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SNEED NOT GUILTY VERDICT OF JURY

Find Verdict on First Ballot, but Remain in Jury Room all Night on Account of Late Hour.

MRS. SNEED UNCONCERNED

Defendant's Wife Shows No Emotion When Told Her Husband is Acquitted of Murder.

The jury before which John Beall Sneed was tried at Ft. Worth returned a verdict of not guilty Tuesday morning. He was tried for killing Capt. A. G. Boyce.

The case has attracted State-wide attention and various opinions have been expressed as to what would be the outcome of the trial. It appears that the defense attorneys were not expecting an acquittal as Cone Johnson was preparing a motion for a new trial when the verdict was announced. Sneed is yet to be tried on a charge of murder for the killing of Al Boyce Jr. son of the man whose murder Sneed was acquitted of in Fort Worth.

Reports state that Mrs. Sneed, wife of the defendant, was the least affected of all the defendant's relatives and that she received the news of his acquittal with very little concern.

Thanksgiving Sermon.

At the Union Services in the Methodist church, where a good audience assembled, Rev. Gaines B. Hall preached the following sermon from Psalm 147:20. "God hath not dealt so with any nation, and Psalm 16:6, truly the lives have fallen to me in pleasant places. The Psalmist recognizes God as the ruler and preserver of the universe, the giver of every good and perfect gift to man. He rejoices in his priceless heritage. It is perfectly natural for man to take pride in his own possessions. China boasts of her population, Great Britain of her dependencies, Germany of her navy, but in all that makes for peace, true happiness, strong manhood, sweet and cultured womanhood, America, with all her faults, stands as a favored nation. Of course we are not ideal; we are by no means perfect in the social, political, or religious life of our entire citizenship; but when we compare our lot with the Nations' about us we have just cause to use the words of the Psalmist, "Truly the lives have fallen to us in pleasant places; God hath not dealt so with any nation." His favor is shown in the material prosperity with which he has endowed us. In industry, frugality and forethought of the founders of our commonwealth, upon which the greatness of any nation depends, we were most signally blessed. We have been endowed with natural gifts beyond that of many. His is seen in the variety of climate, richness and diversity of soil that makes it possible to grow most anything that will please the eye or tempt the appetite of man or beast. From such country we feed and clothe 92,000,000 of America and send our supplies to the uttermost parts of the earth. Notice the richness and accessibility of our mines, the vastness of fuel and water so well distributed over our bounds and note the natural facilities for commerce in our rivers, lakes and splendid harbors. Then think for one moment of our acquired wealth in the great influx of population which brings money and labor to be expended in the development of our natural resources, the opening of our mines, reclaiming of arid lands by irrigation, settling up of new territory, the increase of manufactured articles at home, the inventions that shorten distance and some, all of which make us feel that indeed God has specially favored us as a nation. It is true we have our drouths, our panics, our floods, our epidemics and our pests, but what nation has not? From these we can quickly rally and under the guiding hand of God gain lessons valuable to and helpful to succeeding generations. In civil liberty America knows no equal. Our taxations are lighter than those of any other nation. In Italy one-third of the income is eaten up by taxation, while Germany staggers under the burden of her army and navy. Look at the internal dissension of priest-ridden Mexico, the unrest of Russia, the fear and famine of China, and the bloody war of Turkey and the Balkan states. Our people are not pinched to maintain the luxury of a crowned head, neither is the iron heel of any tyrant feared among us. Ours is a land of freedom, liberty and love, a land where merit and not birth determines the standing of her citizenship, where the honest laborer may sit on the same platform with the capitalist and where the boy from the log cabin may aspire to a residence in the White House. But in religious freedom perhaps more than anything else has God most graciously favored us. The early Christians worshipped God in catacombs and caves. In Russia one hundred million bow the knee to a religion that is burdensome to many. Behold China with her shackles of false religion and South America held back by the prevention of God's light from her citizens. Even in England the non-conformist, after supporting his own religion, must help support the National church. How different is our lot. No man nor set of men dare dictate our prayers nor force us to support a religion contrary to our conscience. Ours is a land of Bibles where every man may worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience and none dare molest or make him afraid. And now as we apply our text more closely and personally this morning truly we can see that God has been wonderfully good to us. In spite of three year's drouth and business depressions, business has risen this fall above normal and merchants have made the best collections in years. Crops have been bountiful and prices above the average. The number of faithful workers, upon which each church depends, has been increasing, the attendance upon religious services reasonably good. As a town we have not been visited by any cyclone, flood or pestilence, to wreck our homes or destroy our people. When we think of how richly God has lavished His bounty upon us is there anything that we cannot give him in return? Is it too much to say, "Here Lord, I give myself to thee, friends and time and earthly store, soul and body thine to be, wholly thine forever more? Let us call upon our souls and all that is within to praise Him and let our gratitude be manifested in another year of devotion and faithful service.

Judge R. F. Arnold went to Seymour Monday on business.

YOUNG COUNTY DAY CELEBRATION IS ON

Big Crowd Expected in Town Today to Celebrate Return of Prosperity.

FIVE-DAY STREET CARNIVAL

Roving Art Tenney's Big Texas Shows Help Make Young County Day a Great Success.

The street carnival is on in full force and a large crowd was out Tuesday night taking in the sights. Visitors to Graham will have the pleasure of taking in the shows until Saturday, the last day of the carnival.

People all over the country have been preparing for "Young County Day" and will be in the city in large crowds today. The holiday spirit will no doubt pervade the throngs and everybody will be enjoying themselves to the fullest extent.

At no time in the history of Graham have its people been offered so much amusement in one day as they will be today. In addition to the carnival attractions they will have the program prepared by The Reporter, the broncho show and various other amusements.

It is hoped that everyone who comes to Graham today will have an enjoyable time and go away feeling that "Young County Day" has been a day of real pleasure.

Entertain Church Officers.

The officers of the Methodist church were entertained at the parsonage Friday evening by Rev. and Mrs. J. Hall Bowman with a delightful banquet.

Covers were laid for twenty-two guests and the dinner was served in six courses as follows: Tomato Bullion, Turkey with all the toothsome accessories, Salad course, Lemon and Pumpkin Pie, Cream and Cake, After-dinner Coffee, Mints, Pickles, Olives, etc.

The dining room was prettily decorated with red and green festoons of red berries and autumn leaves, with showers of mistletoe. The table decorations were white and red cyprianthems placed on each side of brass candelabra.

Music by Mesdames Crim and Kay entertained the guests throughout the dinner.

The following toasts were responded to during the banquet:

Invocation, Rev. B. A. Snoddy.

"Our Beloved Methodist Church," C. W. Johnson.

"The Ministry," Dr. James Campbell.

"The Graham Church of the Past," M. K. Graham.

"The Church of To-day and To-morrow," W. T. Finch.

"Everybody Works but Father," A. F. Stewart.

"A Steward for Life," J. M. Keen.

"Our Women," W. P. McCracken.

In the absence of Dr. Campbell, Presiding Elder Stewart filled the Brownwood district filled his place in an admirable manner.

J. M. Keen of Farmer and M. P. McCracken of Olney were unable to attend and their toasts were responded to by others present.

The dinner was served by Mrs. Bowman, assisted by Mesdames F. M. Burkett, R. E. Lynch, E. C. Stovall and Miss Appoline Dow, the latter a guest at the home of Mrs. Bowman.

The following guests were present: Messrs. W. T. Finch, F. M. Burkett, R. E. Lynch, E. C. Stovall, Allan Craig, A. F. Stewart, Ben Johnson, A. B. Eddleman, B. S. Doty, S. B. Street, E. S. Graham, A. W. Kay, C. W. Johnson, M. K. Graham, M. Briscoe, Rev. B. A. Snoddy, W. E. Crim, J. H. Stewart, W. M. Matthews and J. W. Taliaferro.

Warning to Our People.

We want to warn our people to let these traveling "railroad wreck sales" entirely alone. It is stated that the goods offered for sale are old, shelf-worn goods that never saw a wreck, unless it is the wreck of the man's pocket book who buys them. We want to assure you that very few first-class goods are ever offered in a sale of this kind and you will be the loser by purchasing the shoddy stuff. Buy from your home merchants and anything you buy from them that is not satisfactory will be promptly exchanged or your money refunded. Will the "wreckers" do as much?

The Literary Club.

The Wednesday Literary Club met in regular session with Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig Wednesday Nov. 27. Quite an interesting program was carried out. In answer to roll call each member tried to count some of her many blessings, this being the day previous to Thanksgiving. The report of our President, who was our delegate to the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs at Fort Worth, was most carefully prepared and given to us in her clear, logical style. During her recital of the interesting events of the convention we were each planning in our own minds to attend the next annual convention, if possible.

Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig delighted us with a piano solo, then Mrs. A. A. Morrison read a most interesting paper on "Education of the poor in Germany" followed by a clear account of the life of a young girl in Germany, the subject being "The Backfish," Backfish being German for young girl or Miss. This paper was by Mrs. H. L. Morrison.

The round table discussion, which brought out many interesting points in the lesson, was led by Mrs. Gallaher.

In the absence of the the secretary Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig acted as secretary.

Mrs. C. B. Jones will be our next hostess.

The Priscilla Club.

Mrs. W. A. Morris was hostess for the club for the last meeting of the year. Eleven members were present and all were busily engaged in preparing gifts for their friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. Hall Bowman was welcomed to membership at this meeting, being the third new member received during the past year. The club now has twenty-five members and this meeting was the first of the sixth year since its organization. The club was organized on Tuesday, Nov. 26, five years ago at the home of Mrs. McCarrroll, she and Miss Bessie Paxton being the originators of the club.

The following guests were present at the last meeting: Mesdames G. O. Street, S. B. Street, T. J. Price and Miss Appoline Dow.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Evans Mabry on the first Tuesday in January.

AFFIRM JUDGMENT CRUTCHFIELD CASE

Court of Criminal Appeals Upholds Trial Court, Verdict Being Ten Years in Penitentiary.

RE-HEARING IS APPLIED FOR

Attorneys for Defendant Ask Court of Appeals for Re-hearing on Case. Hope for New Trial.

The Court of Criminal Appeals has affirmed the judgement of the District Court wherein John Crutchfield was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing his brother, Tom Crutchfield on or about the 31st of March, 1911.

The homicide occurred at the home of the defendant while he, with a number of other men were said to be drinking and gambling in a tent in the rear of the defendant's residence in the town of Newcastle.

The case was tried before District Judge P. A. Martin in the September (1911) term of district court, the jury returning a verdict of murder in the second degree and assessed his punishment at ten years in the penitentiary. The defense attorneys filed a motion for a re-hearing and the motion was overruled. An appeal was then taken and just fourteen months after the defendant was tried the Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the verdict.

The attorneys for the defense have filed a motion for a re-hearing in the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Mr Crutchfield now resides in Graham and is anxiously awaiting the outcome of the last attempt to gain his freedom.

How "Colds" Are Caught.

It is of great importance that those people who spend many months of the year traveling from one attack of "cold" to another should learn just where to place the blame for their trouble. It is a pity to get into the habit of blaming every open door or window, or dreading every unexpected breath of air, because this only leads to the course of life most to be avoided. If a person finds himself with the "catching cold" habit increasing winter by winter, depend upon it there is something wrong, and that something is not fresh air, because that is the very thing he of all people most needs. In such a case the daily habits should be carefully overhauled.

Does the sufferer overeat, and especially does he take too much animal food and too little exercise? This mistake is at the root of the coryzo habit in many cases. It is simply the sign of rebellion on the part of the overloaded system. Often the trouble may be traced to too much heavy clothing, to rooms kept too warm and to an atmosphere dried up with steam heat and no ventilation. People who sleep in shut-up, stuffy bedrooms ought to live in a state of grateful surprise if they do not have constant colds.

The change that can be produced in the human constitution in this respect by a continuous course of common sense applied to daily life is almost like miracle working. But the course must be begun today and kept up at least 365 days in the year. The cold catcher must pay minute attention to the digestive process, and is probably better off to eat meat not more than once a day at the most. His bedroom window

must stay open winter and summer, and not two inches, but all the way open. He must accustom himself to cold-water bathing. This does not necessarily mean ice-water bathing. A bath thermometer is a cheap purchase, and 65 degrees is cold enough for most persons.

Deep, slow breathing with the mouth closed should be constantly practiced, and never more than at the moment when a cold seems to be in the act of getting itself "caught."—Exchange.

Court House News.

At a called session of the commissioners' court held Saturday, Nov. 26, the bonds of the following officers were approved: J. W. Parsons, tax collector; R. S. Willis, public weigher Pre. 4; D. W. Blanton, public weigher, Pre. 6; W. E. McCharen, commissioner Pre. 2. The following appointments were also made by the court: W. E. McCharen, justice of the peace Pre. 2; S. W. Lane, Pre. 1.

Real Estate Transfers.

L. M. Lindsey to W. C. Barnett, blk. 24, Olney; \$800.

F. P. Burch to J. C. Vaughan, lot 15, blk. 35, Graham; \$350.

B. L. Pate to G. S. Wise, 80 a out of M. Dailey sur.; \$2280.

R. G. Hallam to W. D. Carey, 158 a out of J. R. Crouch sur.; \$3200.

M. B. Hutchinson to R. Campbell, lot 3, blk. 4, Olney; \$25.

J. M. Ettier to A. S. Wilson, ne ¼ sec. 10, T. & N. O. Ry.; \$1500.

Perkins Townsite Co. to W. W. Stover, lot 7 and w ½ of 8, blk. 61, Newcastle; \$1500.

W. W. Anderson to J. T. Otts, 160 a, e ½ sur. 1186; \$1920.

W. H. Putnam and I. A. Putnam to R. F. and F. T. Arnold, 320 a, T. E. & L. Co. survey 711; \$5120.

R. B. Watson to T. A. Richardson, 80 a, Jesse Morrison sur. \$2733.50.

F. L. Thigpen to S. R. Crawford, 100 a out of Leroy W. Ross sur.; \$2000.

S. R. Crawford to A. B. George, 80 a, A. J. Gibson, Jr. pre-emption; \$800.

R. L. Morrison to E. T. Morrison, lot 13, blk. 16, Olney; \$1600.

Marriage Licenses.

John Howard to Mrs. Onie McPhearson.

Leandie Brooks to Miss Mabel Grubbs.

F. B. Sullivan to Miss Ada Owen.

Posey Bower to Miss Iva Shahan.

Britt Afford to Miss Lillie Corley.

L. B. Proffitt to Miss Beulah May Jones.

J. M. Boyce to Miss Annie May Daves.

K. of P's. Elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias last Monday night the election of officers for the ensuing year was held. The installation will take place on the first meeting night in January, which is the first Monday night in the month.

Following are the officers elected: N. S. Farmer, C. C.; R. L. Reed, V. C.; Fred T. Arnold, K. of R. and S.; W. A. Stewart, Prelate; E. E. Hall, M. of W.; A. B. Eddleman, M. of A.; E. W. Fry, I. G.; Sam Copeland, O. G.; Homer Mayes, M. of F.; Ben Johnson, M. of E.; W. A. Morris, Trustee.

Miss Eula McCain spent Thanksgiving in Ft. Worth.

A Page of Real, Live News from Our County Correspondents

Connor Creek.

Mrs. Fay's sister of Kansas and daughter of Oklahoma returned home last week.

Zeline, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Chandler, is very sick with meningitis and several families are under quarantine.

Myrtle Corson was very sick the past week. She was poisoned from eating fresh meat that was not cooked done.

S. W. Ratcliffe carried his last bale of cotton of the 1912 crop to town Friday.

Tom Scarborough of Graham was down on his place looking after his cattle and horses last week.

Walter Wagoner and wife of Finis were visiting in this community the past week.

Mrs. Hargraves was thrown from a wagon last week and the wheels ran over her and bruised her very badly.

Lucien Smith went to the box supper at Flat Rock Thanksgiving night.

We had a very good shower Sunday morning, which was needed, as stock water was getting scarce.

Fred Glidewell purchased a good skunk dog from Erwin Campbell, for which he paid \$15.

Well, it is getting time to prepare for a new crop and we would like to hear from some of the correspondents a method in which they had good success last year, what someone has done from actual experience. Let's hear from you.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Corson, Tuesday, Nov. 26, a bouncing big boy.

The Gopher killed hogs last week and he invites Buster down to eat sausage, as he thinks he is getting lank since Big Monday.

THE GOPHER.

Hawkins Chapel.

A nice shower fell Sunday morning.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence has been ill for the past week.

Jim Oatman has been working for Mr. Daniels of Loving for the past week.

Mrs. Stinnett returned to her home at Markley last Thursday.

J. C. Miller and family visited the Ward family Sunday.

Brother Nobles filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Several of our young people attended the Thanksgiving entertainment given by the Loving school last Thursday night.

Hope Newman visited the home folks Thursday and Friday of last week.

Hiram Drum has moved his family to Loving for the benefit of the Loving school.

C. I. Newman and wife have been visiting his people of this place for the past week.

Byrd Bood was in our community Sunday.

Miss Florence Carmack reports 27 pupils in school; she says she likes school teaching. This is her first school.

The attendance at our Sunday school was small this week on account of bad weather.

Miss Florence Carmack was the guest of Miss India Newman Sunday.

Arthur Ward returned to Graham Sunday after a visit to the home folks. Arthur is attending school in Graham.

T. T. Hartman has had a well drilled on his place and reports an abundance of fine water.

Miss Ludie Cross has been visiting her brother Joe Cross of Megargel. She returned home today.

Miss Florence Baker, Frank and Ruby Newman, Miss Ludie Cross, Edith and Roy Cross are attending the Loving school from this community.

Violet.

Flat Rock.

Our school opened last Monday morning with Miss Augusta Cornish teacher. We all truly hope the school will be a success.

We had a little shower Sunday morning but it didn't hinder Sunday school in the least. Brother C. R. Taylor preached a fine sermon for us Sunday afternoon.

Lud Martin and wife, Brit Alford and wife, Mrs. Alford and daughter, Miss Jessie, spent last Thursday with E. H. Corley and family.

Our box supper was a success, although there was not a very large crowd present. There were 19 boxes sold which brought the sum of \$30.20. Thank you, young men.

We are sorry to report Miss Bettie Robbins unable to attend Sunday school Sunday but glad to say that she is better.

Mr. Hodges gave us a singing Sunday night which was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Brit Alford and Miss Jessie Alford visited the family of E. H. Corley Monday.

Mrs. Kidney returned home Sunday after a few days visit in Ft. Worth.

I failed to tell last week of my visit to The Reporter office a few days ago. I was perfectly pleased with everything; all you readers who haven't met our editor, call and get acquainted with him next time you are in town.

Well, I guess you will all take in the Carnival. I'm going to look for you next Thursday, you know that is the "Young County Day."

Misses Bettie and Delilah Robbins, Dan Burk and sister, Miss Bessie went pecan-hunting last Friday.

MARRIED. — Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 27, at the Baptist parsonage Bro. Taylor performed the ceremony that made Mr. Brit Alford and Miss Lillie Corley husband and wife. The groom has been raised in the Flat Rock community and his many friendly acts have made him popular all over Young and the surrounding counties. He is a young man that everybody speaks well of. The bride is a charming young lady who has, by her sweet modesty and womanly charms, gained the favor and admiration of all she came in contact with. The many friends of this young couple wish them happiness and prosperity in their married life.

Best wishes for The Reporter and its many readers.

SPORT.

Tonk Valley.

As I haven't seen anything from this part of the Rockies, thought I would send in a little mite.

There is some cotton yet to be picked.

There was church at the school house Sunday. The new preacher, Rev. Cook, preached. There was a small crowd on account of the bad weather.

Mrs. Sadberry, Mrs. Knight and little daughter, Belle, visited Mrs. Killion Sunday evening.

School is progressing nicely with Miss Cook as teacher.

Miss Elsie Sadberry visited Miss Ada Gossett Sunday eve.

Harry Cornelius is coming to the Valley pretty often. Look out, boys, he will have your hitching place.

Well, I guess the Valley folks will take in Young County Day.

The box supper was well attended at the Baptist church on Thanksgiving night. We have not heard how much was raised.

I will close and give space to someone else. — SUNSHINE.

[The editor welcomes "Sunshine" to our large and efficient corps of correspondents and feels sure she will always spread a ray of light on the happenings of Tonk Valley.]

Henry Chapel.

We had quite a shower Sunday morning, but not sufficient for the country's need.

There is considerable complaint of grip just now.

Hog killing is the order of the day.

There will be considerable competition between our people and Armour and Swift next year as to the location of the smokehouse.

Most all have some nice hogs to butcher.

We believe it a good idea to plant plenty of corn and hogs for home use.

Bro. Wysor filled his appointment here Sunday night, subject, Isaiah 1:16-17; "Cease to do evil, learn to do well." We think the brother made a splendid talk on this great subject.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at Mr. Shahan's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Chandler's little girl who was taken with meningitis last week is improving rapidly.

Arthur Posern of Graham is in our community this week with his hay baler.

MARRIED. Nov. 27, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shahan, Mr. Posey Bower of California and Miss Iva Shahan. Posey has been in California the past two years and had just returned. The match was a complete surprise to everyone. They will make their home in San Diego, Cal. The writer joins their many friends in wishing them a happy life in the Golden West.

H. L. Ribble and family spent Sunday night with E. K. Criswell at Salem.

Chas. Hinson spent Thanksgiving with homefolks and stayed over till Monday.

J. T. Shahan has disposed of all his property here and left Monday for Arizona and California looking for a location.

F. W. Fay and family of Connor Creek attended services here Sunday night.

Our school progressing nicely. We are informed by some of the pupils that Miss Mary has sent some of the boys with a sharp knife to the switch-patch. That sounds like a good business motto to the

Rocky Mound.

We expect our news will be scarce this week, but nevertheless we will do our best.

We had a nice shower Sunday morning which settled the dust.

Our school is progressing very nicely.

Most of the people have been killing hogs the last week or so. I'll bet what Buster would do to a sparerib would be a plenty.

Oscar Miller has been running around with a greasy mouth; we suppose he killed a pig.

H. Mowery and wife visited J. S. Burkett and family Sunday.

We suppose most everyone will be in Graham Thursday to celebrate Young County Day.

O. F. Miller and wife visited Ray Brashears and family Sunday eve.

Mrs. T. Ragland visited Mrs. Giant near Graham Sunday eve. Miss Rose Atchison was visiting Miss Gussie Ragland Friday evening.

Floyd Atchison made a prospecting trip to Arkansas not long ago, but we have heard of his return to Young county. We have heard of him saying that he would spend another year in good old Young county.

Miss Gussie Ragland is to take charge of her school in Tonk Valley Monday morning. We wish her every success.

Tate Phillips and Hubert Walker were sparking in Flint Creek community Sunday eve.

With best wishes for The Reporter we will close. RED WING.

Briar Branch.

Well, Mr. Editor, I guess all you city people feel better after eating that big turkey Thanksgiving. The nearest us country people came to getting a turkey dinner was hog liver.

Several of the farmers took advantage of the recent cold spell and killed hogs.

Jeff Gallaher has been laid up the past few days with a bad foot which he cut with an ax.

We are glad to report that Miss Alma Brandon, who has been sick, is some better.

Miss Reta Ragland visited homefolks at Rocky Mound Saturday night and Sunday.

Will Alcorn and Fred Moreland of Lone Oak spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Briar Branch community.

D. R. Carter and family visited Mrs. Crawford and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. May Garvin of Graham visited her mother, Mrs. L. F. Gallaher a few days the past week.

The young folks enjoyed an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gallaher Friday night.

Mrs. John Orrell and daughter, Miss Ada, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Graham visited E. H. Rowe and family Sunday.

A few of our young people were out kodaking Sunday afternoon and took supper with Miss Clara Rowe.

Miss Beulah Cole is visiting her brother, Ran Cole.

D. R. Carter and son William "bizzy" and news is "skase" will ring off and come again.

Gooseneck.

Aunt Sarah Johnson is real sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Neal from Eastland county came to be with their mother, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, during her illness.

Geo. Mahaney and family went to town Saturday.

John Clark and family made a trip to town Saturday. Guess John will go again Monday, as he forgot to get what he went after.

Bines Rutherford and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Driver are located in the city of Bunker.

Ruff Mullenax and family have moved to the Douglas farm.

Mr. Barrett and family of Bunker have moved, but we did not learn where he intended to locate.

This seems to be a good fall for selling buggies, as two more were bought this week. Those "peek-a-boo" boys surely mean business.

Will Reeves and father, Bob McLaren, Geo. Rose and little son Price visited Joe Parsons on Thanksgiving.

Henry Driver has been sick from a spider bite. He is better.

Frank Parsons has changed his range from west to east.

Mrs. Mack Johnson made a flying visit to Uncle Pat Johnson's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan visited the Sunday school.

Bob McLaren and wife are visiting in Ming Bend.

We wish to compliment Miss Helen Davis for having the cleanest schoolroom we ever saw in Gooseneck.

Misses Lona and Nora McLaren spent the night with Miss Cora Rose Sunday.

Well, Mr. Editor, we think The Reporter the best paper we get, especially the correspondent page. Best wishe for The Reporter.

GANDER.

For Sale.

One horse, buggy and harness. Address Box 201, Graham, Tex.

Dakin.

My, my! it is actually raining this Sabbath morning and some are going around with a sour look, for they haven't got their cotton out yet.

Miss Hattie Belle Reed visited the home of A. J. Bryan Sunday afternoon.

Since the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ragland Mr. Keplinger and family have moved on his place. Mr. and Mrs. Ragland are greatly missed, but we are glad to have another good family in our community.

Misses Myrtice and Lilla Belle Findley visited their sister, Mrs. L. H. Chambers, in Bryson Saturday and Sunday and little Miss Lilla Belle had the pleasure of being with her little fellow Sunday evening before returning home. They report a good shower fell there Sunday morning.

The box supper at Flint Creek was a success; everybody had a good time.

Curtis Findley was in Graham Saturday evening.

Most of the Dakin boys and girls went to a party at Mr. Miller's at Rocky Mound Thursday night and reported a jolly time.

T. D. Findley is sending The Reporter to J. Hugh Findley at Amarillo, Texas. J. Hugh has been in the service of the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Co. for some time in Ft. Worth, but now has charge of the Pierce-Fordyce Auto Supply station at Amarillo. He says he likes to take his home paper, and he wishes The Reporter success in every way; he also sends his best wishes to all his friends.

Henry Reed called on Miss Juanita Bryan Sunday night. Go on, Henry, we think you will win out in the near future, and if you do will buy you a new pair of socks for Christmas.

"Everybody's doin' it." Doin' what? Getting ready for the big day in Graham Thursday, of course.

Ira Q. Giant of Graham was out calling at the Mountainside home near Dakin Sunday evening late.

Edgar Craig was out horseback riding Sunday evening and he looked awful lonely. What's the matter, girls? there is a chance for some of you.

Well, I didn't write last week, but I think Buster did. That was fine about the correspondents' dinner and you bet some of them missed a fine dinner alright.

Somebody's horse was tied at Miss Ethel Batey's home Sunday evening, so you can guess who it was to see her.

Miss Alice Goldston and Mrs. Jewel Goldston were out horseback riding Sunday afternoon. They seemed to be having a jolly time.

Well, as my letter is growing long I will quit and try to do better next time. BLONDIE.

Indian Mound.

We had a fine rain in our country Sunday morning, which was badly needed. The grain crops will be greatly benefited and the farmers who have been waiting for rain can go to breaking their land now.

Prof. Howard of Jack county visited his uncle, J. S. Frazier, several days last week. While here he visited our school and said many good things for us. He complimented our lessons and order very highly, saying they were the best he had seen or heard in quite a while. We are always glad to have visitors, and especially one like Prof. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckaby began housekeeping last Thursday in the house on the Jason. Mayes place in the White Rose community.

Mrs. G. W. McCommas and John spent several days last week on the ranch.

Donnie Prescott of Elk City, Okla., is visiting for a few days with his sister, Mrs. W. P. Fisher.

Austin Bird purchased a dozen Brown Leghorns last week from Geo. Slater of Red Top. We suppose he is going into the poultry business in 1913.

Mrs. Carr Rutherford ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Callie Dollins.

Some of our young people attended a social at the home of Mrs. Graves in the Red Top community on Thanksgiving night. They report a pleasant time.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher spent the day Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Austin Bird.

Mrs. Rhea Cox and her mother, Mrs. McCommas, visited Mrs. C. E. Waters at Jean Friday.

Rev. Wilson didn't fill his appointment here Sunday on account of the rain. We hope Rev. Wilson will send another appointment for some other Sunday. We did have preaching Sunday afternoon in spite of the rain. Rev. Fisher of Graham preached an excellent sermon on "The Millennium Reign." We were glad to have Bro. Fisher with us and hope he will preach for us again.

Grandpa and Grandma Slaughter visited their son George Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steadham of White Rose visited at W. R. Dollins' Saturday night and Sunday.

W. P. Fisher and Donnie Prescott ate dinner with Austin Bird Sunday.

Well, I suspect everybody will take in the carnival this week. I'm quite sure Young County Day will be a great success, because The Reporter is advertising it, and you know when a thing is advertised in The Reporter it is bound to bring results.

Don't you writers score poor old Buster too heavily on the dinner question, for they don't set a dinner at the Jean hotel like the one our editor gave us at the Mountainside, consequently Buster made the most of his opportunity. WESTERN GIRL.

NOT AN ILL WIND.

Apropos of the bumper crops of 1912, Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture said in Washington:

"I heard a story the other day about a long-headed farmer. An auctioneer was to auction off his fields of standing grain, and the farmer said to him:

"I hope to goodness we have a good stiff breeze the day of the auction."

"A good stiff breeze? What use will that be?" asked the auctioneer.

"You must be green, young fellow," said the farmer. "Don't you know that, when grain's waving in the breeze, it looks a lot thicker—you see the same heads two and three times over."

SPELL OF WEATHER.

Mrs. A.—Well, if it isn't Mrs. B. What a stranger you are! Why, it's quite five years since I saw you.

Mrs. B.—Yes. Why haven't you been to see me?

Mrs. A.—Oh, dear, you know how bad the weather's been.—Pathfinder.

JUST AS WELL.

"A Chicago police matron claims that big men make the best husbands."

"In some cases, perhaps; but I know some little women who have succeeded fairly well at the business."—Youngstown Telegram.

SLIPPED.

"She had just been applying some cold cream when I tried to kiss her."

"And what happened?"

"I skidded and the kiss landed on her ear."

HASN'T BEEN MADE.

"Do you give your wife all the money she wants?"

"The isn't that much."

Items from the Churches

Methodist.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied at both hours on last Sunday by Rev. J. H. Stewart, Presiding Elder of the Brownwood district. Bro. Stewart is one of the most logical and clear sounding preachers in the Conference. His language is good, the delivery is forceful, and to this he has a commanding appearance in the pulpit which gives force to his utterances.

The subject of the morning discourse was on the "choice of Moses." It was shown that he was making a choice that was to be both for time and eternity, and that in a sense he was making a choice that was to be made by all. He was to choose God or reject. The preacher was particularly impressive when he said that when his boy should come to the parting of the road that he would like to be there to point him in the right direction.

The subject for the night sermon was on Esau selling his birth right. This was also an impressive and effective sermon. It was largely an exhortation to men not to sell out to sin. The afterwards, or effect of sin was clearly shown. "The reason," said the preacher "that men do not find God is not because God's ears are closed but because men's lips are dumb."

Services For Next Sunday.

Rev. J. Hall Bowman, pastor of the Methodist church, has been honored by being invited to occupy the pulpit at the Agricultural and Mechanical College on next Sunday. Bro. Bowman will leave for that College Friday.

Rev. B. A. Snoddy will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church in the absence of the pastor. All who can are urged to attend.

Christian Endeavor Program.

Subject—Lessons of the Snow.
Leader—Roberta Akin.
Scripture reading, Job 38:1-27
Leader.

Song.
Prayer of Praise—H. P. Rose.
The following questions will be answered promptly, if not, call on some one to answer them.

Why is snow an emblem of purity?
Song.

How is soiled snow like sinful life? What can we learn from the transient character of snow?
How may snow remind one of spiritual refreshments?

Prayer—H. L. Morrison.
Song.

Close by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met in regular session at the church Monday at 3 o'clock. Members present 14; absent 37.

Opening song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."
Led in prayer by Mrs. A. M. Graham.

Scripture reading by President Mrs. C. W. Johnson.
"Sadness of Working Children's Lives," Mrs. Graham.
"What We Are Doing to Develop Character Through the Play Instinct," Mrs. Bowman.
"Review of Evangelistic Effort and Result," Mrs. Lynch.

Response to roll call with a report of our foreign missionaries. Mrs. Graham reported literature given away, 30 pieces; visits to sick, 5; number of tithers, 27.

Mrs. Burkett, treasurer, reported for week of prayer \$102.55; collection on dues since the last meeting \$4.85.

Adjourned with prayer.

The Methodist Orphans' Home shower will be at Mrs. C. W. Johnson Friday, Dec. 13, from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 o'clock. Everybody urged to come. A program of music and readings.

Christian.

The building of a tower, Luke 14:28.

We have here three scenes; first, the sitting down to count his money, draws the plans, counts the cost of the material, foundation and labor. There were three kinds of towers in ancient times, the watch tower, tower of refuge, and memorial towers. So this text may apply to us in three ways; first the tower of christian hopes; hope never looks back, it never sees the present nor the past. Hope never lives in the future. We look with the eye of faith down the vista of futurity and hope for joys eternal, and sing my hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; not on the blood alone, but right doing.

Jesus' blood has the saving power if we rightly apply it by and through obeying Him. The prodigal son had a welcome awaiting him at his Father's home, but he must go to it; come back to his father to enjoy the blessings awaiting him. Then to build we must first clear away the rubbish before we lay the foundation; before rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah he cleared away the rubbish and before Jesus built His church he was three and a half years clearing away the drift wood of superstition and self righteousness so that they might build upon the rock of Christ Jesus only. Jesus said on this rock I will build my church, Matt. 16:18.

Second we have tower of Christian influence. James says that we are to be doers, and not hearers of the word only. Jesus said if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up the cross and follow me. Are you ready to deny yourself for the cause of Christ? Some play cards; when there are so many who need help. Do you think that Jesus Christ would go with you to the card table and spend His precious time in that way?

Do you think that Jesus Christ would go with you to the dance hall? Would it be right for the preacher to do these things? It is right for him to if it is right for any of his members to do so. Then Paul said that if meat cause my brother to offend or to be offended I will eat no meat. What is your influence upon the world of lost men and women? This is a personal question and we all must give answer to God and not to man. Next we see the one who did not count the cost, he at the last has failed. Have we counted the cost, and are we willing to pay the price?

This is up to us, for we will meet God upon His own terms, at His appointed place, and at the time He may fix. How will you meet Him? Then the last scene. It costs something not to be a christian. To be unprepared to meet God costs everything, life, heaven and the eternal joys promised to the faithful.

Next Sunday.

Bible school at 9:45. Mr. Florence Tidwell, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "The New Testament Church. Evening subject, Courtship, Love and Marriage (Lecture). When to marry, who to marry, how to marry and how to stay married.

On Sunday night, Dec. 16, we will give our lecture, "Jesus on trial," using fourteen witnesses, also have Judge, Jury and closing with Attorneys' plea. You are invited to meet with us.

A Big Bargain.

466 acres 10 miles south of Graham, 5 room house, good cistern, 3 tanks, 50 acres in cultivation, price \$5.00 per acre. See C. W. HINSON, Graham, Texas.

Presbyterian.

Present in the Sunday school 60 with offering of \$15.65.

The morning theme was a "call to the Gospel Ministry." The pastor used Acts 20:28 as the proof that God calls through His word and spirit to the life-work of preaching the gospel. Dabney says that a call is God enlightening and influencing man's conscience and understanding those of his christian-brethren in the Bible truths, circumstances and qualifications that point to preaching as his life's work. The spirit of God may use man and the church to help impress the heart and life to hear and accept the divine call.

To every young man this great work should be held up, and by every christian young man, making a choice of avocation, this might be considered. Could God use me to help my fellowmen to higher, nobler life here and to eternal life hereafter? The dignity and glory of the office of minister is clearly set forth in God's word by the names used in scripture. He is called a shepherd, an ambassador, an elder, a bishop. The nature of his work is glorious as a peace maker, a comforter who cheers hearts in time of sorrow, an undershepherd to lead and feed the flock, look after those who might go astray, build character for time and eternity. The rewards are glorious for who receives more love by the great masses than a man who ministers in need? Or has greater opportunity to reap the joy of seeing souls born into the kingdom; souls saved from darkness to light?

Then, too, the great need of laborers, should appeal to thoughtful young men who desire to serve God with their souls and their bodies which they must recognize belong to God. Other professions with larger financial remuneration are crowded to overflowing, such as law, medicine, bookkeeping and merchandising. There are ten men for every government position. But not so with the ministry. Ft. Worth could use every man that graduates from our Texas Seminary and leave none for the other nine Presbyteries and not a man for the 800,000,000 of the heathen darkness.

The call comes to every christian home to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard.

In the morning the special music was an anthem and a solo by Mr. C. P. Hutchison.

DURATION OF LIFE.

Buffon, the naturalist, makes the following calculations on the durability of life: From the best calculations only one out of 3,310 reach the age of one hundred. Of 1,000 infants nursed by the mother, about 300 die; of the same number nursed out 500 die. More people live to a great age in elevated situations than in lower ones.

Of the children born alive, one-fourth die before eleven months, one-third before the twenty-third month, half before their eighth year, two-thirds of mankind die before their thirty-ninth year, three-fourths before their fifty-first year, and of about 12,000 only one survives a whole century.

HAZY AS TO DETAILS.

"That was a famous love affair of Hero and Leander."
"Um—yes, so it was. By the way, did the story end at Reno?"

HIS HABIT.

"I never saw anybody so devoted as that man to continued stories."
"Yes, he even begins his breakfast with a cereal."

THE WRONG WAY.

"A popular book is religious in one way."
"What way's that?"
"It always keeps lent."

STRANGE WAYS.

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Second Ditto—Yes, I'm in one of these "crook" plays.

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Mrs. J. L. Flint is visiting friends in Ft. Worth.

Wanted Plain sewing. Mrs. J. L. Woods.

Mr. Frank Taylor of Ft. Worth spent Thanksgiving in the city, guest of his sister, Mrs. R. G. Hallam.

White Swan canned goods at Stewart & Son.

Mrs. J. C. Vaughan and daughters spent Thanksgiving in Ft. Worth, guests of Mrs. J. C. Sweet.

Pure Uvalde comb honey. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Miss Lucille Doty is visiting friends in Lytle, Texas.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold

Commissioners J. T. Hunt of Olney and Allen Casey of Farmer were pleasant callers at The Reporter office last week.

Section comb honey at our store. Mabry & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Voules spent Thanksgiving in Mineral Wells with Mrs. Voules' mother.

Fresh English Walnuts at our store. Mabry & Son.

Mrs. C. S. Wynns is visiting in Ft. Worth.

"Batavia" Maple Syrup is pure order a can. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

S. F. Wallace of Loving was here on business Monday.

For Sale Good upright coal heater. Apply at West Texas Reporter.

W. D. Holt of Loving made a business trip to Graham Monday.

Those potato chips are simply fine at our store. Mabry & Son.

J. W. Roberson, of Murray, was in the city on business Saturday.

You buy quality when you get 1 lb. tins of Batavia coffee. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Mrs. R. G. Hallam is visiting her brother, Frank Taylor, in Ft. Worth.

Save worry and time—order shelled walnuts, almonds and pecans for that fruit cake. Mabry & Son.

The Union cotton yard had received 8950 bales of cotton up to noon yesterday.

Fresh Currants, seeded and seedless raisins, citron, orange and lemon peel at our store. Mabry & Son.

C. B. Alford of Channing, Tex., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alford.

Glaze pineapples and pitted cherries will aid the flavor of the fruit cake. We have them at our store. Mabry & Son.

W. B. Barbee and wife were in the city the past week visiting E. E. Hall and family.

When in need of anything in the Short Order line call at the Midway Cafe, on the West side of the square. A trial of our chili will make you a regular customer. R. M. Todd, Prop.

Nuts of all kinds at Stewart & Son.

O. M. Jones, of Cleburne, was in the city for several days the past week visiting old friends.

Wanted Plain sewing. Mrs. J. L. Woods.

Carl Arnold, who is attending school in Fort Worth, spent last Thursday with the home folks.

Pumpkin-Yam Sweet Potatoes. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

L. L. Riggers of the Huffstutle community is assisting Price Bros. in the Harness department.

New crop, 1912 pack, seeded raisins, currants, citron, pure spices for your Christmas cake. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Our electric car starts every afternoon at 5 o'clock. Come in and see it. B. A. Snoddy & Co.

Miss Maud Souter of Eliasville spent several days in the city the past week, guest of Miss Alta Parsons.

Just anything that's good for that special dinner at our store. Mabry & Son.

Lumber was bought from a local yard last week for the erection of a new Odd Fellows hall at Eliasville.

Dr. W. H. Logan will remain in Graham and will answer all calls of those who desire his services hereafter.

If your shoes need repairing bring them to me. First-class work guaranteed. F. L. Adair west side square.

J. W. Ofill and sister, Miss Mabel, spent several days in the city this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ofill.

Shelled almonds, walnuts and pecans ready for use at our store. Mabry & Son.

Miss Roberta Akin returned home Tuesday after an extended visit to relatives and friends in Georgetown and Austin.

Wear hand-made boots, for sale by F. L. Adair, west side square.

Miss Dixie Harrison, who has been spending the past six weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Chas. Widmayer, left yesterday for her home in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McNatt of Bowie were in the city last week visiting Mrs. McNatt's father, Dr. R. H. Burns.

Florida Oranges at Stewart & Son.

S. W. Lane was appointed constable of Precinct No. 1, by the Commissioners Court Saturday to succeed E. P. Freeman deceased.

Hand-made boots stand the wear, look better and are far superior to any other kind. Let us take your order. F. L. Adair west side square.

Preston Lawrence of Willow, Okla. arrived in the city Tuesday night to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Mary Trafton.

Blacksmith Shop to Rent.

Best blacksmith shop in Graham, fully equipped, will be for rent Jan. 1, 1913. Apply to or write CARL WIDMAYER.

W. S. Childers of Asher, Okla. is visiting his brother-in-law, S. W. Lane. Mr. Childers is one of Asher's prosperous cotton buyers and is thinking of buying here the rest of the season.

New Nuts.

Walnuts, Brazils, Almonds, Pecans, etc. W. I. Tidwell & Son.

Mrs. Mary Trafton, who for a number of years has been family nurse for nearly every family in Graham is near the point of death from pneumonia. Little hope is had for her recovery, though she was reported some better yesterday.

Teams wanted to haul cotton seed. Graham Cotton Oil Co.

Ben E. Neal who has been visiting relatives and friends in Graham for some time left Monday for his home in Lytle, Texas. After spending the holidays with home folks Ben goes to New Kensington, Pa. to accept a position with the National Aluminum Co.

Mrs. Mai Voules returned Tuesday night from a visit to friends in Brownwood. She was accompanied on her return trip by Mrs. Noel Cropp, who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cunningham.

Frank Lindsey was in the city this week visiting his father, R. Lindsey. Frank taught school in Graham several years ago and later moved to Stamford, where he was superintendent of the schools. He has given up school teaching, however, and is now engaged in the practice of law at Stamford.

J. W. Akin, accompanied by John Pohlman, left Monday for Marlin to spend some time for the benefit of his health. Mr. Akin has been suffering for some time with rheumatism and his friends are hopeful that the trip will restore him to perfect health.

C. H. Nored was in the city the past week on business. Mr. Nored is suffering from a sprained ankle, the result of a fall from his hay wagon.

Homer Thompson of Bridgeport has moved to Graham and will assist J. L. Woods in the conduct of his watch repairing business.

H. G. Arnold and family, who have for the past two years been making their home in New Mexico have returned to Graham and will again make this their home. There is an irresistible charm about Young county that always brings them back.

Mrs. A. W. Kay and Miss Mazelle Morrison went to Ft. Worth Saturday to meet Mrs. L. T. Gilmer, of Mississippi, who is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Morrison.

Cotton in Throckmorton.

The Throckmorton Times reports 7147 bales of cotton ginned in the county up to November 29. Of this amount Elbert had 1230, Woodson 2450, and Throckmorton 3467.

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of shareholders, of the Graham National Bank, No. 5897 will be held at the office of said bank in Graham, Texas, on Tuesday, January 14, 1913, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. at which time and place the annual election of directors will be held and such other matters transacted as may properly come before said meeting. The Graham Nat'l. Bank, By CHAS. GAY, Cashier.

Red Cross Christmas Seals



For Sale on streets to-day.

A letter to The Reporter from R. L. Tankersley who is with Mrs. Tankersley in Ft. Worth says: "My wife is doing as well as can be under the circumstances. It may be several days yet before she is operated on. They are preparing her for the operation and we are very hopeful of her recovery." The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tankersley in Graham are anxiously awaiting favorable news and trust the operation will prove successful and that Mrs. Tankersley will be able to return to her home and friends in the near future.

Mrs. J. W. Jackson returned home from Ft. Worth Sunday. She received a phone message from there yesterday, stating that Halbert had undergone the operation and was improving splendidly. The message also stated that he was entirely out of danger and that he would likely be able to be up in a short time. His many friends in Graham will be glad to learn of this encouraging news and it is hoped that it will not be many days before he will be able to come home.

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3 Stalk Cutters, each . . . \$20.00	12 in. walking plow \$9.00
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1 Lister Planter \$10.00	Lanterns 50c, Nails 2c lb.

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1912 Crop 13,975,000 Bales.

This season's cotton crop will total 13,975,000 bales, according to estimates compiled by the New Orleans Times-Democrat, from a canvass of reports from correspondents in every cotton-growing state.

This estimate does not include linters and repacks.

The correspondents generally report that the farmers have been free sellers at cut prices. The crop, it is stated, has been picked and ginned with unusual rapidity.

The Times-Democrat figures on production by states follow:

State	Bales
Alabama	1,250,000
Arkansas	850,000
Georgia and Florida	1,900,000
Louisiana	450,000
Mississippi	1,100,000
Oklahoma	1,100,000
North Carolina	950,000
Tennessee	275,000
South Carolina	1,250,000
Texas	4,750,000
All others	100,000
Total	13,975,000

A case of cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported near Graham and some doubt as to whether or not it was really meningitis. Local physicians sent a sample of spinal fluid to the State Health Officer, Ralph Steiner for examination and yesterday received by wire his report to effect that it was a genuine case. At this writing attending physicians state patient convalescing.

Dan and Fred Morse of Weatherford are in the city awaiting the arrival of material for the building of four new bridges in the county, locations of which were given in The Reporter some time ago. They are connected with the Newton Construction Co. who have the contracts for the erection of the New bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rose were in Ft. Worth Thursday and Friday, guests of Mr. Rose's aunt, Mrs. Davis. While there they had the pleasure of hearing Madam Nordica in concert and Mr. Rumimell, famous violinist.

Supt. McLendon, Prof. Gilliland, Misses Ethel and Fannie Bye Rogers, Bessie Lyon, Gracie Mizzell, Ethel and Amy Atwood, and Mrs. Lucy Isaacs attended the State Teachers' Association, held at Fort Worth.

DESK USED BY HAWTHORNE
Famous Author Worked at It When He Was Surveyor of the Port of Salem.

The desk at which Nathaniel Hawthorne worked when he was surveyor of the port of Salem, during period in the Polk administration, is still in existence in Salem, carefully preserved by its custodians. Hawthorne secured the appointment as surveyor through the intervention of his Democratic friends, who were influential at Washington at the time. Senator Fairfield of Maine was especially active in the matter, and the munificent salary of \$1,200 enabled this somewhat financially straitened literary genius of the first rank to live in comparative comfort during his four years of incumbency.

With the election of Taylor and Fillmore the Salem Whigs conspired to have Hawthorne supplanted by an official of their own political stripe, and the result of this unnecessary proscription against one of Salem's most noted native sons was his greatest story, "The Scarlet Letter." Appropriately, too, "The Scarlet Letter" is prefaced with an introduction, a reminiscence of the author's experience at the dingy seat of Salem's customs. The collector at the time was Gen. James Miller, the hero of Lundy's Lane, and Hawthorne's references to the man who could say in an exciting emergency, "I'll try, sir," lends interest to what is really one of the most attractive portions of the book.

Hawthorne refers to this identical desk in his minute description of the business room of the custom house. "An old pine desk with a three-legged stool beside it," is the way he referred to this equipment.

Progress On New School Building at Woodson.

Work on the new school building is progressing rapidly now. The stone work is completed and the walls stand strong and beautiful as the outer shell of the temple of learning. Joists for the first and second floors are laid. Partitions of rooms are completed and the roof will be finished in a few days. Then with the doors and windows in, the force of the elements may rage in vain on this strong, handsome village.


The stone work is indeed handsome, and the walls have a fine appearance. The carpenter work is strong and substantial, and the building when completed will stand for many generations. — Woodson Record.

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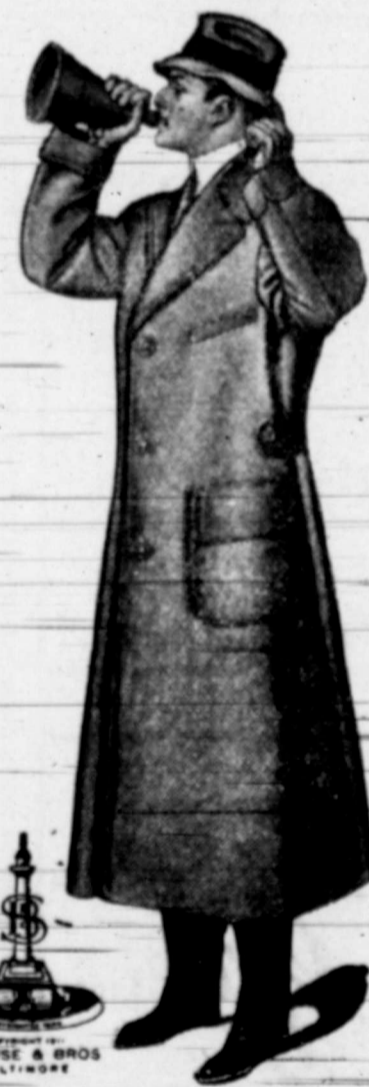
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METCHNIKOFF THEORY IS OLD

Curdled and Sour Milk Were Popular as Cure for Ailments in Ancient Times.

Literary research has revealed that Prof. Elie Metchnikoff of Paris was not the first advocate of sour milk as a cure for many ills. He has never said he was. An editorial note in the New York Medical Journal says:

"In a very interesting article on the origin of oriental curdled milk, Dr. N. Moissides of Constantinople, in Janus for July, speaks also of the mention of sour milk in the Old Testament, which Metchnikoff used to fortify his statement that the use of sour milk is one of the great secrets of prolonging life. Dr. Moissides remarks that Metchnikoff has followed the translation of Elstein on medicine in the Old Testament, but with this translation our author disagrees, for the Septuagint, as well as Osterveld, used the word butter instead of sour milk. Of much more importance than sour milk during the Graeco-Roman and Byzantine times was curdled milk, oxygala, a word mentioned by many old writers, such as Strabo, Plutarch, the elder Pliny, Paul of Egina, and many others, down to Ptochoprodromos, a Byzantine poet of the twelfth century.

"The word of the old Greeks is still used in Greece, Cyprus and Turkey by modern Greek authors, while the Turkish word is Yagourte, derived from the verb Yagourmak, signifying fermented."

VERY RICH



Cannibal King—Let that last captive go.

His Assistant—But he's a millionaire.

Cannibal King—I know, but I've got to eat out all rich food.

PASSING OF THE PUNKAH.

One can hardly imagine the hot countries of the far and the middle east without the punkah, and it is something of a shock to learn from the American consul general at Hongkong that in that colony, at least, the punkah is rapidly giving place to the electric ceiling fan. Few new buildings in Hongkong are fitted with punkahs, but all are wired for electricity with reference to the use of electric fans. According to the consul general, while punkahs have many merits—especially in being easily regulated so as to maintain a gentle breeze—they entail a serious loss of light, do not promote active ventilation, as a fan does, and are hard to keep clean.—Scientific American.

QUICK ACTION.

"That is my business and not yours," remarked a prisoner at Kingston, in reply to a magistrate's question.

"We will now proceed with ours," retorted the chairman, who promptly passed sentence of a month's hard labor.—London Tit-Bits.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

"Pa, I have accepted the duke. He will cost only a million plunks."

"Cheap enough, my dear. Now, the next step is to get the title examined."

HIS STATUS.

"He is in 'Who's Who,' I believe. Yes, but he is much more prominent in 'Here's How!'"—Puck.

ITS PROPER PLACE.

"That man's practice is going to the dogs."

"What's the matter with him?"

"Nothing. He's a veterinarian."

FAIR GAME.

"Why does that doctor look at you so wolfishly?"

"He knows my appendix has never been removed."

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The Reporter commends the city dads on the construction of concrete culverts on the South side of the square. These are lasting improvements and the citizens of the town know their money is being well spent. Keep the good work going.

Some of the golden eagles our people are hustling so valiantly for should be put into shade trees about this time of the year. It would serve a two-fold purpose, make the tree agent happy and help to beautify the town.

The newspapers of West Texas have been enjoying unusually good business this year, speaking well for the prosperity of the country. As a rule the smaller newspapers are forced to wait until a country is very prosperous before they can enjoy anything like a reasonable amount of patronage, but the merchants of this section are wide-awake business men and appreciate the good that comes from the constant use of the columns of the local paper.

You have doubtless seen on many occasions essays on how agents for railroad companies and other public service corporations should always greet their patrons with a smile and be courteous in all their dealings; this is exactly right, but the public should also have some consideration for the agent. He has to deal with hundreds of people daily whose temperaments are as varied as their numbers are great and it is but natural that he will get "fretted" sometimes. The way to get a smile and courteous treatment is to get your own smile working first.

The Olney Enterprise in its last issue right loyally defends Young county and the Olney county against an attack made on this country in the Henderson Times, published in Rusk county. The Enterprise characterizes the statements of the Times as "untruths" and admonishes the Times man to ascertain the truth or falsity of statements before publishing them. The Times man is not alone in spreading "untruths." There are men who will tell deliberate falsehoods about one man in a puerile effort to help another, but such characters never have much weight; people have no confidence in them, and as is oftentimes the case their statements rebound to their own undoing.

The School of Adversity.

West Texas Reporter (Graham): It's a pretty good country where one crop will pay your expenses for three years, and we have heard several of the farmers in this section say that they were able to pay up this year, though they hadn't made a thing for the past three years. One more good crop will put Young county on the top row again. Let's all do our best to get that one more good crop.

Certainly, do your best. Having known adversity, your people will understand how to appreciate prosperity, and while appreciating it will not be deceived as to the possibility of its continuing forever. Half the hard times in this world are caused by the improvidence of those who undergo them. There is no quicker way for a people to lose their thrift than by enduring the hardships of a lack of it. In a county like Young, where one year's crops afford three years of living, it should

be very easy for the average family to accumulate a sufficiency to secure them for a life-time, for the crops that fail there are few and the crops that succeed there are many.—Dallas News.

AN OLD LOVE SONG

By HENDERSON WELSH.

It had been a very foolish quarrel—lovers' quarrels usually are—but Dick would not admit it so far as his part was concerned. Of course Eloise had been foolish in thinking he would tolerate any such treatment. She was heartless and did not care, and he had been well within his rights in leaving as he had.

But whether he had been right or foolish, he was very lonely now. Cat the ranching has its charms, but they are not sufficient to soothe the heart that longs for a certain girl—even the head related to the heart does not admit the longing.

Today his mind had drifted back to her more than ever before. Perhaps this was because it was his birth day.

He pulled himself together with a jerk and pushed his horse into a gallop that banished all unhappy thoughts for the time.

That evening the lonely thoughts came trooping back, as he lay sprawled on the grass near the ranch house. The night was beautiful, just such another as that night had been. A great loneliness filled him and he vainly tried not to think of Eloise—of Eloise and her singing.

"Yes, she could sing," he admitted grudgingly, but she was cold and cruel. She did not care—so why should I? I ought to have more pride; and I have!" he snapped, as he thought that settled it. "She has forgotten me long ago," he added bitterly.

Then, through the stillness, came from the house a few chords that struck him like a blow. He knew them so well. Then came a voice:

"Eloise!" he cried, leaping to his feet.

"Forgotten you? Well, if forgetting be longing with all your heart!" The words were ringing clear in such a voice as has seldom been heard on land or sea.

Dick sank to the ground. His legs refused to bear him. That song was for him—sung as she had sung it for him five years ago!

Dick's heart, also, was pulsing wildly as the song died away and life flooded back into him. He sprang up and raced to the house. What or whom he expected to find there, he scarcely knew. What he did find was the ranch family and most of the boys crowded about a most modern singing machine. He elbowed through them.

"That—that record!" he demanded. "Let's see that last record!"

"Sure!" said the rancher reaching back in the cabinet for it. "Wasn't that great? I heard her sing in Denver Monday night and I tried to get several of her records, but this is the only one. It seems she has refused to sing any other song for the company. Funny, too, that the latest prima-donna should pick an old love song like that."

Dick had grabbed the record and on it read "Forgotten, Soprano Solo by Mile. Eloise Remy." He could almost have kissed that record.

"Mr. Miles," he turned to the ranch-herd who is pretty slack right now. "Can't you spare me for a few days?"

"Alph," he called, "I've got to catch the midnight flyer. Will you ride in with me and bring back my horse?" But Dick heard none of the chaffing.

His ears were ringing with the song. All the galloping way to the train, then on and on to Denver, he heard it. There he found that the prima donna, to whom America had suddenly bowed the knee, had gone on to San Francisco. The next train took Dick.

He reached there too late to see her before the performance, but he sat through it entranced while Eloise poured out her soul in wonderful song.

Had she forgotten him? Would she forgive him?

When the two faced each other, neither had to ask such questions. Eyes told in a flash what tongues might long stumble over.

"You have been such a long time coming," she said.

"Yes. It was my foolish pride—and then I thought you had forgotten me—until I heard that song."

"I sang it for you," she said, simply. "Of course I love to sing, but it was for you chiefly that I went into public opera. I thought—sometimes you might hear, and if you loved me, you might come back to me. Then, when the phonograph company wanted me to sing for them I refused and then I thought that if I sang 'Forgotten' as I used to sing it to you, you might hear it and at least remember the old days." And then she added happily, "I'm so glad I did!"

Milkweed As a Food.

One of the economic triumphs of the age is the utilization of waste material, and the use of weeds as food staples is a phase of this triumph.

The most interesting of these new "weed foods" is milkweed, the common, wild variety, that grows in every rocky pasture, in meadows, and by roadsides in abundance. Its large, thick, smooth leaves are familiar to all, and its deep, dull pink tuft of flowers, and later its seed pods, filled with delicate floss and flat brown seeds. When it is broken off, a thick, white, milky juice exudes. This is rich in nutrition. This common and luxuriant weed is now being cultivated in gardens as a valuable food staple, and makes one of the most delicious of vegetables. It tastes almost exactly like asparagus, and is cooked in much the same way as spinach. It has been found to be rich in natural salts and nutrition, and is easily cultivated.—Mrs. M. P. Haskell in *Leaflets*.

HE'S UP ON GOLF.

Angry Papa—Son, I'm going to take a golf club and spank you. Smart Child—I suppose you'll use the club? New York Globe.

HER WAYS.

"Nature has a queer way of doing." "How so?" "If you notice, it is after night falls that day breaks."

THE LOCALITY.

"Did this ruffian hit you in the interim?" "No, sir. He hit me in the jaw."

SUITABLE HOUSING.

"What makes your friend look so chesty?" "He's just bought a house with a awell front."

INDEFINITE.

"I ran across a man I knew the other day and cut him dead." "What with your manner of yours?"

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MAKING A CAMPAIGN BANNER

How the Big Affairs Are Made and Assembled and the Portraits Painted.

The services of twelve men are required to produce one of the big campaign banners, relates Harper's Weekly.

Two men prepare the strips or which the lettering is done. Two more look after the lettering of these strips, the painting of the names of clubs or associations ordering the banners, the captions for the portraits and the offices for which the nominees are to contend.

Two men work on the centerpieces, generally consisting of an eagle and shield. One man devotes himself to the special portraits, and the other assemble the various parts, sew the strips together and give the finishing touches to the banner.

The "portrait man" seems to do any other work than the main portrait. The rest he calls "filling in." By working on the same faces day after day this artist becomes so skillful and so rapid in execution that he can paint the portrait of a candidate in the dark and paint it as true to life as the standard of the campaign banner industry requires.

MOVING PICTURES TIRE EYE

French Oculist Traces a Great Many Diseases to These Wonderful Modern Devices.

A French oculist has traced a large number of eye-diseases to the impression made upon the eye by moving pictures. In some cases visual fatigue persists for days and makes reading impossible. The cinematographic illusion is due to the persistence of the luminous impression on the retina. The mean duration of that persistence is two-forty-fifths of a second. To produce the illusion the pictures must pass so swiftly that there shall be no apparent lapse of time. The retina must seize every detail. Few visitors to moving-picture shows fail to note their sensations of visual satiety; despite their interest in the pictures, it tires them to follow the details of the play. Some part of the plates may be defective or the light may be too intense or too weak. Whatever the cause, even the most tolerant eye is conscious of weariness.

WHY POSTMASTERS GET BALD.

"Mornin', Joe." "Mornin', Mr. Morely." "Tom Warden been in fer his mail yet?" "Nope." "When he comes will you be here?" "Yep." "Say, when he comes will you tell him I told you t' tell him that on his way from the cheese factory will he stop an' get that shoot of Herman Langer's an' take it down t' Fred Wilkins an' tell Fred that I said he could have it for that single harness even-up, if he'll fix up that bridle and throw in them russet lines 'stead o' the old black ones; and if he won't swap tell Tom t' bring it down t' my place an' put it in the extra pen an' be sure an' shut that door to the henhouse or all the chickens'll get out an' Tom-an' me both will catch! Sure they ain't no mail, Mr. Morely?"—Buffalo News.

PATIENCE EXHAUSTED.

"I have decided to quit smoking," said Mr. Bliggins, seriously. "Doctor's orders?" "No. I'm tired of hearing the various members of my family wrangling over the kind of pictures and certificates I shall be compelled to collect."

FAR FROM HOME.

"I wonder if the ghost will walk in the show this week." "There is one thing certain about that. If the ghost doesn't walk we will."

ITS RESULTS.

"I suppose there is a lot in this automobile racing." "Well, it raises the dust."

THE WEAPON.

"Did the prisoner cut the plaintiff with malice prepense?" "No, sir. He cut him with his penknife."

THE DISTINCTION.

"He growled so furiously at me I was sure he was mad." "Who? Your dog?" "No; my husband."

SAM'S CASE OF BRAIN FAG

Dictating a Letter to His Sweetheart Was Too Much for the Negro's Mentality.

Even less ardent in overcoming the difficulties of composition was the negro who asked his "boss," Colonel Yerger, to write a letter for him to his sweetheart.

"All right, Sam; I'll do it," agreed the colonel.

"Has yer got de paper and de ink and de pen ready, sah?"

"Yes, Sam, go ahead."

"Write Thompson street, New York."

"All right."

"Has yer got hit writ?"

"Yes."

"All ob hit?"

"Certainly."

"What has yer got writ? Read it to me, boss."

"Thompson street, New York."

"Dat's right. Now write May de fourteenf."

"Yes."

"Has yer got hit down, boss, already?"

"Yes."

"G'way, boss, you're jokin'! Read it to me."

"May 14th."

"Mah goodness, you has got hit down all right! Now, boss, read hit all over from de berry beginning."

"Thompson street, New York, May 14th."

"Dat's right. Whew! Sav, boss, let's res' a while; I's tired. My head aches like hit was gwine'er split."

Atlanta Constitution.

APPROPRIATE



Bronson—What kind of coal do you use in your house?

Woodson—Pea coal. You know, we are all vegetarians.

OUR DISSOLVING COUNTRY.

It has been figured that if the work of erosion performed by water on the total surface of our country were concentrated on the Isthmus of Panama it would suffice to cut a canal from ocean to ocean, 85 feet deep, in about 23 days.

The average annual erosion produced by water in the United States corresponds to the removal of a layer about three and a quarter feet thick in 3,400 years. It is calculated that our rivers transport every year 270,000,000 tons of solid matter and 513,900,000 tons of matter in a state of suspension.—Harper's Weekly.

DILATORY TACTICS.

Wife (about to prepare meal)—The question of what to eat is never settled.

Husband—Well, why don't you settle it, then, instead of laying it on the table every time?—Judge.

JUST ONE.

"Do you dye whiskers?"

"Yes," answered the barber.

"Do you fool anybody?"

"Seem to fool the man that wears 'em."—Kansas City Journal.

NO FEAR.

"Doctor, I am afraid I am losing my mind."

"Well, don't mention it, and nobody will notice the difference."

THE PINCH.

First Autoist—Aren't these speedway policemen a nuisance?

Second Ditto—Yes; they get on my motor nerves.

NO KICK COMING.

"I fear pa will put his foot down when you ask to marry me."

"I don't mind that, dear, as long as he doesn't put it up."

SOON ARRANGED.

"I want drop ceilings all over the house."

"You'll soon have them, ma'am, when the roof begins to leak."

LOOK, LISTEN, READ

We told you some time ago that land was going to go up, and if you wanted to get a place cheap, to buy. Some of you have done so, but there are several who have not, so we warn you that if you don't get you a place soon you will lose money, and if you do don't blame us; we have warned you. We have not the space to tell you all that we have, but below you will find a few places that we have to sell and they are worth the money.

Don't ask us for a lower price for you will not get it, this is the bottom price. If you do not find what you want here, come and see us; we have got it. And say, if it is money you want on your land, we can get that for you, and abstracts we have them to let. Please give us your order now; we have plenty of time to make them so don't wait; come in now.

160 acres 5 miles southwest of Loving and 5 miles southeast of Jean, in the Red Top community; 120 acres in farm, balance tillable; has three-room house with small barn, good well and good tank, rural mail route. Can be bought for \$25.00 per acre, \$1500 cash, balance easy payments.

50 acres 3 miles south of Loving, 28 acres in cultivation, all tillable but about 5 acres, small house and tank, good mesquite land, price \$1375. \$375 cash, balance easy payments.

224 acres 6 miles south of Loving and 6 miles northeast of Graham on Graham and Loving road; 125 acres in farm, 175 acres tillable, has two sets of improvements, two good wells, good orchard, and is well located; a good farm for the price, \$19.00 per acre, \$1200 cash, balance on good terms.

216 acres 1 mile north of Profit, 130 acres in farm, nearly all tillable, good well of water, three-room house, located on public road, has two acres in alfalfa that has been growing on place for 18 years and has been cut for hay every year. There is 100 acres that will grow alfalfa, it is sub-irrigated. This is one of the best river farms in Texas, will sell for \$5000. \$1500 cash, the balance on easy terms. Don't pass this place up if you want a good farm.

110 acres, 90 acres in farm, 109 acres tillable, 1 1/4 miles east of Jean, has 5-room house, small barn and good well of water. This place cannot be duplicated and can be bought for \$31.50 per acre, \$1500 cash and the rest on terms that you can meet.

207 acres, 140 acres in farm, 170 acres tillable, 3 miles southeast from Loving, has 5-room house with two galleries, good chimney, other good out-buildings that make it a well improved place. Good orchard, close to school. It is a dandy and can be bought now for \$26.50 per acre, \$2000 cash, balance easy, on good terms.

66 1/2 acres in tract, 50 acres in farm, 3 1/2 miles south of Loving, on public road, 5-room house, well painted and papered, in good shape and is a well improved place in every respect, good water, at \$37.50 per acre. \$1500 cash, balance easy.

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Subject—The Miracle of Jesus. Leader—Miss Edna Long. Songs. Prayer. Scripture Lesson, John 21:6-14. Talks on Miracle of Jesus. Feeding the five thousand—Mr. Joe Wooten. Praising of Lazarus—Mr. O. C. Knight. Healing of ten lepers—Mr. Wright McClatchey. General discussion of other miracles by members of the Union.

Several of our teachers attended the State Teachers Association at Ft. Worth the past week.

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The refreshments were especially fine and each little guest did full justice to them.

The little girls present were: Martha May and Kathryn Morris, Mary Eddleman, Dorothy Vaughan, Ethel and Cora McDonald, Helen and Lillian Widmayer, Louise Bell, Gladys Fowler, Annie Lucille Morrison, Mildred Gardner, Elizabeth Morrison, Dorothy Hudson, Maurine Norman and Eugenia Carlton. Robert Fowler and Charles Edwin Hutchison were guests also.

Each departing guest hoped that the little hostess would have many, many happy birthdays.

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Presents for Father

- Gloves
- Suspenders
- Cuff Buttons
- Shaving Mirrors
- Carpet Slippers
- Mufflers
- Box Hose
- Watch Fobs
- Smoking Sets

Presents for Mother

- Rocking Chair
- Sewing Table
- Work Baskets
- Box Hose
- Hat Pins
- Pictures
- Baking Dishes
- Carving Sets
- Percolators

Presents for Sister

- Furs and Muffs
- Umbrellas
- Manicure Sets
- Lavaliere
- Bracelets
- Hat Pins
- Silk Hose
- Cut Glass
- Toilet Sets

Presents for Brother

- Neckties
- Silk Sox
- Mufflers
- Military Sets
- Silk Handkerchiefs
- Books—all kinds
- Hose Supporters
- Kid Gloves
- Stick Pins, Tie Holders

Presents for Small Boys

- Bicycles
- Tricycles
- Air Guns
- Hand Cars
- Books
- Game Boards
- Pocket Knives
- Toy Pistols
- Fire Works

Presents for Small Girls

- Toy Pianos
- Dolls—beautiful
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