





The Graham Leader. LOCAL MATTERS.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Cook, who has been very sick for some time is now much better.

Miss May D. via who has been visiting in Graham for some time, left, Friday, for her home in Grayson county.

Dr. J. Kendall has returned from Dallas. He seems to think the prospects for the Dallas Pacific railroad are flattering.

Capt. J. W. Burnett of Fish Creek, was in town Monday.

Dr. Tanner is temporarily located at South Bend, this county.

Our old friend M. L. McBrayer, of South Bend, was bitten by a spider last summer and has been unable to do any manual labor since. It is greatly feared that he will never fully regain the use of his limb.

Col. E. S. Graham and M. K. Graham are off on a business trip to Dallas and other points.

Mrs. Wilson, a sister of J. W. and E. Jackson, who has been visiting here for some time, left last week for her home in Tennessee, her mother accompanying her.

S. R. Crawford made a business trip to Seymour last week.

F. W. Giraud Jr. returned home to Palo Pinto Monday.

J. E. Ryus of Childress, attended Federal court last week.

Tom Keenan, a Graham boy of long ago, attended Federal court last week.

J. M. Norman visited relatives in South Bend last Sunday.

David Ferrer of Seymour, who built the Graham school house, was in town last week.

Eld. C. N. Ray of Kirkville, Mo., preached at South Bend Sunday.

J. H. Graham of Midland is in Graham this week.

Geo. H. Craig, of Fish Creek, was in town this week on business.

Marriage License: A. G. Johnson and Miss Susie Phillips, March 18.

Jno. F. Rhea, an old time Young county citizen, who has been trying his fortune in other parts of Texas for eight years, has returned and says that if we will let him, he will stay with us.

A lot of Buckwheat Flour. A splendid article at BIGHAM & CRAIN'S.

And now the beef fly industriously persecuth his occupation.

Fresh Fruits of all kinds and at the lowest prices. BIGHAM & CRAIN.

The monthly social meeting of the Epworth League will be held at J. S. Starrett's residence next Saturday night. A full attendance of the Leaguers is desired.

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Last Saturday was quite a busy day. Many people were in from the country, and our town was lively throughout the entire day.

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H. C. Williams left yesterday for Stephenville, after a man named Box, who is held there in jail, on a charge of kidnapping a girl named Maggie Moyer.

W. A. Morris, Dentist, over Beckham Bank. Artificial Crowns and teeth without plates. Modern Dentistry in all its branches.

Rev. Ira Adams has changed his appointments at the Christian church from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Last Friday, despite the north wind, Profs. Lindsey and Compton and Robt. Fowler, went to Olney to attend the Teachers' Institute.

Saturday Prof. Fowler took a back load of young ladies. They were Misses Mollie McJilton, Janie Stafford, Cleo Hindman, Cornelia Jewell, Josie Kendall and Leila McJimsey. They report a good time. Some of the girls say "its a mighty big country on the prairie."

Dr. J. H. Fowler of Round Timbers, was in Graham this week and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of negligent homicide and was fined \$25 and costs. This judgement of the court meets with general approval. The Doctor has been put to a good deal of trouble over this unfortunate affair.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Another Black Page Added to the Criminal Records of Young County.

Last Monday morning about 8:30, George Farmer was murdered by H. A. McComber, who, in about three-quarters of an hour afterwards, committed suicide. Last year, Farmer lived on McComber's place, but had moved from there to the farm of W. H. Logan, his brother-in-law. It seems that there had been some trouble before, as a rumor had become current that McComber had threatened to kill Farmer if he caught him in a suitable place. Monday morning Farmer and his little boy went over to McComber's place after some corn that he still had there. When he drove up the place, McComber came out with an old fashioned muzzle loading shot gun, which, without any warning he emptied into Farmer's neck, tearing a hole nearly as large as a man's fist, after which he broke the gun over the dead man's head, besides shooting him again with a Sharp's rifle just below the heart. He then made Farmer's little boy loose a mule from the wagon, which he shot, at the same time remarking that Farmer owed him a hundred dollars and that the dead mule would pay it, and told the boy that he would kill him if he were not so young. He then threw Farmer's gun into a tank near by. The hogs came up to Farmer's body a few minutes after he was killed when McComber dragged it down to his door. Jim Self (who lives on the place) came up and McComber told him to come and see "what an Indian he had."

There was another one here said he but he was too young to kill. He took Self down South of the house and showed him where he wanted to be buried and gave him orders about caring for his stock till he saw W. W. Cunningham and Wm. Henderson and then to turn over his place and business to them; they having a part of his land leased. He gave Self a ten dollar bill to be paid to Capt. Gay, stating that he owed him that much, and gave some minor orders about some other indebtedness and went up stairs taking his gun, which he had carried around with him, cocked, since the shooting. Not long afterwards a shot was heard but Self didn't go up stairs until he saw a smoke when he found that McComber had shot himself and in so doing had set his clothes on fire. He had tied a string to the trigger of his gun, the other end of which he tied to the banisters about the stairway, placed the muzzle of the gun near the center of his breast, shoved the chair in which he was sitting, back till the gun fired. He then got up and laid down on a bed near by, where he died. The bullet passed clear through his body, cut off the top of the chairpost and passed out through the roof of the house. It is thought that he took morphine just before he shot himself, as a cup was found near him containing the remainder of a dose of that drug. McComber was one of the pioneers in this county, and was generally supposed to have been a bachelor, but he once told G. W. Parker that he left a wife and daughter in Sane Center, Minnesota, when he came to Texas. He had some property, consisting of a good body of pasture and farming lands about 14 miles east of town. There is a small mortgage on the land but the personal effects of the deceased will probably pay it off. He was a very disagreeable man, usually going armed, and generally drinking a good deal of liquor when he was about town. He figured in numerous difficulties in both this and Jack counties. He was buried Monday night about 11 o'clock.

George Farmer was well and favorably known. He was a hard-working, upright citizen, and had, by his genial disposition won many warm personal friends. He leaves a wife and several children, the oldest of which is not over 14 years old. Farmer was buried yesterday in Goose Neck Bend.

Services at the Christian church next Sunday. Subject for morning: "Immortality." Evening hour: "Christ in Type." All are invited to come. IRA ADAMS.

Real estate has been on a boom yesterday and to-day. Its no quiet boom either, but one you can fully appreciate.

Teachers Institute.

Friday's weather being unfavorable and few teachers present, the Institute deferred work until night. Farmer, Hardgrave, Dillard of Archer, Underwood, Compton and Keathley were present. Compton and Keathley were elected president and secretary protem. An address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Keene. "Henry" knows how to make an Institute feel at home. W. F. Keathley responded.

"Lasses and Lassies" was very appropriately recited by R. Fowler; after which the evening was spent discussing selections from the "query box."

Saturday brought H. Fowler's hack, and R. Lindsey. This brought a fresh hue upon Smith Groves' face, who had been wishing for a combat with "Big" guns.

Correlation of Young county schools, local taxation, duties of patrons to the school, etc., were ably discussed by the teachers, aided by Smith Groves, Henry Keene, Mr. Spears and others.

During the business session of the afternoon, Farmer was selected as a place of meeting, five weeks from date. The representative from Farmer, Prof. Hardgrave, wishes for a good turnout of all interested in education and assures them that the hospitality of his city will be theirs.

Several dollars were subscribed to secure a Summer Normal at Graham, and Profs. Frank Lindsey, Compton, Fowler, Hardgrave, Underwood and Farmer were appointed to solicit subscriptions for same.

This is a good cause and every one should assist.

A large crowd on Saturday night showed Olney's appreciation for a good cause.

The seriousness of the discussions were made fruitful by choice selections delivered by Misses McJilton, Hindman, Jewell, Stafford and others from Graham.

After several moments spent by Bro. Spears in "letting off his gas," as he termed it, the Institute adjourned.

W. F. KEATHLEY, Sec. Olney, March 16, 1895.

STOLEN.

From my farm, 11 miles S. E. of Graham, one black mare five years old, 14 1-2 hands high, branded circle - on left thigh; broke to work and ride. Liberal reward for her recovery. J. H. NEWBY.

Lewis and Lem Knight, an account of whose arrest for counterfeiting appeared in the LEADER of Jan. 16th, were tried at the late term of the Federal court at Graham. Judge Rector sentenced them to the penitentiary for three years each.

J. L. Knight, charged with being an accomplice of Lem and Lewis Knight, has been in jail here for some time, but gave bond Monday to await the action of the Federal grand jury which meets in May at Waco.

A heavy stock of clothing fresh from the markets, just received, newest, nicest cuts, most correct styles and cheaper than ever. MORRISON, STREET & CO.

THE LEADER don't know what the demands of the law will be in the case, but if the demands of equity and justice are met, the debts of H. A. McComber will be paid and the remainder of the estate turned over to George Farmer's widow and her children. McComber has no known heirs, and even if he had, it cuts no figure with the irreparable injury inflicted on this helpless woman and her children. By all means let the generous people of this county see that she gets a support out of this estate if there is a shadow of a chance for it under the law.

E. A. McDonald, who lives on the farm of Henry Keen, East of Olney, lost his residence with all its contents one night last week by fire.

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Union Service

Of the Christian Endeavor Societies at the Presbyterian church, April, 14th, at 3 p. m. Topic.

Risen With Christ; Rom. 6, 1-12 and 20-23. Song—Prayer.

Address by President. Comment by W. T. Sims and W. S. McJimsey.

Chorus by Misses Nettie Short, Leila McJimsey, W. T. Sims and Rev. Ira Adams.

Recitation, Sallie Chism. Duett, Mrs. I. Adams and Miss Leila Vaughan.

Prayer. Recitation, Donnie Brooks. Song.

Recitation, Emma LeGrand. Song. Close by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Miss LELLA VAUGHAN. W. F. PARKER. GEORGE HIND. Com.

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C. W. Johnson has been appointed temporary administrator of the estate of H. A. McComber, who at once gave bond and assumed charge of the property. A permanent administrator will be appointed at the next session of the County Court in next month.

Bower Nurseries. All who desire young fruit trees, shrubbery, small fruits, such as berries, etc., will find them at the Bower Nurseries. This Nursery needs no introduction at our hands; its interests have been identified with Young county for several years. Call and examine stock and get prices.

The Archer Dispatch comes now as a 6 column all home print paper. Good—move Bro. Dycus.

Attention Ex-Confederates. The railroads have granted a rate of one cent per mile to those who want to attend the Confederate reunion at Houston in May. This is certainly all that can be asked of the railroads.

Parents, have your children's teeth examined. It costs nothing and may save them trouble and you expense. W. A. MORRIS, D. D. S.

Graham will elect a full set of City officers on the first Tuesday in April, and a full board of School Trustees. As yet we have heard of no candidate. Trot them out.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

J. M. Moore, of Daingerfield, Texas, brought his wife to Graham last week on a visit to the family of Robt. Hollingsworth. Mr. Moore is a member of the present legislature, representing the 5th district. He does not think the state will be re-districted according to the ideas of the committee; however, he thinks there is a chance for the committee's report to go through in an amended form. Mr. Moore left this morning for Austin.

Pinless Clothes Line. R. T. Powell has the agency for the Excelsior Pinless Clothes Line, which is a splendid line, and guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. All who have tried it recommend it highly. On sale by Tinny & Son, Markley, Texas.

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Nice assortment of green apples at Bigham & Crain's.

Elizaville Tooters.

Corn planting is now all the go. Oats are coming up and looking well. The wheat that was sown last fall and which laid in the ground until after the snow, is looking alright, but the question is, will it make anything?

Our school is progressing nicely with a full attendance, excepting a few overs who have had to stop on account of farm work. The school will close on the 29th inst.

Prof. Bowron left Tuesday for Knox county to hold a caucus with a party from whom he has been receiving two letters a week ever since has been here. He will also attend to some other business while gone.

Sam Harris has bought another lot and is erecting a nice cottage on it.

Old man Bill Donnell is the busiest man here; he has four sulky plows running over in the plantation and they keep him busy going to and from the blacksmith shop.

Our brass band lacks just a little of being "out of sight."

W. H. Ardis has gone to Eastern markets to lay in a stock of merchandise for the firm of Ardis Bros.

Realizing that you are very anxious for all of your country correspondents to write you a great batch of poetry on spring, I will write mine before I receive an urgent request from you.

Oh! this is the saddest of seasons That arrive on the wings of time, When spring's most devoted admirers Are setting their praises to rhyme. But a cruel waste-basket is harbored In the office of every news-shop. And in it most of all the efforts Of spring-born poets will stop.

JERRY S. MIAH. [We don't put spring poetry in the waste basket. We have engaged a pair of goats to eat this season's crop. Their stomachs have been insured. As this effort covers the case exactly "it goes"—so to speak.]

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