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## HOLD-UP ATTEMPT PROVES FUTILE

Man With Gun Tries to Rob Store of S. B. Street & Co. Thursday Night Without Success.

### ROBBER'S WORK IS COARSE

Is the Statement Made by Mr. Street, Manager of the Store. Man Runs When Constable Appears.

Last Thursday night about 9 o'clock a man walked boldly into the store of S. B. Street & Co., wearing a blue handkerchief over his face for a mask, closed the front doors and ordered Homer Mayes at the point of a pistol to give him the keys. Mr. Mayes told him he did not have the keys so he ordered him to bolt the door. This Mr. Mayes told him could not be done and while the two were at the front door, Q. Street, who was at the office in the rear of the store, taking advantage of the fact that the pistol was not turned on him, ran to the back door and out for help.

The hold-up man evidently did not see Mr. Street as he marched Mr. Mayes back to the office and made him turn his back.

In the meantime Mr. Street had secured assistance and just as the hold-up man was going around the corner of the counter to the safe, S. W. Lane, the newly appointed constable, and several other men rushed in the front door.

Realizing that he now had an armed man to deal with the would-be robber pushed Mr. Mayes between himself and Mr. Lane and backing towards the back door, ordered Mr. Mayes to follow. Mr. Mayes followed because he didn't like the looks of that pistol.

The back door of the store is made of iron and is pretty heavy. The hold-up man backed through it just as Mr. Lane got in two feet of it, and slammed it in Mr. Lane's face.

By the time Mr. Lane had gotten on the outside the man had departed to parts unknown and is still in those parts.

His work was described as coarse, slow, and not at all up to the standard of what a real hold-up man would do. The robbers' union should fire him out of the order as he didn't get a cent nor a piece of merchandise and didn't even have sense enough to know that Mr. Mayes hadn't fastened the front door.

In speaking of the affair Mr. Boyd Street, manager of the store said: "I am glad the back door was left open and the fellow got away, as he might have hurt some one if he had been cornered. As long as he didn't get any money it's just as well that he did get away, but it might accidentally be dangerous for another man to try it."

### Recital.

Miss Lucille Miller will hold a recital at the Opera House Friday night, Dec. 20th, for the benefit of the lighting fund of the High School Auditorium. The program will close with a one-act farce entitled "A Cyclone for a Cent," by Pauline Phelps. The program will appear in our next issue.

W. H. Corbett of Stephens Co. took in Young County Day and carried away the prize offered for the largest number of eggs.

## Annual Convention U. D. C.

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the U. D. C. met in Ft. Worth December 3rd, 1912.

By 10 o'clock 192 delegates assembled in the First Methodist Church. They were greeted by the gray clad veterans of R. E. Lee Camp who sang war time songs that echoed around the camp fires of the 60's. The erect forms of the old soldiers lent picturesque color and dignity to the assemblage of patriotic women.

Many notable women attended the convention among them being Mesdames O. B. Colquitt, W. P. Lane, Jos. Dibrell, H. W. Greer and Miss Kate Daffan. After an eloquent invocation by Dr. J. A. Rice, pastor of First Methodist Church, the veterans assembled in two ranks at the front of the church sang lustily "Tenting Tonight" and "We are Old Time Confederates."

The mayor of the town delivered the first welcome address; he spoke briefly of the noble achievements of the U. D. C's., touching on the recently completed Confederate Home and the work in regard to proper text books on the subject of the war; he said in closing that the women were the real heroes, left behind with broken homes, laboring cheerfully to supply not only inspiration but supplies and tender assistance in the hospitals.

The president of the Julia Jackson Chapter, Mrs. J. D. Covert, then delivered her welcome address, extending a gracious and personal welcome from every member of the local chapter.

Following these were addresses from the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Capt. B. B. Paddock and Mrs. Joseph Dibrell. Telegrams and letters from absent friends were read. A greeting from Miss Mary Curtis Lee, among the most interesting.

Greetings were sent to officers and prominent women, especially to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, stating that the country needs her, a Southern woman, in the White House, as much as the services of her eminent husband. Further greetings were sent to President Taft, President-elect Woodrow Wilson and Gov. Colquitt.

For the benefit of the old soldiers it will be interesting to know that Mrs. Baugh went to Washington at her own expense in order to get the time for granting Crosses of Honor extended indefinitely. As Custodian she reported that she had ordered 1258 of the crosses this year.

The U. D. C's. have undertaken a great work along the lines of Memorial, Educational and Relief work.

The Memorial services emphasized that branch of the meeting most fittingly paying tribute to the well loved dead of all time, as especially those the last year. A solemnity and sadness marked the exercise because of the length of the list of the dead read by the Secretary.

The Arlington monument, at the home of Robt. E. Lee when finished will be the most splendid tribute to a dead hero ever erected by any body of loyal admirers. The Daughters have undertaken to pay \$60,000 toward this fund, the Texas Division having pledged \$6,000 of this. With Miss Daffan at the piano playing "Dixie" in ten minutes time the women eagerly contributed \$350 toward this cause.

The banquet and ball added much to the pleasure of the delegates. Covers laid for one hundred, were set in the lower end of the Westbrook dining room. Soft shaded lights illuminated

the long tables and the U. D. C. colors were discovered in the masses of red and white carnation used in decoration as well as vases of American beauties used at the intersection of tables. There were the shimmer of costly and artistic gowns and of truly beautiful women to make the scene a more than brilliant one. As the dinner progressed numerous toasts were responded to. The banquet lasted from 6:30 to 8:30. The ball room at the Westbrook was decorated with Southern smilax that hung from the beams and walls in lavish profusion. Here were exhibited a pleasing array of handsome gowns and jewels and the loyal Veterans in their grey uniforms.

The next day was spent in completing unfinished business and the election of officers.

Three resolutions were offered and adopted unanimously:

That in all future Conventions special attention shall be given to all Chapter reports.

That before the Convention ends the Daughters shall renew their allegiance to each other and to the work.

That the Veterans shall at all times be the principal care of the Daughters, second to nothing, taking precedence, over monumental and educational work.

MISS PEARL MATTHEWS, Delegate.



The sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals began this week. The cost is one cent each. They are designed to be placed upon Christmas packages and correspondence conducted during Yuletide. They are considered symbolic particularly of this season because while bearing a message of good cheer to the recipient, at the same time each represents one of the avalanche of pennies that will be collected to bring happiness and hope to some poor, friendless soul suffering from the most dreaded of all diseases—tuberculosis.

Call Mrs. Widmayer, the local chairman and tell her the number of seals you would like to have; she will be glad to send them to you.

## Rev. Cannedy Sends Regards

In a letter to The Reporter from Rev. T. E. Cannedy, former pastor of our Baptist church, now of Seymour, he says:

"Yes I am still chicken cranky. I now have the Silver Campines direct from England, and so far as I know they are the only ones in Texas. They took blue ribbons at show a few days ago. I am sending them to Amarillo show today. I also have beautiful W. Orpingtons. Sold my last Red last week. My work is doing fairly well all things considered. I would just like to run in for a little bit. We are enjoying good health.

With kindest regards for you and yours, best wishes to all the good people of Graham.

I am sincerely,  
T. E. CANNEDY.

A. S. Moore and family were in the city trading last week.

## At the Temple of Learning.

The High School was favored by two visits last week. B. W. King, our new county superintendent was for the first time since his installation present at the opening exercises, and delivered to the pupils an interesting and instructive address. Prof. Terry, ex-Supt. of Henrietta public schools was present just a few mornings later and the talk he made was very much appreciated by the pupils.

Elver Stone was forced to miss a half day this week on account of sickness.

Joe Wootton was absent from school for two days this week in his capacity as salesman in the dry goods department of the Jno. E. Morrison Co.

Nell Graham returned to school last week after a week's absence on account of serious illness.

Leonard Norman was taken sick last Monday night and was unable to return to school the next day.

The Junior Class loses one of its most popular members, and the school one of its brightest pupils when Miss Emma Price leaves next Saturday for Ft. Worth to enter school there.

The school was well represented at the carnival last week.

All the pupils are looking forward with great expectations to the Christmas holidays.

The wiring of the High School building is being completed this week and it will be only a short time until adequate lights will be furnished the users of the auditorium.

The school year is now almost half gone. The work during the first two quarters has been especially pleasant, and the entire course has been very interesting.

It might be well to give our readers an idea as to the course in Classics that the High School has been pursuing. Miss Rogers has exercised rare taste in the selection of literature for the English classes. Following is the list of the books studied during the last quarter: First year, for class study, Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal"; for parallel reading, Hawthorne's "Tanglewood Tales." Second year, for class study, Irving's "Sketch Book"; parallel reading, Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities." Third year, for class study, Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar"; for parallel reading, Scott's "Ivanhoe." Senior year, for class study, Milton's "Minor Poems"; for parallel reading, Shakespeare's "King Lear."

JONATHAN MUDD.

## Young County Cotton Crop 30,000 Bales.

Taking available statistics as a basis, we figure that Young county will market thirty thousand bales of cotton this season, at an average of \$65.00 per bale this will figure in the neighborhood of two million dollars for the cotton crop alone in Young county this year.

Up to Wednesday afternoon of this week Olney had received 8,534 bales, Graham had received something over 9,000 and Newcastle had received about 5,000. We figure that Olney will get 11,000 in all, Graham 12,000 and Newcastle about 7,000.

When you take into consideration that there is just about twenty-five per cent of Young County in cultivation, and that cotton is only one of the many crops we raise, the above is an excellent showing. Although Henderson county and some other counties may look better to a few people, old Young has delivered in the goods this year in great big packages.—Olney Enterprise.

# YOUNG COUNTY DAY COMPLETE SUCCESS

People Came from All of Young County and Many Parts of the Adjoining Counties for Celebration.

## TRADING WAS VERY BRISK IN ALL LINES

Contestants for Prizes Received Quite a Number of Valuable Presents Donated by Graham's Enterprising Mercantile Houses.

Young County Day from every standpoint was a complete success. The day was bright and clear, though a little cool and the people came from every part of the county and from other counties to join in celebrating the return of prosperity to Young county. The ladies were furnished a room in which they could care for their children and have undisturbed conversation upon whatever subject they saw fit to discuss.

Visitors to Graham came that day by rail, wagon, buggy, automobile, horse-back and walking. The long-distance walker being Mr. G. C. Boyle, a man about 60 years old who walked from his home to Graham, a distance of 13 miles. Mr. Boyle said he started from home early with the expectation of being overtaken by some sort of conveyance but as none showed up, suppose he walked faster than other people rode.

The ladies had considerable pleasure guessing at the number of marbles in a jar for the purpose of securing the prizes offered by our enterprising merchants. Only two guessed the correct number, they being Mrs. F. L. Harting and Mrs. Tabbie Nelson, their guesses being 120.

All the prizes were awarded except that for the ladies' riding contest, this one not being competed for. Following is the list of awards made.

Heaviest bale of cotton, \$5.00, J. H. Carter.

Second prize, \$2.50, A. S. Moore.

### Ladies' Contest.

First prize, pair wool blankets, Mrs. Tabbie Nelson, given by S. B. Street & Co.

Second prize, bowl and pitcher, Mrs. F. L. Harting, given by the Racket Store.

Third prize, pair of kid gloves, Mrs. W. C. McCombs, given by R. F. Short & Co.

Fourth prize, pair of silk hose, Mrs. Gus Hickerson, given by S. B. Street & Co.

Fifth prize, leather hand bag, Mrs. Roy Wheat, given by R. F. Short & Co.

Sixth prize, pair of scissors, Mrs. Mollie Gilmore, given by B. A. Snoddy & Co.

Seventh prize, box of candy, Mrs. W. D. Norman, given by St. Louis Restaurant.

Eighth prize, bottle of perfume, Miss Myrtle Norris, given by B. S. Doty & Co.

Ninth prize, dozen cakes of soap, Mrs. S. F. Clark, given by B. S. Doty & Co.

### Races.

Bicycle race, 1st prize, \$5.00 watch, given by D. G. Vick & Co., won by Bismark Bower. 2nd prize, pair gloves, given by Price Bros., won by Robt. Bower.

Mule race, 1st prize, \$2.00 bridle, given by Eddleman Bros., won by S. T. Needham. 2nd prize, Shumate \$1.00 razor, given by B. S. Doty & Co., won by Joe Taylor.

Foot race, 1st prize \$2.50 cash, won by Roy Wheat. 2nd prize, pound of tobacco and pipe, given by Graves & Ward, won by M. M. Stephens.

Old man's race, prize pair \$7.50 glasses, given by Sloan Drug Co., won by A. H. Jones.

Boy's race, prize suit of clothes, given by Baker & Son, won by Robt. Padgett.

### Other Prizes.

Best coop of full-blood chickens, 1st prize \$5.00 Stetson Hat, given by John E. Morrison Co., awarded to R. E. Boyle on Golden Wyandottes.

2nd prize 2 1/2 gallons sour pickles, given by Hallam & Jones, awarded to J. T. Rogers on Buff Orpingtons.

3rd prize, 3 lb. can of coffee, given by Stewart & Son, awarded to Grady Millican, on Rhode Island Reds.

4th prize, \$1.00 in barber work, given by Graham Barber Shop. Awarded to S. T. Needham on Plymouth Rocks.

Largest Turkey, prize, \$5.00 carving set, given by Lyon Hardware Co. Awarded to Will Burgess.

Greatest number of Eggs, prize sack of flour, given by Tidwell & Sons. Awarded to W. H. Corbett.

Heaviest baby, prize go-cart, given by W. S. McJimsey, awarded to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McArthur. 4 months old baby weighed 21 1/2 pounds.

Largest amount of country butter, prize \$1.00 in cash. Awarded to Mrs. J. M. Parker.

The latest word from our friend Hal Jackson is that he is recovering very fast from the last operation and is expected home within the next ten days.

S. T. Needham was in the city Thursday and went away with two prizes. He won the first prize in the mule race and last in the chicken contest.

We regret to learn as we go to press that Mrs. R. L. Tankersley who is very ill in Ft. Worth is not doing so well; we trust that our next message will be brighter and more encouraging.



# Spicy News from the Livest Correspondents Over all West Texas

## Briar Branch.

A slow rain fell over this community Sunday morning, which will be very beneficial, as it entered the ground as it fell, but it was not heavy enough to fill our tanks with stock water, which is beginning to get low.

The health of this community is good with the exception of Margie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gahaber, who is on the puny list.

Quite a number of our people attended the carnival the past week.

Pete Jones of Belknap is visiting Uncle Jim Lakey this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rowe and daughter, Esther, attended the carnival Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wint Long, who are visiting relatives and friends in Graham, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Uncle Bob Gatewood.

Willie Carter was shaking hands with friends in Graham Saturday.

Grandma Cole of the Fish Creek community is visiting her son Ran and family a few days.

Wilburn Perkins attended the marriage of his brother George in Olney Sunday.

Wonder what's the matter with Buster. We are feeling somewhat uneasy about him, as he didn't put in an appearance last week. Am afraid he ate too much Thanksgiving dinner and has run out of Watkins' liniment.

Well, Mr. Editor, Young County Day has past and Big Monday is over and the carnival has gone. Guess we had better get to work and make preparations for Christmas, which is drawing near.

B. B.

## Eliasville.

Pecan gathering and hauling is the order of the day.

C. D. Yancy is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long went pecan gathering Tuesday.

The oil mill is running regularly now.

Everyone enjoyed the show Friday night; saw the big elephant stand on his head.

As it was bad for a while Sunday our new Methodist preacher did not have a full house. Everyone likes him fine.

Miss Lora Price and mother will move to the city in a few days.

Lowry Kirtley has been sick, but we are proud to say he is improving.

Roy McCharren of South Bend will move to the Frank Donnell place in a week or so.

Hudson Jarnigan has begun work in the oil mill.

Miss Stella Moore has purchased a new buggy.

The Odd Fellows have some of the lumber on the ground to build their new hall.

Our school is doing fine under the control of Misses Kate Beauty and Edith Echols.

We notice that several of the boys have gotten new suits and they sure do look pleasing trying to get the girls to like them.

Eliasville has a good chance to climb now, as we will soon have a new dry goods store.

Miss Carrie Tipton was not out Sunday. Wonder what was the reason.

Dudley Ford came up and spent Sunday at Eliasville.

W. E. McCharren is the justice of the peace and says he wishes someone would let him marry them.

Archie Davis is a frequent caller at Mr. McCharren's now.

Several of our boys enjoyed a possum hunt Monday night.

Y. F. Chitwood went to Graham Tuesday.

Claude Wilson was in town Saturday preparing to go to Murray.

SCHOOL KID.

[Glad to have Eliasville represented in our large list of correspondents. Our Eliasville readers will appreciate your efforts. Please sign your correct name and address to your next letter so we may send you stamped envelopes and paper.—Ed.]

## Red Top.

There was not much attendance at Sunday school Sunday on account of the rain.

Farmers are rejoicing over the rain on account of wheat.

Miss Sally Petty will begin her part of the school Monday.

Edd Jourdan of this community visited Mr. Burlin Sunday evening.

E. T. Slater and family, G. W. Slater and family visited B. F. Slater and family Sunday.

The school was slim Thursday on account of the carnival; there were but 16 present.

Miss Rosa Dowdy has been spending a few weeks with Mrs. Cooper of Graham. She is greatly missed by the school children and we hope she will return home soon.

B. W. Slater is building a new house on his place where Mr. Blakney lives. They hope to have it completed soon.

Well, well, Christmas time will soon be here and we are wondering what Santa-Claus will bring.

We are wondering if Mr. Editor is going to give all of his writers another dinner like Buster was telling about. If he does maybe Buster will get to eat his fill again. Maybe it will be that Rose Bud can be there next time.

Mr. Bob Burns went hunting one night last week and says he heard the cougar squall. My! don't you guess he came home in a hurry. We are in hopes Mr. Burns will kill all those animals out.

Mr. Ellis and family left last Tuesday week for Hamilton county where they will make their future home.

All the cotton will soon be out and school will have full attendance.

Just wait till Mr. Ed Jourdan gets his horse, girls, and see who will get the first ride; some pretty girl'll bet.

The party at Grandma McGee's last Saturday night week was well attended and a good time was reported by all present.

Well, this is all Rose Bud can think of, and some more.

ROSE BUD.

## Flat Rock.

We have been having some real cold weather the past few days and had a good rain Sunday.

Bro. Brewton was unable to fill his appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.

Most of the Rockers went to town on Young County Day and report a jolly time.

Miss Lona Corley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Alford and family.

We didn't have any Sunday school here last Sunday.

Quite a number of the Rockers took in Big Monday.

Britt Alford and wife spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Corley.

Chas. J. Cook is working at the oil well.

Miss May Smith spent Thursday night with Miss Jessie Alford. Jessie went home with her Friday, and stayed until Saturday afternoon.

We have some new neighbors living on the place Mr. Caskey moved from.

Bill Williamson and sister, Miss Lottie, of Henry Chapel spent Thursday night with E. H. Corley and family.

Joe Reed of Breckenridge was in Graham last week taking in the carnival.

We are glad to see the old ladies of our community getting young in ways. Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Hodges took in the carnival and enjoyed riding the carry-us-all.

SPORT.

## Lone Oak.

School is doing nicely under the management of Prof. Wood. The number of scholars is increasing now since the farmers are almost through picking cotton.

J. V. Hamm was trading in Graham Saturday.

Miss Eva Hamm has been suffering with carache for several days.

D. B. Wood visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Walker was among the visitors to Graham on Young County Day.

We received a nice rain Sunday which will be very good on the land that is to be broken.

G. C. Boyle and son George were transacting business in Graham Monday.

G. N. Burton was in Graham Wednesday.

Mrs. Emma Johnson and daughter were shopping in Graham Saturday.

Miss Sarah Stiffler visited Mrs. A. P. Stewart and daughters Tuesday.

R. E. Boyle and S. T. Needham were in Graham Thursday.

I noticed that the editor contemplates giving another dinner sometime in the future. But I suppose he will wait until Buster fully recovers from the one previously given, for he may have to call on Dr. Weems next time.

BRUNETTE.

## Gooseneck.

We had another good rain Sunday for which we are thankful.

Aunt Sarah Johnson is very low.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaren visited Mr. and Mrs. Rose Sunday.

Jim Milam is on the sick list.

The norther was pretty bad in Bunker, so cold that they failed to gin and even too cold to kill hogs.

Mr. Crick and family moved to their new home this week.

Mr. Joe Boyce and Miss Annie Daves were married last Thursday.

Rooster fighting seems to be the order of the day with all the youngsters.

The school is getting along very well.

Mr. F. E. Suttle visited Mrs. J. G. Parsons Monday evening.

Some of the girls are very busy fixing quilts, they must be expecting a norther.

There seems to be some attraction at Bob McLaren's for Mac Rose; keep trying Mac, you may get some one to help gather pecans.

Several from this part of the bend went to Graham to help celebrate Young County Day.

GANDER.

## Hawkins Chapel.

No Sunday school Sunday for it rained from early in the morning until past Sunday school time.

Miss Wood of Graham has been visiting Mrs. Lindsey for the past week.

Green McCluer of Loving visited the Lawrence family Sunday.

Mr. Summers went to tradesday at Graham Monday.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes, missionary of the Young County Baptist Association has spent the last few days with his family.

Will Smith has the well drilling men at work drilling a well on his place.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stephens and little daughter Mildred are visiting Mrs. Stephen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

Mr. Holt went to tradesday at Graham Monday.

The news is scarce in this community. Most of the people have killed hogs, so hog killing has been the order of the day.

VIOLET.

## Markley.

The first thing for me to do is to ask The Reporter's pardon for failing to send in items from this community last week. The editor seems to be very anxious that all localities be represented in its correspondent's page. But all of the past week I was busy and away from home, but hope to do better in the future.

The news is scarce I am sure, at least scarce with me. We have just had a nice rain, which was appreciated by almost everyone. Some few would rather it had waited a few days on account of cotton that was on the ground.

Thanksgiving was quiet in this section, everyone being busy.

Mrs. M. B. Picken and Miss Cordia Wallace went to Graham last Saturday on a shopping expedition.

J. W. Cox hauls his bolts to the Loving gin so he can get them threshed and ginned.

Dr. Norris and W. W. Gregg spent a few days in Fort Worth last week.

Sam Baggett of New Hope was in town yesterday, getting his medicine wagon fixed. He says he has the medicine to heal the blind, lame and the halt.

Mrs. Mattie Brown has sold her farm of a half section to a man from the West. The price paid was \$15 per acre.

The weather looks like the holidays were almost here.

Sam Nixon sold a part of his calves; price not learned.

Calves in this community are scarce, but the boys are still in the woods after them and occasionally run some out.

If the weather is favorable for a few days J. W. Cox will have his cotton out. He will make 35 bales.

The W. O. W. Camp is still growing and we are looking for more good material.

The Literary Society met on the regular meeting night Saturday night with a good program.

Markley is to have a Christmas tree. The poor and destitute, if there be any, will be provided for as others are.

The school is doing nicely, both teachers believing that morality is the most important lesson they have to teach.

W. M. Ferguson has his crop gathered and expects to leave in a short while. We regret to see Will leave, but he has worked hard and made a good crop, so I guess he wants a vacation.

You will readily see that I told the truth about news being scarce when you read this letter, and I hope the editor will forgive me for my irregular reports. Will do better next time.

OLD WORK.

## Tonk Valley.

We had a nice rain last Sunday morning which was needed badly on account of the grain.

Mrs. Godfrey returned home Saturday morning after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Blonchie Hand.

Miss Ola Rogers spent a few days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Taylor of Graham.

Mrs. Lillie Knight spent Thursday and Friday visiting her sister, Mrs. Gatland of Graham.

Hog killing was the order of the day in the Valley Friday.

Mrs. Timmons and daughter Miss Sallie went to Graham last Thursday.

Mr. J. M. Hand visited his son Walter Hand Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie Lilly spent a few days last week visiting her brother Oscar Miller of Rocky Mound.

Wonder if Mr. Vernon George wasn't looking for some one to take to the candy breaking Saturday night. Guess he was the way he was riding around in that new buggy.

David Hand spent Sunday with Willie and Floyd Gossett.

The young folks enjoyed a candy breaking at Mr. Wadleys Saturday night.

SUNSHINE.

## Indian Mound.

Well, I have an idea Young County Day was a great day in Graham, wasn't it? I think everybody was there from out this way but poor me, and I—well, it's terrible to be a school girl on show days, isn't it?

Grandma Slaughter spent several days last week visiting her son George and family.

W. R. Cox has been hauling his feedstuff to Newcastle, where he intends moving next week. We regret very much to lose them from among us. They have been good neighbors and friends, ready at all times to do a neighborly kindness and we wish them success in whatever they may undertake in their new home.

Mrs. Gentry Williamson and children spent several days last week taking in the carnival and visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McCommas, in Graham.

G. M. James and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoggard in Newcastle Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Louetta Grubbs was absent from school several days last week on account of la grippe and tonsolitis. We hope she will soon be able to fill her place in school again.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bird spent Young County Day in Graham, and then visited until Saturday afternoon at A. J. Bryan's at Dakin.

Misses Maude Carmack and Jimmie Bird took in the carnival Saturday afternoon, after eating dinner with Mrs. J. C. Carmack.

Misses Jaunita Bryan and Hattie Belle Reed of Dakin visited at Mrs. Lizzie Bryan's Saturday and Sunday.

Ed Slater of Red Top came Saturday and cleaned out our schoolhouse well. It will be a great help, for it was very inconvenient to carry water.

R. W. Easterling and S. D. Cowan ate dinner with D. Bird Saturday.

Mrs. Ethel Daniels and children and Miss Mattie Cox of Newcastle visited their brother Rhea and family Saturday and Sunday.

Master Hillard Easterling took Sunday dinner with his uncle, R. W. Easterling.

Luther Pinkston of the Olney country was in our midst again Sunday. He was seen over about Uncle Joe Fisher's place. Who was it said Luther didn't like to fish?

Mrs. Carr Rutherford and Miss Louetta Grubbs visited their aunt, Mrs. Reece Easterling, Sunday afternoon.

J. S. Fisher, Austin Bird, W. P. Fisher and their families ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Busch.

Does anyone know what is the matter with Buster? I missed him last week from among us, and my first thought was that Buster had been invited to a Thanksgiving dinner somewhere and he hadn't fully recovered from the effects of it, so didn't come out last week. I hope Buster won't play off on us again for we miss him.

WESTERN GIRL.

## Huffstuttle.

As I have not seen any Huffstuttle items in The Reporter I will send you a few.

Cotton picking will soon be over. Almost everyone made more than was expected.

We had a nice shower yesterday morning, but we need a good rain.

Our school opened Monday with Miss Nina Duckworth as teacher. There is some sickness in the neighborhood.

Ira Otts is recovering from a spell of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stoker

have been quite sick, but are getting better. It was feared at first that Mrs. Stoker had pneumonia, but it was a bad spell of grippe.

Messrs. L. D. Reger, John Otts and Ab Campbell hauled lumber last week for the new Odd Fellow's hall at Eliasville.

Mrs. Franklin visited Mrs. Ab Campbell last week.

Mrs. Mattie Reed's baby has been quite sick, but is better.

As this is my first letter I will not write a very long one.

GUESS WHO?

[Just keep them guessing and let us hear from you every week. We know our correspondents welcome you to their midst.—Ed.]

## Mount Pleasant.

Seeing so many nice letters from different communities in the country makes me want to see our community represented in The Reporter. The Reporter is getting to be very popular in this community, although when we first begun to read The Reporter it seemed a little bit awkward, as we were in the habit of turning down the first half of the first page in order to get over a big ad.

We had a nice rain Sunday and one the Sunday before so we have a tolerably good season for plowing.

Cotton is nearly all out, just enough yet in the fields to keep most of the children out of school.

Our school is moving along nicely. Although the attendance is small, it will be better after the cotton is out, and we are expecting a good school as the teacher, Mrs. Ada Thomas, is we believe a good instructor, also a good disciplinarian.

Mrs. John A. Timmons spent the day with Mrs. John A. Brown last Sunday.

Mrs. John A. Brown spent the evening with Mrs. J. O. Wilson last Monday.

Say boys, did you know that Bob B— was in our midst last Sunday evening. Now boys, you will miss the Birdie when she has flown.

Rev. J. O. Wilson went over to help W. T. Steadham kill hogs the other day and as Bro. Wilson never knows when to quit doing good he went across the river and helped John Steadham kill hogs before he returned home. Of course, Mrs. Wilson was very anxious about her husband. She said she just knew that John had eaten so much meat that he had died or he and W. T. Steadham had eloped and married.

Most of the nesters out here took in Big Monday at Graham. Those who could not take in live stock carried a bale of cotton or some of their folks. J. W. Moore, J. O. Wilson, J. E. Martin, Hollis Moore, John A. Timmons and Frank Hamilton were among those who carried live stock.

F. A. Burnett has gone to Southern California on business for the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perdue of Fish Creek were visiting Billie Perdue's family and J. O. Wilson this week.

Mrs. F. A. Burnett spent the day with Mrs. J. O. Wilson last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Moore spent the night with B. C. McClain's family last Monday night.

Mrs. Sam Fitzgerald spent the evening with Mrs. F. A. Burnett last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Boynton were visiting Mrs. Boynton's mother, Mrs. Kelly, last Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hults of Elbert were visiting Mrs. Hults' parents Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Brooks last Sunday.

BLUE BELLS.

[Blue Bells is indeed welcome to our correspondents' page and we trust she will be able to ring out the news to the entire satisfaction of the excellent people of Mt. Pleasant. The longer you read The Reporter the less awkward it will be.—EDITOR.]



### To Our Correspondents.

We desire to thank you again for the very excellent letters sent in, and had all our correspondents written this week we would have had two full pages instead of one.

There is no paper in West Texas that begins to compare with The Reporter on live news from the rural communities and the entire credit is due our splendid corps of correspondents. The people all over the county are talking about the nice letters you are writing; they appreciate your efforts to help us give the news.

Now I want each correspondent to do me a favor this week. I want to publish two full pages in the next issue and if each correspondent will write me the news from his or her community there will be enough to fill another page. Any new correspondents will be heartily welcomed, and please have your letters reach us in Monday's mail, if possible. Will all the correspondents please sign their own name to the letters each week? Thank you, I know you will do this favor for me. —THE EDITOR.

### 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.

### Notice.

I have for sale a span of nice buggy horses, buggy and harness that I am offering at a great bargain.  
L. W. PRICE.

### To the Ladies.

Come to our "Apron Bargain" Dec. 20 and 21, at R. L. Reed's store, west side of square. We will have aprons for big, little, old and young. Ladies' Aid Society of Christian Church.



**Pardon me, sir but you certainly have a handsome traveling bag."**

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## Items from the Churches

### Presbyterian.

A good rainy-day audience greeted the pastor in the morning and one almost as large at night. The morning text was Matthew 6:20, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

It is perfectly natural for man to save and lay up something for old age and for those dependent upon him. It is even praiseworthy in men to provide for the days of misfortune or need. God's word teaches us to be diligent in business, not forgetting, however, to be fervent in spirit serving the Lord. We may get a lesson on storing up from the ants, who labor in seed-time and harvest for the days when it will be too wet and cold to gather should there be any seed left. The bee gathers its honey while the flower is in bloom, and the squirrel stores his house with nuts before the long winter comes on. We may carry the principle of laying up treasure here a step further and get the lesson of laying up treasure for the hereafter; gather in time that we may reap in eternity.

But how may we lay up treasure above? In the use of the talents God has given us for His glory. If we have a voice we

may sing His praise; if we can talk and win friends we may win them to Jesus; if God has endowed us with money we may give a part of it to His work. We may feed the hungry, care for the widow and orphan and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

God's word will teach us how to lay up treasure by showing us that whatever we do for Jesus' sake, even to giving of a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple will merit a reward, but if what we do is for the praise and glory of men the reward will be on earth, not stored in heaven.

The Sunday school offering was \$56.00.

### Christian Ladies' Aid.

Quite an interesting session of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church was held with Mrs. J. W. Carlton on Thursday Dec. 5th, with twenty-one ladies present.

After the scripture lesson, Romans 12th chapter, the Society discussed the apron sale which they decided to have on Dec. 20 and 21, at R. L. Reed's store.

Repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert, the Society adjourned to meet Dec. 19th with Mrs. Wm. Johnson; Mrs. Logan will be leader. "Hope" will be the key-word for the roll call responses.

## Local and Personal Mention

Miss Ella Askew of Bunger was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Nellie Smith of Bunger was in the city Thursday.

Miss Clara Purselley of Loving was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Nettie Petty of Red Top was in the city Thursday.

Miss Bess Petty of Red Top was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. E. Kidney of Flat Rock visited in Graham Thursday.

Miss Maud Clark of Tonk Valley was in the city Thursday.

Miss Mary Norris of Loving was in the city last Thursday.

Miss Stella Shoemate of Bunger was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. W. M. Goode of South Bend was in the city Thursday.

Miss Bertha Taylor of Flint Creek was in Graham Thursday.

Miss Lillie Purselley of Loving traded in Graham last Thursday.

Miss Eureta Slater of Red Top enjoyed the Young County Day program in Graham.

Mrs. Bell W. Rutherford of Red Top was in the city Thursday.

Among the many visitors in Graham last week was Miss Jewel Moore of Tonk Valley.

Miss Mattie Upham of Bunger was shopping in the city Thursday.

Miss Addie Mowery of Rocky Mound was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. E. L. Holland of Loving was among the many visitors in Graham this week.

Miss Myrtice Findley, one of the fair daughters of Dakin, enjoyed Young County Day in Graham.

Miss Maude Hunter of Rocky Mound was in the city last week.

Mrs. Sallie Parker of Indian Mound was among the many people in town Thursday.

Mrs. Rozzie Steadham of Miller Bend was in the city last week.

Mrs. Addie Askew of Bunger was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Miss Eppie Moore of Tonk Valley was among the traders in Graham last Thursday.

Miss Georgia Askew was one of Bunger's representatives in Graham last Thursday.

Miss Mary Slater of Red Top was trading in Graham last Thursday.

Miss Linnie Smith of Eliasville was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. F. P. Cole of Medling Bend was in the city last Thursday.

Among the many Indian Mound visitors in the city last Thursday was Mrs. R. B. Hightower.

Miss Flora Parsons was visiting friends in the city last Thursday.

Miss Easter Smith of Flint Creek enjoyed Young County Day in Graham.

Miss Althea Reed of Red Top was in the city last Thursday.

Miss Winnie Dowdy of Red Top was a visitor in the city last Thursday.

Miss Norilla Rogers of the Tonk Valley community participated in the festivities in Graham last Thursday.

Mrs. L. C. Deering of Loving enjoyed Young County Day in Graham.

Miss Vera Dowdy of Red Top was a visitor in Graham Young County Day.

Mrs. M. A. Bratcher of Loving spent last Thursday in Graham, enjoying the program prepared for Young County Day.

Mrs. Mullanox was among the many Bungerites in Graham last Thursday.

Miss Della McClanahan of Tonk Valley was among the sight-seers in Graham Thursday.

Miss Estelle Braddock of the South Bend community was in the city last Thursday.

Miss Hattie Upham took in Young County Day in Graham last Thursday.

Mrs. S. Mowery was shopping in Graham last Thursday.

Miss Ada Workman was among the many visitors in Graham Thursday from Red Top.

Miss Mabel Rice of Loving helped celebrate Young County Day in Graham last Thursday.

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We can supply you with anything used in an office. Our complete line of

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all sizes and grades

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We deliver on short notice anything in printed Letterheads, Billheads, Envelopes,

in fact, any special office stationery you need in a hurry.

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Automobile Accessories  
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100 ACRES, seven miles north of Graham, 60 acres in cultivation, good improvements. Cheap.

160 ACRES, south of Graham, 90 acres in cultivation, improved.

160 ACRES, twelve miles south of Graham, 50 acres in cultivation, improved.

The above property can be bought for one-fourth cash, balance on easy terms.

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## Local and Personal Mention

Fresh mince meat at Stewart & Son.

G. W. Birdwell was in the city on business this week.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Flat Rock was in the city Thursday.

Section comb honey at our store. Mabry & Son.

Mrs. T. D. Findley of Dakin was in Graham Thursday.

Ollan Bratcher of Loving was here on business this week.

White Swan canned goods at Stewart & Son.

Mrs. Emmet Askew of Loving was in the city last Thursday.

Fresh English Walnuts at our store. Mabry & Son.

Miss Dora McBee of Red Top was in Graham last Thursday.

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

Mrs. J. M. Gant of Center Ridge was in the city Thursday.

Miss Annie Upham of Bunker spent last Thursday in Graham.

Miss Cicely Fisher of Indian Mound was in Graham Thursday.

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

Mrs. Pearl Kistinger of Salem community was in the city Thursday.

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

Mrs. G. L. Smith of Eliasville was shopping in Graham Thursday.

T. E. Beach of Bunker was transacting business in Graham this week.

Mrs. Sallie Hodges of Flat Rock was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Miss Ethel McClanahan of Tonk Valley was in Graham Thursday.

Miss Lottie Williamson of Finis was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Miss Sallie Timmons of Tonk Valley was shopping in the city Thursday.

Mrs. E. H. Corley of Flat Rock was sight-seeing in Graham Thursday.

J. L. Bratcher of Loving was among the many business visitors in town this week.

You buy quality when you get 3 lb. tins of Batavia coffee. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Mrs. F. F. Kindley of the Indian Mound community spent Thursday in Graham.

Mrs. W. B. Harrison was one of the many visitors from Loving on Young County Day.

Among the many visitors from Ming Bend community Thursday was Mrs. Sam Williams.

Miss Bettie Robbins of Flat Rock was among the many shoppers in Graham Thursday.

Mrs. O. F. Miller of the Rocky Mound community was in Graham on Young County Day.

Mrs. A. J. Bryan was among the many visitors in Graham Thursday from Rocky Mound.

Mrs. F. E. Gowens of the lower Tonk Valley community was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bird of Indian Mound were in Graham Thursday to enjoy Young County Day.

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

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.

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

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

Miss Virgie McArthur of South Bend was in the city Thursday.

Florida Oranges at Stewart & Son.

Miss Winnie Smith of Flint Creek was in the city Thursday.

Miss Ruth Robertson of Rocky Mound was in the city Thursday.

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

Mrs. Annie Robbins of Flat Rock was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Mrs. R. L. McKenney of Loving was shopping in Graham Thursday.

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

Miss Maggie Taylor of Flat Rock was shopping in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Hattie Cole of Briar Branch, shopped in Graham Thursday.

Miss Clara Rogers of Tonk Valley was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Gatcher of Rocky Mound was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Mrs. Mattie McClanahan of Tonk Valley was in Graham Thursday.

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

Mrs. Ethel Rutherford of Indian Mound was shopping in Graham Thursday.

Miss Delilah Robbins of Flat Rock took in Young County day in Graham Thursday.

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

Miss Lizzie Lilly of Tonk Valley was among the many shoppers in Graham Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harrell and little daughter of Newcastle were in Graham Thursday.

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

Miss Juanita Bryan of Dakin was among the many visitors in Graham on Young County Day.

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

Miss Lonetta Grubbs was among the many visitors in Graham from Indian Mound last Thursday.

Miss Lona Corley of Flat Rock participated in the celebration of Young County Day in Graham last Thursday.

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

Mrs. Sudie Crawford of Briar Branch was shopping in Graham Thursday and enjoying the program prepared for Young County Day.

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

W. A. McLendon of Dallas spent several days in Graham this week visiting his brother, Supt. Edgar McLendon, returning home Tuesday. He was accompanied on his return trip by Mrs. E. McLendon and her mother, Mrs. S. E. Harris, who will visit relatives in Dallas.

### 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.

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

Ed Bagley of Farmer was here on business this week.

Oscar Owen of Bunker visited Graham Friday on business.

Henry Owen of Bunker was in the city last week transacting business.

Jesse Upham was in the city from Bunker Friday looking after business interests.

County Supt. B. W. King visited Flat Rock and Rocky Mound schools last week.

Judge R. F. Arnold returned this week from a business trip to Seymour and Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lott are visiting relatives in the city and will remain through the holidays.

Just arrived! a shipment of Loose-Wiles' fine candies. Mabry & Son.

Mr. Lee Shults and family of Throckmorton have moved to Graham and will make this place their home.

W. V. Bigham, a former resident of Graham, now of Paducah, Texas, was visiting friends in the city this week.

Miss Myrtle Norris of Loving was in Graham Thursday. Miss Norris won a prize in the Young County Day celebration.

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

F. M. Berry who has just recovered from a severe spell of rheumatism was greeting his many friends in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Trafton, who was reported seriously ill last week with pneumonia is some better and we wish for her a speedy recovery.

New crop figs and monogram dates at our store. Mabry & Son.

Subscribers to Farm & Ranch and Holland's Magazine will confer a favor upon R. Lindsey by giving him their subscriptions and renewals.

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.

Mr. Terry, former superintendent of public schools in Henrietta was in the city this week. While here he addressed the pupils of the Graham High School.

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

E. L. Choat of Connor Creek was in the city this week looking out a location for a blacksmith shop. Mr. Choat is a good blacksmith and we trust he will locate in our midst.

Supt. W. A. Cain of Olney has requested us to announce that the homes of Olney will be open to the teachers during the Institute and that board will not cost over one dollar a day.

Misses Una Wainwright, Irene Wielman and Sue Cox of Newcastle, Florence Reed and Clyde Kisinger of Graham took the examination this week for second grade certificates, and Miss Eunice Long of Newcastle for first grade certificate.

No. 5897.

Report of the condition of

### THE GRAHAM NATIONAL BANK

at Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Nov. 26, 1912.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 67,736.03
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	926.80
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	125.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	8,669.34
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	7,612.52
Due from state and Private Banks and Bankers	11,456.96
Due from approved reserve agents	62,182.79
Checks and other cash items	10,967.11
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	970.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	165.70
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$1,000.00
Legal-tender U. S. 9,013.00	10,619.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 pc. of circ.)	625.00
Bills of Exchange	69.21
	\$194,625.16

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,602.53
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Bks.	1,577.18
Individual deposits, subject to check	114,951.45
	\$194,625.16

State of Texas, County of Young, ss. I, Chas. Gay, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. GAY, Cashier.

Correct Attest: R. J. Johnson, J. W. Akib, F. P. Burch, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1912.

MAYE GILMORE, Notary Public.

### Christmas Presents.

We show a splendid stock of goods that will make useful Christmas presents. Read our ad in this paper. S. B. Street & Co.

### Notice.

To those who know themselves indebted to me, I am changing my location and will appreciate a settlement at once. Respt. L. W. PRICE.

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ASK THE WOMAN WHO WEARS THEM

\$3.50  
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The Christmas spirit should find its proper expression in gifts that are useful.

What better way to further this sentiment than a pair of dainty "Queen Quality" Shoes for women?

Practical, serviceable & stylish;—stamped with a name that stands for the highest in the realm of women's shoe-making.

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### Blacksmith Shop to Rent.

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

### Good Advice to Men.

Make yourself a Christmas present of a good suit or overcoat. We have the kind that will please you. S. B. Street & Co.

### Come Early to Get Your Choice of Christmas Goods

Such as Books, Bibles, Jewelry, China, Toys, Kodaks, Velocipedes, Dolls, Doll Carriages, Manicure Sets, Candies, Fireworks, etc., at

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## West Texas Reporter

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Entered as second-class matter Oct. 7, 1912, at the postoffice at Graham, Tex., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

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In the language of State Press the carnival has "went," and with it has gone a small part of the money that our people got from their bounteous crops this year. The carnival people are welcome to all they got and if they will come back again with some tip-top shows next year we predict that Young county will be able to do the thing up "brown."

The Throckmorton Times has changed hands, J. R. and C. J. Henson now being at the helm. In a statement to their readers they say in part: "We can't expect that every article put in the paper will suit the exact taste of every reader, but we will do our best to please as many of our readers as possible—reserving the privilege to do the right thing in every instance."

Rightly said, gentlemen. There isn't a newspaper on the face of the globe that can please all its readers, but if we all do our best, without regard to our own beliefs and isms, to give the news we will have a certain measure of success for our efforts.

### Whitney Wins.

In the snug little town of Whitney, County of Hill, there is a druggist who uses page ads in the Whitney Messenger. That same snug little town of Whitney is the out-advertising community of merchants in Texas, in which State are many big advertisers. For years Whitney has been noted in newspaper circles as being the home of the rustlingest business men in any little city of its size, to be found anywhere. Even in the summer time, when most commercial marts of Whitney's size are dozing in the sunshine and dreaming of the good old winter time, Whitney merchants are using page ads every week. There could be but one result of such enterprise—Whitney is a winner. The stores at that town are bigger than are found in many cities three times as large, and Whitney's trade territory reaches away out beyond what would be considered its geographical limits. Many merchants have made fortunes there, and advertising has been a powerful factor in their success. Still there are some ante bellum storekeepers who think they can take a pencil and a sheet of paper and prove by figures that advertising doesn't pay. State Press in Dallas News.

B. F. Strong of Jean was here on business this week.

W. T. Stedham was in the city Thursday.

M. H. Stedham of Loving was a business visitor in Graham this week.

S. S. Williamson of Finis was in the city on business this week.

W. W. Williamson was in the city on business this week.

J. D. Evans of Farmer was a business visitor in Graham this week.

J. R. Brigham was among the many business visitors in Graham this week.

Mrs. S. F. Clark of Tonk Valley was in Graham Thursday. Mrs. Clark won one of the ladies' prizes.

A. J. Cantwell of Jean was in the city Monday.

W. P. Stroud of Jean was here on business Monday.

J. T. Snodgrass was in the city this week.

J. L. Johnson of Woodson was here on business Thursday.

Mrs. Bettie Medlan was in the city Thursday.

R. L. McLaren of Bunger was in the city Thursday.

N. B. Nolan of Indian Mound was transacting business in Graham this week.

A. G. Bennett of Finis was in the city on business this week.

J. M. Parker of Indian Mound was here on business this week.

J. S. Smith of Spring Creek was here on business this week.

C. E. Thigpen was here on business this week.

Mrs. Gus Hickerson of Loving took in Young County Day and was one of the fortunate winners of prizes.

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You have the seed.  
We have the hulls and meal.  
We want to buy your seed.  
We want to sell hulls and meal.  
You need meal and hulls, for though you have other feeds at home,

**Meal and Hulls**

at these prices make a

**Better and Cheaper Feed**

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### ODESSA YOUNG BUT LUSTY

Great Commercial Center of Southern Russia Has Over Half a Million Inhabitants.

Odessa is one of the youngest of European cities—only a hundred and twenty years ago Hdji Bey, a little Turkish settlement, nestled on the cliffs that overlook the harbor and dozed under the sultan across the Black sea. The long arm of Russia reached out and took it, and planted there, upon the plateau overlooking the bay, the beginners of a commercial city that now holds between five and six hundred thousand. The revolution in France soon sent refugees scattering over the world, and noble names came to Odessa, and one may read them still on street corners—Daribus, Richelieu and Langeron. Later Englishmen came and brought ships to carry away Russian grain; and then the Crimean war swept across this friendly relation. But the English stayed when the war had passed, and then Germans came, and afterward Americans, with reapers and plows and steam traction engines, to help the Russians to grow more richly the grain that the English and the German ships carried out to the world. Last of all came the Jews, and they cut the business so fine that the English starved and gave up; so the business of exporting today is mainly in the hands of the Jews. A few hardy Germans and English are left.—Sydney Adamson, in Harper's Magazine.

### ALL EXPLAINED



Lady—How long were you in your last place?  
 Girl—Jist a month.  
 Lady—Indeed? What was the trouble?  
 Girl—The trouble was, ma'am, that I got sick an' couldn't l'ave sooner.

### CIVIC JEALOUSY.

Squire Durnitt (of Lonelyville)—They tell me you felt that earthquake in your town th' other day. It didn't bother us none.  
 Uncle Welby Gosh (of Drearyhurst)—Should say not. Ther' hain't no way o' gittin' to your blamed little village 'cep' travelin' by dirt road, an' no decent earthquake would take th' trouble to do that.

### HIS JOB.

"There goes a man who was once pulling down a salary of \$15,000 a year as a baseball player."  
 "What is he doing now?"  
 "Serving as a horrible example for those who think they may as well spend their money as fast as they get it."

### VARIOUS STRATA.

"I'm digging a well in my back yard."  
 "Struck water yet?"  
 "Not yet. I expect to strike noopskirts by tomorrow noon."

### TRYING TO PLEASE.

"I told Will I would like to see him kiss me."  
 "What did he do?"  
 "Did it before a looking glass."

### IN THE CONSERVATORY.

"Don't say anything now. Remember, walls have ears."  
 "Yes, and I notice all around are rubber plants."

### SOME PUNISHMENT.

"What punishment did that defauling banker get?"  
 "I understand his lawyer charged him \$40,000."

### AMBIGUOUS.

"Can you stake me off to a good dinner?"  
 "Yes, if you're content to go without the steak."

### TIBET ISSUES NEW STAMP

Philatelic Curiosity That Probably Was Executed in Anticipation of Dalai Lama's Return.

A philatelic curiosity has just reached this country from Tibet. It is a postage stamp designed and executed apparently in anticipation of the return, after his long exile in India, of the Dalai Lama to rule once more over the land of the Lamas.

Of ruddy purple color, the stamp is very crudely designed and printed and bears traces of the divine ruler's long residence in India. It has evidently drawn its frame and spandrel ornamentation from the same value of the Edwardian one-anna stamp of India. In the place of the central portrait, however, there is the mysterious-looking beast identified as the white lion of Tibet. Possibly by an error of drawing the white lion is shown in color on a white ground.

The inscriptions are in native and English characters, the latter reading, "Tibet-Postage." The native characters are interpreted as (at top) Pod—Tibet, Shung—Government; (below) Yig—letter, The-Hu—postage or stamp, Kha—anna, Kang—one.—London Chronicle.

### TO CONDUCT A BAND BY RULE

English Town Didn't Want the Director to Face the Audience, So Council Interfered.

The action of the director of the Eastbourne municipal orchestra, who varied the ordinary methods of the musical conductor by turning his back on his men while they were playing, was the subject of a long discussion at the meeting of the town council.

Councillor Eden moved that in future the musical director be requested to face his men while conducting the municipal band. No other conductor in England, he said, faced his audience, and it was utterly impossible for Mr. Henton to control the musicians in that way. The band ought to be conducted in proper English fashion. Eastbourne spent nearly \$70,000 on its music, and it was too big a place to allow of trifling with the band.—London Chronicle.

### ABOUT WOODEN HEELS.

The manufacture of wood heels was at one time almost confined to France, but some British manufacturers have applied themselves so successfully to this trade that they have not only succeeded in obtaining a large share of the home market, but have also invaded practically all the continental countries.

A special feature is the excellent variety of covered heels, such materials as celluloid enamel, kid, skiver, canvas and various colored leathers all being pressed into service for this purpose, while the butt (leather) cased Louis and military heels are exceedingly well finished and form a highly specialized product.

The advantages of wooden heels compared with leather are that they are lighter, wear longer and always retain their shape.—British Trade Journal.

### WRONG PLACE.

College President—You can't get into our college. You aren't qualified in the entrance requirements in Sanskrit, Greek or calculus.

Prospective Student—No, but I am very well grounded in reading, writing and arithmetic.

College President—Great Scott, man, you don't need a college education! Why don't you go into business?—Puck.

### PROPER KIND.

First Lawyer—The allegator in this case seems affected.

Second Ditto—Yes, he is shedding crocodile tears.

### JUST A TRIFLE.

"You say Cholly is rather particular about germs?"

"Well, he carries around his individual street car strap."

### SHE HAD.

"Did you see the diamond engagement ring George gave me?"

"Did I see it? I'm the first girl that wore it."

### APPROPRIATE.

"How shall we bill that actress from Alaska?"

"Why not call her the North Star?"



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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.

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110 acres, 90 acres in farm, 109 acres tillable, 1 1/2 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 south-east 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.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

### The Renters' Union.

I attended the State Convention of the land renters at Waco November 8th. Twenty-eight counties were represented and 112 delegates were present; from the plains to the gulf reports came in. It was indeed a most enthusiastic meeting. Several very earnest speeches were made concerning the condition of the land renters of Texas. Short talks were made by a number of delegates and from different parts of the State came stories that would shame even Russia. Some have been denied the right to rent land because they are preachers; men have been forced to vote the ticket of the boss or move; others have been asked about their religious belief and told that they could not rent land from certain landlords unless they, the landlords, could know their religion and their politics, while still others have been required to sign a hundred-dollar bond that they would not take a drink of whiskey for one year in order to get a place for their loved ones to live, and labor to pay tribute to some one who had been more fortunate than themselves.

Now, gentle reader, I hope you will not infer from the above that I am an anti-prohibitionist because I am not. Neither am I a dram drinker, but on the contrary I am a prohibitionist and a total abstainer. It is the principle involved to which I object.

When God expelled Adam from the Garden of Eden He told him to go and till the soil. He did not say "speculate" in its values but He plainly told him to till the soil, and Webster says that means "to plow and draw, as land; to cultivate." God also told Adam "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground." He did not say in the sweat of other men's faces, but "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

Not for a few years until he could buy up or control a lot of land so he could rent it out and put other men to work for him so he could live easy or in the sweat of other men's faces. But He said "till thou return unto the ground."

Now let's see "whither we are drifting." The last census report (1910) places the number of all farms in Texas at 417,770. Of this number 319,575 are worked by tenants, 2,332 by managers and only 167,515 are operated exclusively by the owners.

Thus we see that 247,255 of all these farms are worked in whole or part by tenants or managers,

and as these farms range in size from three acres up to what one man works, or has worked, it is but natural to presume that most of the farms worked by the owners are small, leaving the larger farms to be worked by tenants and managers.

The report further shows that the proportion of tenants has increased from 37.6 per cent in 1880 to 52.6 per cent in 1910.

From the foregoing figures we plainly see that a majority of the land holders are living "in the sweat of the other fellow's face."

Take Young county for instance. I believe I will not exaggerate if I say most of the land rented in the county is owned by individuals and companies located in town, and is being held for speculation.

Now I am not blaming the individual or the company, but the system. As long as we are cursed with the present system one man has as good right to speculate in land values as another, but undoubtedly landlordism under our present system is directly the cause of more suffering than any other one thing under heaven, except possibly our rum system.

Now gentle reader my idea as to a remedy is NOT Socialism. There now, you are surprised, are you not? Yes, I know you have already branded me a Socialist, but my idea is to forestall the radical Socialistic idea of no ownership of land, or the co-operative commonwealth with a law limiting the ownership to what each family actually needs, and requiring them to live on and cultivate it, or use it for grazing purposes.

Unless a law something like the above is enacted Socialism will continue to grow. If a law like the above could be submitted to a vote of the people of Texas three fourths of the democrats of the State would support it.

Suppose we petition the legislature to allow us to vote on this all important issue, for it is indeed a burning one.

JOHN A. BROWN.

### Tribute to General Lee.

General Viscount Wolseley, of the English army, said of Gen. Robt. E. Lee: "I have met many of the great men of my time, but Lee is stamped upon my memory as being apart and superior to all others in every way, and a man with whom none I ever knew, and very few I ever read of, are worthy to be classed. I have met but two men who realize my ideas of what a true hero should be: my friend Charles Gordon was one, General Lee was the other."—Ex.

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### GILBERT HAD A READY WIT

Famous Author of "The Mikado" Was Never at a Loss for a Retort.  
His table talk will not be garnered up in dismal little volumes where the champagne is flat and the lamps burn dim. Brevity was the soul of his wit, says Rowland Gray in the Century. The terrible verdict as to a certain "Hamlet" whose impersonator unwisely asked him to be candid is historical.

"Funny, my dear fellow—funny without being vulgar."  
A remark about another conceited player was made to a very limited audience:  
"Poor ———! He has all the faults of an actor without the excuse of being one."

A word was enough. He described a sweet old woman, all sloping shoulders and Honiton lace, as "belonging to the early keepsake period." Another, who was being ridiculed for the hideous Middlesex accent, which converted bad weather into a "voil d'y," was gravely defended by him: "She is of ancient lineage; for it is evident she is descended from the Twanglo-Saxons." Of a stout matron in society he remarked: "I like Mrs. A——, but I prefer a woman to be as long as she is broad." Rallied for his admiration of several beauties at once, he retorted, "But surely I am too good to be true," which was unanswerable.

### HIDE THE CAMERA IN ITALY

Country Jealously Guards Its Secrets of Defense From the Prying of Tourists.  
No country guards the secret of its defenses with such care as Italy. Many an innocent tourist loses his camera through ignorance of the regulations enforced in districts near the French frontier. If you are traveling by train straight through from Modena to Turin you may safely take a camera with you. But should you get out at Bardonecchia, the first station on the Italian side, or at any other station between that and Susa—nineteen miles further on—your camera is confiscated. Anyone bicycling, motoring or tramping across the frontier with a camera is forced to hand it over, no matter what his destination may be. Of course the camera can be recovered if you return the same way, but it is lost if you leave the country by another route.—New York Telegram.

### ANECDOTE OF SHERIDAN.

When Sheridan was in distress in early life one of his recourses was that of writing for the fugitive publications of the day, in which he was materially assisted by his wife, and many years after his entrance into the sphere of politics he was heard to say that "if he had stuck to the law he believed he should have done as much as his friend Tom Erskine; but," continued he, "I had no time for such studies."  
"Mrs. Sheridan and myself were often obliged to keep writing for our daily leg or shoulder of mutton; otherwise we should have had no dinner." One of his friends, with whom he conversed thus, wittily replied: "Then I perceive it was a joint concern."

### AVOIDING OBSCURITY.

"Your constituents are blaming you for a lot of legislation you never had anything to do with!"  
"Let 'em alone," replied Senator Sorghum. "Taking the blame for things he never did has made a man seem more important than he really was."

### SURE LEISURE.

"Could you spare the time for an hour's talk?"  
"Certainly. My wife has just told me she'd be ready in a minute."

### USUAL COURSE.

"A sneak thief grabbed our roll of carpet in the hall."  
"What happened?"  
"Then he beat it."

### THE RESULT.

"Did she pin him down to facts?"  
"Yes."  
"What happened?"  
"He was stuck."

### EXTREMELY SO.

"Prizefights are very deleterious in their effect on society."  
"I suppose their tendency is somewhat knock-sious."



## W. C. T. U.

Items for this column are furnished by local Union.

The last number of the Lyceum course appeared last Friday night at the opera house in the person of Gilbert At Lee Eldridge Impersonator.

On account of the cold, inclement weather the audience was small but none the less enthusiastic. To say that they were delighted is putting it mildly, for from the first number which was the pathetic little poem, "Dot Leedle Poy of Mine," by J. Whitcomb Riley, in which extreme pathos touched all hearts deeply to the closing number, a most splendid impersonation of David Harum in his famous horse trade. The program was crowded with sentimental, pathetic serious and humorous selection. His transformations were marvelously quick and complete. It can truly be said Graham has had one more treat in the several Lyceum numbers lately presented and should our women become aroused to the possibilities of co-operation in serving this grade of entertainments they could become an annual feature and a financial success. We hope this may be done.

### W. C. T. U. Mothers' Meeting

Time, Dec. 30th; place, Mrs. Homer Mayes.  
 Leader—Miss Roberta Akin.  
 Song.  
 Bible Reading, Luke 2:1-35.  
 Roll Call—Christmas thoughts.  
 Reading of minutes.  
 Song.  
 How to teach the Christ spirit to our children.—Mrs. S. R. Jeffery.  
 Piano number—Miss Isaacs.  
 "December 23, Crusade Day."  
 —Mrs. A. M. Graham.  
 "And now abideth Faith, Hope, Love, these three, but the greatest of these is Love."—Bro. Taylor.

Reports of officers.  
 Election of officers.  
 Closing song.  
 Mizpah Benediction.  
 Dear Fellow-Workers of W. C. T. U.: It is with grateful, humble hearts that we look back over the work of the year just closing and see what God hath wrought in our midst. As your retiring president of Local W. C. T. U. I ask your presence and co-operation this last meeting to the end that the very best officers may be selected. Come to the meeting with your list made out so that we may dispatch this important part of our work quickly and effectively.

Let us remember the noontide hour of prayer for it is there we hope to belt the world with prayer for the downfall of the accursed liquor traffic.

With love and loyalty I am your fellow worker.  
 Mrs. J. W. AKIN,  
 Local Pres. W. C. T. U.

H. C. Fields transacted business in Graham Thursday.

H. B. Padgett of Oakland community was transacting business in the city Thursday.

Mrs. A. L. Ramsey was trading in the city Thursday.

H. L. Rogers was in the city on business this week.

A. D. Scott of Indian Mound was in the city Thursday.

W. G. Goldston was in the city Thursday.

R. M. Hamilton was in the city on business Thursday.

L. P. Brooks of Mt. Pleasant community was here on business this week.

G. B. Cruikshank of Jean was transacting business in Graham this week.

John Bower who is serving on the Federal Jury at Ft. Worth visited his family here Sunday.

### A Real Bargain.

384 acres 10 miles east of Graham, 170 acres in cultivation, two sets of improvements, two good wells, tanks, etc. On public road, one-fourth mile from school and church in good community. \$12.50 per acre.  
 See C. W. HINSON.

Watt Mayes, who recently underwent an operation, having his leg amputated, has so far recovered as to be able to be on the streets upon crutches. His many friends are glad to see him out again.

### For Sale.

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

J. P. Downey of Jean was in the city on business this week.

Z. A. Wyatt was transacting business in Graham this week.

### New Nuts.

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

W. H. Daily of Markley was here on business Thursday.

Mrs. J. M. Parker was here Thursday and carried away one of the prizes awarded in the Young County Day celebration. Mrs. Parker brought in the largest amount of butter.

Dr. H. K. Weems of Jean spent Big Monday in Graham.

### WHY HE SHED TEARS.



Drummer—I attended a funeral in a little village the other day at which even the undertaker shed tears.  
 Gunner—Was he a relative?  
 Drummer—No; but the deceased was the only doctor in the town.

### CHARM OF TURGENEV.

"Turgenev," says William Lyon Phelps in his essay on the novelist, "although an uncompromising realist, was at heart always a poet. In reading him we feel that what he says is true; it is life indeed; but we also feel an inexpressible charm. It is the mysterious charm of music that makes our hearts swell and our eyes swim. He saw life, as everyone must see it, through the medium of his own soul. As Joseph Conrad has said, no novelist describes the world; he simply describes his own world."

### CONSTITUTIONAL POINT.

The Learned Counsel—Yes, the constitution certainly forbids cruel and unusual punishments.

The Plain Vag—Den how about dis rock pile sentence of mine? It sure is cruel to put me to work, 'cause work is de most unusual thing dat could happen to me.—New York Globe.

### NOT HIS CLASS.

"Why should that author have an automobile?"  
 "Why shouldn't he?"  
 "Because he's a hack writer."

### NO TIME WASTED.

"The dog you sent here this morning bit at us and then ran away."  
 "He evidently determined he would show a case of snap and go."

### PALPABLE HINT.

"I think a woman ought to make her clothes match her means."  
 "Dear me! Are your means as narrow as that?"

### NICE DISTINCTION.

"Hubby, am I as dear to you as when we were courting?"  
 "Not as dear, wifey, but more expensive."

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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
- Percolaters

### Presents for Sister

- Furs and Muffs
- Umbrellas
- Manicure Sets
- Lavalieres
- 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
- Doll Furniture
- Cook Stoves
- Tea Sets, Books
- Games—all sorts
- Fur Sets
- Music Rolls
- Rings and Bracelets

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