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It Won't Hurt You
To look through our line and get prices on CHRISTMAS GOODS.
AND IT WILL BE A PLEASURE
To us to Show you.

Our purchases this year have been in keeping with the hard times, and **OUR PRICES** will be as low as we can possibly make them.
Let us serve you and we will do our best to please you.

The Graham Drug Co.

THE LEADER.

Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

Subscription \$1.00 a Year.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Chas. Randall of Randall's Store, gave THE LEADER a pleasant and substantial call last Monday.

Dolls, Doll Cabs, Trunks and Toys for the girls. Don't forget them. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

W. J. Filgo of Elliasville, called on THE LEADER last Monday and deposited a silver wheel.

Call and see our candles. MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

Mr. W. S. Strubbing and little son, of Bankie, La., and Miss Alice Quinn of Merrick, La., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. J. Berry.

Nothing so nice for a Christmas Present as a nice piece of China Ware. We have them but they won't last long. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

George Glasgow of Seymour, one of the old time citizens of this county, was shaking hands with old friends here last Monday.

Everything sold at Book Southern Prices.

Matthews, Tidwell & Norman.

Federal Court Fixtures for Sale. I will, on Saturday, Dec. 19th, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, all the furniture, desks, chairs, stoves, &c., belonging to the old Federal Court at this place.

R. M. Lovv, U. S. Marshall. Graham, Dec. 15, 1896.

Don't be a clam. If you know anything drop in THE LEADER or round him up on the street and tell it. We want all the news.

I will start up Graham Gin Tuesday, 22nd and will finish up for this season. S. R. CRAWFORD.

All parties having seed at gin house must get them away at once.

We want a correspondent in every community in the county. Give us the news, and we will do the rest.

NOTICE.

We are moving our Stock of Christmas Goods—the prices we are making is doing the work. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

The following named subscribers have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since last issue:

Elder Ira Adams, Wm. Rothwell, A. W. Coffman, G. W. Long, A. B. McLeod, S. A. Farmer, S. J. Danmore, S. H. James, S. S. Hunt, G. W. Kizer, H. L. Morrison, Z. A. Hudson, J. L. Vaughan, Chas. Randall, W. J. Filgo, H. W. Drum, J. E. Daily.

Facts from Farmer.

Some nice weather for the past week.

S. M. J. Benson went to Graham Friday.

Miss Nora Yeoham and Mrs. Nettie of Archer City visited Mrs. J. D. Wilson last week; they returned home Saturday.

Mr. Bryan of Indian Mound, was here Thursday prospecting. Some say he wants to move to Farmer.

The Methodist Quarterly Conference met here last Friday; Presiding Elder Daniels was in attendance and preached an excellent sermon Friday night.

Aunt Mel Richardson and Aunt Lina Cox of Lacy, were here attending Conference Friday; also, W. H. Keen and Claude Neely of Otney, and R. H. Choat of True.

Rev. Melhu preached Saturday night and Sunday at the Baptist Church.

The Orphan Home entertainment Sunday night at the Baptist Church was a success. The exercises were good and the program carried out nicely. After the exercises they took up a collection for the Buckner Orphan Home, which amounted to \$9.00.

Prof. Agneworth went to Graham Saturday; his mother came back with him and remained until Sunday evening.

Constable Hyster went to Markley Monday on legal business.

Misses B. Rita Hayter and Nannie Hunt visited Graham Tuesday.

Chas. Keen and L. A. Wain went to Jackboro Saturday to see their best girls.

Mrs. Charlie Graham of Archer county, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Keen, this week.

P. P. Lacy went East Monday with six span of fine mules, which he had sold to Dr. C. C. Davis of Bowie.

W. M. Cox came in Monday with a load of freight from Weatherford for J. B. West & Co.

A. E. Oatman, moved to Farmer last Thursday and will soon be prepared to fill all orders for brooms, he being proprietor of the Farmer Broom Factory.

A. H. Wilson had the misfortune of spraining his ankle last week and has not been able to wear his shoe since.

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Institute at South Bend.

We had an institute here last Saturday independent of all on the north side of the Brazos, one of the best even held in the county too.

Now don't anybody say, "self-praise is half scandal" either, for there was no scandal about it.

We will tell you how it happened: The Brazos was not fordable, hence the teachers on the north side could not attend. Had they known, however, that the river could not have been crossed at this place their perchance would have come around by the bridge. But it appears from the reports we get here that they did not know the river could not be crossed, till the game came to it, or at least of them.—THE LEADER editor doubtless knows more about that than his correspondent. Be it as it may, the only teachers present were Mrs. Maggie Wyatt, Miss Nellie Holt, and Prof. G. A. Gray.

It was decided to elect a chairman and proceed to dispose of the program, there being three preachers present who volunteered to assist in the discussion of the questions which they ably did. The preachers were Elders Goode, Wyatt and Keeter.

Elder Keeter was chosen chairman and the program was taken up and discussed at good length. The meeting is more appropriately called a "preachers institute," as they did about all the speaking. Bro. Goode kept the audience in a continued uproar with laughter and applause with his inimitable manner of jokes and other comical expressions, underlying which, however, is always a noble truth, an evidence of a great reasoning power for which Bro. Goode is noted.

Bro. Wyatt and Keeter also made some sound talks on "Should the Teacher Avoid in the Recitation Copies that bear the name of the Partisan Questions of the day," and "Punishments."

No session was held at night.

The string band was out in full and furnished some excellent music which is characteristic of the boys. They were tendered a vote of thanks for their music.

A good crowd was present and a bounteous dinner was spread by the ladies.

Considerable fun was had at Prof. Gray's expense. Bro. Goode, in a reply to the former's remarks on one of the subjects stated he had just discovered the reason why Paul Gray and never gotten married, that he had failed on the song which he sang during the discussion of the question—had never "got to the point."

Elder Goode also told Elder Wyatt that the best days work ever he did was when he coaxed, and married that woman of his.

Miss Maggie Tenyson, of Mt. Home community furnished the audience with a splendid recitation.

Bro. Keeter hit the nail on the head when he said school and party going did not go together.

A paper on "The Institute Theoretically Considered" (written for the Farmer meeting, but "was not read there") was read by Prof. Gray, after which it was moved and carried that the papers be handed to THE LEADER for publication.

SOME TIPS.

For Christmas Candles get J. E. Morrison & Co's candies.

A. R. McDonald & Co. will sell you more Groceries for a Dollar than any other house in town.

When you come to town don't fall to come in and get our prices before you buy, as we sell cheaper than any house in town, and have the goods.

S. B. STREET & CO.

New goods coming in every day. S. B. STREET & CO.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

Don't be fooled by false advertisements, but trade with us and get honest values.

S. B. STREET & CO., Cheapest House in Town.

When you are in Mineral Wells buy your groceries of Cottrell Bros. and save money.

We will sell you more goods than any house in town for the same amount of money.

S. B. STREET & CO., Cheapest House in Town.

Buy your Lumber and Portland Cement from H. N. FROST, the leading Lumber Dealer of Mineral Wells.

We have the best stock of goods in town and will meet all competition.

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A New County.

A petition is being circulated for the formation of a new county out of portions of Young, Archer, Baylor and Throckmorton. The proposed new county will center at the N. W. corner of Young and extend ten miles in each direction from there, making a county twenty miles square. Spring Creek will be the geographical center and prospectively the county seat. The paper has been signed by a number of citizens. It would be a rich little county, for it would take the best farming lands of Baylor and Throckmorton and a good portion of that of Young. We have not learned who is at the head of the project nor formed much idea of the chances of its success.

For a complete line of Dry Goods and Groceries, at Hard Times prices, go to J. E. Morrison & Co. For Eggom go to the self-named "Only first-class dry goods house in Graham."

Buy your Toys for the children from us. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Drums, Pistols, Toys and Fire Works for the boys. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Lamps, China, and service-able goods for the wives. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Albums, Toilet Cases, Jewelry, Perfumery and Fancy Goods for your sweethearts. You can't afford to slight your best girl. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Mexican Carver Captured.

Sheriff H. C. Williams and Constable Sam Dowdle captured Toribio Hernandez last Friday night at the residence of Mrs. Brannon, near the Archer county line. Hernandez is one of the Mexicans who lived at Graham last spring and was engaged with two others in the hot game and peccan candy business. They moved from here a few months ago to Abilene, where, on Dec. 3rd, the older Mexican was killed in a room which they occupied. His body was literally cut to pieces and his head nearly severed from his body. Hernandez disappeared and is charged with the murder and the sheriff of Taylor county advertised for him. He was seen in the neighborhood of Graham Tuesday and Wednesday, and was seen twice in the town Thursday night. The officers here were on the look out for him and searched the country generally but in the day time he stayed in the hills and came into town at night. Friday he was taken by a citizen on the Archer side who informed the Sheriff and he was promptly trained up and captured as above stated. When arrested he made no resistance. In his bundle was found the butcher knife with which he is said to have committed the murder, a small pistol, a pair of shears and a silver spoon or two. He was lodged in jail here and the sheriff of Taylor county notified by wire. Monday deputy sheriff Egles arrived and took him to Abilene.

Some people say we have no Christmas Goods. If you will call we will convince you that high prices is the only thing that is missing. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Mrs. J. N. Bellamy of Tonk Valley, left yesterday morning to visit her daughter at Childers.

At A. R. McDonald & Co's is the place to buy Cheap Groceries for cash.

Who is R. L. HENEGAR?

He is the new Blacksmith who will set your Buggy Tire without boring new holes in the iron.

Will point your plows so they will not need repointing.

Will build you a Top for your Carriage or Spring Wagon.

Will shoe your horses in the best style of the art.

Will do your first class work in either wood or iron, and he is now ready to serve you.

Good service. Liberal prices to all.

Respectfully, R. L. HENEGAR.

C. G. KING, In the Post Office Building.

Has Opened a Nice Stock of

Drugs, Chemicals, Patent

Medicines, Paints, Oils, and Toilet Articles.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

Young County Nurseries.

THE LEADER is pleased to call the attention of those who may be desirous of obtaining fruit, shade and ornamental trees that they will find as good stock and at as reasonable prices at the Young County Nursery as can be found anywhere.

The supply of this Nursery for the season of '96 & '97 is complete in all lines of fruit except the peach; only a few of the late varieties of the peach can now be supplied, but will endeavor to procure some of the leading early varieties for the spring trade.

The past season has made good the claim that the soil of Young county, where well cultivated, is capable of resisting the severest drought. Too many orchards are now in bearing to longer give room for doubt that this is not a good fruit country.

We think our farmers and others who have the ground on which to plant would do well to visit this home nursery and give it the patronage it deserves.

J. E. Morrison & Co. are showing an elegant line of Ladies and Gents fine handkerchiefs, mufflers, etc., very cheap.

The neighboring county of Jack is building a new jail and the Jack county authorities have made arrangements for our sheriff to take charge of their prisoners till their jail is completed. There is one Jack county man in the hotel de Williams now.

We sell all goods as advertised and make all our contracts good. J. E. MORRISON & CO.

Graham Mercantile Co.

The stock of goods belonging to the Graham Mercantile Co. is being rapidly disposed of at only a fraction above actual cost. If you need anything in their line you had better buy now while they are cheap. They do not claim to be selling at cost, but the profit is so small that it does not amount to much. The goods must be sold. Call and see them and they will show you why.

Shoes—Call on the Graham Mercantile Co. and examine their stock of shoes and get their prices before buying elsewhere. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Hats—We can suit you in a hat both in style and price. Try us. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

Ladies' Hats—Mrs. Williams, at the Graham Mercantile Co., can fit up a lady's hat in the latest style and at a price that will astonish you. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Mackintoshes—We will have a good deal of cold weather next month and you will need a Mackintosh to keep you dry and warm. Better get one now while they are cheap. We have a big lot of them and are selling them cheaper than anybody. Call early. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

Gent's Underwear—A fine lot of it of the very best quality. Don't fail to lay in a supply while they are cheap. You will not have an opportunity of getting them so cheap again. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

Weather pleasant and health good.

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Which we guarantee to be the best and finest goods in the city. If you want light bread that will mak a man

HIT HIS DADY

buy the Magnolia Brand. If you have never tried it give it a trial, and our word for it you will be pleased.

In addition to this we have a nice line of

FRESH GROCERIES,

All of which we sell as cheap as any house in the city. Will be pleased to have you call and examine our stock. If we can't sell you any goods we will be pleased to have you call at our store. John will entertain you on politics.

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PRICE BROS. Manufacturers of Dealers in

SADDLES & HARNESS.

We Carry a Full and Complete Stock. FINE HAND WORK A SPECIALTY.

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500 ACRES OF GOLD

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PROSPECTS OF A BONANZA DEEPER DOWN. In order to help meet the expenses of mining machinery, mills, etc., a limited number of shares of treasury stock will be sold.

Now is the Time to Get in on the Ground Floor. The Company is incorporated under Nebraska laws. All stock is FULL PAID and NON-ASSASSABLE. Proceeds positively to be used solely for developing the mine. Prospects giving full particulars will be furnished on application. Will give any number of references if desired. Any one desiring to either purchase or place certificate of stock will please address:

THE ELECTRIC MINING AND MILLING COMPANY, Wm. A. Higgins, Sec. and Treas. P. O. Box 445, OMAHA, NEB.

E. B. Norman, President. J. F. Arnold, First Vice President. J. B. Norris, Second Vice President.

W. T. Stewart, Cashier. J. T. Norman, Asst. Cashier.

Crippled, Rheumatic and Dyspeptic.

Nervous Headache and Nervous Debility for Five Years. Digestive Organs Useless.

Mr. Wm. J. McDermott, a Newspaper Man of English, Indiana, Testifies to the Potency of Pink Pills.

From the News, Indianapolis, Ind.

The following communication speaks for itself:
ENGLISH, Ind., Sept. 27, 1896.
DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE.
Gentlemen:—My name is William J. McDermott. I am forty-five years of age and a newspaper man by profession. Having been crippled by a gunshot wound of the foot some of the charge still remaining in the limb my habits were of the most sedentary kind. I was afflicted with piles of a most aggravated description, my digestion was impaired so that I could not retain food upon my stomach, and eating was a dread—sick headache and nausea were constant, and in addition to these I contracted rheumatism in the chest. I was frequently compelled to take to my bed, and at such times as I was able to get up, I was a poor man to get up and care for my living through sheer necessity.
"This was my condition for five years—so you may suppose my life was one of misery, for I could get no relief from my pills, and had very little hope of recovery, having tried every remedy in the whole pharmacopoeia, with no betterment of my condition."
"Last March, by the advice of Dr. H. H. Miller, I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People following the directions faithfully, and almost immediately my head ached less, my sleep improved, my stomach regained its tone, and my one by one ailments disappeared, until today with the exception of my lame foot, I am in sound bodily health. Now I cannot tell you how it was, but Dr. Williams' proposition roused in me a sudden but overwhelming desire to attend to those ailments which I had neglected, and a change from the amusements that I usually indulged in, something so bright and inspiring and beautiful, that I became, all in a minute, as enthusiastic about it as my bustling friends."

I tossed aside the "exchange" that I had been scanning, laid a weight on my "copy" paper, seized my hat and actually hurried Jack out of the office and into the street on our way to the opera-house. I suppose we are all subject to those sudden impulses, but the action I took, pale and ashen as I was, was a very pretty and charming thing. Each girl carried a bunch of flowers in her hand, and were upon her left breast the crimson and gold ribbon of the czar's coronation. A member of the American mission, an army officer, was calling on Li Hung Chang. It so happened that the member had a very pretty and charming daughter, whom Li Hung Chang so greatly admired that he asked the father's permission to send some flowers to her which she was to give to him. The American officer explained that the flowers except on the top of the carriage, and as the American was on his way to join a procession to spend the day going about to ceremonies and to give to the czar's coronation, he was to do to but to carry the wreath with him—Harper's Bazar.

When a man does anything wrong, he would rather the devil hear of it than his wife.
Mrs. Winton's Soothing Syrup for Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, and all the ailments of the throat. It is a most valuable remedy, and is put up after a man dies, the more the things said on it.
Just try a little box of Cascara, the Best Ever and bowel regulator ever made.
No man is so worthless that a candidate will not treat him with great respect.
To make an important difference, to make it appear to thousands, who think themselves ill, that they are not, and to give them the best of health, is the aim of the S.S.S. It is a most valuable remedy, and is put up after a man dies, the more the things said on it.

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A ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

"Come, Quetton," cried Jack Darcy, bursting into my office one morning in June last, "drop those everlasting papers and take an hour's rest. I want you to go to the opera house with me."

"And for what, pray?" I asked.
"Should I go to the opera house in daytime—the forenoon at that? Is it a rehearsal?"

"Rehearsal? Certainly not! It's the commencement exercises of the Girls' High School, and there is one thing, specially on the program that I am anxious for you to hear. Get ready, man; it's time to go. It will do you good to see those pretty girls—two hundred and fifty of them, and listen to what some of them have to say. It will brush the cobwebs off that hard-worked old editorial brain of yours."

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NOT long since the writer was in a large restaurant, and on a table was a large vessel which was headed "twenty or more pounds of common butter." It was being rapidly sold for ten cents a pound, and we were informed that the sales amounted to hundreds of pounds weekly, and brought in no inconsiderable revenue as a by-product of a not distant creamery. This cheese is nothing but milk allowed to curdle and is condensed and "whipped off" and simply prepared, not even pressed into cases. Here was a hint, says a correspondent of the Practical Farmer, that might have been made of service to many. Numbers of farms have a few cows, and there seems only one way to dispose of the milk, that of making butter. Why should not these women who spend hours a day in making butter, spend a few minutes more to make a pound of cream for the table? It is a great margin of profit as there are no cows, or even a few, and a few customers and furnish as they would butter. There is no great margin of profit as there are no cows, or even a few, and a few customers and furnish as they would butter.

Should the farmer breed a foal that promises well for the turf he may sell it at a good profit, but the moment he undertakes to develop it and profit by its racing qualities, he makes a desperate venture. Horses demanded by the market are not bred, but the farmer may breed a high class roadster, a coach horse, or a draft horse, and if the mating of the sire and dam is done to humanity, and the proper care is given the foal, he will be assured of success. But the quality cannot be neglected. The sire and dam must represent what you want in the foal. Show the sire and dam not possess breeding, but are the result of accident, you are not assured that they will reproduce themselves. The cheapness of the service of a cross roads stallion should not recommend him. Look first for pure bred breeding in the line you desire, then individuality, and the result of the cross roads stallion should not recommend him.

Winter Dairying.
It is one of nature's laws that all animals bring forth their young in the winter of the year, and in early summer, at a time when nature has made ample provision for their sustenance. This is not confined to the animal kingdom, but extends through all the works of the great creator, and is a law in Michigan Farmer. With all man's knowledge of chemistry and his ability to formulate what he calls a scientific or scientific ration, he has never been able to formulate a food ration containing all the necessary elements in their proper ratio, so that they will be found in the various grasses in the spring

The Graham Leader.

J. W. GRAVES,
GRAHAM, TEXAS.
Entered at the postoffice at Graham, Texas, as second class mail matter.

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION:
One copy one year \$1.00
Six months .60
Three months .35

Congressman elect D. Graffenberg will appoint W. L. Sargeant of Greenville his private Secretary.

Work has commenced on the Brazos Valley railroad between Milnesp and Mineral Wells. They say it will be pushed on to Jackboro by July.

The democracy of Texas is indebted to the weekly papers of Texas for the magnificent victory recently won. The Texas weeklies always stand by the party and work for the good of Texas.

The advertising space in a newspaper of considerable circulation is worth something to the newspaper man and the merchant. Our prices will be lowered by our circulation, and we will not get any other paper in the advertising space at a reasonable price for some time. We will not cut our own throats and throw in the advertising space for fun.—Mineral Wells Success.

Right you are, Jan. We know of some papers that cut their own throats and gave up the ghost.

The grand jury of Dallas county has indicted ex-treasurer Coe for complicity in robbing himself of several thousand dollars of the county's funds just before turning the office over to his successor.

The Mineral Wells Success, Jan Byrd editor, has reached this office and we welcome it. The Success is a decided success.

Ringing noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by otitis, a discharge from the ear, and other ailments, are cured by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Our subscription list will contain no deadhead names, and our paper will be sent to you just because your name is on it. If you do not get it, you are responsible. This is a business enterprise and if you subscribe for Success we will expect you to pay for same.—Mineral Wells Success.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Swellings, Sore Throat, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chalks, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by D. R. Akin & Co.

The fight for free coinage of silver is stronger than ever and we will win in 1900.
McKinley's administration will convince the people that we cannot prosper under the single standard. It will convince them too, that England is dictating the financial policy of the United States and that England is doing it in her own interests. The silver people who are in favor of American controlling America must keep up their organizations. Bryan was defeated, but he is the greatest American in the United States to day and will be elected president in 1900. Our congressmen should not agree to any compromise of silver legislation.

Did You Ever
Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? It not only cures but prevents. This medicine has been found to be particularly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, expelling a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, an sore Throat, Stomach Troubles, or any other ailment, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. 50c and \$1.00 at Akin & Co., Drug Store.

You Can Be Well
When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you must suffer under some chronic disease or you will finally fall a victim to sudden death, exposure, by over work. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and be well.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; paint a good cure, cure headache 25 cents.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
It is every wrapper.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy to take and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proven invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular use, one per box, sold by D. R. Akin & Co., Drug Store.

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Blackwell's Genuine Durham Tobacco
You will find one coupon inside each 2-ounce bag, and two coupons inside each 4-ounce bag. Buy a bag, read the coupon and see how to get your share.

Wanted—An Idea
Who can think of a better way to get a share of the \$250,000 given away? Write to J. C. Stewart, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y., for a free copy of the prospectus.

Cuban General Masoco Killed.

It is now conceded that Masoco, the great Cuban leader was killed in an ambush last week by Spanish troops. It is claimed that he was lured into the Spanish lines under a flag of truce on the pretense of negotiating with the Spanish general for peace and was deliberately murdered by the treacherous Spaniards. This is a severe blow to the cause of Cuban liberty, but the leaders say it will only make the friends of Cuba more determined in their efforts and will doubtless result in a retaliatory policy which will show no quarter to Spaniards wherever found. The Cuban sentiment is rapidly growing in the United States and money, munitions and men are being rapidly raised and sent to aid the Cubans in their brave struggle. If our government would allow it the people of the United States would furnish the Cubans with enough assistance to put an end to the struggle in a very short time.

The people are exasperated and shocked beyond measure at the horrible cruelties and outrages practiced by the Spaniards right under our noses and if Cleveland would only give them a chance they would put a stop to it.

But the president is governed by the law of nations and although he admits that millions of dollars worth of American property is being destroyed, yet he has as yet seen no

Second-Hand Books For Sale.

C. G. King, at the new drug store, will receive and sell for you the following second-hand school books: Steel's Philosophy, Maury's Physical Geography, Swinton's Word Book, Lockwood's Composition, Robinson's Elementary Algebra, Milne's Arithmetic, Maury's Elementary Geography, Arrow-smith's Latin, Warren's Primer.

Or any other books used in the Graham Public school. If you have any books you are through with, take them to him.

It is all right for Joe Smith, Bill Jones or Sam Tomkins to advertise, but I don't need it; I know everybody and everybody knows me." This is one of various excuses merchants give for not advertising, and at the same time these fellow grumbles about hard times and the fact that he is not doing much business.—Mineral Wells Success.

Cut Prices.
In order to reduce our stock of Dry Goods we have decided to offer every thing in our line at greatly reduced prices for the next thirty days.

We have a large stock of shoes which we are offering at bargains never before offered in Graham. Get our prices; it will certainly pay you for your trouble.

Yours for Bargains,
SHUMAKER BROS.

Several valuable oil wells are creating a boom at Corsicana. The flow is tremendous and the mills and factories of the city, including the electric light plant, will be run with petroleum as fuel instead of coal. It is being sold at 2 and 2 1/2 cents a gallon while the oil from the North costs 10 cents.

FOR SALE.
Blacksmith and Wood Shop, Hotel and Livery and Feed Stable in connection. For further information call on or address:
F. M. DRUM,
Olney, Young Co., Texas.

Go to A. R. McDonald & Co's for Cheap Groceries.

BIG BARGAINS!

The District Court of Young Co. having ordered the undersigned to sell for CASH, the new and well selected stock of

DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES
belonging to The Graham Mercantile Co. I am now offering to the public

GREATER BARGAINS
in all lines of goods than ever offered in this market.

These goods must be closed out within a limited time. Come at once and secure bargains.

E. B. NORMAN,
Receiver.

DO YOU WANT THE CHOICEST GROCERIES? VERY CHEAP?
If You Do,

MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN
Are THE PEOPLE to Trade With.

THE HOME TREATMENT OF FEMALE DISEASES.

To assist modest women, who will not submit to humiliating examinations, in treating themselves at home, a book has been prepared which describes the symptoms of all female diseases and explains their proper treatment.

Copies of this valuable 128-page book will be mailed to any lady on receipt of five cents by the following:

Rev. R. L. McEELRE, St. Elmo, Tenn.
Cost of Treatment: One Package (Ladies' Book) 50c, Two Packages (Ladies' Book and Remedies) \$1.00. Post Paid.

\$250,000 To Be Given Away
this year in valuable articles to smokers of

Blackwell's Genuine Durham Tobacco
You will find one coupon inside each 2-ounce bag, and two coupons inside each 4-ounce bag. Buy a bag, read the coupon and see how to get your share.

Thin, Pale Children

One satisfaction in giving Scott's Emulsion to children is they never object to it. The fact is, they soon become fond of it. Another satisfaction is because it will make them plump, and give them growth and prosperity. It should be given to all children who are too thin, or too pale. It does not make them over-fat, but plump.

It strengthens the digestive organs and the nerves, and furnishes material for rich blood.

We have a book telling you more on the subject. Sent free for the asking.
SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

SECRET SOCIETIES.
MASONIC.
B. A. BOTTS CHAPTER No. 167
A. M., meets Friday night of each month, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of J. W. Akin, H. P.

YOUNG COUNTY LODGE No. 485, A. F. & A. M., meets on Saturday night of each month, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of J. W. Akin, H. P.

LOOF
ADEPT LODGE
No. 100, meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in Knights of Pythias hall.

K. O. P.
W. M. MONTAGUE LODGE No. 2202, Knights of Honor, meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

K. J. P.
C. O. P. LODGE, No. 143, Knights of Pythias, meets in Castle Hall every Monday night. Visiting Knights welcome.

J. T. RICHMAN, C. C.
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J. C. STEWART
Has moved to the Power Building, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y., and has a nice assortment of CONFECTIONERIES, &c. Delicious Cold Drinks. Express Office in Connection.

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Mothers

Anxiously watch declining health of their daughters. So many are cut off by consumption in early years that there is real cause for anxiety. In the early stages when motherly love reaches the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla will restore the quality and quantity of the blood and thus give good health. Read the following letter:

"It is but just to write about my daughter Cora, aged 19. She was completely run down, declining, had that tired feeling, and friends said she would not live over three months. She had a bad

Cough

and nothing seemed to do her any good. I happened to read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and had her give it a trial. From the very first dose she began to get better. After taking a few bottles she was completely cured and her health has been the best ever since." Mrs. ADDIE PECK, 12 Railroad Place, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists sell. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills have met beneficial results. "MOTHERS' FRIEND"

FOR RISING BREAST

Known and worth the price for that alone. Endorsed and recommended by midwives and all ladies who have used it. Beware of substitutes and imitations.

Makes Child-Birth Easy.

Send for Express or mail on receipt of price. \$1.00. Bottle \$1.00. TO "MOTHERS' FRIEND" mailed free, containing voluntary testimonials.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Young County, Greeting:

W. C. GAIN, administrator of the Estate of Wilson A. GAIN, deceased, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the Final Settlement of said Estate, as filed in the County Court of Young County, Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1897, and that the same is now on file in the County Clerk's office, in the town of Graham, in the County of Young, State of Texas, and that the same is now being administered by said County Clerk.

Witness my hand and seal of said County at my office in the town of Graham, this 6th day of Dec. 1897. CHAS. GAY, County Clerk, Young County, Texas.

ESTRAY NOTICE.
REPORTED BY H. L. Leberman, from the place of J. B. Giddens, one blue square mule, broke to work, 13 or 14 hands high, 4 or 5 years old, no brands, has a well worn harness, and is a good worker. RECOVERED BY F. M. Drum, County Prec. No. 4, Young County, and left with C. Isham, one Black horse, about 15 hands high, brand J on neck, 12 years old, on left thigh, about 8 or 9 years old. Sept. 23, 1896.

Reported by J. T. Hunt, Com. Prec. No. 3, and left with G. M. Ingraham, one dun blaze faced stocking horse about 10 or 12 years old, brand A on left thigh, collared saddle marks. This Aug. 10, 1897. A. T. GAY, C. C. Y. C. TEXAS.

JOHN POHLMANN,
Manufacturer and Dealer in

BOOTS & SHOES
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

I have a large and complete stock of all kinds of repairing neatly done. Prices reasonable. Give me a trial. My shop, west side Public Square.

H. SCHUSTER,
MANUFACTURER OF

BOOTS and SHOES,
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

All work in the Boot and Shoe line executed neatly and promptly. Give me a trial. You will find my work first class and at the lowest prices.

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS.
The great watering place of Texas is reached only by the Mineral Wells, Mine at Wells and Northwestern Railway. Excursion tickets are on sale with the principal roads of the State. If you go to Texas and Pacific train make connection at Weatherford, to Mineral Wells.

TIME TABLE.
No. 1 Leaves Weatherford 10:30 a. m.
Arrives Mineral Wells 12:00 p. m.
No. 2 Leaves Mineral Wells 7:00 a. m.
Arrives at Weatherford 8:37 a. m.
No. 3 Leaves Weatherford 4:45 p. m.
Arrives at Mineral Wells 6:45 p. m.
No. 4 Leaves 2:45 p. m.
Arrives at Weatherford 3:45 p. m.

That's What Ails Us.

It is the duty of every good citizen to believe that the good times so confidently predicted by the party victorious, are at hand, or at least at our very threshold. This alone would help things wonderfully, for, "as a man thinketh so is he," said Solomon. And was not Solomon wise beyond all men?

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Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of INFANTS - CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.
A Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and Loss of Sleep.
See Similar Signature of Castoria NEW YORK
AT 6 months old 35 Doses - 35 CENTS
EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

D. M. HOWARD,
Of Mineral Wells, Texas, Carries the Largest and Best Assorted Stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Millinery, Etc. In This Section of the Country.
I will sell you goods as cheap as any house in Northwest Texas. Will buy Cotton and Wheat. Give me a call, I will treat you right.
D. M. HOWARD.

PORTER & EDDLEMAN,
MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Whips, &c.
Everything in our line kept constantly on hand or made to order on short notice.
BUGGY TOP REPAIRING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

Mineral Wells Lumber Co.,
Successors to the Carey-Lombard Lumber Co.,
Carry a Full Stock of Lumber, Shingles, Moulding, Sash, Doors, Etc.
liberal Discount on Large Bills. W. L. KEARNS, Manager.
At the Old Stand, Mineral Wells, Texas.

ENSOR TREATMENT,
For the Cure of the Whiskey, Opium and Tobacco Habits.
DR. R. N. PRICE, Agent, Graham, Texas.
Also Guarantees to Cure any case of RUPTURE without operation of knife or hypodermic injection. His endorsed many physicians who have been cured by this treatment. These Cures Absolutely Guaranteed—No Cure No Pay.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.
ATTORNEYS.
P. A. MAHIN, LAWYER. Practice in all courts. His complete abstracts of Young County and titles. Office in Court House, GRAHAM, TEXAS.
JOHNSON & AKIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Graham, Texas. Will practice in the County of Young and adjoining counties. Office upstairs in the Morris-Street brick.
JOHN C. KAY, LAWYER. Office in the Court House, GRAHAM, TEXAS.
O. E. FINLAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in the Court House, GRAHAM, Young County, Texas.

Don't Stop Tobacco.
How to Cure Yourself While Using It.
The tobacco habit grows on a man until his nervous system is seriously affected, interfering with health, comfort and happiness. To quit suddenly is to sever a shock to the system, as tobacco to an inveterate user becomes a stimulant that his system continually craves. "Heco-Curo" is a scientific cure for the tobacco habit, in all its forms, carefully compounded after the formula of an eminent Berlin physician, who has used it in his private practice since 1872, without a failure. It is purely vegetable and guaranteed perfectly harmless. You can use all the tobacco you want while taking "Heco-Curo." It will notify you when to stop. We give a written guarantee to cure permanently any case with three boxes, or refund the money with 10 per cent interest. "Heco-Curo" is not a substitute, but a scientific cure, that cures without the aid of will power and with no inconvenience. It leaves the system as pure and free from nicotine as the day you took your first chew or smoke.
Cured by Heco-Curo and Gained Thirty Pounds.
From hundreds of testimonials, the original of which are on file and open to inspection, the following is presented:
CLAYTON, Nevada Co., Ark., Jan. 28, 1895. Iureka Chemical & Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. Gentlemen: For forty years I used tobacco in all its forms. For twenty-five years of that time I was a great sufferer from general debility and nervous prostration. I took various remedies, and others "Heco-Curo." I am now a healthy man, and I have gained thirty pounds. I am a regular body builder and would write a great number of testimonials if I had time. I am, respectfully,
P. H. MANNING, Soldier's Bend, Clayton, Ark.
Sold in every city for \$1.00 per box with a 100-page guarantee, or sent by mail for 50c. Write for prospectus to P. H. Manning, Chemist and Druggist, 1111 and Boston St.

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No. 20.

It Won't Hurt You
To look through our line and get prices on CHRISTMAS GOODS.
AND IT WILL BE A PLEASURE
To us to Show you.

Our purchases this year have been in keeping with the hard times, and **OUR PRICES** will be as low as we can possibly make them.
Let us serve you and we will do our best to please you.

The Graham Drug Co.

THE LEADER.

Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

Subscription \$1.00 a Year.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Chas. Randall of Randall's Store, gave THE LEADER a pleasant and substantial bill last Monday.

Dolls, Doll Cabs, Trucks and Toys for the girls. Don't forget them. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

W. J. Filgo of Ellenville, called on THE LEADER last Monday and deposited a silver wheel.

Call and see our candies. MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

Mr. W. S. Strubbing and little son, of Bunkie, La., and Miss Alice Quinn of Merick, La., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. J. Berry.

Nothing so nice for a Christmas Present as a nice pair of China Ware. We have them but they won't last long. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

George Glasgow of Seymour, one of the old time citizens of this county, was shaking hands with old friends here last Monday.

Everything sold at Rock Bottom Prices. MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

Federal Court Fixtures For Sale. I will, on Saturday, Dec. 19th, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, all the furniture, desks, chairs, stoves, &c., belonging to the old Federal Court at this place.

R. M. Love, U. S. Marshall, Graham, Dec. 15, 1896.

Don't be a clam. If you know anything drop in THE LEADER office or round him up on the street and tell it. We want all the news.

I will start up Graham Gin Tuesday, 22nd and will finish up this season. S. R. CRAWFORD.

All parties having seats at gin house must get them away at once.

We want a correspondent in every community in the county. Give us the news, and we will do the rest.

NOTICE.

We are moving—our Stock of Christmas Goods—the prices we are making is doing the work. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

The following named subscribers have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since last issue:

Elder Ira Adams, Wm. Rothwell, A. W. C. Egan, G. W. Long, A. B. McLeod, S. A. Farmer, S. J. Dinsmore, S. H. James, S. S. Hubbard, G. W. Kiser, H. L. Morrison, Z. A. Hudson, L. V. Vaughan, Chas. Filgo, H. W. Drum.

Matthews, Tidwell & Norman are making Christmas buying elsewhere, you money.

Full line of Raisins, Currants, and other fruits for Christmas Cakes.

Supper, given by the ladies here last Friday night, was a success and netted quite a sum for the parsonage.

Facts from Farmer.

Some nice weather for the past week.

S. M. J. Benson went to Graham Friday.

Miss Nora Yoeham and Mrs. Nettie of Archer City visited Mrs. J. D. Wilson last week; they returned home Saturday.

Mr. Bryan of Kallian Mound, was here Thursday prospecting. Some say he wants to move to Farmer.

The Methodist Quarterly Conference met here last Friday; Presiding Elder Daniels was in attendance and preached an excellent sermon Friday night.

Aunt Mel Richardson and Aunt Lina Cox of Lacy, were here attending Conference Friday; also, W. H. Keen and Claude Neely of Olney; and R. H. Chost of True.

Rev. Medlin preached Saturday night and Sunday at the Baptist Church.

The Orphan Home entertainment Sunday night at the Baptist Church, was a success. The exercises were good and the program carried out nicely. After the exercises they took up a collection for the Buckner Orphan Home, which amounted to \$9.00.

Prof. Aynesworth went to Graham Saturday; his mother came back with him and remained until Sunday evening.

Constable Hayter went to Markley Monday on legal business.

Misses Bertha Hayter and Nanette Hunt visited Graham Tuesday.

Chas. Keen and A. W. W. visited Jacksboro Saturday to see their best girls.

Mrs. Chalie Graham, an amiable young lady, is in Graham, Texas, visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Keen, this week.

P. P. Cady came East Monday with six span of fine mules, which he had sold to Dr. C. C. Davis of Bowie.

W. M. Cox came in Monday with a load of freight from Weatherford for J. B. Wear & Co.

A. E. Oatman, moved to Farmer last Thursday and will soon be prepared to fill all orders for brooms, being proprietor of the Farmer Broom Factory.

A. H. Wilson had the misfortune of spraining his ankle last week and has not been able to wear his shoes since.

Several of the Farmer people went up to M. W. Cook's, four miles north of Farmer to the rabbit drive Monday. They killed fifty of the animals in one drive. Last week they made a drive near Will Walker's and killed 96 Young county ought to have a net and get rid of some of the rabbits. They would save many dollars in the way of a wheat crop.

There will be no school here next week. The children will have holiday for one week; let them have a nice time.

The circulars are out announcing the entertainment, "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" for the night of Dec. 23rd. The entire proceeds will be given to the Buckner Orphan Home. The entertainment will be good besides the cause for which it is gotten up. Let everybody come and help a good cause.

S. S. Hunt is back from Collingsworth county. He intends moving there in the spring.

For Christmas Cakes get J. E. Morrison & Co's prices.

A. R. McDonald & Co. will sell you more Groceries for a Dollar than any house in town.

When you come to town don't fail to come in and get our prices before you buy, as we sell cheaper than any house in town, and have the goods.

S. B. STREET & Co. New goods coming in every day. S. B. STREET & Co.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

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MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 Years the Standard.

Institute at South Bend.

We had an institute here last Saturday independent of all on the north side of the Brazos, one of the best even held in the county too. Now don't anybody say, "Self-praise is half scandal" either, for there was no scandal about it.

We will tell you how it happened: The Brazos was not fordable, hence the teachers on the North side could not attend. Had they known, however, that the river could not have been crossed till they came to it, or at least of them, the LEADER editor doubtless knows more about it than his correspondent. Be it as it may, the only teachers present were Mrs. Maggie Wyatt, Miss Nevie Holt, and Prof. G. A. Gray.

It was decided to elect a chairman and proceed to discuss of the program, there being three preachers present who volunteered to assist in the discussion of the questions which they ably did. The preachers were Elders Goode, Wyatt and Kester.

Elder Kester was chosen chairman and the program was taken up and discussed at good length. The meeting is more appropriately called a "preachers institute," as they did about all the speaking. Bro. Goode kept the audience in a continued uproar with laughter and applause with his inimitable manner of jokes and other comic impressions, and his challenging manner. "Ages could not stand that, and 't was not a second time in 'emover, is seen at the Arches in the truth, an evidence of a great reasoning power for which Bro. Goode is noted. Bro. Wyatt and Kester also made some good talks on "Should the Teacher Avoid in the Recitation topics that bear upon the Paraphrase Questions of the day," and "Punishments."

No session was held at night. The string band was out in full and furnished some excellent music which is characteristic of the boys. They were tendered a vote of thanks for their music.

A good crowd was present and a botanous dinner was spread by the ladies.

Considerable fun was had at Prof. Gray's expense. Bro. Goode, in a reply to the former's remarks on one of the subjects stated he had just discovered the reason why Prof. Gray had never gotten married, that he had failed on the same thing he had failed on in the discussion of the question—had never "got to the point."

Elder Goode also Elder Wyatt that the best days were when he did was when he courted and married that woman of his.

Miss Maggie Tennyson, of Mt. Home community furnished the audience with a splendid recitation.

Bro. Kester hit the nail in the head when he said school and party going did not go together.

A paper on "The Institute Theoretically Considered" (written for the Farmer meeting but was not read there) was read by Prof. Gray, after which it was moved and carried that the papers be handed to THE LEADER for publication.

SOME THINGS

Some people don't know we have the nicest line of Fancy Caudy ever brought to town.

GRAHAM DRUG CO. J. E. HARRIS.

One Jeger Cabinet photo for \$3 and a life size portrait free, for a short time only. M. H. CHISM, Co. Judge.

I have a nice lot of FRUIT Trees for sale. Call and see them.

J. E. HARRIS. At the Rocket Store.

The Board of Examiners for Young county will meet on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18th and 19th for examination of such teachers as may apply. O. E. FINLAY, Co. Judge.

The Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church was held last Saturday by Rev. C. W. Daniel, Presiding Elder, who preached Saturday night and Sunday morning. Rev. G. W. White, the new pastor, preached his first sermon here Sunday night.

We advertise just what we have and always have what we advertise.

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The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give an Oyster Supper together with Chocolate and Cake, in the substrary building, Dec. 30. All are invited to come and help them in the worthy cause of paying for the Manse.

Call at Chism's Gallery and see the premium portrait samples.

A New County.

A petition is being circulated for formation of a new county out of portions of Young, Archer, Baylor and Throckmorton. The proposed new county will center at the N. W. corner of Young and extend ten miles in each direction from there, making a county twenty miles square. Spring Creek will be the geographical center and prospectively the county seat. The paper has been signed by a number of citizens here. It would be a rich little county, for it would take the best farming lands of Baylor and Throckmorton and a good portion of that of Young. We have not learned who is at the head of the project nor formed much idea of the chances of its success.

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Buy your Toys for the children from us. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Drums, Pistols, Toys and Fire Works for the boys. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Lamps, China-ware and service-able goods for the wives. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Albums, Toilet Cases, Jewellery, Perfumery and Fancy Goods for your sweethearts. You can't afford to slight your best girl. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Mexican Carver Captured. Sheriff H. C. Williams and Constable Sam Dowdle captured Toribio Hernandez last Friday night better than a bird of the name. He believes probably the most important point in forming a separator is the thickness of the resin. Adjust your Archer county line. It is one of the Mexicans who lived at Graham last spring and was engaged with two others in the hot female and peccan candy business. They moved from here a few months ago to Abilene, where, on Dec. 3rd, the older Mexican was killed in a room which they occupied. His body was literally cut to pieces and his head nearly severed from his body. Hernandez disappeared and is charged with the murder and the sheriff of Taylor county advertised for him. He was seen in the neighborhood of Graham Tuesday and Wednesday, and was seen again in the town Thursday night. The others here were on the look out for him and searched the country generally but in the day time he stayed in the hills and came into town at night. Friday he was met by a citizen on the Archer road who informed the Sheriff and he was promptly trailed up and captured as above stated. When arrested he made no resistance. In his bundle was found the butcher knife with which he is said to have committed the murder, a small pistol, a line pair of shears and a silver spoon or two. He was held in jail here and the sheriff of Taylor county notified by wire. Monday deputy sheriff Eckles arrived and took him to Abilene.

Some people say we have no Christmas Goods. If you will call we will convince you that high prices is the only thing that is missing. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Mrs. J. N. Hellany of Tank Valley, left yesterday morning to visit her daughter at Childers.

At A. R. McDonald & Co's is the place to buy Cheap Groceries for cash.

Young County Nurseries.

THE LEADER is pleased to call the attention of those who may be desirous of obtaining fruit, shade and ornamental trees that they will find as good stock and at as reasonable prices as the Young County Nursery as can be found anywhere.

The supply of this Nursery for the season of '96 & '97 is complete in all lines of fruit except the peach; only a few of the late varieties of the peach can now be supplied, but will endeavor to procure some of the leading early varieties for the spring trade.

The past season has made good the claim that the soil of Young county, where well cultivated, is capable of resisting the severest drought. Too many orchards are now in bearing to suffer give room for doubt that this is not a good fruit country.

We think our farmers and others who have the ground on which to plant would do well to visit this home nursery and give it the patronage it deserves.

J. E. Morrison & Co. are showing an elegant line of Ladies and gent's fine handkerchiefs, mufflers, etc., very cheap.

The neighboring county of Jack is building a new jail and the Jack county authorities have made arrangements for our sheriff to take charge of their prisoners till their jail is completed. There is one Jack county man in the hotel de Williams now.

We sell all goods as advertised. This is the all our contracts good, done alone, but J. E. Morrison & Co. works of the great creator.

er in Michigan Farmer. With an man's knowledge of chemistry and his ability to formulate what he calls a "balanced or scientific ration, he the stock of goods in the Young county. The Graham Mercantile Co. is being rapidly disposed of at only a fraction above actual cost. If you need anything in their line you had better buy now while they are cheap. They do not claim to be selling at cost but the profit is so small that it does not amount to much. The goods must be sold. Call and see them, they will make prices to suit you. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Overcoats.—We are selling our stock of Overcoats at prices never before known in Graham. "Win or lose here and you will get one. Better get it while they are cheap. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

Shoes.—Call on the Graham Mercantile Co. to examine their stock of shoes and get their prices before buying elsewhere. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Hats.—We can suit you in a hat, both in style and price. Try us. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

Ladies' Hats.—Mrs. Williams, at the Graham Mercantile Co., can fit up a lady's hat in the latest style and at a price that will astonish you. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Mackintoshes.—We will have a good deal of cold weather next month and you will need a Mackintosh to keep you dry and warm. Better get one now while they are cheap. We have a big lot of them and are selling them cheaper than anybody. Call early. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

Gent's Underwear.—A finish of it of the very best quality. Don't fail to lay in a supply while they are cheap. You will not have an opportunity of getting them so cheap again. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

W. H. Stewart and Walter Stewart left a few days ago for San Antonio, where the former will stay for a few weeks.

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Which we guarantee to be the best and finest goods in the city. If you want light bread that will mak a man

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buy the Magnolia Brand. If you have never tried it give it a trial, and our word for it you will be pleased.

In addition to this we have a nice line of **FRESH GROCERIES,**

All of which we sell as cheap as any house in the city. Will be pleased to have you call and examine our stock. If we can't sell you any goods we will be pleased to have you call at our store. John will entertain you on politics.

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C. G. KING, In the Post-Office Building. Has Opened a Nice Stock of **Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, and Toilet Articles.** Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

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To be a lion, is to have a lion's enemies.

The action of Turkey is now threatened with insanity.

The world is always hungry for ideas, either wise or grotesque.

Really dangerous opponents generally have a proxy to carry out their plans.

The man who uses words to dodge ideas does not last long in this age and generation.

If you cannot compliment a man on anything except his clothes preserve a charitable silence.

The world has too many people who cannot keep their personal opinions out of work they are paid to perform.

The best answer that a wife can get to her letters is to have her name in a way from home is a good-sized check.

If Abraham Lincoln really told all the stories that are attributed to him, it is hard to see how he found time to do anything else.

It is not true that the physician who advises his patients to take to the wheel for exercise always gets a commission from the local bicycle agent.

The wedding of Jean de Reszke and Countess de Matilly is said to have been very quiet, from which we infer that Jean did not go after any of his high notes.

It cost a Chicago man \$5 and costs the other day to learn what an eye-opener is, but that was only his first payment and the eye-opener comes on the installment plan.

The young woman who plays Wagner and Chopin up to midnight five nights out of six ought at least to consider the feelings of the neighbors enough to get her old piano tuned.

The newspapers are printing an item to the effect that Senator Dana "says from \$1 to \$5 a poem." Poor old man! He is said to be a poet, but the demerit of an avalanche of manuscripts.

A jealous St. Louis husband "fired four shots at his wife, other of which would have been fatal had not the bullets struck her corset stays and been deflected. No dress-reformer will ever be able to convince that woman that corsets are not healthful.

Nothing ripples in the heart of justice. **Toddler's Arnica Salve.**

The salve in the world for cuts, bruises, burns, sore throats, rheumatism, corns, and all skin eruptions, and for sore eyes, or no pay required. It is a certain cure for all these ailments. Price 25 cents per box, or 50 cents for a dozen. D. R. Akin & Co.

Organized labor has won another victory over the Carnegie company. The Carnegie building, being the headquarters of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, insisted upon the material for the new Wayne County building being made in a union mill. The commissioners agreed to this, and when the bids were opened a few days since the offer of the Carnegie company, although below all other bids, was thrown out, and the contract awarded to a union concern.

The two-acre map of the heavens in Paris is almost completed. It will be the most remarkable and most astronomical scheme ever devised and carried out, and now in the light of the tremendous success which it is certain to be, American astronomers doubtless regret that the United States was the only country to refuse to participate in its construction. The observations which share the honors of this great achievement are those at Home, Paris, Greenwich, Potsdam, Heidelberg, Toulouse, Calcutta, Oxford, Helsingfors, Algiers, San Fernando, Tacubaya, Santiago (Chile), La Plata, Rio de Janeiro, Cape of Good Hope, Sydney and Melbourne. Each of these observations will bear the cost of its own expense and will deliver it at its own expense at the observatory of the Paris observatory.

An unsuccessful attempt at wholesale poisoning by arsenic was discovered at Almond, Wis. While preparing a can of milk for shipment, John Ribby, a wealthy milk shipper, noticed a peculiar color, and on investigation found a large quantity of Paris green and salt scattered at the bottom of the can. John Burns, another farmer, found a score of pills of Paris green and salt scattered in his pasture land, and Thomas Brown lost five of the most valuable cows of his herd from the same poison, deposited by unknown parties on his grazing range.

Rev. T. J. Dodd of Fairburn, Ga., undertook to straighten out a tangled love affair in his flock, and when the "old folks" heard of it they had influence enough to get the church to request his resignation. He wishes now that he had "never seen the girl."

Business and politics do not appear to thrive at one and the same time—at least not any alarming extent. The new exciting political campaign, the new business is done, and the less inclination men have to get down to a business basis.

According to a dispatch a Wisconsin woman killed an eagle with a stick-stone. It is understood that at the same time her husband had just succeeded in slaying and skinning a bear with a paper knife, while her youngest son did not even catch sparrows by putting out a few worms.

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DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15, 1896.

Of this strange scene of Bible times Dr. Talmage, in his sermon, draws remarkable lessons of good cheer and triumph. His subject is: "Wrestling with the Supernatural," and the text: Genesis 32:25, "And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with him." And he said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh." And he said, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me."

There is a cloud of dust from a traveling herd of cattle, and sheep, and goats, and camels. They are the present that Jacob sends to gain the good will of his offended brother. That night Jacob halts by the brook Jabbok. But though it is no resting place for the weary man, no slumbering ladder to the angels down into his dream; but a severe struggle, that lasts until morning, with an unknown visitor. They each cry, "Who art thou?" The known visitor, to reveal his superior power, by a touch wrenches Jacob's thigh-bone from its socket, perhaps maiming him for life. As on the morning sky the clouds purplish and begin to ripen, Jacob sees it is an angel with whom he has been contending, and not one of his brother's confederates. "Let me go," cries the Angel, "lifting himself up to increasing light, 'the day breaketh.'"

You see, in the first place, that God allows good people sometimes to get into a terrible struggle. Jacob was a good man, but he was left alone in the midnight to wrestle with a tremendous influence by the brook Jabbok. For Joseph, a pit; for Daniel, a den; for David, a cave; for the Baptist, a wilderness diet and the executioner's axe; for Peter, a prison; for Paul, shipwreck; for John, desolate Patmos; for Christ, the cross. From whom the racks, the gibbets, the prisons, the thumbscrews? For the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty, "Some one said to a Christian reformer, 'The world is against you.' He replied, 'I am against the world.'"

I will go further, and say that every Christian has his struggle. With financial misfortune some of you have to do. In the midst of the day, the disasters have dropped into your store from left to right. What you bought you could not sell. Whom you trusted, fled. The help you expected would not come. Some giant panic, with long arms, and awful like death, took hold of you in awful wrestle, from which you have not yet escaped, and it is an angel, the angel of the day, who will throw you, or you will throw it. Here is another, in struggle with some bad appetite. He knew not how to eat, and was growing upon his neighbor.

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So he in your history and find that the greatest things that ever happened to you have been your trials. Nothing short of scourging, imprisonment, and shipwreck could have made Paul what he was. When David was fleeing through the wilderness, pursued by his own son, he was being prepared to become the sweet singer of Israel. The pit and the dragon were the best schools at which Joseph ever graduated. The hurricane that upset the tent, and killed Job's children, prepared the man of Job to be the subject of the magnificent poem that has astounded the ages. There is no way to get the wheat out of the straw but to thresh it. There is no way to purify the gold but to burn it. Look at the people who have always had it their own way. They are proud, discontented, useless, and unhappy. If you want to find cheerful folk, go among those who have been purified by the fire. After Rossini had rendered "William Tell" the five-hundredth time, a company of musicians came under his window in Paris and serenaded him. They put upon him his golden crown of laurel leaves! But amid all the applause and enthusiasm Rossini turned to a friend and said, "I would give all this brilliant scene for a few days of youth and love." Contrast that with the feeling of Rossini, who had everything that this world could give him, with the joyful experience of Isaac Watts, whose sorrows were great, when he says:

The Hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,
And every tongue be dry,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.

It is prosperity that kills, and trouble that saves. While the Israelites were on the march, amid great privations and hardships, they behaved well. After awhile they prayed for meat, and the sky darkened with a great flock of quails; and these quails fell in great multitudes all about them—and the Israelites ate and ate, and stuffed themselves until they died. Oh, what a spectacle it is not hardship, or trial, or adversity that injures the soul, but abundant supply. It is not the nature of trouble that eats up the Christian's life; it is the quantity. It is the quantity that will find out that you are not a Christian, for the brook Jabbok is an angel of God, come down to bless and to save.

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Congressman elect Dr. Bradford will appoint W. L. Sargent of Greenville his private Secretary.

Work has commenced on the Brazos Valley railroad between Gillespie and Mineral Wells. They say it will be pushed on to Jackboro by July.

The democracy of Texas is indebted to the weekly papers of Texas for the magnificent victory recently won. The Texas weeklies always stand by the party and work for the good of Texas.

Advertising space in a newspaper with a circulation of 10,000 is worth something to the newspaper man and the merchant. Our prices will be gauged by our circulation, and not by what some other paper in the town charges. We do not get advertising at a reasonable price for same, we will not cut our own throats and throw in the advertising space for fun—Mineral Wells Success.

Right you are, Jan. We know of some papers that cut their own throats and gave up the ghost.

The grand jury of Dallas county has indicted ex-treasurer Coe for complicity in robbing himself of several thousand dollars of the county's funds just before turning the office over to his successor.

The Mineral Wells Success, Jan Byrd editor, has reached this office and we welcome it. The Success is a decided success.

Blinding eyes in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by otitis, all disappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Our subscription list will contain no dead names, and our paper will not be sent to you just because your name is Bill Smith, Bob Jones or something else that you possibly think would be a particular credit to us to have on our books. This is a business enterprise and if you subscribe for Success we will expect you to pay for same.—Mineral Wells Success.

Wickham's Arsenic Salve. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chills, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and cures Piles or no pain required. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Price 25 cents per D. R. Aikin & Co.

El Paso, El Paso, Nov. 24—Col. Ch. The wealthy gold mine of California who offers to put the money for Bryan to make an educational campaign in the interest of the free coinage of silver, arrived in El Paso to night and the News-Register said:

"The fight for free coinage of silver is stronger than ever and we will win in 1900."

McKinley's administration will convince the people that we cannot prosper under the single standard. It will convince them too, that England is dictating the financial policy of the United States and that England is doing it in her own interests. The silver people who are in favor of Americans controlling America must keep up their organizations. Bryan was defeated, but he is the greatest American in United States to day and will be president in 1900. Our men should not agree to the coinage of silver legislation.

Did You Ever? Bitters is ready for your relief. It not only cures but gets rid of the disease. This medicine has been found to be particularly adapted to the relief of all Female Complaints, especially those of direct influence in giving strength and tone to the system. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting, Spasms, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dirty Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Strength and health are guaranteed by its use. Sold at Aikin's Drug Store.

You Can Be Well. When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you suffer either from some of the most distressing diseases or you will easily fall a victim to sudden change, exposure, or over work. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills assist a gastric, cure headache. 25 cents.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

Free Pills. Send your address to B. E. Durham & Co. Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are an infallible remedy for all the ailments of the system and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malicious Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their use, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box sold by D. R. Aikin & Co., Drugstore.

Cuban General Maceo Killed.

It is now conceded that Maceo, the great Cuban leader was killed in an ambush last week by Spanish troops. It is claimed that he was lured into the Spanish lines under a flag of truce on the pretense of negotiating with the Spanish general for peace and was deliberately murdered by the treacherous Spaniards. This is a severe blow to the cause of Cuban liberty but the leaders say it will only make the friends of Cuba more determined in their efforts and will doubtless result in a retaliatory policy which will show no quarter to Spaniards wherever found. The Cuban sentiment is rapidly growing in the United States and money, munitions and men are being rapidly raised and sent to aid the Cubans in their brave struggle. If our government would allow the people of the United States would furnish the Cubans with enough assistance to put an end to the struggle in a very short time.

The people are exasperated and shocked beyond measure at the horrible cruelties and outrages practiced by the Spaniards right under our noses and if Cleveland would only give them a chance they would put a stop to it.

But the president is governed by the law of nations and although he admits that millions of dollars worth of American property is being destroyed, yet he has as yet seen no

Second-Hand Books For Sale.

C. G. King, at the new drug store, will receive and sell for you the following second hand school books: Steel's Philosophy, Swinney's Physical Geography, Swinney's World Book, Lockwood's Composition, Robinson's Elementary Algebra, Milne's Arithmetic, Maury's Elementary Geography, Arrow Smith's Latin, Werner's Primer. Or any other books used in the Graham Public School. If you have any books you are through with, take them to him.

"It is all right for Joe Smith, Bill Jones or Sam Tompkins to advertise, but I don't need it; I know everybody and everybody knows me." This is one of various excuses merchants give for not advertising, and at the same time they follow grumbles about hard times and the fact that he is not doing much business.—Mineral Wells Success.

Cut Prices. In order to reduce our stock of Dry Goods we have decided to offer every thing in our line at greatly reduced prices for the next thirty days.

We have a large stock of shoes which we are offering at bargains never before offered in Graham. Get our prices; it will certainly pay you for your trouble.

Several valuable oil wells are creating a boom at Corsicana. The flow is tremendous and the mill and factories of the city, including the electric light plant, will be run with petroleum as fuel instead of coal. It is being sold at 2 and 2 1/2 cents a gallon while the oil from the North costs 10 cents.

FOR SALE. Blacksmith and Wood Shop, Hotel and Livery and Feed Stable in connection. For further information call on or address F. M. DRUM, Olney, Young Co., Texas.

Go to A. R. McDonald & Co's for Cheap Groceries.

BIG BARGAINS!

The District Court of Young Co. having ordered the undersigned to sell for CASH, the new and well selected stock of DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES below to The Graham Mercantile I am now offering to the

GREATER BARGAINS All lines of goods than ever offered in this market. These goods must be closed out within a limited time. Come at once and secure bargains. E. B. NORMAN, Receiver.

DO YOU WANT THE CHOICEST GROCERIES? DO YOU WANT THEM VERY CHEAP? If You Do, MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN Are THE PEOPLE To Trade With.

THE HOME TREATMENT OF FEMALE DISEASES. To assist modest women who will not submit to humiliating examinations, in treating themselves at home, a book has been prepared which describes the symptoms of all female diseases and explains their proper treatment. Copied in this valuable 128-page book will be mailed to any lady on receipt of five cents by Rev. R. L. McELREE, St. Elmo, Tenn.

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\$250,000 To Be Given Away this year in valuable articles to smokers of Blackwell's Genuine Durham Tobacco. You will find one coupon inside each 2-ounce bag, and two coupons inside each 4-ounce bag. Buy a bag, read the coupon and see how to get your share.

Mothers

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FINAL SETTLEMENT

W. C. GAY, administrator of the Estate of Wilson C. Gay, deceased, do hereby publish in the County of Young, Texas, for the purpose of settling the account of said estate, a list of the names of all persons who have claims against said estate, to wit: J. H. HUNT, Com. Pro. No. 3, and left with G. M. Furber, one blue black dog, one black horse, one black cow, one black pig, one black sheep, one black goat, one black pig, one black sheep, one black goat, one black pig, one black sheep, one black goat.

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Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of some article to sell? Write to J. C. Stewart, 100 N. Main St., Dallas, Texas. For the best price and the best of 100,000 articles.

That's What Ails Us.

It is the duty of every good citizen to believe that the good times so confidently predicted by the party victorious, are at hand, or at least at our very threshold. This alone would help things wonderfully, for, "as a man thinketh so is he," said Solomon. And was not Solomon wise beyond all men? One of the happiest men this writer ever knew was a harmless but fabulously wealthy lunatic, named Goodwin, well known in Galveston for several years after the close of war. He owned all the real estate in the city, all the goods in all the stores; he owned the Mallory and Moran steamers and most of the foreign steamers entering that port. I kept thoroughly posted on clearance and arrivals. As you know of the day or night he could give accurate information of departures and arrivals to and from Galveston. He knew nothing of hard times; the money market didn't disturb him. He was comfortably clad and well fed by merchants and caterers who numbered in his idiosyncrasies. If we were all constituted like Goodwin, financial panics would be no more. But Goodwin was insane, so they say. He imagined that all he saw was his. Our hallucination takes a different view. We imagine that we are so poor as to be in perpetual danger of bankruptcy, and that terrible financial losses are being laid over us by a hair.

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