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THE DEPENDON STORE



Spend Your Money Where It Will Go the Farthest

Extreme bargains are now being bought from every department of our big stock. Never before have we sold dependable merchandise at such miraculous prices.

Large size Cotton Blankets, worth 75c and \$1, now only 50c.
 11-4 Cotton Blankets, worth \$1.75, now only \$1.15.
 11-4 Cotton Blankets, heavy weight, worth \$2.50, now only \$1.65.
 12-4 extra heavy Blankets, worth \$3.00 and \$3.50, now only \$2.15.

Extra good quality in wool Blankets, extra large size, worth \$5.00, \$6.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00, now only \$3.85, \$4.65 and \$6.50.



10c quality Apron Gingham at only 6 1/2c
 Good grade Bleached and Brown Domestic, yard wide, at only 7 1/2c
 Big lot of Outing at 6c and 7c
 Get your part of Dress Gingham at only 9c
 7 1/2c Cotton Checks, round thread, at only 5c
 Every Child's, Misses' and Ladies' Long Coat at greatly reduced prices.
 Ladies' Dress Skirts in all colors at actual cost.

Ladies' Coat Suits, worth \$12.50 to \$30.00, now at only \$6.45 to \$19.50
 Men's and Boys' Sweater Coats, worth 65c and 75c, now at only 35c and 45c
 All Ladies', Misses' and Children's Sweaters at greatly reduced prices.
 Why go cold when you can buy an Overcoat from the best selected stock in Graham, at a price that you can hardly miss the money.
 CLOTHING.—All-wool guaranteed Clothing for boys, young men and older men. They are going like a jiffy, at prices you will be surprised at.

Don't wait, don't hesitate; you can't make a mistake in buying your winter needs here. An opportunity only knocks at your door but once. Do not let this one pass you.

THE "DEPENDON" STORE **R. F. SHORT & CO.** "The Price is the Thing"

BOYS' CORN

CLUB DAY

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO ORGANIZE BOYS' CORN, COTTON AND MILO MAIZE CLUB OF YOUNG CO.

A movement is on foot to organize a Boys Corn, Cotton and Milo Maize Club of Young County in this city on Second Monday in January, which is Trades Day and the 13th day of the New Year.

J. H. Fisher will start out next week on a round of the county to talk the matter over with the boys and he will arrange dates to address the citizens at each school house where sufficient interest is being manifested. The date for Mr. Fisher's speaking will be arranged and published next week. Read them and if you are in the district, endeavor to be present and help in a movement that is sure to benefit you. These Corn Clubs are growing in interest year after year. They encourage the farmer boys in their work so that they give it closer study, and the result is that crops are more productive. In the organization of the Club here it will be necessary that some government official be present to perfect it, and Hon. Tom

Marks, special agent for this district will be prevailed upon to be that one. He has already promised to lend every assistance possible and visit Graham when everything is in readiness for the organization, so that all that needs to be done is to notify him that the boys are ready and will meet him here on January 13.

Graham will arrange suitable prizes to be awarded next fall, when the crops have been harvested, and one of the greatest days we have ever had will be pulled off then.

Some provision will be made for the entertainment of the boys on organization day. This we will try to give to our readers in an early issue of The Leader. Talk the matter over in your neighborhood, endeavor to work up as much interest as possible and then write J. H. Fisher and tell him when you would like to have him visit you and speak at your school house. The boys will not be out one cent; they will be the winners all the way through. We have but little time in which to organize and get ready for next year's work, so let's all get busy at once.

During next summer The Leader expects to run a department for the Boys Corn Club, in which all ideas may be discussed, and the paper will in every way endeavor to be in service to the members of the organization.

ELIASVILLE CITIZEN BADLY INJURED

W. W. CUNNINGHAM FALLS UNDER WAGON LOADED WITH COTTON AND SUSTAINS BROKEN ARM

W. W. Cunningham, one of the most highly respected citizens of the country, and who has been living near Eliasville for the past quarter of a century, fell from a wagon loaded with cotton last Tuesday morning in such a manner that the wheel passed over his arm between the elbow and the shoulder, breaking the bone in two places. He was coming to Graham with a load of four bales of cotton and when coming down the hill this side of W. T. Donnell's place the front bale slipped from its position and touched one of the mules that were pulling the load. This frightened the team so that they ran away and in attempting to jump from the wagon Mr. Cunningham's hand was caught or entangled in the lines and he was thrown under it, the rear wheel passing over his left arm as previously stated.

At the time of the accident W. T. Donnell was riding on the load with Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Donnell at once had the injured man taken

to his home where he received medical treatment and had the bone set after which he was carried to his home near Eliasville.

The last report we received from Eliasville is to the effect that Mr. Cunningham is doing fairly well, although suffering greatly.

Over 8500 Bales.

The public weigher in the Graham yard weighed his 8500 bale of cotton Tuesday morning. The figures set for Graham at the opening of the season were for 10,000 bales and the present indications are that we will run far beyond those figures before the crop is all in. Every town in West Texas claims to be the leading cotton market and some papers keep reading notices standing putting out these claims, but the cold figures give the real facts in the case.

Some Snake.

We received this week a snake skin, or shed, which was sent to us by Grandpa Riddling, living at Indian Mound.

The skin measures nine feet in length and must have been from a huge bullsnake. Mr. Riddling found it on Salt Creek some time ago. The skin is on display in our window.

For Sale or Trade.

One 4-year old mare with colt. Apply to J. W. Priggett.

YOUNG COUNTY HISTORY COMPLETE

LEADER TO PUBLISH HISTORY OF COUNTY FROM BEFORE ITS ORGANIZATION UP TO PRESENT DAY

The Leader will begin about the first of next February, the publication in serial form of the History of Young County from before its organization up to the present day. This history is compiled by District Judge P. A. Martin and is interesting from the beginning of the opening chapter to the closing line. Every citizen will be interested in the story of his home country. The children will read it with interest and the older ones will have new ideas of what this country has been, the wonderful change that has come over it in a little more than a half century and what the early pioneers underwent in blazing the way for those who came later. Judge Martin is too well known to our readers as a writer for us to use one word in his praise. He was for years the editor of this paper. His articles and editorials were copied by papers all over the United States and he became one among the most popular writers in the association. The old readers of The Leader know

that every hill and valley in this section has an interesting past and that Judge Martin is the one man who can and has put it in words which will be read by future generations. We want every man, woman and child in this section of the country to read this History. It is educational as well as interesting, but in order to not miss an issue you must not let your subscription run to more than one year in arrears, for the law forbids us sending it longer.

We are going to make next year's volume of The Leader the most interesting of any and we want our readers to stay with us. Besides the History, we will publish articles from the old files of The Leader which were written thirty-seven years ago, in order that all may become more familiar with the characters which will figure in the history when it comes up to that time. Besides this, we will reproduce several of the "Old Rounder" articles which were published in The Leader years ago and pleased so many people.

J. K. Shipman, of Stamford, is here this week representing the Cisco Marble Works.

Change at Graham Gin.

A. J. Bryan, this week, sold his interest in the Graham Gin to G. D. Hinson, who assumes all indebtedness and takes over all accounts and bills due Mr. Bryan in the gin.

BIG STREET CARNIVAL

Graham, Texas, Dec. 3 to 7, Inclusive

10—BIG ATTRACTIONS—10

NATIONAL AMUSEMENT COMPANY

10—BIG ATTRACTIONS—10

On Thursday, Dec. 5, all Confederate soldiers and their wives will be admitted free.

HURRAH! WILSON IS ELECTED

Woodrow Wilson is our President. Don't be afraid, but buy you a home and buy it now. It will be higher soon. You cannot keep a good man down, so come on and get one of the good improved farms that we have listed for less money now than it will ever be as long as Wilson is President. Any size tract and on terms that you can handle.

If you want to borrow money on your land, let us have your application. We are here for that purpose. We get the money.

If it is Abstracts that you want, give us your order, we have them to spare. It will please us and I am sure you will feel better. Give us your order. THANKS.

Younty County Abstract Company GRAHAM, TEXAS

FIGURE SEVEN IS MYSTICAL

Day on Which Our Creator Finished His Work and Rested—Many Other Interesting Facts.

On the seventh day God ended His work.

On the seventh day Noah's Ark touched the ground.

In seven days a dove was sent. Abraham pleaded seven times for Sodom.

Jacob mourned seven days for Joseph.

Jacob pursued a seven days' journey by Laban.

A plenty of seven years and a famine of seven years were foretold in Pharaoh's dream by seven fat and seven lean beasts, and seven ears of full and seven ears of blasted corn.

On the seventh day of the seventh month the children of Israel fasted seven days, and remained seven days in their tents.

Every seventh day the law was read to the people.

Solomon was seven years in building the temple.

In the tabernacle there were seven lamps.

Naaman washed seven times in the River Jordan.

Our Savior spoke seven times from the cross, on which He hung seven hours, and after His resurrection He appeared seven times.

Plenty of Money to Loan.

We can loan you any amount of money, from \$200 up to \$10,000.

REMEMBER we do our own inspecting. Don't have to wait two or three months for an inspector to come from a distant city.

You get your money at once. NO EXPENSE.

C. W. Hinson.

Peanut-Butter.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington regards peanut butter as an article of food of sufficient importance to justify it in issuing a circular concerning it. Last year one manufacturer used over one hundred and thirty cars of shelled peanuts in the production of 6,000,000 small jars of this new food commodity and other manufacturers used large quantities, the total consumption of peanuts in the manufacture of peanut butter during the last year being a thousand cars of shelled nuts, or about a million bushels. This is good for the peanut grower, as it indicates a great increase in the demand for that product. The process of manufacture as given by the Department is very simple. The fresh roasted peanuts are ground fine and salted to suit the taste. It was first manufactured and offered as a food for invalids; but it soon outgrew such limited use, and as the above figures show, has become a food article of general use, and quite a prominent commercial product.—Chicago Review.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1913 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1913 is now ready. It is the most splendid number of this popular Year Book ever printed. Its value has been more than ever proven by remarkable fulfillments of its storm weather and earthquake forecasts this year. Professor Hicks justly merits the confidence and support of all the people. Don't fail to send \$5 for his 1913 Almanac, or only one dollar for his splendid Magazine and Almanac one year. The best one dollar investment possible in any home or business. Send to Wood and Works Publishing Company, 3401 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo. (Advertisement)



I. T. Pryor.

San Antonio, Texas, November 13.

In a report to the Texas Welfare Commission, Col. I. T. Pryor of this city states that we import \$22,000,000 of meats, both fresh and cured, into Texas annually, the bulk of these supplies being pork and its by-products. The report further states that the packing houses at Fort Worth show a decrease of 100,000 hogs annually and that the gap between production and consumption is rapidly widening. Referring to this distressing condition, Col. Pryor in his report says:

"There is no valid reason why there should be a pound of meat shipped into Texas, and the continued prosperity of agriculture demands that we raise more livestock and especially hogs, of which we are sadly deficient. In fact, we should become heavy exporters of meats of all kinds. The geographical location of our packing houses gives them command of the trade of the Southern Hemisphere and the opening of the Panama Canal will bring the Orient within their trade territory, yet I am informed that the Texas packing houses are able to supply only two per cent of the cured meats and lard shipped into Southern United States which transportation advantages, due to location entitle them to furnish."

Col. Pryor is one of the most extensive raisers of livestock in Texas and for years was president of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association and his report is being received with interest among those interested in the livestock industry throughout the entire state.

Baby's Ring Found.

A baby's gold finger ring was found in Chism's Studio about the first of this month. Owner may have same by calling at his office and identifying it.

Grand Saline.—This city has spent approximately \$3,000 this year on street grading and concrete culverts.

Houston.—The Houston and Brazos Valley Railroad have leased 40 miles of the International and Great Northern track, between Archer and 10th.

Dallas.—The Board of Commissioners of this city has contracted for the erection of a new hospital to cost approximately \$50,000, work to start immediately.

Devine.—The contract has been let for the erection of a new \$9,200 Baptist Church in this city. Work is expected to commence in a short time.

Port Arthur.—The charter of Port Arthur Light and Power Company has been filed. This is the \$600,000 concern which is to take over the light and power plant of the Port Arthur-Beaumont line.

Wisdom From Charles Dickens.

If you can't get to be uncommon through going straight, you'll never get to do it through going crooked.

—Great Expectations. There are dark shadows on the earth, but its lights are stronger in contrast.—Pickwick Papers.

Most men live in a world of their own, and in that limited circle alone are they ambitious for distinction and applause.—Nicholas Nickleby.

Great men are seldom over-scrupulous in the arrangement of their attire.—Pickwick Papers.

The expression of a man's face is commonly a help to his thoughts, or glossary on his speech.—Nicholas Nickleby.

Anxious people often magnify an evil and make it worse.—Old Curiosity Shop.

Ride on over all obstacles and win the race.—David Copperfield.

In very many cases of friendship or what passes for it, the old axiom is reversed, and like clings to unlike more than to like.—Martin Chuzzlewit.

As I have observed that Time confuses facts occasionally, I hardly know what weight to give its authority.—The Battle of Life.

Let us be among the few who do their duty.—Martin Chuzzlewit.

Regrets are the natural property of grey hairs.—Martin Chuzzlewit.

It is pleasant to find real merit appreciated, whatever its particular walk in life may be.—Martin Chuzzlewit.

Such are the views of those philosophers who, content with examining the things that lie before them, look not to the truths which are hidden beyond.—Pickwick Papers.

That little girl of yours—she'll soon be having her hair "done up," and too, she will be outgrowing her childish ways—and you haven't had her picture taken since she was in long dresses. You don't exactly want to keep her as she is—but you do want to keep the memory.—See Chism, the photographer.

Amarillo.—The Santa Fe will at once replace its tracks between this place and the Oklahoma line with the heaviest steel. Expenditures of some \$500,000 here in the extension of the general offices and other facilities are also rumored.

Sherman.—Construction work has been started on a public highway radiating from here. Good roads bonds to the amount of \$400,000 were voted on recently for these improvements. The city will also start work next week on street paving on which \$200,000 will be expended.

Kingsville.—The machinery for the addition to the machine shops of the Frisco line here, will soon be installed as the addition is now completed. The Frisco shops are running full force to keep pace with the necessary repairs incident to handling a heavy tonnage, on account of the heavy traffic that is handled by the Kingsville division.

Farm For Sale.

One of the best farms in the state for the money, 240 acres, 75 acres in cultivation, 10 more cleared, balance good grass land, house, two tanks, twelve miles southeast of Graham.

Price only \$2500.00 cash. No incumbrance. Title perfect.

W. A. Ellsberg, Graham, Texas.

New York.

Walnuts, chestnuts, almonds, pecans, etc.—W. L. Tidwell & Son.

Your Christmas Problem Solved

What present could you give your friend that would remind him or her of your thoughtfulness 143 times during the course of fifteen months? You would naturally expect such a present to cost more than you could afford to pay—considering that there are so many on your list to be remembered—but—NOT SO!

If you should rack your brains from now until the crack of doom you could not find a more appropriate present—in the point of entertainment, absorbing interest, and general intrinsic worth, than this combination of newspapers. They will carry into the homes of your friends—each week for the next fifteen months—the best thought and work of thousands of brilliant writers and authors, and will speak in mute eloquence of the taste and thoughtfulness of the donor.

Our Special Christmas Offer

FOR A LIMITED TIME (OR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE) WE OFFER

The Graham Leader
Farm and Ranch
Holland's Magazine

ALL THREE
FIFTEEN MONTHS
For \$2.15

A Beautiful Christmas Card will be mailed to the persons to whom you order the papers as a present. This card tells the recipient that the papers are being sent at your request with the season's compliments.

SEND OR PHONE IN YOUR ORDER TODAY

The Shoe Question.

A tramp bought a pair of shoes for \$4 and gave a \$10 bill in payment. The merchant had a bank to change the bill, and gave the tramp his change. The banker returned the bill, saying it was counterfeit, and the merchant gave him good money for it. What was the loss?

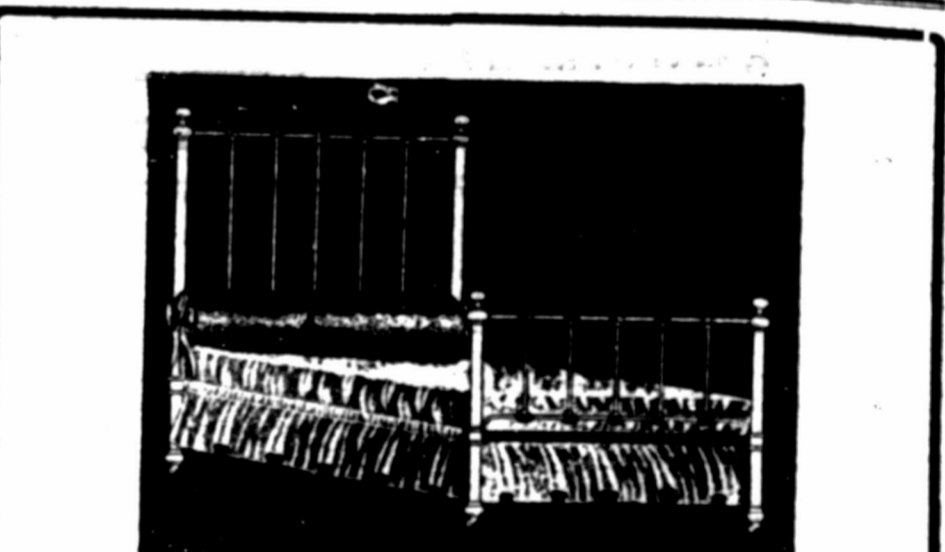
About the first of December is the best time of the year to begin your business course. You will be a month ahead of the big rush of study in January, being so far advanced in your studies by that time that you will not be inconvenienced by the crowded conditions. Then, too, by finishing your course first, you will have the pick of the positions, besides earning a month's salary before those who enter in January will be ready for positions. The wise ones will enter at once, at least not later than the first of next month.

THERE IS NO CALAMITY LIKE IGNORANCE.

Bowie Commercial College,
Bowie, Texas.

Seventy-Nine Trade Excursions

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 26.—According to data compiled by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association seventy-nine trade excursions have been held by 24 commercial organizations of Texas already this year. Seven hundred and ninety-two towns in Texas and Oklahoma were visited and 6,682 persons accompanied these trips. The average attendance per trip was 84 persons. Terrell led in number of trips, having held 15 of these excursions while Waco shows the largest attendance with a total of 1500 persons accompanying 8 trips. Dallas ranks first in number of towns visited. The Dallas Chamber of Commerce has conducted trade trips to 128 Texas cities and towns this year. Other cities reporting as having held trade excursions are, Amarillo; Beaumont; Bonham; Comanche; Corpus Christi; Galveston; Deport; Denison; Ft. Worth; Greenville; Hillsboro; Houston; Langview; Orange; Lufkin; Pearsall; Pecos; San Antonio; San Benito; Sherman; St. Jo and Waxahatchie.



SAVE YOUR MONEY AND BRING IT TO US; WE'LL SAVE YOU MONEY

- 7 foot Wooden Beds, regular price \$8.00, now \$6.50
- Brass Top Iron Beds, regular price \$7.00, now 5.00
- The best \$2.50 large Rocker ever sold in Graham.
- Center Tables \$1.50, \$1.85, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.50
- Extension Tables \$2.00, \$7.50, \$12.50, \$14.00
- Dressers \$7.00 and up
- Bed Room Suits, solid oak \$19.00
- 10 quart Enamel Buckets 30c
- 14 quart Enamel Dish Pans 30c
- Large size Enamel Wash Pans 15c
- 5 quart Enamel Coffee Pots 35c
- Seamless Tapestry Art Squares \$11.00
- A good Tapestry Art Squares 10.00
- Small Rugs in fine assortment. A thousand other things at the right price.

GREAT NORTHWEST TEXAS BARGAIN HOUSE OF W. S. McJIMSEY

Telephones For Freeport.

Freeport, Texas, Nov. 26.—The Bell Telephone Company is the last of the important agencies of modern business to enter this city, and its appearance rounds out the framework of a mammoth municipal structure. Less than six months ago ground was broken for a gigantic sulphur plant, and the railroad, the steam boat, macadam highways, waterworks, paved streets and a modern hotel have sprung up, and the hum of industry has broken the stillness of centuries. Over ten million dollars is being invested in the city in mining, manufacturing, and transportation enterprises.

Wanted—A boarder, a man or a boy, price very reasonable. Call on or address, Mrs. M. F. Mandeville, Graham, Texas.



YOU CAN PUT ALL YOU'VE GOT ON "STETSON HATS." THEY ALWAYS KEEP THEIR SHAPE.

Fall Styles in STETSON HATS Ready at this "Live Store"

Stiff hats in the latest styles, and Soft hats in all the new shapes colors and finishes

JOHN B. STETSON HATS

Everybody knows what a John B. Stetson Hat is—they are known to be the best. We have them in all styles and shapes for

\$3.50 to \$3.95

- All Calicoes, per yard **5c**
- 5-lb. Calico Rolls, each **\$1.00**
- Good Outings, per yd. **5c**
- Heavy Outing, per yd. **7 1-2c**

GOOD SHOES FOR ONLY \$1.95

WINTER IS HERE THAT OVERCOAT

The time is at hand for everybody to lay in their supply of Winter garments. Our Stock is complete, our prices are right and we guarantee the quality of everything to be better goods than that bought from mail order houses at the same price. Now isn't that a fair proposition? If you should get anything from us that is not satisfactory we will be only too glad to refund your money.

To anyone contemplating placing an order we only ask that you bring in your list and we will guarantee to save you money.



THERE'S STYLE AND WEAR IN EVERY PAIR

SPECIAL

We have received a shipment of seconds of 25c grade of Ladies Hose, good values, only 60c per Dozen Pairs.

Have you bought? If not, why not? We have one of the largest and most up-to-date stocks of Overcoats that we have ever been able to secure. They are the latest styles and cloths—made for service. Prices **\$5.00 to \$20.00**

CLOTHING

You are doubtless aware of the superiority of A. B. Kirschbaum & Co's clothes. Come in and tell us what you like in color pattern or style and we will satisfy your every wish in our assortment of **ALL WOOL HAND TAILORED KIRSCHBAUM CLOTHES** Every Suit guaranteed to give entire satisfaction in every way. Prices **\$8.95 to \$20.00**

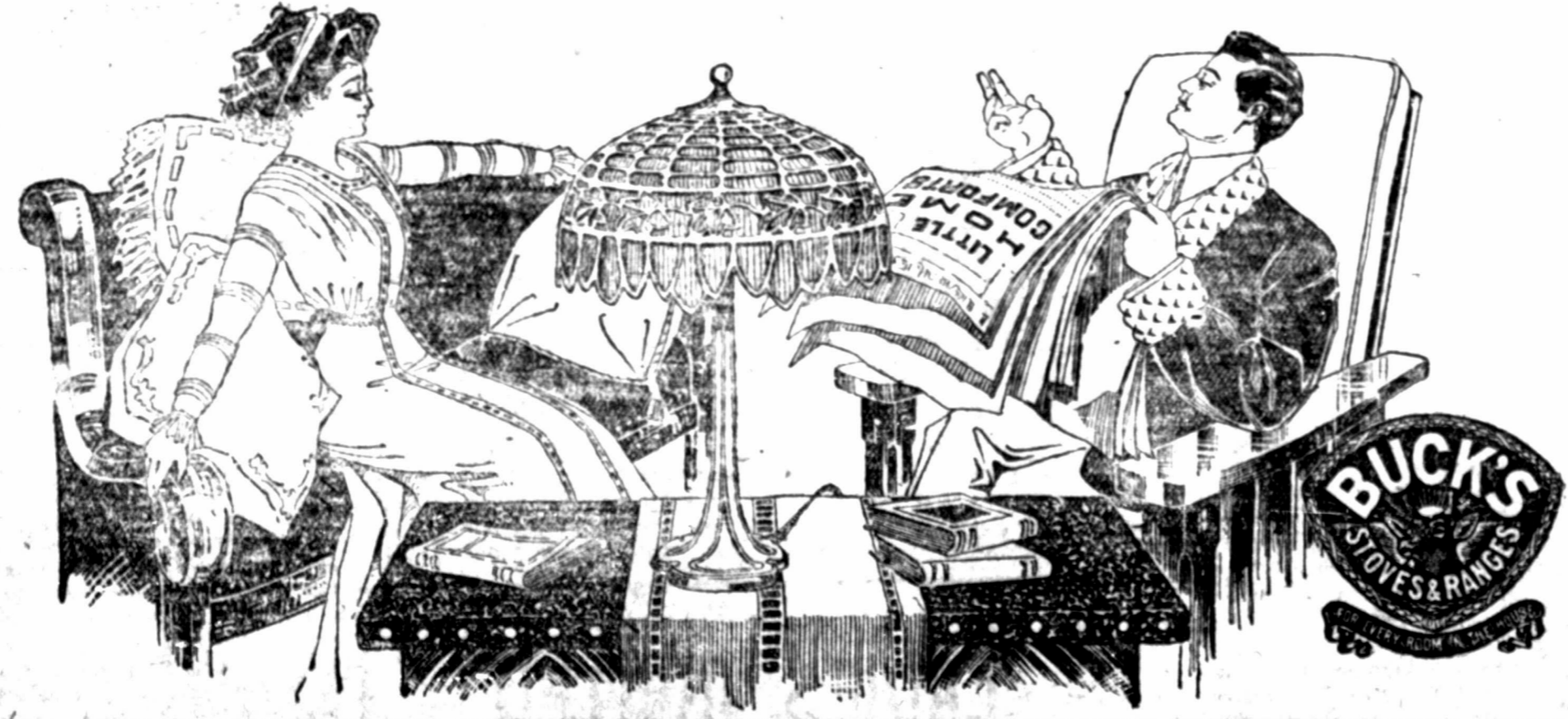


WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

ONCE AGAIN THE HAPPIEST AND MOST WELCOME OF ALL OUR HOLIDAYS DRAWS NEAR

With the compliments of the season to all of our readers we ask you the question of the hour, "What about Christmas?" The children are asking it with wondering and hopeful expectations of what Santa Claus will bring them. The older ones are asking it, not so much in speculation regarding the remembrances that Christmas will bring to them, but rather as an inquiry as to how they are to provide suitable and satisfactory presents for relatives and friends without too heavy a drain upon their time and purse. May we help you to solve the problem? Each of our Departments are filled to overflowing with presents suitable for every member of the family.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF



FURNITURE

It takes more than just Low Prices alone to make Economical Buying. It's that dependable quality and artistic style that go with low cost at this store, which makes your buying here a real satisfactory economical buying Christmas shoppers should see our large line of fine Rockers at from **\$2.00 to \$15.00** Also Chifforobes, Dressers, Iron Beds, Dining Tables and Chairs, Art Squares, Rugs, Linoleums, Mattings, Etc.

STOVES---COOK AND HEATING

We can sell you an all steel Eureka Range with high warming closet and thermometer for only **\$39.75**
A big line of Heaters of every style
A big line of Cook Stoves nickel trimmed

WAGONS

We received a car of the famous Moline about a week ago and have sold all but a few. We have another car in transit.

BUGGIES

Just received a car of 1913 models, all new styles nickel trimmed and guaranteed. Prices are the lowest.

GROCERIES

Just received a solid car of the Pure Sugar Cane Syrup direct from plantation in 5, 10 and 16 gallon kegs. CAR FLOUR—Just received from Colorado "The Columbine," every sack guaranteed. Give it a trial.

WHEN YOU LAY IN YOUR FALL BILL OF GROCERIES GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIGURE WITH YOU

The Jno. E. Morrison Co.

GRAHAM, TEXAS

ONEY
\$6.50
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Buy Your Fall and Winter Goods

Out of our Mammoth Stock of

\$40,000 Worth of Merchandise

On Sale at D. G. Vick & Co. for Cash

At no time in the history of Graham have such stupendous price reductions been made on first-class Merchandise. Wagon load after wagon load has already been bought from this Stock, but we still have ample supply for everybody. If you have not made your Fall and Winter purchases it will pay you to look through this Stock. There is something here for every member of the family and you are sure to find just what you want in this Stock of

Dry Goods of every description, Clothing for men and boys, Work Shirts, Dress Shirts, Collars, Ties, Overalls, Jumpers, Heavy Duck Coats, Boys' Knee Pants, Overcoats for men and boys, Wool Blankets, Cotton Blanket, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Groceries, Hardware, Tinware, Queensware, Cutlery, Farm Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Stoves of all kinds, Furniture, Rugs, Iron Beds, Springs, Mattresses, Window Shades, Etc., Horses, Mules and a few Jersey Cows.

WE BUY COTTON

15 Per Cent Off ON ALL SHOES	== DRESS GOODS == \$1.00 and \$1.25 Serge and Broadcloth, Sale price 75c per yd. 50c and 65c Mohairs, cut to 40c per yd. 32-inch Suitings that sold for 35c, now 20c per yd. One lot of all-wool Diagonals, \$1.00 quality, Sale price 65c per yd. All Calicoes during this Sale 5c per yd. This is only a few of the many bargains.	20 Per Cent Off ON Shirts, Overalls, Jumpers, Gloves and Caps
25 Per Cent Off ON Men's and Boys' Hats		33 1-3 Per Cent Off ON Ladies and Children's Coats

== IMPLEMENTS == J. I. Case 6-Plow Cultivators \$29.50 J. I. Case 6-Blades Stalk Cutters 25.00 Rock Island and Case Sulky Plows 28.50 J. I. Case Double Row Planters 32.50	== BUGGIES == Top Buggies from \$50.00 to \$100.00 Open Buggies from 42.50 to 85.00 3-Inch Fish Bros. Wagons 72.50
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== FURNITURE == Iron Beds, two-inch posts, for \$6.50 Good All Steel Springs 1.10 Kitchen Safes for only 2.70	Cotton Top Mattresses, full size \$1.70 Good Double Cane Chairs .50 9x12 Seamless Brussels Rug 10.50
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== HARDWARE == Single Barrel Shotgun \$4.50 Double Barrel Shotguns, from 8.00 to 20.00	Big lot of Queensware, Granite and Tinware at your own price COME AND SEE
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Best 2-pound can Tomatoes \$1.00 per dozen Best 3-pound can Tomatoes \$1.15 per dozen	== GROCERIES == It don't make any difference how small or how large your Grocery bill may be we will save you money.	Best Kerosene Oil 12 1-2c per gallon EVERYTHING ELSE IN PROPORTION
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D. G. VICK & CO.

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Who Said Baby Made Lots of Extra Work?

"Our baby doesn't, at least, not to me" says the maid. His clothes are easily washed with Rub-No-More Carbo-Naptho Soap and Washing Powder. Fine linens and laces come out of the wash like new, because

Rub-No-More

means no rubbing, no wear and tear. The disinfectant qualities of Rub-No-More Carbo-Naptho Soap make it especially fine for cleaning baby's clothes, because it is sanitary. No other soap made has the combined Carbo-Naptho feature.

'Carbo' Disinfects Notices the Odor
'Naptho' Cleans Watch Results

Rub-No-More Washing Powder makes no Suds But Cleans the Duds

5¢ For Package at Your Grocers See accordingly to directions. Try it and be convinced.

RUB-NO-MORE COMPANY Fort Wayne, Indiana

COURSE OF STUDY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT KING COMPLETES COURSE TO BE USED IN YOUNG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

FIRST YEAR OR GRADE
Reading.—During first half of term use blackboard, chart and Cyr's Primer. Last half of term use Our Country's First Reader and Art Literature Book I. Recite four lessons per day.
Spelling.—From Reader and other words as teacher may direct.
Primary Number Work.—Teach them to combine numbers up to ten or fifteen.
Writing and Drawing.—The pupils should have daily lessons in Writing and Drawing, however he should not be allowed to put all of his time in on these subjects.
General Lessons.—Care of the body and nature study.
SECOND GRADE
Reader and Art Literature Book II. Pupils in second grade should recite Reading four times per day.
Spelling.—Use words from Reader. Teach long and short sounds. Do not permit pupils to omit the memory gems in the Spelling Book.
Writing and Drawing.—It might be well to introduce the text book in this grade.
THIRD GRADE
Reading.—Our Country's Third Reader and Art Literature Reader, Book III. Pupils should recite twice daily or more.
Arithmetic.—Myers-Brooks' Elementary Arithmetic, pages 1 to 107.
Spelling.—New Century Spelling Book.
Writing and Drawing.—The child should have specific instructions regarding Writing and Drawing.
LOW FOURTH GRADE
Reading.—Our Country's Fourth

Reader. Supplementary Reading selected by the teacher in charge.
Language.—Buehler and Hotchkiss' Modern English Lessons, chapters I and II.
Arithmetic.—Myers-Brooks' Elementary Arithmetic, pages 108 to 185.
Spelling.—New Century Spelling Book.
Writing and Drawing.
HIGH FOURTH GRADE
Reading.—Art Literature, Book IV. Supplementary reading should be directed by the teacher.
Language.—Buehler and Hotchkiss' Modern English Lessons, chapters III and IV.
Arithmetic.—Myers-Brooks' Elementary Arithmetic, pages 185 to completion.
Spelling.—New Century Spelling Book.
Physiology.—Khron's First Lessons.
LOW FIFTH GRADE
Reading.—Beginners' History of Our Country and Our Country's Fifth Reader.
Language.—Buehler and Hotchkiss' Modern English Lessons, chapters V and VI.
Arithmetic.—Myers-Brooks' Elementary Arithmetic.
Geography.—Dodge's Primary Geography to page 112.
Spelling.—New Century Spelling Book.
HIGH FIFTH GRADE
History.—Review of Beginners' History.
Arithmetic.—Complete Myers-Brooks' Elementary Arithmetic.
Language.—Modern English Lessons completed.
Geography.—Dodge's Primary Geography from page 112 to close.
Spelling.—New Century Spelling Book.
LOW SIXTH GRADE
Arithmetic.—Myers-Brooks' Grammar School Arithmetic.
Modern English Grammar.—Buehler.
Geography.—Dodge's Comparative Geography to page 100.
Mental Arithmetic.—Hopkins and Underwood's Mental Arithmetic.
Spelling.—New Century Spelling Book.
HIGH SIXTH GRADE
Grammar.—Buehler's Modern English Grammar.
Arithmetic.—Myers-Brooks' Grammar School Arithmetic.
Texas History.—Pennybacker's A History of Texas, Revised.
Mental Arithmetic.
Spelling.—New Century Spelling Book.
SEVENTH GRADE
Arithmetic.—Myers-Brooks' Grammar School Arithmetic; Hopkins and Underwood's Mental Arithmetic.
Grammar.—Buehler's Modern English Grammar, pages 175 to 368.
History.—The History of Our Country.
Spelling.
Agriculture.—Welborn's Elements of Agriculture. Southern and Western.
HIGH EIGHTH GRADE
Grammar.—Buehler's Modern English Grammar completed.
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Spelling.—Adopted text.
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English.
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MONDAY
9:00—Devotional exercises by pastor of Methodist church.
9:15—Special exercises by the Olney High School.
10:00—Organization.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—Outline of weeks work by County Superintendent.
11:15—Classification of the Schools by the County Board of Education. Prof. R. Lindsey.

TUESDAY
9:00—Devotional exercises. D. F. Lyon.
9:15—Use of a daily program. D. B. Wood.
9:30—Report Cards and uniform examinations. V. M. Chambers; general discussion.
10:00—Special educational needs of Young county. Supt. Edgar McLendon.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—Local Institutes. O. J. McFadden and H. L. Groner.
11:15—Securing school libraries. A. O. Bradshaw; general discussion.
11:35—Monthly and term reports. Supt. B. W. King.

WEDNESDAY
9:00—Devotional exercises. Supt. Remington.
9:15—Give reasons why English is neglected in the rural schools. Ethel Rogers.
9:30—How may this negligence be overcome. Marguerite Stephens.
9:45—The value of a literary society in connection with the school work. I. J. Kennon and Miss Kate Beaty.
10:15—Agriculture in the public schools. A. Power and W. A. Campbell.
10:45—Recess.
11:00—Address. C. C. Beck, county superintendent Jack county.

THURSDAY
9:00—Devotional exercises. A. Power.
9:15—The common place teacher. B. W. King.
10:15—What should a teacher expect from a visit by the county superintendent. Supt. J. E. Shelton.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—County course of study. H. S. Thomas. (County Trustee.)
11:25—Consolidation of rural schools. W. A. Cain.

FRIDAY
9:00—Devotional Exercises, Con Singleton.
9:15—Address. Hon. J. E. Simpson.
10:15—Requisites of a good lady teacher. Miss Bessie Lyons.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—How we may increase the daily attendance in the public schools. Supt. B. W. King.
11:10—Sanitation in the public schools. Dr. Harrell.
11:40—Address. C. Fay Marshall, High School Section. Supt. W. A. Cain, chairman.

MONDAY AFTERNOON
1:00—Chapters I, II and III. Schoolroom Essentials.—The Aim in Education and Management. Miss L. V. McFerrin and J. E. Shelton.
The local board and school management. Miss Birdie Hogue and D. B. Woods.
Local superintendent and school management. E. J. Rudolph and Miss Bettie Hutchison.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Chapters IV and V. Schoolroom Essentials.—Teachers qualifications for management. Miss Kate Beaty and D. K. Lyon.
Teachers and problems of organization. O. J. McFadden and Miss Elva Logan.
3:50—Dismissal.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
1:00—Chapters VI, VII and VIII. Schoolroom Essentials. The Purpose of organization. A. O. Bradshaw and Miss Gilbert Hamilton.
The program of daily exercises. Prof. Roberts and Fannie Dye Rogers.
The Teacher and the management of instruction. W. A. Campbell and Lewis Groves.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Chapters IX and X. Schoolroom Essentials. Management of recitation. J. T. Wallace and Con Singleton.
Chapter X. Ethel Rogers and Leonard Gilliland.
3:55—Dismissal.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
1:00—Chapters XI and XII. Schoolroom Essentials.—The teacher and the management of

conduct. I. J. Kennon and Miss Marguerite Stephens.
The teacher and the management in testing results. Supt. School teachers of Newcastle.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Chapters XIII and XIV. Schoolroom Essentials. General discussion.
3:50—Dismissal.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON
1:00—Chapters XV and XVI. Schoolroom Essentials. General discussion.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Chapter XVIII. For all.
3:50—Dismissal.

Primary and Intermediate. MONDAY AFTERNOON.
Supt. Edgar McLendon, chairman.
1:00—Chapters XIII and XIV. Schoolroom Essentials.—The Foundations of method. W. T. McFerrin and Fannie Hightower Self Activity. Florence Carmack and V. M. Chambers.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Chapters III, IV and V. Reading—Briggs & Coffman. Primary Reading. Miss Augusta Cornish and Miss Helen Davis. Chapter IV. Miss Gladie Mizzell and Miss Mattie Posern. A typical first lesson. Mrs. Lucy Isaacs and Mrs. W. A. Cain.
3:50—Dismissal.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
1:00—Chapters XV and XVI. Schoolroom Essentials. Direction. Miss Maude Carmack and White Rose teacher. In the order of nature. Miss Alice Gibson and Miss Laura Fisher.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Chapters VI, VII, VIII. Reading—Briggs & Coffman. Oral reading. W. E. Braddock and Miss Bertie Cook. Silent Reading. Miss Gussie Ragland and Miss Ada Thomas. Word Drill. Miss Jeanetta Norman and Miss Ida Watson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
1:00—Chapters XVII and XVIII. Schoolroom Essentials. From the known to the unknown. Miss Edith Echols and Miss Althea Ardis.
From the concrete to the abstract. H. S. Thomas and H. L. Groner.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Chapters IX, X and XI. Reading—Briggs & Coffman. Phonics. Miss Lillian Hall and Miss Nina Duckworth. Dramatic Reading. Miss Eva Venable and Miss Ruby Black. Seat Work. Miss Reta Ragland and Miss Zella Owens.
3:50—Dismissal.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
1:00—Chapters XIX and XX. Schoolroom Essentials. Attention and interest. Miss Golda Willis and Miss Stella Mundell. Habit forming the end of educational process. C. B. Hogue and Miss Rena Ragland.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Reading. Briggs & Coffman.
Articulation and enunciation. Mrs. Alta Moore and R. A. Logan.
Literature in the elementary grades. Miss Carrie Temple and Miss Willie Campbell.
Literature in the intermediate grades. Miss Angie Gatewood and Miss Jennie Smith.
The use of the dictionary. Miss Nannie M. Logue and Miss Eunice Long.
3:50—Dismissal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
1:00—Local Normals. Supt. Edgar McLendon.
Teaching as a profession. Supt. W. A. Cain.
Educational progress in Texas. I. J. Kennon.
2:30—Recess.
2:45—Business session.
All teachers who intend to teach in Young County in 1912-13 are required by law, to attend the institute. All trustees and friends of education are invited to be present. The institute will be divided into two sections, namely: High School Section, and Primary and Intermediate Section.
There will be a general meeting of all the teachers in the forenoon and each teacher will be assigned to his respective section in the afternoon.
Teachers in the High School Section should use Sutton and Horn's Schoolroom Essentials as a basis for their work. The book can be obtained from C. A. Bryant & Co., at Dallas, Texas.
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The Texas Penitentiary System

This is the fifth of a series of articles on the Texas Penitentiaries and prison farms, the laws governing same, treatment of prisoners, business management of the system, suggested improvements, etc.

By Will H. Mayes, Lieut. Governor Elect.

Conditions in every respect are apparently better in the Huntsville penitentiary than elsewhere in the system. This might be expected because it is the central plant system, and because the commissioners necessarily spend more of their time at Huntsville than elsewhere and naturally give it closer personal supervision. There is no desire to intimate that wardens and managers and other officials are not just as competent, as vigilant and as anxious at the other places, but it is recognized in all business enterprises that the presence of those high in authority always has a helpful effect. The commissioners get around as often as possible, but with so large a property to look after, they cannot spend as much time elsewhere as at Huntsville.

The public knows of the great fire of a few months ago that burned a large part of the industries at Huntsville. It does not know, however, how quickly the signs of that fire have vanished and in what a marvellously short time most of the industries have again been started. None of them are in as good buildings as they should have, nor do they have the conveniences they need, but they appear to be doing remarkably well under the circumstances. To the casual visitor it appears that all the industries at Huntsville are working along with that precision and orderliness that characterizes similar industries outside penitentiary walls. The prisoners themselves look like they are interested in their work; they present a fine physical appearance and look like well kept laborers.

When asked about the treatment of the men, one of the prisoners whom I have known for many years, and who has been in the penitentiary for some seven years, said: "There is as much difference between the penitentiary of a few years ago and the penitentiary of today as I can possibly imagine between earth and heaven. In fact, under present conditions penitentiary life is just what a prisoner wants to make it, and it is all with the man himself." Substantially this same statement was made to me at every place we visited.

The industries both at Rusk and at Huntsville appear to be conducted now with a view to instructing and helping the prisoners, to give them something to learn, to strive for, to look forward to when they get out of prison; and this should be true of all prisons.

Improved machinery has been installed at Huntsville, and competent citizen foremen have been placed in charge of the work, these foremen having been selected as much with regard to their ability to teach the men something, as for their aptitude at getting work out of them. Of course neither thought should be lost in handling the men, for it is as important to get good returns from the labor as to help the prisoners.

A few years ago the prisoners' clothing was ill-fitting and poorly made by men who knew nothing about making clothes. Now an expert has charge of the force of some twenty or thirty men who are equipped with the facilities for making good clothing that fits well, and is by no means bad looking. The goods to be used for the winter clothing has a wool filling, and will make comfortable winter clothing. There is no reason why this clothing factory should not be enlarged to manufacture clothing for all the state's institutions where clothing is provided by the state, and it should also make all the quilts, sheets, pillow cases, towels and other cloth goods used by the state. Such work would not only save expenses to the state, but would employ many more men and send them out of the prison competent workmen.

Marked improvements have also been made in the shoe factory, where something over twenty men are now employed, turning out about a hundred pairs of shoes a day. By increasing this force, three times the number of shoes can as easily be made without additional overhead charges. The shoe that was formerly made for the prisoners was shabby and by the side of the shoe that is now made, it was a mystery. The shoe was never seen outside of the penitentiary and the shoe camp. Now it is made a heavy, but comfortable, shoe for work and it is a good one for the work.

men and the discharged prisoners. The light shoes are good enough for any ordinary wear, and the heavy shoes good enough and comfortable enough for working men. The old shoes cost the system about \$2.00 a pair, while the heavy shoes now made cost about \$1.40. The state prisons should manufacture all the shoes the state has to provide for its other institutions, and it is the intention of the commissioners and the Governor to have this done as soon as possible. The foreman of the shoe factory said that he could get good work out of an intelligent convict in a month and in two months could make him a competent workman. Every man employed this way has an occupation at which he can make a living when he serves out his term.

The same marked improvement is noticeable in the machine shops and foundry, the wagon factory and the furniture factory, and in each of these the men say there is some incentive to induce the highest efficiency on the part of the prisoners for even the lifetime men are hoping that some day they may get out of the penitentiary. The man with out hope is the man who becomes desperate and difficult to handle.

Constitutional Amendments. While the improvements made in the past twenty months under the management of a prison commission have been more than could have been expected under existing conditions, and with the conflicting opinions with reference to the management of prisoners the commission form of government for our prison system is as yet largely experimental. It may be deemed best after a thorough trial to change the management back to a superintendency, I hardly think so, but this is possible. Penologists say that we may not expect the system to be working to greatest advantage for six or seven years after such radical changes as Texas has made. So we may expect the work to be somewhat experimental, at least as to management, for about that period of time. I am of the opinion that it would be a mistake to make the prison commissioners constitutional officers because it would then be impossible for the legislature to make any changes, and the state would also in a measure lose somewhat of its control and supervision of the penitentiary system. Instead of doing anything to in the least separate the system from the state supervision I believe that the mistakes of the past could have been largely avoided had the state kept in closer touch, through its governors and legislators, with prison management, and therefore that the relations of the executive and legislative departments of the government to the penitentiary system should remain invariable to obviate further mistakes. Therefore, I am opposed to the adoption of the amendment making prison commissioners constitutional officers, but favor the amendment that would make the terms of office of the commissioners, as well as other boards, trustees and managers of state institutions, six years. We should ascertain the views of Governor Colquitt, who has given sections and conscientious study to penitentiary affairs, and not desiring to antagonize his views if I wrote him and am pleased to present his concluding opinion in the following letter:

Austin, Texas, October 9, 1912.
Hon. Will H. Mayes,
Brownwood, Texas.
My Dear Sir:

I acknowledge your letter of October 8, and in reply beg to say that among other amendments to the constitution proposed and submitted by the regular session of the Thirty-second Legislature, one is embraced in House Joint Resolution No. 22 which proposes to "make the terms of office of the Prison Commissioners six years."

Another amendment was proposed and submitted which is embraced in House Joint Resolution No. 9 and provides that "the members of the Board of Regents of the State University and Boards of Trustees and Managers of educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions shall be elected or appointed for a term of six years."

I believe that this amendment ought to be adopted, because it makes the terms of office of the members of the boards included in the above quotation from the joint resolution longer and less subject to political changes. This joint resolution, and proposed amendment in-

cludes Prison Commissioners, and provides that they may be elected or appointed for a period of six years alternately, one to be appointed or elected every two years so that a majority of the board may not be changed at any one election.

The other amendment to the Constitution proposing to make the office of prison Commissioner a Constitutional one, ought to be defeated, in my opinion, for the reason that the commission form of government for the penitentiary is more or less experimental, and if after a full trial it should be found not to be satisfactory the office could not be abolished by the Legislature if this amendment is adopted, whereas by the defeat of this amendment and the adoption of the amendment embraced in House Joint Resolution No. 9, which proposes to make the terms of office of members of the Board of Regents of the University and trustees and managers of educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions six years, it will afford an opportunity to give a full trial to the commission form of government for the penitentiary, and if in after years it is found to be unsatisfactory, the Legislature can change the law and abolish the office of Prison Commissioners.

All of the good effects which would result from the adoption of the amendment proposed in House Joint Resolution No. 22 can be obtained by the adoption of the amendment proposed in House Joint Resolution No. 9, both of which have been fully explained above.

In your articles on the penitentiary system, therefore, I hope that you will urge the defeat of the amendment which proposes to make Prison Commissioner a constitutional officer and urge the adoption of the other amendment, which proposes to make the terms of office of Prison Commissioners six years, and provides either for the election or the appointment of the Commissioner.

Yours truly,
O. B. Colquitt, Governor.

The next article in this series will treat of the prison farms.

(Sixth Article.) The state is engaged in farming on a large scale. There is a small farm of some three hundred and fifty acres near Rusk and close by the penitentiary there. It is handled quite conveniently with the convicts kept within the Rusk walls. I am not informed whether this farm is self sustaining, or not, but there is no doubt that under the management of a practical east Texas farmer it could be made to pay. On this farm could be easily be grown all of the fruits that the penitentiary system might need, and these could be canned and utilized by other State institutions than the penitentiary.

Near Huntsville are two farms, one for consumptives, and the aged and decrepit. The farm camp, or hospital, on this, the Wynne farm, is ideally located and under splendid management. The prison commissioners do not expect to make this place self sustaining, for the prisoners kept there are all either old or sick, it being the permanent hospital of the system, but it is of little expense to the state, as it is now conducted. The labor of the men, such as can work, is utilized in a way to obtain the best results, such as in gardening, raising chickens, hogs, forage crops, etc.

The improvements made on this place are typical of those made on most of the farms. Capt. Oglesby, the efficient manager, says that two years ago the men were all herded together in one building, in banks, one above the other, consumptives, cripples, afflicted of all kinds, whites and negroes, the negroes and whites merely being separated by iron bars. There was not a bath tub in evidence, the buildings were old, unsanitary, and ill fitted for the uses to which they were placed. Under the direction of the physicians, modern, sanitary buildings have been erected, commodious and complete in every detail. The building for consumptives is apart from the others, and it is kept fumigated and clean in every respect, all known sanitary regulations being observed. A deep well has been sunk, a manager's home has been erected close by, and the entire place has been brightened up and made attractive. There are about one hundred convicts kept there, and only two or three guards are used where formerly eight or ten were employed. This shows a difference in the expense of maintenance where humane methods are employed. This farm, as well as the farm for women, located close to Huntsville, where it is under the constant supervision of the members of the commission and prison officials.

On the Goree farm, where the women are kept, the same improvements are noted. When the present commission took charge of this camp, the sleeping banks were three

tiers high, the place was crowded, there were no sanitary conveniences whatever, there was no hospital, and the water was hauled to the camp. A deep well has been sunk the houses have been enlarged, comfortable beds and cots have been provided, bath tubs have been put in and the entire camp now presents an attractive appearance. The white women are kept in one building and the negro women in another and a matron has charge of them. There have been no escapes from this camp under the new method of treatment, though there have been a few attempts at escape. The negro women care for the crops of cotton and corn, while the white women look after the garden, do the sewing and care for the chickens. The commissioners state that this farm, though the oldest in the country and much worn, will make a good financial showing.

The principle farming done by the state is in Fort Bend and Brazoria counties, near the towns of Richmond and Brazoria, there being four of these State farms.

The Harlem farm near Sugarland, consists of 3740 acres of land owned by the State with nearly two thousand more leased on which the State has an option of purchase. There is in cultivation this year at this place 4,993 acres, including practically all of the State's land. This place, as well as all the other land in these two counties, is mostly cultivated in cotton, corn and sugar cane. There is a sugar mill on this place and the State has a railway, in fairly good condition, for getting the cane crop from this farm and the Imperial farm, adjoining, to the mill. The improvements at this place during the past two years have been most marked, the manager's home having been rebuilt, the sugar mill having been overhauled, sheds having been constructed and much other valuable work having been done, the permanent improvements alone costing \$53,908.38.

The Imperial farm comprises 5,235 acres of State owned land with 1,000 acres leased, on which there is an option, all except about two hundred acres being in cultivation. Permanent improvements to the extent of \$16,713.94 have been added to the farm.

The Clemons farm in Brazos county contains 7,261 acres, with some six or seven hundred acres leased, of which 4,786 acres are in cultivation and the balance in timber, uncultivated. There is also a sugar mill on this place, and the State owns railway facilities for getting the cane from the farm to the mill.

On the Ramsey farm there are 7,782 acres which the State owns and an additional 1,200 acres leased. There is in cultivation on this place, including the leased land, 4,045 acres leaving about 4,500 to 5,000 acres of timber land unleased.

On these four state farms and the two farms at Huntsville and the one at Rusk, there is an aggregate of 35,493 acres of land cultivated by the convicts, of which 21,608 acres are on State owned land, the remainder being on leased land, and on the contract farm.

The total permanent improvements placed on these farms by the present commission have been \$167,575.95, while \$184,329.71 have been put into permanent improvements at the Huntsville and Rusk penitentiaries.

These improvements are everywhere in evidence and show that the commission has had an immense undertaking in the matter of putting the prison system in condition to answer its purposes at all acceptably. At the Imperial farm approximately \$15,000 worth of ditching has been done; at the Ramsey farm, 1,000 acres has been cleared and grubbed ready for next year's crop; at the Clemons farm 750 acres has been cleared and prepared for cultivation; ten artesian wells have been sunk at different camps on the farms, nine new buildings for prisoners have been constructed on the system; up-to-date dairy barns have been built on all the places; new quarters for guards, sheds, stables, etc., have been erected to meet urgent needs.

It is impossible to conceive the magnitude of the penitentiary system, and the great problem before the commissioners, without personally going over them and all studying them at leisure.

The financial problems connected with the system require the closest and best study. The system represents an investment of approximately \$5,000,000, and is doubtless, now worth more than that sum. While the deficit from the first two years under the new law can not be accurately forecasted, it is clear that it will be something like \$1,000,000. Good crops and good prices this year may make it less than that amount.

The last legislature appropriated \$200,000 to put the new law into effect. It has been found necessary to spend \$321,000.00 in permanent

improvements. The excess expenses of the new system, according to a statement furnished at my request by the prison commissioners, have been \$352,692.87; more than they would have been under the old law. These items include convict per diem of ten cents a day, overtime, excess transportation, funeral expenses, etc. It became necessary to purchase \$101,328.56 worth of live stock to replace the worn out stock found on the farms. The freezing of the cane crop last year entailed a loss of possibly \$300,000. The fire at Huntsville, stopping the output of the industries there, made another heavy loss. The cane crop this year will be short from the severe drought, as was also the cotton crop. Many changes had to be made in officials, in guards, in everything pertaining to the system and all these changes prove expensive. For a time, the prisoners, thinking that those over them no longer had authority to punish them, failed to do as much work as they had formerly done. It has taken time to get as good results as under the old system of driving the men.

The old system was able to show "net gains" from the following sources: the state farms, the share farms and the contract forces. Taking a period of nine years from 1900 to 1909, the state farms made net gains of \$597,732.73, according to the report of the auditors appointed by the investigating committee, or about \$65,000 a year, and judging from the appearance of the farms this gain was made at a far greater loss in the physical deterioration of the property. The share farms for the same period of nine years showed gains of \$228,954.11 while the contract forces showed gains in that time of \$1,524,243.55, the penitentiaries at Huntsville and Rusk showing a combined average yearly loss of approximately \$200,000. Under the old system, the auditors showed, there was a net gain of \$563,500.40 in nine years, for the entire system, or an average of about \$60,000 a year, without taking into consideration the deterioration in buildings and machinery that were rapidly growing to waste. Even this slight gain was made almost wholly by the contract forces, and at the expense of all the suffering, the hardship, the cruelty, the inhumanity, the brutality and the wrong that the iniquitous system of selling prisoners, like so many slaves, to the highest bidders, carry with it.

When all the conditions under which the prison commissioners have labored are considered, surprising things have been accomplished in a remarkably short time. The system has by no means reached the highest point of efficiency in any respect, but enough has already been done to demonstrate the wisdom of the legislative investigating committee in its recommendations, and of the last legislature in its action. Whatever deficiencies there may be in the present law are of minor consequence and can be worked out by future legislation, but the system itself should not be disturbed, but should be given that financial aid that will enable the commissioners to work out the gigantic problems that confront them. That this can be successfully done is the contention of the governor, the commissioners, the members of the legislature who have given closest study to the problems involved and of all others who have familiarized themselves with the conditions.

The next and final article in this series will deal with the needs of the prison system.

Porto Rico's New Wonder. From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barceloneta, writes Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico. For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Assorted Cakes. From Holland's Magazine for December. Not long ago at a luncheon, a plate of delicious looking cakes was passed by the colored waiter. There appeared to be but one small chocolate eclaire on the plate, and a near-sighted lady was very fond of chocolate. "I'm going to be impolite enough to take the only chocolate eclaire," she said. "Excuse me, ma'am," said the waiter, "that's ma thumb, ma'am."

We club with Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine. Artists in every part of the world. Heavenworth (Kan.) Times.

Flawly Distribution. Evidently Texas is not the only state in the Union which is suffering from faulty growing and marketing methods. It is plain to be seen that there should be some sort of a national crop and market commission to figure out the needed amount of production of any article according to the supply and demand requirements of the nation and the world, and also as to proper and widespread distribution of same giving a fair living price to producer, dealer and consumer alike.

Producers and consumers in Texas would often like to know where the "nigger in the woodpile" is, that both are hard hit as to price, while wholesale and retail dealers, and railroad and express companies wash their hands, as did Pilate, declaring their innocence and hold up their hands in horror at the insinuation that they are getting more than the most meager profit for their services.

The Boston Grocers' Magazine says "Boston commission merchants are getting 50 to 55 cents a bushel for Irish potatoes," and the Kansas City Packer of October 26 quotes Irish potatoes at New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, etc., at 35 to 50 cents a bushel; sweet potatoes, at 45 to 60 cents; red, yellow and white onions 20 to 60 cents; and squash, turnips, rutabagas and pumpkins 20 to 35 cents a bushel.

Here in Texas the average ruling retail price for these products is about 2 cents per pound at this time, and producers and consumers are trying to figure out who is getting the bulk of the difference in price between that paid to producers and charged to consumers. The same ratio holds in many other products.

Flagged Train With Shirt. Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once presented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man." A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50 cents at all druggists. (Advertisement.)

South Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 2, 1911.—To say that "The Strollers" achieved a success in their entertainment given in the First Congregational Church last Friday evening as the second number of the South Milwaukee lecture course is putting it very lamely. The fame of "The Strollers" had preceded them and the church was filled until many had to stand up in the audience that came out to hear them.—South Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal.

At the opera house on the night of November 30. First Christmas Morning. Have you ever imagined what the humble Shopper's felt when, huddled together for the long vigil of the night on the hills of Judea, a star, with the burning glory of the hill tops and hung like a guiding beacon over the manger where, in cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem Babe, who was to fulfill the prophecy of "On earth, Peace, good will toward men?" Isabel Gordon Curtis in her story "The First Christmas Morning" (in December Holland's), actually makes you feel what they felt, and see what they saw.

We club with Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine. Austin Grave To Be Marked. Freeport, Texas, November 26.—The Texas Legislature will be asked at the coming session to make an appropriation necessary to erect a shaft to suitably mark the spot where the body of Stephen F. Austin rested from Dec. 27, 1866 until Oct. 20, 1910, when the remains were removed to the state cemetery at Austin. The crumbling tomb made sacred to the heart of every Texan by its hallowed association with the dust of the noted pioneer is showing signs of decay, and in another quarter of a century nothing will be left to mark the location. Stephen F. Austin came to Texas in December, 1821, armed with a commission from Governor Martinez to locate colonists, and, attracted by the natural resources, he settled at Freeport, and the general development now going on in this section confirms his convictions of the future of the Texas coast country. The tomb is located seven miles above Freeport on the Brazos river.

Essex, Iowa, Dec. 23, 1911.—The entertainment they gave at the Opera House in the evening, was indeed fine.—The Essex (Iowa) Independent.

At the opera house on the night of November 30.

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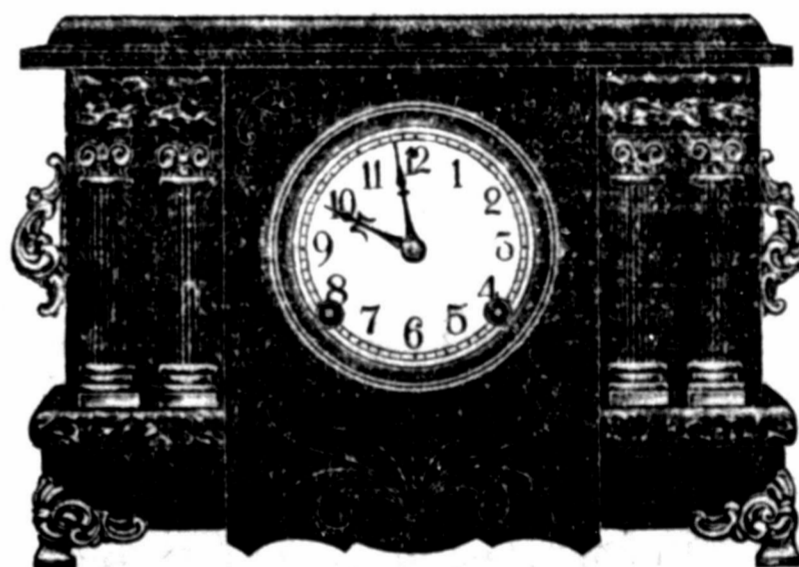
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In the Realm of Society

C. L. S. C.
On Wednesday, November 20th, was held another of the delightful social sessions of the C. L. S. C. which occur at every fourth meeting. The home of Mrs. Hallam was used in place of that of Mrs. Jackson, as programmed, as the latter lady is still with her son in Fort Worth. These two with Mesdames Fisher and Eddleman were the scheduled hostesses. The home was prettily decorated with autumn leaves, mistletoe and chrysanthemums. The meeting opened with the vice president, Mrs. Fisher, in the chair. Roll call was made interesting by incidents from French history. The paper of the afternoon was well prepared and read by Mrs. J. T. Rickman on "Napoleon and the New Regime." Mrs. Hallam then conducted a short discussion of the subject in hand bringing out the important facts. As Miss Miller pleaded hoarseness she was excused and her apt little pupil, Annie Lucile Morrison, read most creditably, without special preparation for the occasion, the amusing "Grace" who "lithped." To a hearty encore she responded with "Grandma's Glasses" showing remarkable talent for impersonation in one so young. Miss Miller gave a most graphic, descriptive piano number, "March of the Turk," by S. Becker von Grabill, proving herself skilled in this art as well as in oratory. Miss Lucile Crabb was heard for the first time on the violin with great pleasure. Applause greeted her appearance as her reputation had preceded her. This reputation she fully sustained, as she so charmingly played the difficult variations of "My Old Kentucky Home," accompanied on the piano by her brother. She would not respond to the encore. A most palatable salad course was then served, consisting of Lale salad, hot chocolate with whipped cream, olives and the nicest of cheese-nut sandwiches of Mrs. Fisher's splendid home made bread of two kinds, the nut variety being most excellent. After this, mints were served in cub colors, and then Miss Miller was prevailed upon to try her voice. She gave the laughable "Angelina" so well that she was forced to respond to an encore, "Arathusa's Torment." After spending some time with

the members and other guests said goodbye, amid expressions of their enjoyment of the occasion. Those not before mentioned, besides members, were Mesdames Morris, Bowron, Dr. Logan, McClimsey, Brown, Martin, R. G. Graham, Wilson, Jeffery E. Mabry, Vaughan.

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U. D. C. Meeting.
The U. D. C.'s met with Mrs. James Porter Thursday night. There being no program, the business was immediately taken up.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, Miss Pearl Matthews; 1st Vice President, Mrs. W. A. Morris; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. J. E. Simpson; Secretary, Mrs. Jim Matthews; Treasurer, Miss Nora Sloan; Historian, Mrs. T. J. Price. Miss Matthews was also elected delegate to the State Annual Meeting of the U. D. C.'s at Fort Worth.

The hostesses served a delicious two course luncheon to the members of the chapter and the following visitors: Mesdames R. E. Mabry, Finch, R. F. Short and Fred Perry, of Fort Worth.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Sam Dowdle, December 12.

Priscilla Club.

Mrs. H. P. Rose was hostess for the Priscilla Sewing Club, Tuesday afternoon for a number of members and several guests, who were Mesdames Wynns, Vaughn, Crabb, Fisher, Eichelberger and Misses Isaacs, Harrison and Crabb.

Misses Isaacs and Crabb and Mrs. Crabb gave some good piano numbers and little Annie Lucile Morrison read two of her interesting little pieces.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. A. Morris.

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Six O'clock Dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Voules entertained eighteen guests with a six o'clock dinner party Tuesday evening. After a delicious two course repast was served, some time was spent in playing progressive "42." The games were rapid and the prize for highest score fell to Judge Fry and the consolation to Miss Lyons.

Those present to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Voules were, Judge and Mrs. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Crabb, Isaacs, Ethel and Fanny Bye Rogers, Lyons, Ethel and Amy Atwood and Mizell, Messrs. Hinson, Tidwell, Gilliland, Cusenbary, Scott and Arnold.

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Birthday Party.
Little Miss Alice Graham invited twenty of her little girl friends to help her celebrate her fifth birthday, Monday afternoon, November 25th. The games of "feeding the turkey" and "fish pond" were played. In the dining room the table was decorated for refreshments and the birthday cake with five little candles on it was in the center of the table.

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Joe McCarron Hurt.
Joe McCarron was seriously injured in the coal mines at Newcastle last Friday morning. He was caught in some of the machinery about the cage, but we have been unable to learn just how the accident occurred or the extent of his injuries. However, it was reported here at first that he was fatally hurt. This was a mistake and we are glad to state he is recovering.

T. R. Billingsley, a former resident of this county, but now of Johnson county, is here this week visiting his brother, A. D. Billingsley.

Geo. F. Parsons, a former commissioner of Young county but now of Megargel, spent several days of last week with relatives and old friends in Graham.

New Coal Mine.
Capt. J. A. Woolfolk, of Newcastle, was here Tuesday and informed us that he had leased his ranch of 640 acres to a Mr. Kinney, of Alaska, who will open up a new coal mine. The lease contract specifies that work will begin within a period of ten days.

Mr. Kinney is at present in St. Louis ordering machinery with which to operate the mine. At this mine they will manufacture briquettes out of the coal. These briquettes are coal that is crushed and carried through a chemical process and then pressed into cakes. These are very fine for fuel and make no smoke while burning nor leave ashes or clinkers. They will also sell cheaper than coal.

Pastor Accepts Call.
Rev. B. F. Stallings has accepted the unanimous call of the members of the Christian Church of this city as their pastor for another year at an advance in salary. Mr. Stallings has made the church here a splendid pastor, and he has also made many friends outside of his denomination. We are glad indeed to know he has decided to stay with us. In accepting the call here for another year Mr. Stallings turned down a flattering offer from a South Texas church.

\$687.00 Worth of Pecans.
Joe Vaughn brought in last Tuesday two loads of pecans from the M. K. Graham farm on the Clear Fork which he sold to W. I. Tidwell & Sons for \$687.04. This looks like there is some money coming in from pecans in Young county. The Clear Fork is one of the best pecan streams in the state and the people in that section have been reaping a golden harvest this year.

John Wesley, a substantial farmer in Veals Creek community, was in Graham Monday and said he has made a good cotton crop this year.

Big Jim Hubbard, a former editor of the Newcastle Register, was in town on business last Tuesday and favored The Leader with a fraternal call.

S. W. Goode, of South Bend, was here Saturday and renewed for the Leader. Mr. Goode reported a good rain to have fallen in South Bend last Thursday.

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Mrs. J. A. Treys is dangerously ill at her home in this city. Her daughter, Mrs. Ida Baker, of Lovine, and son, Charis Treys, of Olney, are here attending her bedside. J. R. McCluskey is seriously ill of typhoid fever at his home near South Bend. A trained nurse is in attendance upon him.

Watt Mayes is getting along nicely. He underwent a surgical operation last week in which his left leg was amputated and there was some fear of his strength not being sufficient to permit his recovery, but he has been doing far better than was expected and is gaining strength rapidly.