-

tantious intimacy with every attractive female he met. The truth was that what with Mr. Ryder's demands upon his services and his own preparations for his coming matrimonial venture, in which he had so much at stake, he had neither time nor inclination to indulge his customary amorous diversions.

Miss Roberts had called at the house several times, ostensibly to see Mrs. Ryder, and when introduced to Shirley she had condescended to give the latter a supercilious nod. Her conversation was generally of the silly, vacuous sort, concerning chiefly new dresses or bonnets, and Shirley at once read her character—frivolous, amusement loving, empty headed, irresponsible—just the kind of girl to do something foolish without weighing the consequences. After chatting a few moments with Mrs. Ryder she would usually vanish, and one day after one of these mysterious disappearances Shirley happened to pass the library and caught sight of her and Mr. Bagley conversing in subdued and eager tones. It was very evident that the elopement scheme was fast maturing. If the scandal was to be prevented, Jefferson ought to see his father and acquaint him with the facts without delay. It was probable that at the same time he would make an effort to secure the letters. Meantime she must be patient. Too much hurry might spoil everything.

So the days passed, Shirley devoting almost all her time to the history she had undertaken. She saw nothing of Ryder senior, but a good deal of his wife, to whom she soon became much attached. She found her an amiable, good natured woman, entirely free from that offensive arrogance and patronizing condescension which usually mark the parvenu as distinct from the thoroughbred. Mrs. Ryder had no claims to distinguished lineage; on the contrary, she was the daughter of a country grocer when the then rising oil man married her, and of educational advantages she had little or none. It was purely by accident that she was the wife of the richest man in the world, and, while she enjoyed the prestige her husband's prominence gave her, she never allowed it to turn her head. She gave away large sums for charitable purposes and, strange to say, when the gift came direct from her the money was never returned on the plea that it was "talented." She shared her husband's dislike for entertaining and led practically the life of a recluse. The advent of Shirley, therefore, into her quiet and uneventful existence was as welcome as sunshine when it breaks through the clouds after days of gloom. Quite a friendship sprang up between the two women, and when tired of writing Shirley would go into Mrs. Ryder's room and chat until the financier's wife began to look forward to these little impromptu visits, so much she enjoyed them.

Nothing more had been said concerning Jefferson and Miss Roberts. The young man had not yet seen his father, but his mother knew he was only waiting an opportunity to demand an explanation of the engagement announcements. Her husband, on the other hand, desired the match more than ever, owing to the continued importunities of Senator Roberts. As usual, Mrs. Ryder confided these little domestic troubles to Shirley.

"Jefferson," she said, "is very angry. He is determined not to marry the girl, and when he and his father do

meet there'll be another scene."

"What objection has your son to Miss Roberts?" inquired Shirley innocently.

"Oh, the usual reason," sighed the mother, "and I've no doubt he knows best. He's in love with another girl—a Miss Rossmore."

"Oh, yes," answered Shirley simply. "Mr. Ryder spoke of her."

Mrs. Ryder was silent, and presently she left the girl alone with her work.

The next afternoon Shirley was in her room busy writing when there came a tap at her door. Thinking it was another visit from Mrs. Ryder, she did not look up, but cried out pleasantly:

"Come in!"

John Ryder entered. He smiled cordially and, as if apologizing for the intrusion, said amiably:

"I thought I'd run up to see how you were getting along."

His coming was so unexpected that for a moment Shirley was startled, but she quickly regained her composure and asked him to take a seat. He seemed pleased to find her making such good progress, and he stopped to answer a number of questions she put to him. Shirley tried to be cordial, but when she looked well at him and noted the keen, hawk-like eyes, the cruel, vindictive lines about the mouth, the square set, relentless jaw—Wall street had gone wrong with the Colossus that day, and he was still wearing his war paint—she recalled the wrong this man had done her father, and she felt how bitterly she hated him. The more her mind dwelt upon it the more exasperated she was to think she should be there, a guest under his roof, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that she remained civil.

"What is the moral of your life?" she demanded bluntly.

He was quick to note the contemptuous tone in her voice, and he gave her a keen, searching look as if he were trying to read her thoughts and fathom the reason for her very evident hostility toward him.

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"I mean what can you show as your life work? Most men whose lives are big enough to call for biographies have done something useful. They have been famous statesmen, eminent scientists, celebrated authors, great inventors. What have you done?"

The question appeared to stagger him. The audacity of any one putting such a question to a man in his own house was incredible. He squared his jaws, and his clinched fist descended heavily on the table.

"What have I done?" he cried. "I have built up the greatest fortune ever accumulated by one man. My fabulous wealth has caused my name to spread to the four corners of the earth. Is that not an achievement to relate to future generations?"

Shirley gave a little shrug of her shoulders.

"Future generations will take no interest in you or your millions," she said calmly. "Our civilization will have made such progress by that time that people will merely wonder why we, in our day, tolerated men of your class so long. Now it is different. The world is money mad. You are a person of importance in the eyes of the unthinking multitude, but it only envies you your fortune; it does not admire you personally. When you die, people will count your millions, not your good deeds."

He laughed cynically and drew up a chair near her desk. As a general thing, John Ryder never wasted words on women. He had but a poor opinion of their mentality and considered it beneath the dignity of any man to enter into serious argument with a woman. In fact, it was seldom he condescended to argue with any one. He gave orders and talked to people; he had no patience to be talked to. Yet he found himself listening with interest to this young woman who expressed herself so frankly. It was a decided novelty for him to hear the truth.

"What do I care what the world

says when I'm dead?" he asked with a forced laugh.

"You do care," replied Shirley gravely. "You may school yourself to believe that you are indifferent to the good opinion of your fellow man, but right down in your heart you do care—every man does, whether he be multimillionaire or a sneak thief."

"You class the two together, I notice," he said bitterly.

"It is often a distinction without a difference," she rejoined promptly.

He remained silent for a moment or two toying nervously with a paper knife. Then, arrogantly, and as if anxious to impress her with his importance, he said:

"Most men would be satisfied if they had accomplished what I have. Do you realize that my wealth is so vast that I scarcely know myself what I am worth? What my fortune will be in another fifty years staggers the imagination. Yet I started with nothing. I made it all myself. Surely I should get credit for that?"

"How did you make it?" retorted Shirley.

"In America we don't ask how a man makes his money. We ask if he has got any."

"You are mistaken," replied Shirley earnestly. "America is waking up. The conscience of the nation is being aroused. We are coming to realize that the scandals of the last few years were only the fruit of public indifference to sharp business practice. The people will soon ask the dishonest rich man where he got it, and there will have to be an accounting. What account will you be able to give?"

He bit his lip and looked at her for a moment without replying. Then, with a faint suspicion of a sneer, he said:

"You are a socialist—perhaps an anarchist!"

"Only the ignorant commit the blunder of confounding the two," she retorted. "Anarchy is a disease. Socialism is a science."

"Indeed!" he exclaimed mockingly. "I thought the terms were synonymous. The world regards them both as insane."

Herself an enthusiastic convert to the new political faith—that was rising like a flood tide all over the world, the contemptuous tone in which this plutocrat spoke of the coming reorganization of society which was destined to destroy him and his kind spurred her on to renewed argument.

"I imagine," she said sarcastically, "that you would hardly approve any social reform which threatened to interfere with your own business methods. But, no matter how you disapprove of socialism on general principles, as a leader of the capitalist class you should understand what socialism

is and not confuse one of the most important movements in modern world history with the crazy theories of irresponsible cranks. The anarchists are the natural enemies of the entire human family and would destroy it were their dangerous doctrines permitted to prevail. The socialists, on the contrary, are seeking to save mankind from the degradation, the crime and the folly into which such men as you have driven it."

She spoke impetuously, with the inspired exaltation of a prophet delivering a message to the people. Ryder listened, concealing his impatience with uneasy little coughs.

"Yes," she went on, "I am a socialist, and I am proud of it. The whole world is slowly drifting toward socialism as the only remedy for the actual intolerable conditions. It may not come in our time, but it will come as surely as the sun will rise and set tomorrow. Has not the flag of socialism waved recently from the White House? Has not a president of the United States declared that the state must eventually curb the great fortunes? What is that but socialism?"

"True," retorted Ryder grimly, "and that little speech intended for the ben-

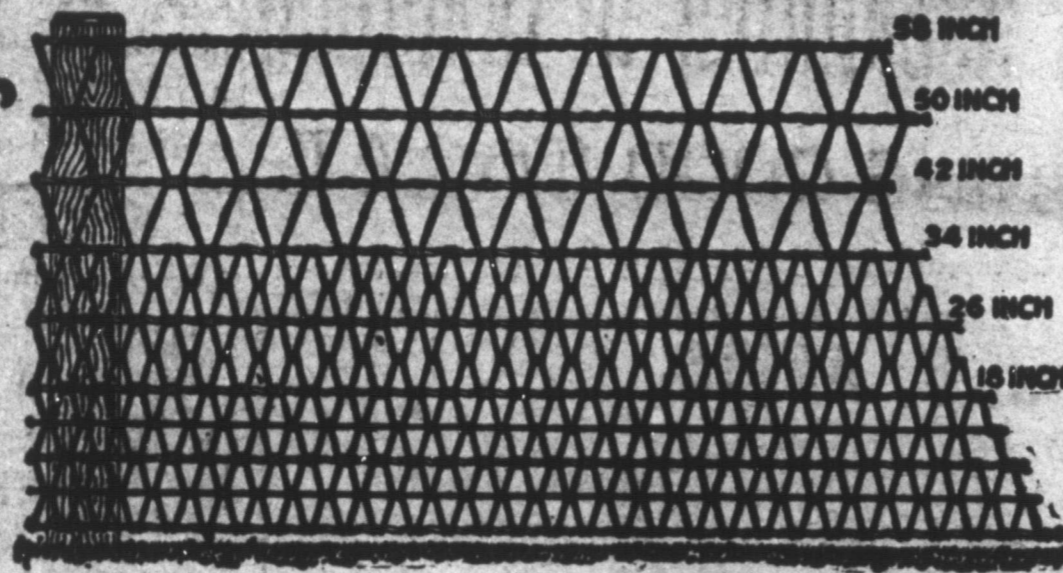
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 company, with the result that it  
 spent some thirty or forty thou-  
 sand dollars in a new system.  
 No, that is not the only thing  
 the Index has secured for this  
 city. We are too modest to  
 mention them. But a newspaper  
 has influence, and don't you dare  
 deny it.—Mineral Wells Index.

**Circumstantial Evidence.**  
 Former Senator Pugh of Alabama  
 practiced law for many years in  
 Eufaula. A Eufaula man said  
 of him the other day: "In  
 and eloquent speech on circum-  
 stantial evidence, I once heard  
 Senator Pugh drive home the  
 danger of this sort of evidence  
 with a good story. He said that  
 a Eufaula woman made one of  
 those corn pone puddings for  
 which the ladies of our state are  
 famous. She put the pudding  
 on the shelf to cool, and then  
 went to have a dress fitted. Her  
 son, Jabez, played with his toys  
 until he got hungry. Then he  
 put a chair beneath the shelf,  
 climbed up and ate all of the  
 corn pone pudding that his in-  
 terior would possibly hold. To  
 conclude he did a strange thing  
 He caught the cat, dabbed her  
 fore paws in the soft yellow cus-  
 tard in the bottom of the dish  
 and then set her down. She  
 scampered through the kitchen  
 into the dining room and parlor  
 and thence out of doors. On the  
 bare boards of the kitchen, on  
 the sitting room's red carpet, on  
 the parlor's carpet of green she  
 left impartially golden footprints  
 very neat, very conspicuous.  
 The boy smiled very softly to  
 himself. And that evening on  
 his father's return, he heard a  
 wild scampering below, the bang-  
 ing of the front door, a terrified  
 mewling and the sharp crack of a  
 rifle. Then little Jabez smiled  
 softly to himself again, 'Ah me!'  
 he said "there goes another vic-  
 tim of circumstantial evidence."  
 —Breckenridge Democrat.

The Commissioners of Ellis  
 County have decided to purchase  
 four steam graders to be used in  
 keeping the roads in repair. This  
 is another evidence of the pro-  
 gressiveness of Ellis county citi-  
 zens. They know that for the  
 amount invested there are no bet-  
 ter returns from anything in  
 both money and comfort than that  
 used in the betterment of high-  
 ways.—Dallas News.

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Gall, Texas, Nov. 28, 1907.

Perhaps no class of people meet with so much or so severe criticism as teachers. Much of this criticism is unjust and exists solely because parents and others listen to unverified reports and do nothing to acquaint themselves with the real inner workings of the school room. Any person experienced with children knows that these reports, even when absolutely truthful from their point of view, cannot be relied upon. Again, any one who has the training of children, has experienced the mortifying truth that even the best trained children sometimes woefully lapse from their knowledge of good manners and courtesy when away from home and among other children. Some mothers will not tolerate any correction of their children's manners by the teacher, taking it as a direct insult to their home training, when it is but the result of childish heedlessness or selfwill. No greater injury can be done a teacher than to condemn her at home in the presence of pupils. There are many—they usually allude to a teacher as a school-marm—who persist in believing and encouraging that a school teacher is never to be regarded with other than suspicion.

### FROM OKLAHOMA.

Plainsman visits Oklahoma and  
Writes of Crop Conditions.  
Likes the Plains Best,

Lexington Okla., R. F. D. No. 4,  
Nov. 14, 1907.

Dear Avalanche,

I will write you a short sketch of my trip from the plains and also tell you how the people are down here.

I left Lubbock, Sept. 23; had not looked off the plains for some time, and as we came down the Cap Rock, east of Lockney, I thought it was ten times worse than when we went up moving to the plains. We got to the bottom and talked about going back but

came on; found every little creek up and had to lay over everywhere, but in a little less than one month we made it through, found very good crops and when I would meet my old friends it would be like this: "Hello, Jim." "Well, hello, Tom." "How are you making it, Jim?" "Why fine, I missed my chill today, but I can't eat anything, I am trying to pick cotton but don't feel like it, and if I get two more bales, and if the frost stays off I will, I can pay out this year all right." Mr. Avalanche, they are not all that bad, but it would look tough to an old timer from the plains. They had lots of fruit and the mass is the best I ever saw, so are pecans. Land is selling for \$50 00. Cotton is spotted and some places the spot is there and the cotton is not. It is not over 10 to 12 inches high. Corn is very good but when I tell these old timers here that I raised better corn than their best is here and can buy land for \$10.00 to 12.50 per acre, they chew their lips and look down and say: "Why, I didn't know corn would grow there." I have lots of them in a notion to come and look. I own a little place on the plains and after I got here I wrote like this: "T. S. J., Meadow, Tex. Dear Sir: Tell your friends I won't sell at all. I am coming back to my good level land and healthy old Texas, and it won't be long, W. T. ROSE."—Lubbock Avalanche.

### The Oath in Norway.

The most curious European oath is administered in Norway. The witness raises his thumb, his forefinger and his middle finger. These signify the Trinity, while the larger of the uplifted fingers is supposed to represent the soul of the witness and the smaller to indicate his body. Before the oath is taken a long exhortation is delivered, the most material parts of which are as follows: "Whatever person is so ungodly, corrupt or hostile to himself as to swear a false oath or not to keep the oath sworn, sins in such a manner as if he were to say: 'If I swear falsely, then may God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost punish me, so that God the Father, who created me and all mankind in his image, and his fatherly goodness, grace and mercy may not profit me, but that I, as a perverse and obstinate transgressor and sinner, may be punished eternally in hell. If I swear falsely, then may all I have and own in this world be cursed—cursed be my cattle, my beasts my sheep, so that after this day they may never thrive or benefit me—yea, cursed may I be and everything I possess.'"—Breckenridge Democrat.

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## Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan of near the plains passed through town on Monday on their way to the railroad. Mrs. Harland called to see Mrs. Deshazo while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaney were in town trading Monday.

Mr. R. N. Miller was in town on business Monday.

Mr. Harvey Everett is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. T. E. Abney and sister, Mrs. Sales of Snyder were in town shopping Saturday.

Miss Lottie Cranfell was in town shopping Saturday.

Mr. D. W. Godwin was here on business Saturday.

Mr. Bob Coldwell was in town Saturday, also Mr. Sam Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Nisbett and daughter, Miss Lela attended services here Sunday.

Miss Hettie Kincaid is here spending several weeks. She is the guest of Mrs. J. G. Taylor.

Mrs. Sam Sanford was shopping in town Saturday.

Mr. Turner returned last week from several weeks absence.

Mr. J. W. Chandler and J. A. Scarlett returned Sunday from Snyder. They reported roads very bad.

Mr. Jess Walker left on last Sunday morning for Loving county where he will make his future home.

Mr. F. W. Park of Park school community was in town Saturday.

Mr. John Mason of Garza county was in town Saturday.

Mr. G. W. Foster here last Saturday.

Mr. Ford Coates was here Monday on business.

H. C. Kennedy was in town Monday.

T. V. Hood R. N. Miller and J. R. Jenkins of the Julia neighborhood were discussing social and business matters in and about Gail last Tuesday.

We are glad to see grandpa Cathey who has been quite ill, able to be out again, and we hope he will continue to recover strength and before long enjoy his accustomed health.

In the last ten days several hundred dollars worth of fruit trees, direct from the Nurseries have been delivered in Gail, to residents of the town and surrounding country.

J. H. Cotton has improved the appearance of his dwelling in north Gail with a nice coat of paint.

A good place to spend your cash is at J. D. McDonald's, dealer in Fruits, Candies, Groceries and Notions Crockery and Tinware. One door east of A. G. Halls store, Big Springs, Texas.

A. L. Clark representing the Colorado Mercantile Co., of Abilene looking after the business of the company last Saturday.

Cliff Martin a grandson of our old townsman T. D. Cathey is here visiting his grandparents.

The workmen on the bank building have been greatly delayed by the rain but with two or three weeks more of good weather will have the walls completed.

D. W. Ferrill a fruit tree agent from Big Springs, who has been delivering trees here for the last week closed out and left Gail this morning.

The merchants are experiencing trouble in getting goods hauled from the railroad since the late rains, and are running out of staple groceries. If we have a bad winter they will suffer serious loss while it continues, and their customers be put to much inconvenience.

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

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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

J. W. CHANDLER.

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Great SUBSCRIPTION proposition—Our "BARGAIN DAYS," Dec. 1 to 15. THE FORT WORTH TELEGRAM, by mail one year. See your postmaster now.

B. F. Hughes of the plains whose little boy was run over by a loaded wagon recently, says he was well and running around the third day after the accident

An Early Wedding.

On last Friday morning about 3 o'clock Mr. J. C. Lewis and Miss Minnie Williams of Light, called at the home of Rev. J. W. Childers, Methodist minister of Gail, to be married. After the ceremony, which was performed at the ministers house, they repaired to the Stokes Hotel and after breakfasting they left for home. They were accompanied by the brides brother.

M. K. McWhirter collecting agent for Ed S. Hughes Hardware Co. of Abilene was here until early Monday morning looking after the Company's interests and left here for Snyder.

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Gail Texas

J. I. Wilboun of Garza who has been visiting here this week left Tuesday evening for home taking with him a fine bunch of fruit trees.

Sam G. Jones of Dawson county who come in Monday to deliver a load of corn is still here held by the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crutchfield of the plains were in our town Tuesday of this week.

Prof. L. F. McKay left this morning on the mail hack to visit his parents at Big Springs to return Sunday or Monday.

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.

Mail or send your watches to Towle & Johnson, Snyder Texas every watch guaranteed, with careful usage to run and keep time one year.

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able while doing so as I have been in Gail. Now I would suggest that the christian people of Gail see that every window is put in and fix them and the doors so they can be kept closed and that when a certain church holds services therein, that church would have some man or men whose business it would be to see that the doors are left shut and the fire is kept up. And it should be his business to see that no one near the fire turns it off because he is getting too warm but to suggest that he take a seat further off, for a fire that may be too warm for one in two or three feet of it may not be warm enough for one further off. A condition existing like that at the church last Sunday may do for those who are already filled

with the celestial fire, but has few attractions for the ungodly. And did you ever think that preaching was not so much for the edification of the saint as it was for the conversion of the sinner. And it is my opinion you will never convert the sinner by cold storage however beneficial it may be in some cases. The christian must show as much consideration for the comfort of the sinner as does the saloon man the pool hall, and others worldly business men, or they will never successfully compete with the world. The question is are they doing their whole duty to God and to his cause when they fail to make his house comfortable and attractive. Think over it, how are you going to save the world for Christ unless you

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can bring the sinner under the influence of his word through the preaching of his gospel, you may sing "Come to Jesus" until you have nervous prostration, and the sinner will not hear you for the reason he will not come to church for fear he will freeze to death before his conversion. There is another thing, it should be the business of every one to see that boys do not break out the windows, and if caught should be given the limit, as a boy who has so little respect for Gods house deserves no pity.

Yours respectfully.

E. R. YELLOTT.

Miss Ethel Atwood assistant teacher of the Gail school took the mail hack to Big Springs this morning where she will spend Thanksgiving week.

Many theories have been advanced respecting the cause of the financial crisis. One wise-acre says it was owing to the late moulting of the two hundred and sixteen million hens in the United States and the consequent depletion of the egg supply.

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Two bunches of fruit trees in good condition, principally peaches, and apples, some rose bushes, and berry plants. Apply to T. M. Jones.

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