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OUR GROCERY REPUTATION

Is Still Above Question We started in business primarily to make money, but principally to please a constituency that had tired of bad quality of groceries and feed combined with slipshod methods of business. We have learned that customers appreciate fair dealing much more than forced smiles. Upon these principles we hope to merit the trade of TERRY and YOAKUM county people. Ask anybody in Lubbock about us. Food for MAN and BEAST found at

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

THAT TAHOKA- BROWNFIELD MAIL.

**Shall We Remain Cut-off? It
Now Costs a Prospector \$25
to Reach Brownfield.**

As everyone is agreed as to the feasibility of the proposed line is a foregone conclusion, from one end of the line to the other, from Tahoka to Bronco, and that the route will serve the people of the three counties quicker and at less cost to the government than any other route. All are Texas points and are closely identified, socially and commercially.

We learned last week that the department had written the postmaster at Plains for his opinion as to what route or routes might be discontinued in the event the post office department decided to inaugurate the proposed route. He answered that the Lamesa route to Brownfield might be discontinued also the Seminole-Plain route. With the discontinuation of these two routes whose total length is between 90 and 100 miles, the new route might be installed at practically the same expense, devoted to the old ones.

From the same source we also learned that nearly every citizen of Yoakum county had like Terry, signed the petition, except a few in the extreme southern portion who did some business with Seminole merchants and bankers.

The interest of a vast majority of the people of Yoakum and Terry counties are identical. The nearest railroad point of either, south is Big Springs, or Midland; north it is Texico or Hereford, and west of us is simply out of the question. There-

fore some point east of us on the Santa Fe is more convenient and nearer not to mention the ease of accessibility, and as Tahoka has through her push and vim encouraged and augmented in every way the possibility of pushing their trade westward, that is the logical point, because we know by various petitions and sundry financial aids received from that source, we have friends at that end of the line. Lubbock either knowingly or carelessly permitted the government to cut our tri-weekly mail communication via Meadow, right slap bang into in the middle, instead of pushing and working for a daily mail route between our cities. We suppose they were too busy looking after more railroads to give mere, insignificant mail route their simplest attention, but they may find some day through experience, that it pays to encourage wagon traffic, and that the best way to do that is to have prompt mail communication. Tahoka on the other hand has taken a deep interest in the proposition from the first. Fact is, they circulated the first petition for the route, and induced the other towns concerned to do likewise; therefore they have the right-of-way, and deserve our hearty support for the eastern terminus of the new route, which the department will no doubt install in the near future.

The inconvenience of the old way has been recited too often to deserve repetition, but we cannot refrain from giving it space again. When our route to Lubbock was severed, and before the Santa Fe began carrying mail over the Lamesa branch, we were up against a proposition that made us think seriously that the great and

learned postal authorities were just about as simple and to-headed as Carolina pickaninnies, but they probably had the Tahoka Bronco route via Brownfield, Gomez and Plains in view then and thought we could suffer some inconvenience for a season. Here was about our plight:

If a man at Brownfield wrote a friend at Plains, it took the letter two days to reach Big Springs by stage, one to Midland over the T. P. and two more on top of that to Plains, via Seminole. His answer came back over the same round the world route, consuming in all 10 days. The same man at Brownfield also wrote Sears & Roebuck at Chicago, and mailed it at same time and received a reply in eight days or two days earlier than the reply came in from a county seat only 32 miles west of us. One of our merchants writes to the freight agent at Lubbock, 45 miles northeast of us, or Tahoka 28 miles east of us to enquire if his goods had arrived from a certain wholesale house. Two days are consumed for the letter to reach Big Springs, one to Fort Worth, one to Amarillo, and one to Lubbock, and in just ten days after he mails said letter, he receives a letter in reply. But in the meantime, some freighter from Brownfield has done called for the goods and they are back home, and if the goods in question happen to be breakfast bacon it is consumed and another order in before the reply reaches Brownfield. Again; we understand that one has to call for whiskey in seven days after it arrives at the express office, under the new law. Now we don't pretend to say that any of our citizens ever order red liquor, but suppose they did just for example. Well by the time a notification

card reached Brownfield and the consignee reach the express office, the blend would already be on its weaving way back to Kansas City, and any one knows or ought to know that the consignee and whiskey both would be disappointed.

We call that convenience with a hobble skirt on.

THE DEVIL'S SOLILOQUY

(Suggested to the author, Eld. T. B. Larimore, the great Christian Evangelist and educator, by hearing a man speak disparagingly of a young girl.)

One night as the devil sat musing alone,
In the midst of his cozy, warm fire,
Trying to figure the difference in guilt
'Tween a thief and an all-around liar,
His memory turned to the scenes of his youth,
And his eyes filled with hot, boiling tears;
So he took down his ledger and turned to a page
Dated back about six-thousand years.

"I suppose" he exclaimed as he glanced thru the book,
I am doing the best that I can,
For my business denotes a continual increase
Ever since the creation of man.
I've cribbed a big harvest for six-thousand years,
And should be content with the yield,
And give my opponent permission to have
The gleanings I leave in the fall.

"I've gathered a very diversified crop
Of merchants and lawyers galore;

I've bound politicians in bundles until
The end of my fingers are sore,
I have fiddlers, gamblers and insurance men;
I have murderers, forgers and liars;
I've filled up my furnace with green Populist
Till they actually put out the fires.

"I have railroad conductors and doctors to spare,
Horse-traders and preachers to spend;
Republicans, Democrats Tories and Whigs,
And two or three newspaper men.
But there is one class, I'm happy to say,
Can never gain interance here;
Their souls are so dirty that I'm sure they would
Demoralize hell in a year.

"I refer to that 'thing' neither human nor beast—
The carrion crow of the world—
Who never is happy unless he can feast
On the wreck of an innocent girl.
A million of years in my warmest rooms
His slanders could never atone;
So I give him a match and advise him to start
A select little hell of his own."

With his fingers he lit an asbestos cigar;
And placing his book on a shelf,
He muttered "I may be a very bad man,
But I've got some respect for myself."

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Church Directory.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11 A.M. and 7:30 P. M.
At Meadow every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 A.M.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. Everybody invited.
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Rev. V. H. Trammell, Pastor.

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Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. on 1st and 3rd Sundays; at Midway on Friday night before 4th Sunday, and at Lou on Saturday at 11 a. m. before and on 4th Sunday at 11 a. m..

Sunday school at 10 a. m. E. L. Duke, Supt. Everybody cordially invited to attend.
Rev. J. H. Hill, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday school at 3 p. m. every Sunday at the Baptist church. Everybody cordially invited.
W. G. Hardin, Leader.

Even the ground hog jokes on occasions, although not a prominent member of the Ananias Club.

United States Senator Chas. A. Culberson come square out against Lorimer last week. We are prouder of Culberson every time we help elect him.

ARBOR DAY AT THE NEEDMORE SCHOOL.

Interesting and Beneficial Exercises Observed in Which the Children were Joined by the Grown-Ups.

The people of the Needmore School District gathered at the school house on February 22nd to plant trees and to have a general good time in a social way, together. After drawing numbers for trees, and short exercises by the school children, a sumptuous feast was spread by the good ladies, of which everyone partook heartily. In the afternoon the children again entertained the crowd for a few minutes, after which there was speech making appropriate to the occasion by Messrs. W. H. Gist, W. M. Howard, G. A. Whitley and Profs. Gist and Huckleberry. The crowd then repaired to the park to plant trees.

The name to the left indicates the contestant, while the one to the left denotes the one in whose honor the tree was named. Where there is a blank, no name was given. The Herald man bows in reverent recognition to the honor conferred upon him by the progressive school board of Needmore. We hope all the trees will do well and in the future we hope to be able to behold our namesake and to personally recuperate beneath its wholesome shade. We hereby appoint Jim Lewis and Noah Bell special guardians to see that no harm befalls A. J. Stricklin, II. The drawing resulted as follows:

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| 1st Eugene Huckleberry | Successors |
| 2nd Present School Board to | Captain John Smith |
| 3rd Jim Whitley to | Sam Houston |
| 4th Allen Whitley to | |
| 5th Mrs. Raymer | Miss Lula Allen |
| 6th Zelphia Gist to | William Howard Taft |
| 7th Pete Smith | Texas |
| 8th Ina Howard | Hon. C. K. Bell |
| 9th J. R. Smith | Gen. Austin |
| 10th Clara Gist | Nathaniel Hawthorne |
| 12th Brock Gist | |
| 13th Eula Howard | William Penn |
| 14th Abbie Howard | Thomas Jefferson |
| 15th Leona Moorehead | James A. Garfield |
| 16th Frank Moorehead | |
| 17th George Moorehead | School Board and Successors |
| 18th H. H. Timmons | A. K. Huckleberry |
| 19th Mrs. G. A. Whitley | Geo. Rodger Clark |
| 20th Floyd Gist | Abraham Lincoln |
| 21st Jewel Bell | J. Peripont Morgan |
| 22nd Jessie Moorehead | W. E. Carpenter |
| 23rd Lorena Whitley | |
| 24th Eddie McPhaul | Maryland |
| 25th Carl Lewis | W. H. Gist |
| 26th Mrs. Huckleberry | Successors |
| 27th School Board to their | William McKinley |
| 28th Grace Huckleberry | Gen. Taylor |
| 29th Lottie Atkinson | Robert E. Lee |
| 30th Bob Smith | S. W. Abbott |
| 31st A. K. Kuckleberry | |
| 32nd Ella Howard | Napoleon Bonaparte |
| 33rd Noah Bell | Judge W. N. Copeland |
| 34th School Board | Successors |
| 35th " " | J. T. Gainer |
| 36th " " | Gen. Grant |
| 37th Bessie Huckleberry | Bethel |
| 38th W. M. Howard | Benjamin Franklin |
| 39th Ida Gist | Admiral George Dewey |
| 40th Mrs. Smith | Christopher Columbus |
| 41st Mrs. Gist | |
| 42nd Clarence Lewis | Florence Nightingale |
| 43rd Mrs. Abbott | Martha Washington |
| 44th Eldora Lewis | Henry W. Longfellow |
| 45th Roy Huckleberry | Nathan Hale |
| 46th George Smith | Andrew Jackson Houston |
| 47th G. A. Whitley | Jim Hogg |
| 48th Jim Lewis | Stonewall Jackson |
| 49th Mrs. Lewis | George Washington |
| 50th Dessie Lewis | |
| 52nd Mrs. Bell | James Bowie |
| 53rd Mr. Gist | Andrew Jackson |
| 54th Lurah Smith | Miss Belinda Clifford |
| 55th Bessie Smith | Jim Smith |
| 56th Quay Whitley (Mrs. Ote Copeland) | |
| 57th S. E. Abbott | |
| 58th Walter Raymer | |
| 59th Fred Whitley | David Crockett |
| 60th School Board | A. J. Stricklin |

A few weeks of warm weather would bring grass a bouncing now, and give the farmers a chance to turn the soil, but let us have winter now and not next Spring.

March is generally regarded as the opening of spring, and probably is in some latitudes, but this far north, the spring is supposed to begin with the 22nd day of March.

Season upon season, is the way old J. Flur is serving it out to the Plains country these days. We knew it would rain here some time by it being so long about it.

An American was imprisoned at Matamoras, Mexico last week for yelling "Vivi Madera." That will probably develop another case of "not knowing what he was talking about."

A rich man certainly cannot appreciate a new suit of clothes like a country editor, who looks long and venturingly over the big sample book many days before venturing an investment of \$25 or \$30. Ain't it great to be hard-up anyway.?

A rich Chicago lady lost \$150,000 worth of jewels while on a trans Atlantic liner from Europe to New York last week. We have always understood that stockings and not state-rooms was the place to keep jewels.

Quarterly Conference Notice

The 2nd Quarterly Conference for this charge will convene at Meadow, Wed., March 8, 1911. Rev. J. E. Stephens, the P. E. of the district, will preach for us at the Methodist church in Brownfield, Tuesday evening at 7:45, March 7th.
V. H. Trammell, P. C.

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TAHOHA, TEXAS

Local and Personals

About things that have occurred, will occur, or is likely to occur

Fresh Garden seed and Onion sets at J. T. May's.

Quite a large crowd of Gomezites attended the play Saturday night.

Fred Wafford left this week for Plainview with a fine span of mules for the market.

SINGLE COMB Rhode Island Red eggs; \$1 per 15; \$175 per 30. Mrs O. M. Daniel.

Luther French's bicycle pump was found near last Sunday afternoon.

Uncle Tom Holly has been busy plumbing on horse back this week.

For Sale: Work mules and horses.

Jno. W. Cone
Plains, Texas

Miss Pearle Stewart was up from her school in Gaines county, to attend the play last Saturday night.

Howard James left this morning for the Loop community where he will put in telephones for Joe Lane and others.

MONEY TO LOAN—We have money to loan on Terry County patented land.

E. D. Skinner and Son.
Tahoka Texas.

Jno. W. Gordon, and Will McPhaul, to prominent ranchmen of the western part of the county, were in the city on legal business, this week.

J. L. Randal has greatly improved the appearance of his place by putting out trees all around his several lots, this week.

FOR SALE or trade a Spaulding buggy and harness; price \$50. Need a good pony.

E. Spurgeon
Brownfield, Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis invited their friends to a turkey dinner Thursday. Those who attended pronounced everything par excellence.

W. H. Gist paid the Herald a short call Saturday afternoon and gave us the data for the Needmore Arbor Day exercise found elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Timm, of western part of the county, were shopping in town this week, and incidentally looking for well drilling contracts for their boys.

Earl Hill is fast picking up since his recent spell of rheumatism. Earl says it will be some time before he can handle the base ball like he could before the attack.

A certain young fellow from Lubbock was down riding some of our young ladies and their mas, in his auto this week. Brownfield boys had best look to their laurels.

J. R. Hill went to Midland this week. He says he met Prentis Gregg, an old time Terryite while gone and enjoyed a long conversation with him.

Harrison Holden came in from Memphis, Texas, this week, on a visit to his sister, Mrs. A. J. Stricklin. He may remain here a month or two if he can find work.

Mrs. L. T. Brooks, of Gomez, came in this week and paid her own subscription to the Herald, and that of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Cleveland, of Duval, Texas. Many thanks Mrs. Brooks.

Lamesa is almost assured of a Summer Normal as six counties have signified their willingness to join them in this institution. The Terry county teachers unanimously decided to join them in the movement.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Alf Bell last Monday morning, a fine little girl. Of course Will Alf says she compares favorably with any of them as to weight and beauty. Yeshe still speaks to people.

A. L. Ater, who traded his place one mile south of town to Chas. Copeland, is in this week accompanied by his brother after the last load of his household furniture which he is moving to Roscoe. We hate to give up this excellent family.

It is believed by many that the freezes of this and last week will so retard the budding of fruit trees that we have a chance for some fruit yet. It depends a great deal as to the warmth of March and the usual freeze about Easter.

Rain began falling again Monday, and continued a slow drizzle until Tuesday night. Late Monday afternoon, it commenced to freeze as it fell, and Tuesday morning there was a solid sheet of ice all over creation. Old Sol beamed out early Wednesday morning and soon cleared everything of icycles.

SAM BIGGER

Dealer in Real Estate

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

Have a fine list of Wichita and Red River Valley farms to sell or exchange for Terry and Yorkum county lands. Write me for descriptions.

R. H. Banowsky and family, accompanied by Mrs. J. L. Randal and Grandpa Shrock, will leave Saturday in the former's car for Big Springs. Mr. Banowsky and Mrs. Randal are on their way to Waco as delegates from the local I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges, and Grandpa is on his way to Maryneal to visit his daughter.

Quite a crowd of Lubbockites arrived in town yesterday afternoon. Among them were Messrs. Minor, Bullock, Penny, Butler and McKinley and A. W. Blanbanship, of the Meadow country. They were down looking at a bunch of horses belonging to L. B. Minor, which are being pastured by J. A. Correll, of Loop.

J. H. Daniels Passes Away.

The following from a Columbus, N. M. paper gives a graphic account of an old time Terryite.

"The community was grieved last Friday to learn of the sad and untimely death of J. H. Daniels who died suddenly at the home of William T. Dixon.

Mr. Daniels was an elderly gentleman, presumably sixty-five and had come here last summer with Mr. Dixon from Texas. He has lived with Mr. Dixon for a long while, the only home he seemed to know, though a good one.

On last Friday morning Mrs. Dixon called, and upon finding that Mr. Daniels was a very sick man, hearing his agony, she entered the room. By the time she reached him the old gentleman was asleep and life was no more to him. He had died of heart failure.

There were no known relatives to inform, hence the remains were peacefully laid to rest by the tender hands that had been so gracious while there was life, assisted by the kind and sympathetic community."

Nearly every body in Terry county knew the deceased as just plain "John." He was a man of friendly turn, and as a consequence made friends fast and retained them. Something like a year ago, he developed an acute case of rheumatism, and spent several months in Mineral Wells and recovered sufficient to take a trip up in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, and when he was here last, which was late last fall, he seemed to be enjoying fairly good health.

It is believed here that rheumatism finally went to the heart and caused death.

Thus we bid farewell to a faithful old friend.

Professional Cards.

G. E. LOCKHART

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The Herald Si.

From Jones County.

Stamford, Texas, Feb, 18, 1911. We are having very warm weather for this time of year. The recent rains and warm weather is making the wheat grow and look fine. Mr. Willis Adcock has an extra fine field of wheat.

We had a good all day rain the 10th; made the ground too wet to plow for three or four days.

We are having quiet a lot of sickness in this part; mostly cold and grippe.

Mrs. Jim Jones who has been so sick since Xmas is improving and her many friends expect her out soon.

Miss Maud Apling and brother, Crocket, are out after an attack of measles.

Little Miss Clara May Jones and two sisters, Jimmie and Francis, have measles.

Miss Ruby Apling and little brother Joe, are real sick this week.

Earl Osment has been out of school for the last two weeks with a case of grippe.

Mrs. Walter Osment and mother, Mrs. Flynn, spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Jackson.

Wren Jackson took supper with the Osment boy's Tuesday.

Tom Bain of Rotan, visited the Osment home Wednesday.

The R. F. mail carrier on route 2, surprised his friends by getting married on Feb. 8th. Charlie says Madam Rumor had him married several times, and he decided to get married without the Madam setting the date.

Mr. Jim Lewis, who moved to Justin, Texas, last fall will soon move back.

Mr. A. G. Walker, who moved to Bosque county, has moved back and says Jones is about as good as any.

Mr. J. E. Robertson is visiting Mr. Dave Harrel at Rotan, this week.

Albert Flynn, Will Campbell, and Walter Sanders, called at the Osment home Wednesday night where they had some music on the violin, guitar and organ.

It rained a good rain, again yesterday and last night. The ground is thoroughly wet now and plenty of stock water. This is an uncommon big rain for this county, at this time of year, and it means much good to the coming crops.

Will now ring off by wishing success to the Herald and its editor, and to each of its many readers.

Chatter Box.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XI.—First Quarter, For March 12, 1911.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, II Kings iv, 25-37. Memory Verses, 32-35—Golden Text, Rom. vi, 23—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The power of the Lord God of Elijah was first seen through Elisha in the dividing of the Jordan, the Lord doing for one man what He had just done for two, and long before for a whole na-

tion under Joshua. It is nothing with the Lord to help with many or few. The power of the Lord is next seen in the healing of the waters of Jericho, then in the chastening of the young men who mocked Elisha, telling him to go up as Elisha had done; after that in the ditches filled with water, for the sake of Jehoshaphat, without either wind or rain.

In the beginning of our lesson chapter we see the same power multiplying the widow's oil until every empty vessel was filled, all her need supplied and something over.

Now we have in today's lesson the filling of a childless home with gladness by the gift of a no doubt longed for child and the restoration of a deeper joy by giving him back from the dead.

A great woman of Shunem felt constrained as she saw Elisha pass her house from time to time to ask him in to eat bread, and it became his habit to do this. Later she suggested to her husband that they provide him a room with a bed, a table, a stool and a candlestick, and he seems gratefully to have accepted their kindness. Then the question arose in his mind, How can I in any way recompense this loving kindness? On inquiry he found that she needed no favor from any one, but at the reminder from Gehazi that they had no children he asked the Lord for this favor for her, and, receiving the assurance that it would be so, he communicated to her the fact, which she at first received very unbelievably (verse 16), but as Elisha had assured her so it came to pass.

We think of Sarah and her unbelieving laughter, and yet in her case it came to pass, for "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Gen. xviii, 9-14.) We look onward to Elizabeth and Zacharias and note the unbelief of the latter (Luke i, 13-20), and yet in their case it came to pass also. So we are taught to "Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark v, 36), and rely on Jer. xxxiii, 3.

It may have been that the child became too much of an idol—we do not know—but one day in the field with the reapers he complained of his head, was carried home and died on his mother's knees at noon. She laid the little body on Elisha's bed, shut the door, and without telling her husband why she made all possible speed to the man of God, who was then at Mount Carmel. Seeing her afar off, he sent his servant Gehazi to inquire of her if it was well with her and her husband and the child. Her reply was, "It is well," but she hurried on till she came to Elisha, and she held him by his feet, and with the very words which Elisha himself used to Elijah she clung to him until he arose and went with her (verse 30, with chapter ii, 2, 4, 6).

Gehazi preceded them and laid the staff of Elisha upon the child, but there was no effect upon the child, no response, neither voice nor hearing. When Elisha came he went in and shut the door and prayed unto the Lord and then stretched himself upon the child, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands, and the flesh of the child waxed warm. After walking to and fro in the house he again stretched himself upon the child, and the child sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. The mother was called, and with gratitude that cannot be described she took up her son and went out.

The next verses describe a deliverance from death that might have taken away many, and the chapter closes with a miraculous multiplication of bread—life given, life restored, life saved, life sustained, completing nine instances thus far of the power of God seen through Elisha. Elisha was to this woman a man of God, a holy man of God (verses 9, 16, 21, 22, 25, 27); not so Gehazi. He saw something of God in Elisha. He was to her in God's stead. We are here in Christ's stead, and people should see something of Him in us (II Cor. iv, 11; v, 20). Let the woman's pressing on to Elisha remind us that we must come to God Himself through Jesus Christ alone and not through any mortal man.

Ordinances may be as useless as Elisha's staff. It is life that is needed, though there may be life associated with ordinances in the hands of some, but not through such as Gehazi.

Compare the story of Elijah bringing a boy to life in I Kings, xvii, 19-22, and note the parallels of the prophet alone with the child, the child in the prophet's bed, the prayer, stretching himself upon the child. May we earnestly covet such lives of nearness to God as these men lived and be used of Him to bring life to many dead souls. There must be the "alone with God," the believing prayer, the persistent waiting upon God, the close personal touch of life itself, not of a rod or staff, even though it be that of a prophet.

Spurgeon used to say that this stretching of oneself to a child was the hardest kind—a stretching downward to make yourself as far as possible one with the child; seeing, speaking and handling things as the child would; a putting yourself in his place.

A state is never greater than when all its superfluous hands are employed in the service of the public.—Hume.

BEST RATION FOR COACH STALLIONS.

According to a prominent breeder, there is nothing better than the usual stallion ration of oats and bran. Crushed oats mixed with about one-fourth as much bran by weight make a good combination. It is bulky, safe, nutritious and agreeable to the stallion's taste, digestion and requirements. A bran mash once or twice a week has for years been deemed desirable for its laxative effect unless the stallion has access to grass, but some of the leading practitioners condemn the weekly bran mash as conducive to colic.

Some owners prefer to depend entirely on cured feed throughout the season, but others equally successful esteem a few minutes' grazing daily at the halter or the run of a grass lot as very essential to the health and vigor of their stallions. The freedom of a roomy lot with a high strong fence is a splendid thing, grass or no grass.

The essential thing in the feeding is to furnish the horse abundant nourishment, keeping his system in vigorous, healthy form. Whatever grass is fed should be grazed by the horse. It is not safe to feed it in the barn, for almost surely some of it will at some time sour in the manger and produce trouble. It is better to graze the horse in the evening rather than in the morning.

Timothy hay is the safest kind to feed, and most of it should be fed long. If the horse bolts his grain cut some hay short and mix about two quarts of that with each feed of grain. The total amount of the grain feed per day should be about one pound for each hundred pounds that the horse weighs, but more should be given if he has a large amount of road work or is a hard keeper.

There is great variation in the requirements of different horses in this respect. Of hay he should have about a pound a day for each hundred pounds that he weighs, and little variation need be made from this rule unless he gets considerable grass.

Give the grain in three equal feeds, and give about half the hay at night



FINE SET COACH STALLION. [By courtesy of Iowa State college.]

and the rest divided between morning and noon. If strictly first class clover or alfalfa hay is available a little of it may be fed with evident benefit. A little oilmeal, not over a pound a day, is fed by some successful stallioners with good results.

It is doubtful if sufficient benefit follows the use of eggs to make it worth while to use them in most cases. If the horse appears to be poorly nourished and has a very large patronage there may be something gained by feeding them.

Men who feed eggs generally give two to four eggs beaten up in as many quarts of milk. To this may be added a double handful of oilmeal, first scalded, and the whole fed warm after supper.

Owing to the scarcity of hay very generally through the north central states many a townsman who in years past has fed timothy, clover or alfalfa will have to feed instead shredded corn fodder, which has been put up in extra good condition this season. For the family cow this may be nicely balanced as a milk giving ration by feeding a quart of cornmeal, two quarts of bran and a double handful of oilmeal twice a day. This is sufficient for a cow giving from twelve to fifteen quarts of milk per day. If she is giving less than this the ration should be reduced proportionately. If ensilage is available and the ear corn was not removed when it was cut up the same ration will suffice, leaving out the cornmeal.

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I will state to the non-resident who own land or other interests in Yoakum county, Texas, that I believe it will be to their interest to subscribe for the Yoakum County News, as each issue will contain information in the way of local news that will deeply interest them. For instance, it will contain all information looking toward the building of railroads into our county; the rain fall; crop reports, prices of real estate and many other things I will omit mentioning. The first issue will make its appearance in about thirty days, and I will be pleased to have each non-resident who desires to take the paper to start his or her subscription with the first issue. They can send the price to the First State Bank of Plains, with instructions to have the same placed to their subscription account when the first number of the paper is issued.

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Yours Respectfully

NEIL H. BIGGER

February 20th, 1911

**THE PLAY WAS
MAGNIFICENT.**

As per schedule, the play, Broken Links, was successfully played last Saturday night before a large and responsive audience. The curtains were raised promptly at 8:30 p. m., and for two hours the crowd was in a constant up-roar, expectancy or shadowed by palls of sadness. Each and everyone seemed to know their parts well, and there was a conspicuous absence of prompting that so mars the flavor and spice of many well meant plays. We have witnessed many plays, staged by both the amateur and professional, but we gladly and proudly admit that this was the best home talent production that has been our pleasure to witness, and compared favorably with those of many so call stock companies.

Messrs. Bell, Ellis and Dr. Ellis, each acted well their parts as young men of leisure, wealth and refinement, but withal, much trouble of their own, which was mutually shared. Judge Neill

can't be beat as a shamed counterpart of the feeble and insane, while Fred Scudday is the limit as an over indulged son of the very wealthy. Will Adams is "Perfecto the Monk" when the Irish Pady is to be in evidence, and Miss Annie Hamilton as Bid- dy, goes him one better as an Irish girl, and keeps things on the jump. They make a jolly pair from "uld Eireland." Miss Mabel Farrar, as the daughter of an irate, and uncompromising old father, did her part well, but balked when the imposed duty of marrying a man chosen by her father, whom she did not love, and is promptly driven from her home and friends, but is rescued by her lover just before a fatal shot was fired that meant self destruction. Miss Orel Harris did herself proud as an heiress, who losing her fortune, is cruelly deserted by a villian in whom she had imposed her confidence. Prof. Herring cleverly acted the part of the villian but was dropped in the third act by a well aimed shot from Mildred Norton (Miss Orel Harris) as he was intending to ruin the life of another young lady. A death scene

in the last act was a masterpiece. Miss Deane Lowe, as Mignon Armond, impersonated a dutiful daughter of a grouchy and insane old father to perfection. Mrs. Randal has no superior as a trained nurse, nor Tom Brooks as a news butch. Percy Spencer as a black faced comedian would be hard to duplicate outside of a professional. His appearance on the stage was always a signal for much merriment.

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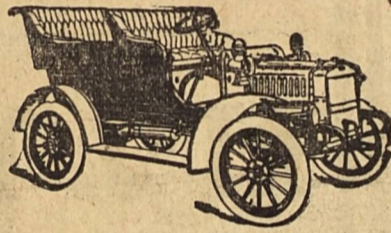
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Tis true that we still have a stage to and from Lamesa, but that is a slow and circuitous way, as the majority of our prospectors comes from the other direction. Besides we have no friends at Lamesa to tell them about the wonderful possibilities to the northwest where homes are so cheap and fertile that almost any one may obtain them and make money faster than they ever did. Our commercial relations with Lamesa are just about as close and amount to just about as much as they do with Hong Kong, China. We have no desires for real rapid transit in that direction.

Are we to sleep quietly in our trenches while neighboring communities mine and counter mine us? What has become of the old time vim and spirit of progress that use to animate the marrow of our peope? It can't be dead for we sometimes here a grunt of disapproval. They only sleep and will soon wake up to the full realization that they are sleeping on their on rights, then something is going to happen.

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ME.

A Song of life.

When everything seems going wrong
Altho' you've done the best you can,
Leave off the scowl start up a song,
Brace up yourself and be a man,

Just do your best with all your might
Tho' rough the way keep plodding on,
The darkest hour of the night
Proclaims the coming of the dawn.

And when at last life's work is

done,
And tired hands shall folded be,
Our sheaves will all be garnered in,
Gods store house in eternity.
Sweet William.

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