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Don't Forget our Illustrated Edition.

THE FENCE

We would be glad if every one who has promised anything toward the school fence would deposit it with the bank. The required amount is made up and if nothing happens we will soon have a nice fence around the school grounds. We trust that every one will come forward as quickly in depositing as they did in subscribing. Come on let us get something done. That money which has been paid in has been deposited and we want to see the deposit slip grow.

PROBLEMS OF LIFE.

In the world's broad field of battles, problems of life are confronting every individual. These great problems if rightly solved insure happiness and prosperity; the reverse bring sorrows and disappointments. How often if one could realize the result of the question that confronts them their decision would be different? But the gift of the future is denied man. So much care should be given to the settlement of any proposition that will in any way affect our future lives. Life is what we make it: we are the architects of our own destinies. If we wish to be noble and high-

minded, we will most assuredly be, for what one persistently works for, he will attain. If we regard our selves as being weak, we become so, if we wish to accomplish anything in life we must have confidence in our selves, having a fixed purpose. The hardest problem in life is the subjugation of one's self. It takes time and effort to ever come within the bounds of personal perfection. If we ever expect to be anything in life we must not expect to get on the topmost round by one great leap, but labor earnestly every day for our heart's desire. Great victories and accomplishments await those who entertain great hopes, and are strong and determined. Life is indeed a hard problem. The path of life is not smooth and flowery all the way; there are battles to fight difficulties to surmount and temptations to overcome. The day of heroes and heroines has not passed. There are thousands in this, our twentieth century unknown to fame. Although we may not succeed in writing our names on the scroll of fame, or gaining a world-wide reputation, we can make life one grand success. Ponder well the problems that confront you every day. Resolve to make a mark in the world, and to be an honor to your country.

PROF. MCKAY RESIGNS.

On last Friday morning Prof. McKay handed in his resignation to the board of trustees. This action on his part was a surprise to the trustees, and it was only after being assured by Professor McKay that it was absolutely imperative that he attended to a matter that had come up elsewhere, that they accepted his resignation. The actual reason for his resigning is known only to Prof. McKay as he declined to tell the trustees anything in regard to the matter other than it was imperative that he resign.

The school work here so far has been getting on unusually well and Prof. McKay's work has been more than satisfactory to the trustees. His resignation in the middle of the school year made it necessary that the trustees secure some one to take his place. After some discussion it was decided by Mr. Gober and Mr. Berry that we could get no better man than Prof. T. R. Mauldin of this city. Prof. Mauldin will take charge of the work here on Dec. 2 and things will go on without a break in the school year. As far as possible there will be no change in the school work.

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Friday night Dec., the sixth will belong to the General Public as far as the institute work of the teachers is concerned and every one in Gail will want to go and enjoy themselves. Every school boy and girl are going to be there and are going prepared to have a nice time. Let every reader of the Journal go and get your money's worth for it costs nothing.

Thanksgiving day will be observed and then on the day following there will be no school. The following week is institute week and during that time school will be closed throughout the county. There will be no issue of the JOURNAL next week or the week following.

A Statement.

In regard to my resignation I would like to state that it is with reluctance that I give up the work here but that it is imperative that I resign and attend to a matter entirely apart from school work in another part of the state. I have learned to like Gail, I have fallen in love with the school

work here and wish that I could take it on to the end of the year. But I cannot. I feel sure however that my plans for the school and my school work, have found a man in Prof. Mauldin who can more than do them justice. I wish to thank the people of Gail, and the trustees, for the hearty support and co-operation they have given me here in the school work.

L. F. MCKAY

HOW TWO GIRLS STUDY.

The first thing is to get permission to speak. The girl takes her book and goes to the one whom she wishes to talk to, and starts off like she is going to talk about her lessons, and turns it off to a secret she has to tell her little friend; after a while it gets so funny that they have to laugh. The teacher then has to take their names because he does not know what they are laughing at. They then study their lessons awhile and then the other girl has something very important to tell her little friend about the Basket Ball game and they get the rule book and look at the rules and the girls suits. Then the teacher gets their names again and then that counts two stars.

The demand of the twentieth century is for an education that is practical. It is an education that will prepare for complete living. There is too a close relation between school and life and the school is to do the things that will help boys and girls to find their work in the world.

Great changes have come in the industrial world, and new problems in education confront us. A great many men have succeeded hitherto in spite of their training rather than by reason of it. If wit and abundance of raw material have made fortunes in the past, intelligent work and an inexhaustible asset are to furnish comfortable competences in the future. But everybody must work and work intelligently, because in the future these competencies will have to be earned, and earned in the sweat of the face.—Hon. F. A. Cotton, State Supt., of Indiana.

Open Session

Teachers Institute

On Friday evening Dec. 6 the General Public is invited to meet with the teachers of Borden County in an open session. J. S. Crumpton, candidate for district attorney, will deliver an address on "The American Woman." There will be other good things on the program so come on and help us enjoy ourselves.

The regular institute work of the teachers of Borden and surrounding counties will be done on Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Teachers will take notice.

IT IS THE HIT THAT COUNTS.

Yes, it is the hit that counts every where. There is such a thing as honorable failure, but honorable success is better. And do you know boys and girls that success is very much a matter of habit.

The habit is usually formed at school, and when once formed it abides.

It is true that some people who are failures in school have succeeded fairly well in after life; but they succeed not because of the failure but in spite of it; and failure is hard to overcome.

On the contrary you watch the boy or girl who succeeds in all their undertakings at school in the class room, in the examinations in class room contests and in field contest, and if you follow that boy or girl in their after career, you will be apt to find a successful man or woman. It is the habit they have formed of hitting not missing.

E. B. M.

The Lone Star State

The formal claim of Spain to Texas was made by Coronado in the year of 1540, when a mission was founded at Ysleta, in El Paso county. A French claim to the territory was made in 1685, when La Salle entered Matagorda Bay, and founded the port and colony of St. Louis. With the rival claims still unsettled, France in 1803 sold Louisiana, including Texas, to the United States. In

1819 the United States relinquished to Spain all claim to Texas, in exchange for Florida.

The American period of Texas begins when on a grant of land from Spanish authorities, Stephen F. Austin planted his first settlement in what is now Washington, in 1721. Other grants were made, thousands of Americans settled in Texas. In 1821, Mexico assisted by the Americans in Texas, revolted from Spain, and established an independent government, under which Texas became a part of that country. In 1830, Mexico placed Texas under a military rule. After suffering many oppressions, the Americans began a war for the independence of Texas, which ended with the defeat of the Mexicans at San Jacinto, April 21, 1836.

The Americans established in Texas an independent Republic, which held its place as a nation until 1845, when it annexed to our own country and admitted to the union as a state. In 1861 Texas passed an ordinance of secession to become one to the Confederate States, to whose armies, during the civil war, it furnished 90,000 soldiers. At the close of the war Texas was placed under military rule.

In 1868 a new Constitution was adopted, and the state was restored to its former relations in the Union in 1870. From that time until the present it has continued on a course of progress and prosperity.

According to the census in 1890, the population was 2,235,252, of whom 488,171 were of African descent. The Population in 1900 was 3,040,710.

GOODNESS PAYS BEST.

Two things are pleasant to contemplate one is a useful life ended well; the other a probable life begun well.

The news papers announced the death of Whittier as that of "the best loved man in America."

When Phillips Brooks died a little girl said, "mamma, Bishop Brooks is dead, wont the angels be happy?"

All of the great and good are dying, and others must come to take their places; will we be of these? If so remember that a great life must be begun early.

Be good. Nothing pays so well as goodness. We may lose our health, our friends, our reputation, our money; but never without our own consent must we lose our goodness.

Let us try to imitate King Alfred, who when about to die said: "So long as I have lived I have striven to live worthily."

E. B. M.

Sure Returns: Capital

invested in books for the school library will pay

100 per cent

on the dollar in the form of better equipped citizens for the future. Good deeds always come back to a man. Besides your capital is always there and draws interest without manipulation. Give us some books.

**Library Club,
Gail, Texas.**

PUPILS PAGE

Ora Smoot was absent from school Tuesday evening.

Remember the Club meets every Thursday evening.

We had quite an enjoyable time on last Friday evening. Miss Ethal Blankenship's scholars came in our room, we chose up and ciphered. Misses Cora Berry and Lillie Morrow chose up. Miss Lillie's side was ahead when we quit.

Mr. Harvey Everett, who was absent from school Friday morning returned to his place in school late Friday eve.

Mr. Sid Cathey, was absent from school Friday evening.

The basket ball girls will play a match game of ball at the Gail school house Thanksgiving evening at 3 o'clock. The girls will be dressed in their uniforms as follows:

Myrtle Hopkins, Zettie Cathey, Cora Berry, Ola Kincaid, Ora Smoot and Josie DeShazo will be dressed in white sweaters and black skirts. Miss Myrtle Hopkins will be captian on this side.

Myrtle Smoot, Alma DeShazo, Mollie Hopkins, Fay Jolly, Sammie Morrow and Lillie Morrow, will wear red sweaters and dark skirts with Miss Myrtle Smoot as their captian.

Miss Ethel Morrow will be umpire. Linemen will be chosen later. Come one and all we are sure you will enjoy watching the girls play.

Owing to the fact that there was only one name on the honor roll it has been thought best to discontinue the same.

The sixth grade stood examination in the lower arithmetic last Friday and were promoted to the higher book.

Fletcher Patton and his two little sisters are absent from school again this week.

The light snow followed by a drizzling rain and as yet has not let up. Still it is not fierce enough to keep the school children in the house.

Myrtle Ray and Cleave Jolly were not in school Tuesday.

Sid Cathey and Charles Baker were not in school Tuesday evening.

For a recipe for "Welsh Rabbit" call on Prof. McKay.

On account of bad weather Miss Alma and Earl Sealy were absent from school.

Wonder why Sid Cathey, Frank Berry, Porter Cotten and Earl Sealy were all absent from school Friday evening.

We are sorry, but Earl and Alma Sealy have moved from this school to another we hope them success.

We certainly hope that it won't be many days until we have a telephone at our school house.

We are glad to see Mr. Harvey Everett back in school.

We are glad to state that Harvey Everett who has been absent from school a week ill with tonsillitis, was with us once more last Wednesday.

Some of the little boys in the primary department, have been giving the teachers a little trouble this week as they just will persist in fighting, but they are to be excused to some extent for such conduct as the larger boys are accused of "putting them up to it."

Johnnie and Zedie Mae were absent from school Tuesday.

We learn that Harvey Everett and Jake Morrow who are sick with sore throat and fever are no better this week.

We are always glad to have visitors. Come visit the school, it will do you good to see how we are all progressing.

We want to congratulate the fifth grade on their compositions. Some of the compositions are excellent.

The yellows are beating the greens playing ball this week but the greens say that is no proof for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Frank Burke one of our old time pupils visited the school Thursday morning. We trust that we can persuade Frank to start to school soon.

Alma and Earl Sealy are absent from school this week.

Sammie Morrow is back at school once more.

Beyd Burnett, who has been on the sick list several days is back at school this week.

Mrs. J. C. Howe visited the intermediate room Tuesday afternoon.

Florence Jolly was absent from school Tuesday.

Willie and Alta Denten were absent Monday and Tuesday on account of bad weather.

Tom Hale is on the sick list this week.

Joe Dillahunty seems to find the fire in the intermediate room warmer than in his own room. Mr. McKay should keep a better fire.