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### Notice, teachers.

There will be a teachers Institute to be held in the town of Gail beginning on the 18th. of December, to continue for five days. E. R. YELLOTT, County Judge.

The shrewd business man knows how much depends upon the neatness and quality of his goods. A pretty store of nice fresh goods

is sure to attract buyers, and that accounts for the good trade enjoyed by L. A. Pearce in the grocery business.

Ben Cathey who has been absent for several months visiting relatives in Arkansas and in other states, got back Friday and will be with us again temporarily.

### Notice.

At the February Term of the commissioner's court of the County of Borden, said Court will receive bids from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in such county as may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county.

E. R. YELLOTT, County Judge, Borden County, Texas.

### ALCOHOL AND MORAL DEGENERACY

Paper Read at the World's Temperance Congress, Saratoga, Springs, N. Y.

Among the ignorant, alcoholic beverages are considered to be highly nutritious, and because they tend to increase body weight their use has been frequently recommended to the emaciated and the

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sick. It is not uncommon for nursing mothers to take beer to increase their flow of milk or because of the soothing influence they exert on the nursing child.

As a result of these views, drunkenness among women has been increasing in such an alarming manner that one of the most serious problems that confronts Great Britain is how to check this growing tendency. So rapidly has the drink habit increased among women in the City of London, that at present more women are said to be arrested for being drunk and disorderly on the streets than men. The degenerative influence of this upon the coming generation can be readily appreciated, since the drinking mother disorganizes and demoralizes the home, she neglects the training of her children, and she is unable to hand down to her

France it is not uncommon to see the mother press the wine bottle to the lips of the infant in her arms. In England the same thing is seen, only beer is used in the place of wine. As a result the working classes of these countries spend a large proportion of their income on drink.

In our English cities on Sunday mornings rows of little children may be seen at the side entrances of saloons, waiting their turn to have the jug or little pail filled with beer for family use. When empty they return to have it refilled. This is repeated again and again during the day. In this way the Sunday is spent by the average British laborer.

By paralyzing or deadening the mind these beverages lead to a forgetfulness of poverty and mis-

as their means will permit. In offspring a healthy heredity. Mothers who believe that alcoholic beverages are valuable nutrients naturally encourage their use among their children as far as they can, and produce a feeling of wellbeing. They also remove the restraint which the mind should ever exert over the baser passions and lead to sensual gratifications. For these reasons these poor unfortunates associate with drink their highest form of enjoyment. That which gives them the inspiration to work during the week is the expectation of having what they term a good time on Sunday.

In the past, woman has been the redeeming factor in race decay, but with this increase of drink among women, one of the greatest barriers to race decay has been removed, and it does not require a prophet or a son of a

prophet to predict that race degeneracy, both physical and moral during the next few years will make rapid strides in civilized lands, such as it has never made in the past.

We cannot deny that these beverages produce body weight, but we know that this is no evidence that they are nutrients. The increase in weight is a pathological rather than a physiological process and may be produced with equal success by the use of arsenic, phosphorus, opium, and other poisons. It is known to every physician that while in appearance the drinker may be the picture of health, in reality he is a physical degenerate, incapable of recovering often from the mildest disorders. Many are ignorant of the facts and are easily deceived by the fair promises made by alcohol and which it appears to fulfill.

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# The Woman In the Alcove

By ANNA KATHARINE GREEN.

Author of "The Millionaire Baby," "The Filigree Ball," "The House in the Mist," "The Amethyst Box," Etc.

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even my own romantic self, showed any belief in this interpretation of the remarkable sound that had just gone thrilling through the house, yet, in face of his declared acceptance of it as a warning and the fact that all efforts had failed to locate the sound or even to determine its source, no other course seemed open but to let this distinguished man depart with the suddenness his superstitious fears demanded.

That this was in opposition to the inspector's wishes was evident enough. Naturally he would have preferred Mr. Grey to remain, if only to make clear his surprising conclusions in regard to a diamond which had passed through the hands of some of the best judges in the country without a doubt having been raised as to its genuineness.

With his departure the inspector's manner changed. He glanced at the stone in his hand and slowly shook his head.

"I doubt if Mr. Grey's judgment can be depended on tonight," said he and pocketed the gem as carefully as if his belief in its real value had been but little disturbed by the assertions of this renowned foreigner.

I have no distinct remembrance of how I finally left the house or of what passed between my uncle and myself on our way home. I was numb with the shock, and neither my intelligence nor my feelings were any longer active. I recall but one impression, and that was the effect made on me by my old home on our arrival there, as of something new and strange, so much had happened and such changes had taken place in myself since leaving it five hours before. But nothing else is vivid in my remembrance till that early hour of the dreary morning when, on waking to the world with a cry, I beheld my uncle's anxious figure bending over me from the footboard.

Instantly I found tongue and question after question leaped from my lips. He did not answer them. He could not. But when I grew feverish and insistent he drew the morning paper from behind his back and laid it quietly down within my reach. I felt calmed in an instant, and when after a few affectionate words he left me to myself I seized on the sheet and read what so many others were reading at that moment throughout the city.

I spare you the account so far as it coincides with what I had myself seen and heard the night before. A few particulars which had not reached my ears will interest you. The instrument of death found in the place designated by Mr. Durand was one of note to such as had any taste or knowledge of curios. It was a stiletto of the most delicate type, long, keen and slender, not an American product, not even of this century's manufacture, but a relic of the days when deadly thrusts were given in the corners and byways of medieval streets.

This made the first mystery.

The second was the as yet unexplainable presence on the alcove floor of two broken coffee cups, which no waiter nor any other person, in fact, admitted having carried there. The tray, which had fallen from Peter Mooney's hand—the waiter who had been the first to give the alarm of murder—had held no cups, only ices. This was a fact, proved. But the handles of two cups had been found among the debris—cups which must have been full from the size of the coffee stain left on the rug where they had

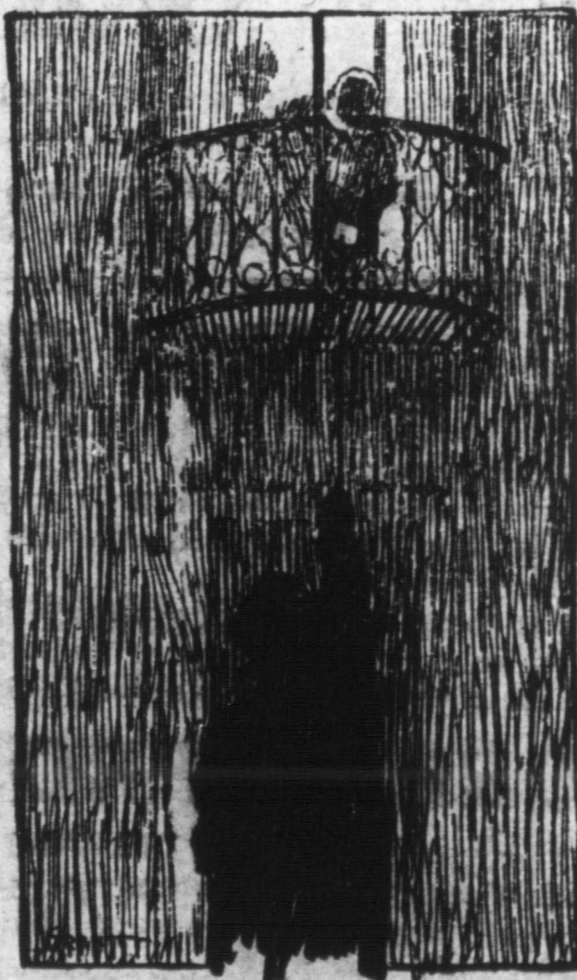
fallen.

In reading this I remembered that Mr. Durand had mentioned stepping on some broken pieces of china in his escape from the fatal scene, and, struck with this confirmation of a theory which was slowly taking form in my own mind, I passed on to the next paragraph with a sense of expectation.

The result was a surprise. Others may have been told, I was not, that Mrs. Fairbrother had received a communication from outside only a few minutes previous to her death. A Mr. Fullerton, who had preceded Mr. Durand in his visit to the alcove, owned to having opened the window for her at some call or signal from outside

when in a small piece of paper he saw lifted up from below the end of a whip handle. He could not see who held the whip, but at Mrs. Fairbrother's entreaty he unpinned the note and gave it to her. While she was pondering over it, for it was apparently far from legible, he took another look out in time to mark a figure rush from below toward the carriage drive. He did not see the figure nor would he know it as in. As to the nature of the communication itself he could say nothing save that Mrs. Fairbrother did not seem to be affected favorably by it. She frowned and was looking very gloomy when he left the alcove. I had if he had pulled the curtains together after closing the window, he said that he had not; that she had not requested him to do so.

This story, which was certainly a strange one, had been confirmed by the



He unpinned the note.

testimony of the coachman who had lent his whip for the purpose. This coachman, who was known to be a man of extreme good nature, had seen no harm in lending his whip to a poor devil who wished to give a telegram or some such hasty message to the lady sitting just above them in a lighted window. The wind was fierce and the snow blinding, and it was natural that the man should duck his head, but he remembered his appearance well enough to say that he was either very cold or very much done up and that he wore a greatcoat with the collar pulled up about his ears. When he

came back with the whip he seemed more cheerful than when he asked for it, but had no "thank you" for the favor done him, or if he had it was lost in his throat and the piercing gale.

The communication, which was regarded by the police as a matter of the highest importance, had been found in her hand by the coroner. It was a mere scrawl written in pencil on a small scrap of paper. The following facsimile of the scrawl was given to the public in the hope that some one would recognize the handwriting:

*Rita there at the year  
Expect trouble if*

The first two lines overlapped and were confused, but the last one was clear enough. Expect trouble if— If what? Hundreds were asking the question at this very moment. I should soon be asking it, too, but first I must make an effort to understand the situation—a situation which up to now appeared to involve Mr. Durand, and Mr. Durand only, as the suspected party.

This was no more than I expected, yet it came with a shock under the broad glare of this wintry morning, so impossible did it seem in the light of everyday life that guilt could be associated in any one's mind with a man of such unblemished record and excellent standing. But the evidence adduced against him was of a kind to appeal to the common mind—we all know that evidence—nor could I say, after reading the full account, that I was myself unaffected by its seeming weight. Not that my faith in his innocence was shaken. I had met his look of love and tender gratitude and my confidence in him had been restored, but I saw with all the clearness of a mind trained by continuous study how difficult it was going to be to counteract the prejudice induced, first, by his own inconsiderate acts, especially by that unfortunate attempt of his to secrete Mrs. Fairbrother's gloves in another woman's bag, and, secondly, by his peculiar explanations, which to many must seem forced and unnatural.

I saw and felt nerved to a superhuman task. I believed him innocent, and if others failed to prove him so I would undertake to clear him myself—I, the little Rita, with no experience of law or courts or crime, but with simply an unbounded faith in the man suspected and in the keenness of my own insight, an insight which had already served me so well and would serve me yet better once I had mastered the details which must be the prelude to all intelligent action.

The morning's report stopped with the explanations given by Mr. Durand of the appearances against him; consequently no word appeared of the after events which had made such an impression at the time on all the persons present. Mr. Grey was mentioned, but simply as one of the guests, and to no one reading this early morning issue would any doubt come as to the genuineness of the diamond which, to all appearance, had been the leading motive in the commission of this great crime.

The effect on my own mind of this suppression was a curious one. I began to wonder if the whole event had not been a chimera of my disturbed brain—a nightmare which had visited me, and me alone, and not a fact to be reckoned with. But a moment's further thought served to clear my mind of all such doubts, and I perceived that the police had exercised only common prudence in withholding Mr. Grey's sensational opinion of the stone till it could be verified by experts.

The two columns of gossip devoted to the family differences which had led to the separation of Mr. and Mrs. Fairbrother I shall compress into a few lines. They had been married three years before in the city of Baltimore. He was a rich man then, but not the multimillionaire he is today. Plain featured and without manner, he

was no mate for this sparkling coquette, whose charm was of the kind which grows with exercise. Though no actual scandal was ever associated with her name, he grew tired of her caprices and the conquests which she made no endeavor to hide either from him or from the world at large, and at some time during the previous year they had come to a friendly understanding which led to their living apart, each in grand style and with a certain deference to the proprieties which retained them their friends and an enviable place in society.

He was not often invited where she was, and she never appeared in any assemblage where he was expected, but with this exception little feeling was shown. Matters progressed smoothly, and to their credit, let it be said, no one ever heard either of them speak otherwise than considerately of the other. He was at present out of town, having started some three weeks before for the southwest, but would probably return on receipt of the telegram which had been sent him.

The comments made on the murder were necessarily hurried. It was called a mystery but it was evident enough that Mr. Durand's detention was looked on as the almost certain prelude to his arrest on the charge of murder.

I had had some discipline in life. Although a favorite of my wealthy uncle, I had given up very early the prospects he held out to me of a continued enjoyment of his bounty and entered on duties which required self denial and hard work. I did this because I enjoy having both my mind and heart occupied. To be necessary to some one, as a nurse is to a patient, seemed to me an enviable fate till I came under the influence of Anson Durand. Then the craving of all women for the common lot of their sex became my craving also; a craving, however, to which I failed at first to yield, for I felt that it was unshared and thus a token of weakness. Fighting my battle, I succeeded in winning it, as I thought, just as the nurse's diploma was put in my hands. Then came the great surprise of my life. Anson Durand expressed his love for me, and I awoke to the fact that all my preparation had been for home joys and a woman's true existence. One hour of ecstasy in the light of this new hope, then tragedy and something approaching chaos! Truly I had been through a schooling. But was it one to make me useful in the only way I could be useful now? I did not know. I did not care. I was determined on my course, fit or unfit, and in the relief brought by this appeal to my energy I rose and dressed and went about the duties of the day.

One of these was to determine whether Mr. Grey, on his return to his hotel, had found his daughter as ill as his fears had foreboded. A telephone message or two satisfied me on this point. Miss Grey was very ill, but not considered dangerously so; indeed, if anything, her condition was improved, and if nothing happened in the way of fresh complications the prospects were that she would be out in a fortnight.

I was not surprised. It was more than I had expected. The cry of the banshee in an American house was past belief, even in an atmosphere surcharged with fear and all the horror surrounding a great crime, and in the secret reckoning I was making against a person I will not even name at this juncture I added it as another suspicious circumstance.

## CHAPTER VI.

**T**O relate the full experiences of the next few days would be to encumber my narrative with unnecessary detail.

I did not see Mr. Durand again. My uncle, so amenable in most matters, proved inexorable on this point. Till Mr. Durand's good name should be restored by the coroner's verdict or such evidence brought to light as should effectually place him beyond all suspicion I was to hold no communi-

caution with him of the soft whatever I remember the very words with which my uncle ended the one exhaustive conversation we had on the subject. They were these:

"You have fully expressed to Mr. Durand your entire confidence in his innocence. That must suffice him for the present. If he is the honest gentleman you think him, it will."

As uncle seldom asserted himself, and as he is very much in earnest when he does, I made no attempt to combat this resolution, especially as it met the approval of my better judgment. But, though my power to convey sympathy fell thus under a yoke, my thoughts and feelings remained free, and these were all consecrated to the man struggling under an imputation the disgrace and humiliation of which he was but poorly prepared by his former easy life of social and business prosperity to meet.

For Mr. Durand, in spite of the few facts which came up from time to time in confirmation of his story, continued to be almost universally regarded as a suspect.

This seemed to be very unjust. What if no other clue offered—no other clue, I mean, recognized as such by police or public? Was he not to have the benefit of whatever threw a doubt on his own culpability? For instance, that splash of blood on his shirt front, which I had seen and the shape of which I knew. Why did not the fact that it was a splash and not a spatter (and spatter it would have been had it spurted there, instead of falling from above, as he stated) count for more in the minds of those whose business it was to probe into the very heart of this crime? To me, it told such a tale of innocence that I wondered how a man like the inspector could pass over it. But later I understood. A single word enlightened me. The stain, it was true, was in the form of a splash and not a spatter; but a splash would have been the result of a drop falling from the reeking end of the stiletto, whether it dislodged itself early or late. And what was there to prove that this drop had not fallen at the instant the stiletto was being thrust into the lantern, instead of after the escape of the criminal, and the entrance of another man?

But the mystery of the broken coffee cups! For that no explanation seemed to be forthcoming.

And still the unsolved one of the written warning found in the murdered woman's hand—a warning which had been deciphered to read: "Be warned! He means to be at the ball! Expect trouble if— Was that to be looked upon as directed against a man who, from the nature of his projected attempt, would take no one into his confidence?

Then the stiletto, a photographic reproduction of which was in all the papers, was that the kind of instrument which a plain New York gentleman would be likely to use in a crime of this nature? It was a marked and unique article, capable, as one would think, of being easily traced to its owner. Had it been claimed by Mr. Ramsell, had it been recognized as one of

To be continued.

With the exception of one or two western states where woman suffrage prevails, woman's political rights are more advanced in England than in this country. For years they have been eligible to serve on parish and county councils and, with certain requirements of condition and property, they have for many years voted at municipal elections. And now a lady has just been elected mayor of a city of 13,000 by the largest majority ever given a mayoralty candidate.

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things that are good, beautiful and pure.—Cleburne Enterprise.

W. A. Sealy was in from his farm Friday to see his family and also to attend to some business matters.

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Whose girl was it that stood at the phone and talked to some giddy-headed boy for two hours? Whose girl was it that set up until twelve o'clock and read a worthless novel, when she should have been putting in her time with her books? Who furnished the girl the worthless novel to carry to school and when her teacher was busy and thought she was studying her lesson, had slipped it out and was wasting her time and destroying her usefulness? If a school, no matter whether it be in the town or in the country, is a failure, who is to blame, the parent or the teacher? You may notice that wherever the parents do their duty, even though the teacher may be deficient in some respects, the school will be a marked success. But where the parents fail to do their duty, no matter how fine the teacher may be, there is not going to be the success that should be. Parents wake up to your duty. Look out after that boy and girl. Don't allow them to engage in those things that

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will divert their minds from their books. You will condemn your teacher if he fails to control them in school and keep them busy, who is going to accuse you if you fail to do your duty? It will be your own boy or girl when they shall have grown up. They will look back over their school days and see how little interest was taken in them and the many lost opportunities caused by this neglect and condemn you for your acts of negligence.

Fathers, mothers wake, wake up from that lethargy and see to it that your children have the proper attention and that they are not permitted to spend the hours out of school in a way that will prove to them not only worthless but injurious. Stop that sitting up before your child and saying the teacher was wrong when you know nothing at all about it. Go to the teacher as an honest man and all things will be righted, and you will see you were wrong nine times out of ten. Suppose you try visiting the school. It will help the pupils and teacher and prove to you that the teacher is

doing his utmost to make the school a success. Show that you have an interest. Nothing speaks better for any neighborhood than for everything to be harmonious in school. Don't think you have the best boy in town, that he always tells the whole truth and that he never needs correcting. As a rule the boy that needs no reproof is not worth killing. Is yours of that class?—Ex.

### Commissioners Court Proceedings

A call session of the court was held last week for the purpose of canvassing the vote of the late election and installing the county officers elected. It was found that the two amendments to the Constitution carried.

The quarterly reports of the officers were all examined and approved.

The Court ordered \$100.00 of Road and Bridge Fund No. 1 and \$500.00 of the Court House Fund to be transferred to the General Fund. The lease of the Borden county school land to L. S. McDowell and transferred by him to Cauble was ordered cancelled.

The following official boards were approved: E. R. Yellott county judge, J. S. Weatherford county and district clerk, J. R. Williams, Sheriff and tax collector, F. M. Christopher Com. Prec. No. 1, Walter Bishop Com. Prec. No. 2, H. R. Debenport county attorney, M. H. Leake county treasurer, and J. N. Hopkins, J.P. Prec. No. 1. Court adjourned till 21st inst.

### Good Bye.

It is a hard word to speak. Some may laugh that it should be, but let them. Icy hearts are never kind. It is a word that has choked many an utterance, and started many a tear. The hand is clasped, the word is spoken, we part, and are out on the ocean of time—we go to meet again, where? God only knows. It may be soon, it may be never. Take care that your good bye be not a cold one—it may be the last one you can give. Ere you meet again death's cold hand may have closed his eyes and chained his lips forever. Ah! he may have died thinking you loved him not. Again it may be a long separation. Friends crowd on and give their hands. How do you detect in each good bye the love that lingers there; and how may you bear with you the memory of these parting words many days? We must separate. Tear not yourself away with a careless boldness that defies all love, but make your words linger—give your heart full utterance—and if tears fall what of it? Tears are not manly—Aspermont Star.

## The Borden Citizen

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Display ads, one inch per double column, \$1.00. per month.

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Gail, Texas, Nov. 19 1908.

Do you know what makes the telephone worth while to you—just about the most indispensable thing in modern life?

It isn't the circuit of wire that connects your instrument with the exchange.

It's the twenty million voices at the other end of the wire on every telephone.

We have to keep them there on hair trigger, ready for you to call them up, day or night—downtown, up in Main, or out in Denver.

And to make the telephone system useful to those twenty million other people, we have to keep you alert and ready at this end of the wire.

Then we have to keep the line in order—8,000,000 miles of wire—and the central girls properly drilled and accommodating to the last degree, and the apparatus up to the highest pitch of efficiency.

Quite a job, all told.

Every telephone user is an important link in the system—just as important as the operator. With a little well meant suggestion on our part, we believe we can improve the service—perhaps save a second on each call.

There are about six billion connections a year over these lines.

Saving a second each would mean a tremendous time saving to you and a tremendous saving of operating expenses which can be applied to the betterment of the service.

The object of this and several succeeding magazine advertisements is not to get more subscribers. It is to make each one of you a better link in the chain.

First, give "Central" the number clearly and be sure she hears it. Give her full and clear information in case of doubt. She is there to do her utmost to accommodate you.

Next, don't grow fretful because you think she represents a monopoly. The postmaster

does, too, for the same reason.

The usefulness of the telephone is its universality, as one system. Where there are two systems you must have two telephones—and confusion.

Remember, the value of the service lies in the number of people you can reach without confusion—the promptness with which you get your response.

So respond quickly when others call you, bear in mind the extensive scope of the service.

The constant endeavor of the associated companies, harmonized by one policy and acting as one system, is to give you the best and most economical management human ingenuity can devise. The end is efficient service and your attitude and that of every other subscriber may hasten or hinder its accomplishment.

A citation against legitimate telephone business—the kind that has become almost as national in its scope as the mail service—must disappear with a realization of the necessity of universal service.

### An Educated Dog.

Last night, after the midnight train had passed Operator Tyler caught up with his work, and being weary, he lay down upon the table for a little nap. The negro porter sat dozing in a chair. The little dog lay curled up on an old coat. Everything was quiet and peaceful. Suddenly the telegraph instrument began to click and call Timpson, two short dashes and three dots. The operator snored on. The call continued. The little dog raised his head, stuck up one ear and intently listened for several seconds and then with a bound and a bark he leaped upon the table and taking his master by the arm, he tugged and pulled until Mr. Tyler arose and answered the call. Now, if this isn't a wonderful manifestation of animal sagacity we would like to know what is. Mr. Tyler vouches for the truthfulness of this story.—Timpson Times.

### How Polly Saved the Plate.

An old lady had a parrot, which she had bought from a sailor friend, and on taking it home, much to her astonishment, she found Polly could only say three words, "Get the gun!"

One dark night, when all was still, burglars broke into the house. The silver was kept in the same room as Polly. They crept in as quietly as possible, but before they had time to strike a light a deep voice from the other side of the room said, "Get the gun!" The men were so fright-

ened that they ran off as fast as their legs could carry them. And so Polly saved her mistress' silver.—Home Notes.

The following telegram was sent to State Supt. Cousins by County Supt Winn:

Waxahachie, Texas, Oct. 29, Hon. R. B. Cousins, State Superintendent, Austin, Tex., Is statement on page 68 of your course of study that agriculture is optional correct? If so, what other subjects are optional? Institute in

session and teachers want to know to day before adjourning.

G B WINN, County Supt.  
Mr. Cousins replied as follows: Austin, Texas, Oct. 29.—Superintendent G B. Winn, Waxahachie, Texas: Agriculture not optional. Mistake in revising former course of study.

R. B. COUSINS.  
The teachers of the institute were instructed by Mr. Winn to ignore the paragraph referred to and to consider the teaching of agriculture obligatory.

## WINDMILLS

Standard, Eclipse, Monitor, Samson and Ideal.

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Will do a general Banking business.

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## WHEELRIGHT AND BLACKSMITH SHOP.

Horse Shoeing  
a specialty

For Cash only  
Work Guaranteed

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East of Public Square

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# The House That Carries Special Bargains.

Very Large and Complete Stock Of

Dry Goods, Millinery, Clothing, Odd Pants, Groceries, Furniture,  
Hardware, and Undertakers Goods

As we buy in large Quantities, we can give you the Lowest Prices to be had West of Dallas.

DON'T TAKE OUR WORD, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

## Snyder Mercantile Company,

Snyder, Texas

### Local and Personal

Sam Sanford was in Gail on last Friday transacting business.

Mrs. W. K. Clark and son Guy who have been visiting Mrs. Naylor came home with them on last Friday.

Mr. Thompson Bostic who has been out to the O B ranch got back Friday.

John Beroth was in town Friday on business.

Harvey Everett was here last Friday.

Miss Mary Leak went out in the country Friday evening to visit Misses Myrtle and Ora Smoot.

Will Orson was in town last Friday on business.

Joe B. Jolly was in town on last Friday.

Mr. Jeter is visiting his granddaughter Alpha Jeter this week.

H. R. Debenport attended the session of our late District Court and was here again last week, to qualify as county attorney

having been duly elected to that office.

J. I. Wilbourn from the plains was here last week

Mr. Chancellor was in Gail on last Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Howe, who has been visiting the family of J. S. Howe at Duval, Winkler county returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Naylor who returned a few months ago to their ranch in Uvalde county rented out their place and are with us again, stopping here a few days with their relatives.

Mrs. S. P. Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Taylor near Colorado this week

#### JULIA NEWS

Winter has reached "Possum Trot" and all the prairie dogs have crawled in their holes and pulled the holes in after them.

We are needing rain very badly. Many are either hauling water or driving their stock to it.

Miss Irene Hutchinson visited Mrs. Cab Whitaker Sunday.

Tom Benton and wife visited at Pete Whitaker's Sunday.

Miss Lora Hutcherson visited Mrs. Miller Sunday.

Mrs. Sowell, who has been staying with Grandma Kincaid returned to her home on the river Sunday

Bob Whitaker and wife, Messrs. Black, Hutcherson, Hamilton, Spears and Lewis Sowell visited at Hugh Kincaid's Sunday.

Mrs. Kincaid and daughter Mrs. Robert Whitaker went to Gail Tuesday.

Mrs. Miller went to Fluvanna Tuesday

Prof. Bills visited at Mr. Miller's Sunday evening

Mr. Andy Long rounded up his cattle last week.

Messrs. Black and Page did some repair work on the school building Monday.

School is doing fine. New pupils come in every week. Most all the pupils are interested and are doing some fine work.

Brown Eyes.

#### WATCHMAKER.

When the SUN crosses the meridian, consult your watch if you had it repaired at

#### WARDS

The Sun is on Time. Send your watch direct to us.

J. L. WARD DRUG & JEWELRY CO.

Big Springs, Texas.

See J. D. McDonald for new and secondhand goods, Big Springs, Texas.

#### NOTICE.

My new gin will now run regularly, through the week. We solicit your patronage and promise you good work and prompt attention try us.

W. C. FULLILOVE.

Sheriff Williams and M. J. Thornton went to the plains Monday, returning Tuesday.

#### E. R. YELLOTT

ATTORNEY & LAND AGENT Will Practice in District and

Higher courts only.

GAIL, TEXAS.

WHEN IN BIG SPRINGS SEE

## J. P. INMAN

At Arnold, Tankersleys Drug Store

For fine Watch Clock and Jewelry Repairing

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE

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## LUMBER

Building Material of All Kinds

Heath & Milligan Paints.

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25 per cent Saved on Buggies

MANUFACTURERS OF  
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Old stand, South-east Cor. Square,

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A Complete stock of Building material, Sherwin-Williams Paints and Varnishes

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SEND US YOUR INQUIRIES.

Good Goods

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## Pool Brothers

BIG SPRINGS

TEXAS.

*We are here to do business and meet competition. If you want building material of any kind, come and figure with us before buying elsewhere, and we will save you money.*

### H. C. WALLACE LUMBER CO.

Big Springs,

Texas

#### Gail Commercial Club

According to appointment the Commercial Club met at the Gail Bank last Thursday night. A permanent organization was effected, and other important business transacted. An executive committee of five members was appointed, who in turn selected the officers of the club.

The Sales Day committee then reported progress made in ensuring the success of the Sales day. The display of live stock that will be here on that occasion, will be a surprise to the public, if all bring their stock who have promised to do so. The committee will continue to solicit all persons who have live stock to sell or trade to have them here on Saturday Dec. 5, the sales day.

Owners of stock have promised to bring horses, mules, from 3 to 8 years old, single animals and in bunches, registered cattle and

other fine stock, so that an excellent opportunity will be given dealers in live stock either to buy or sell. To encourage this movement the merchants also have agreed to sell certain articles of merchandise on that day at reduced prices. A big time is expected.

#### For Sale or Trade

320 Acres first class smooth prairie land enough wood for fuel, in Dawson county 11 miles Northeast of Lamesa near the surveyed route of the Stanton & Lamesa R. R., now being graded. For information apply to this office.

#### BORDEN CITIZEN.

#### Hadn't Seen one Before.

Many, many, many years ago Lot Lee was a telegraph operator in the old Union station office, says the Indianapolis News. Lee was a hot operator and had the reputation of getting messages off in quick time.

## Notice! Notice!

FRIENDS CUSTOMERS

AND NEIGHBORS

In this extreme time of need it is absolutely necessary that I collect what is owing to me so that I can meet my past due accounts, and due accounts.

All persons indebted to me will please make settlement of their entire accounts on or before December 15, 1908; for all accounts not settled by that time will be placed in the hands of attorney for collection.

Now I am forced to make strenuous calls for money in order to protect my creditors, my customers, and myself and my business.

I wish to thank my friends who have made settlements of their accounts and as your neighbor I sincerely and earnestly request that you come to my rescue.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. CHANDLER.

One night a woman came in with a rush message for Connersville, Ind. She wrote it out and handed it to Lee. The latter checked it up, received the money, called Connersville, sent the message and placed it in a drawer with the "sent" business.

The woman hung around, eyed Lee as if she thought he was shirking his duty, not suspecting that her message had gone, and finally said:

"Would you mind looking in the drawer there to see if the message has gone? It's very important."

Mr. J. O. Miller of Snyder remained over this week working in the interest of Woodcraft, and to organize a Woodman Circle here.

#### Notice.

The Grist Mill is now running daily grinding meal and chops and giving good satisfaction.

Mrs. John Chambers of Tahoka stopped over Tuesday evening with the family of H. D. Pruett on her return from a visit to her mother and daughter in Sterling county. She reports a fine cotton crop in Sterling.