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New Blood

New Life.

Pure Blood is a guarantee against Disease.

One or two Bottles of good Blood Purifier may save you a spell of sickness.

ROYAL SARSAPARILLA

is guaranteed to do the work. Better take a bottle. It is sure to tone up the Blood and put your system in condition for the long hot summer.

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THE LEADER.

Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

All kinds of Country Produce handled. FORD BROS.

Granville Grand left for Abilene Monday.

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

A telegram was received here last Saturday announcing that Willis Stewart was worse. Walter Stewart and his son, Mrs. Robbins, started Sunday morning to see him, with the intention of bringing him home. Tuesday night a letter from Mrs. Stewart was received stating that Mr. Stewart was better.

Courtesy is always shown in at our store.

Matthews, Tidwell & Norman.

We would like for some of our delinquent subscribers to bring us a few cords of wood. Several have promised to pay in wood and we need it now.

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

The following named subscribers have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since last publication: M. Briscoe, M. M. Burris, I. B. Padgett, J. N. Pew, Ed. Wallace, B. W. Waters, J. H. Brown, W. W. Hunter, Geo. Compton, H. Hunter, A. P. Putman, W. H. Logan, J. L. Steen.

A. R. McDonald & Co. are receiving a big lot of Staple and Fancy Groceries, which they are selling cheap for cash.

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For Sale.

A pair of good, well broke work mules. Apply to R. E. RAGLAND, Center Ridge.

Deputy Sheriff Preston Brooks left with Albert Averitt Wednesday morning, for Mineral Wells, where he will meet the penitentiary agent who will take charge of the prisoner.

If you need anything for your Liver, Kidneys or Blood, get a three months treatment of Koot-Tes-Na, for 90c., at David R. Akin's Drug Store.

"Procrastination is the Thief of Time."

And is no truer in any influence than in the case of the TEETH. Call at Dr. E. F. Lewis' Dental Office and have your teeth examined free of charge. And if treatment is necessary prices reasonable—to suit the times—will be made.

Sheriff H. C. Williams left yesterday for Abilene, where he was summoned as a witness before the grand jury.

Matthews, Tidwell & Norman's is the place to get Early Triumph Seed Potatoes.

Mrs. Alice Williams and Miss Clyde Woods returned last Friday from a visit to the city.

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Do You Wear Hats?

The Graham Mercantile Co. has 40 Years the Standard.

The Young County Institute

Met at True on Saturday, Feb. 27, and was called to order by President Lindsey.

The program of the day was that taken up. Prof. Lindsey made a very interesting speech showing plainly how self government could be taught to pupils; this was followed by a few well chosen remarks from Prof. Tettler.

The School Room was well cared for by Prof. Fowler; every one admired his theory, even tobacco bags.

Prof. Fowler, Lindsey and Tettler discussed "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Free Schools."

The advantages given were: They improve the morals of children; they prepare boys for citizens and girls for social life. They tend to find the better qualities of teachers.

The disadvantages mentioned were: Lack of money to support a highly trained teacher; the common schools are the hope of our country; therefore the public money should not be expended to support the Universities.

Mr. Spore made an interesting talk upon only in religion, morality, physical and intellectual training by the state, which was objected to by Prof. Lindsey on the ground that everybody would not be baptist.

The practical course of study was outlined; also the teacher in literature.

Various courses were assigned as reasons why some constitutions fail to make a good school and a general discussion followed.

The miscellaneous business consisted of the reading of Carlisle's rulings and comments of Jan. 27, 1897; also the reading of the program of the Palo Pinto Institute to be held March 23rd.

The holiday question and the payment of teachers' salaries, was warmly discussed for a brief time.

A committee of three were appointed who drew up a memorial to be sent to Austin, requesting the prompt payment of teachers' salaries; also another to compel teachers to attend County Institutes. There was a unanimous vote cast in favor of compelling teachers to attend.

Judge Finley insisted that trustees employ teachers who attend Institutes in preference to any other, as "stay-at-home" teachers are the rusting out machinery of the profession.

The various teachers of the county should have attended this Institute, for they are all described in the Pedagogical Eclectic and those present had the advantage of representing themselves. Although the meeting was small, yet the meeting was both pleasant and instructive.

The people of True honored the Institute with their presence and good behavior; also they had bounteously prepared a most excellent dinner which was heartily enjoyed by all the hungry pedagogues, and Prof. Compton was missed from the table of eatables as much as from the table of knowledge.

The Institute tendered its thanks to the people of True for their kind and hospitable. Adjourned to meet at Goose Neck March 27, 1897. MOLLIE McLELLIN, Secretary.

Young and Jack County Institute.

Will be held at Bryson March 20, 1897. Every teacher in Young county should attend. Something new will be learned and professional acquaintance extended.

PROGRAMME.

The Elements of a successful school. Prof. R. Lindsey of Olney.

The natural order of mind development. Prof. H. Fowler, of Graham.

Secondary school regulation. Prof. J. A. Farris of Graham.

The mission of the teacher. Miss Mary Lindsey, Jackboro; Prof. Geo. H. McLaren, Graham.

The merits of Jesuit schools. S. W. Hayer, Jackboro; J. E. Simpson, Graham.

What is lacking in our educational system to secure respect to common labor and wage earning? Prof. L. D. Shaver, Gilbourn; C. G. Tettler, True.

If time will permit two other subjects will be discussed.

Prof. J. N. Johnston will discuss "The Education of the whole man," or "Hereditarily True Graham."

The Jack county teachers will also select a subject. The subjects for Jack and Young counties will be alternated. "For improvement" should be the sentiment of every teacher.

Corn, Oats, Hay.

Cheap, at JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

Notwithstanding the hard times our merchants are doing a fair business.

When in Graham get Ford Bros. prices before buying. No trouble to price goods.

Six bottles of Snuff for \$1.00 cash. FORD BROS.

John Norman, son of E. B. Norman, has been quite sick for the past week with pneumonia but is improving.

Let Bigham & Cram have a chance at your trade. They will save you money on every bill you buy.

Boro-Mental Dentifrice will make your gums firm and your breath sweet. DAVID R. AKIN.

Judge H. D. Williams of Belknap has been very sick, but at last report he was some better.

See our goods and get our prices about March 1st. The best Spring stock in the West.

S. B. STREET & Co. Cheapest House in Town.

Mrs. J. N. Bellamy of KZville returned yesterday from a protracted visit to her daughter in Cottle county.

20 pounds good dried apples for \$1.00 cash. FORD BROS.

Ford Bros. have had a new sign painted and put down a side walk in front of their grocery house.

Potatoes, Onions and all kinds of seeds at FORD BROS.

County Correspondence.

From Bitter Creek.

The weather is fine and farming is progressing finely. Corn planting will commence next week. The farmers are done sowing oats.

The new county site has been the topic of the day for sometime.

Uncle Lewis Weaver went fishing last Thursday.

A few more days warm weather, with a rain, will bring grass and the horse skinner will lose a job.

There will be a large acreage of cotton planted here this year.

We are glad to welcome W. P. Beckham to our neighborhood.

The people are clever in this part, but there are two things lacking; a good preacher and a Sunday school.

The young people enjoyed themselves at a dance the other night.

John Jones is on the sick list this week.

W. C. Bryan has been in our neighborhood quite awhile, but will return home Saturday.

Andrew Jones has gone to Seymour this week with a load of millet seed.

There is preaching at Spring Creek once a month.

Messrs. Anthony and Jones are digging a well on the Jones farm. Success to THE LEADER.

J. G. J.

From Farmer.

As we glance back through the past months of cold, we look forward to the coming of the beautiful spring and summer which will bring our hearts every desire; fruits delicious to the taste, foliage pleasing to the human eye, flowers pouring forth their sweet perfume to the morning breeze, birds and beasts bounding and stately, and in fact everything lovely and attractive.

Business still very good.

Good deal of sickness in town and neighborhood.

T. J. Lamons is able to be at his business again after a recent attack of la grippe.

Mrs. J. B. Wear is improving rapidly after recent spell of sickness.

Miss Lula McKnight has returned to her home near Graham.

Mr. McCall returned Friday from Bowie where he has been after freight.

Willie Benson attended the school exhibition at Longly school house Friday night and reports a nice time.

Prof. Gus Hardgraves passed through on his way to Throckmorton county Friday.

John Tuberville of Archer City, passed through Friday taking some cattle to his ranch in Archer county.

J. W. Casey is having some improvements done on his property that he recently purchased from Steve Hunt.

Messrs. Benson & Sons selected a nice spring and summer stock of goods from Mr. Francis, a drummer for Martin-Brown Co., of Fort Worth.

Willie Gregg looks very lonesome since his best girl has gone off.

Best wishes to THE LEADER and many readers. WIDE AWAKE.

From Salt Creek.

George Mayes has gone to the railroad this week.

Mr. Baker and family visited R. M. Summers and family Sunday. Hardin Hunter and wife called on Mrs. I. N. Johnson Sunday afternoon.

C. M. Been and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with John Blair and wife of Goose Neck.

We wonder why J. W. Johnson goes to Indian. Mound every Sunday.

W. W. Hunter's family is on the sick list this week.

Bro. Rogers of Farmer, was visiting in the Salt Creek neighborhood this week.

Mrs. E. G. Reeves is very sick. Uncle H. P. Reeves is improving from a long spell of sickness.

We have been visited by the la grippe and most of us have had enough of it.

Farmers are all busy plowing and preparing for a good crop, and it is much needed for corn is scarce here.

J. S. McCan has a nice lot of mules.

Our county surveyor was setting his Jacob Staff in the Bend last week laying out lots. I reckon it is building sites.

Our school is moving along nicely. The patrons are highly pleased with Prof. Compton as a teacher.

Mike Steadham is up with his farming.

Fancy Meadows.

I see from your last issue that all the boys were heard from last week except the writer perhaps, and thought I might let that fact act as a fulcrum to prize me up from a state of lethargy.

The first of March is here and as usual, the wind is blowing a lively gale. What few farmers are in our community are preparing to plant corn, some are already planting and in fact every man is doing what he can to try to make a living.

The young folks have had three parties in the neighborhood recently; one at Mans Birdwell's, one at Jess Robeson's and one at Uncle Thomas Hyatt's. Do not think there is prospect of any marriages in this neighborhood, unless some of the boys on this side of the mountain intend to bring some of the girls from the north side over on our sunny side to live; seems that one or two of them have a kind of a banking over there, and unless they want a cook I can't tell what it is for.

Jess Robeson is soon to move over and live on the Crum farm, north of the mountain.

Success to THE LEADER.

BIRMINGHAM.

Center Ridge.

The farmers are busy preparing their land for planting corn and cotton. The wheat and oats are looking nicely.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Cornelia Jewell. The school closes March 13th and preparatory are being made for the closing exercises.

The school celebrated the last holiday in various ways—some in visiting a great many of them in working.

Mr. Votaw and Mrs. Cunningham came out last Saturday week and stayed until the following Monday evening.

Misses Fannie and Annie Lewis, Dora Padgett and Blanche Gailner paid a pleasant visit to the community not long since.

A good many have been suffering with the la grippe, but are now improving.

We have preaching every third Sunday by Bro. G. W. White of Graham, and prayer meeting in the evening.

If the weather keeps on this way there will be small chance of a fruit crop this year.

Messrs. E. R. Bagland, E. C. Turner and W. T. Walker have fenced their gardens with net wire and think they have them rabbit proof.

From present prospects there will be our wedding in this neighborhood soon. Suppose Mr. and Mrs. Fairly started the ball rolling.

Miss Mary Willis, the teacher of Connor Creek school, spent a few days at home last week and attended the wedding.

Wild ducks are plentiful, also good sport. George Hagland killed five ducks at three shots, which furnished a fine treat for the family.

THE NOWA CO.

CONNOR CREEK.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Henry Chapel, Sunday, 25th. Mr. Frank Mathis and Miss Maud Henson. Rev. G. W. White officiating.

"May their life be long and happy, May their sorrows be but few, May their joys be as many, As the sparkling drops of dew."

Rev. Adams filled his appointment at Finis Sunday. There was a large crowd out.

Mr. Chandler made a trip to Graham Saturday.

Everybody is gardening. Look out for Jack Frost about the time plants begin to grow.

There is still a few cases of la grippe in our community. Mrs. S. E. Harris has had a severe attack of it the past week.

Misses Ida and Minnie Chandler visited Graham Thursday.

Ervin Campbell, who is working at John Kistner's, came up to see home folks Sunday.

Ed Ribble of Ming Bend is a frequent visitor in our neighborhood. I think Ed is looking out for house-keeper; he is getting tired of batching.

I don't see how it is that the correspondent from our community to the "Call" succeeds in finding out so much to write for that paper. I think a little bird must tell him. It is every time that the little bird informs you right.

Homes Jones is latching at the Tidwell place, but from all appearances he will not be batching long. Singing was at Mr. Shannon's last Sunday night. They are always ready and willing to help the young people out in their singings.

CECIL C.

Six bottles Snuff for 90 cents at JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

Bulls For Sale.

I have for sale 20 head of High Grade Durban Bulls, one year old, pure bred and fine lots that night; we heard that he went to Caddo.

The primary department of the school gave an entertainment last Friday night; a large crowd attended. The exercises were appreciated by all. Miss Elkins, the attending little teacher from Gage Creek, attended the entertainment.

The band keeps increasing. It now has 14 members.

Sunday School Sunday morning had but few attendants on account of preaching at Post's Creek. We had preaching here Sunday evening by Rev. J. M. Wynne.

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FINE HAND WORK A SPECIALTY.

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Editor A. C. Stoutlock, of the 'Labourer', is making a vigorous fight against the saloons of his town.

Wild Geese Oil now has the most wonderful healing properties for cuts, burns, sprains and sores of any medicine on the market.

All communications for publication in the LEADER should be mailed to reach us not later than Wednesday to insure publication.

Send your address to H. R. Buckler & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample of Dr. King's New Life Pills.

The Legislature has been to San Antonio and Galveston on excursion.

Concerning the Reunion. By General Order, No. 182, from Gen. John B. Gordon, the Seventh Annual Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans...

When you are in town don't forget to call at Chism's gallery and have your portrait made.

The True Remedy. W. M. Repton, editor 'The Daily', Chief says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds."

Buckley's Arnica Salve. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all skin eruptions.

Dr. J. B. Brooks, late physician in charge of the Keady Institute at Hot Springs, Ark., and the T. E. Harris Res. Co., Memphis, Tenn., has opened a private Institute at Hot Springs, for the treatment of the MORPHINE, WHISKEY, OPIUM AND COCAINE HABIT.

To pronounce a man happy merely because he is rich is just as absurd as to call a man healthy because he has enough to eat.

Says the Pittsburg Times: "It is stated that Grover Cleveland has saved \$125,000 during his present term. It may be remarked, in passing that this is a good deal more than Uncle Sam has saved during the same time."

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The best place for money, after all is in banks of investments. A New Hampshire farmer put \$500 in a pigsty and the hog ate it.

the Blind Institute at Austin. It turns out that the weather has now ceased being bright and cheerful.

Of late there signs of a "dark" and gloomy number of deaths of persons who were bachelors.

The 'Labourer' council has bought the city water works at a consideration of \$80,000.

The statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$235,736,992; gold reserve, \$145,924,818.

The Nebraska supreme court, composed entirely of republicans, held gold bonds to be invalid.

Crossers will be cheaper. The American and New York based companies have declared war on each other.

Bob Ingersoll's clerk attempted suicide. Four persons closely associated with the agent have killed themselves recently.

The suit of the Texas proved two things: That the battleship is staunch and sound and that Texas has a real deep-water port.

A husband confesses a 13-year old murder to his wife on his death-bed and urges her to have the last serving of life sentences for it removed from the Texas penitentiary.

The Chattanooga Times says that "less are more than under that are not enforced. The law is a dead letter law because contempt for it."

We notice that opera managers in the East have discontinued the use of hand-bills, and will do nothing but the newspapers for advertising.

In 1880 the sum of \$67,000,000 was appropriated for pensions, the appropriation for 1887-88 is between \$140,000,000 and \$141,000,000; the number of pensioners in 1880 being 251,000; whereas in 1887 they are 980,000.

The object of an advertisement is to be read. Every other consideration should give way to this. The type, the style used, all should be in the direction of drawing the attention to the ad as early as possible.

The most horrid tales come from Cuba of the Spanish treatment of all the colored people who dare to be otherwise than obedient harmony with the white man.

Before McKinley has been President twenty-four hours he will call a special session of Congress for Monday, March 15.

He will urge Congress speedily to enact a new tariff law. Until this legislation is passed to the entire satisfaction of the President there will be no more appointments to office than are absolutely necessary.

The election to determine whether or not prohibition shall continue in this country is ordered to take place on March 13th.

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regions to dwell among the popular calamity howlers, and thine shall be the glory and praise throughout our newspaper career. Amen.

Attention Ex-Confederates. Young County Camp No. 127, U. C. V. will assemble on Saturday March 6, 1897, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

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