

Spicy News from the Lifest Correspondents Over all West Texas

Huffstuttle.

We are having nice weather, which is appreciated after the cold, cloudy weather. Those who have cotton in the field are taking advantage of the nice weather. Our school was dismissed last Friday till after Christmas. Miss Nina is getting along fine with her school. School has been small, but will be a good deal larger after Christmas. Harry Pratt's family of South Bend visited in the neighborhood last Saturday and Sunday. L. D. Reger and son Novie and George Campbell visited home folks Saturday night and Sunday. They are working on the Odd Fellows' hall at Eliasville. George likes Eliasville so well we are afraid he will never be satisfied to live on Huffstuttle any more. Sherman McCready has moved back to his place. He has been in Hall county the past year. People will come back to Young county. John Stoker took a load of pecans to Eliasville Saturday and sold them. Walter Moreland is moving his feed to the Ware place. He will live there next year. Dill Peacock will live on the Graham place next year. The young people enjoyed a fruit supper and party at James Moreland's Saturday night. Brittain Campbell is hauling freight for Robertson & Black of Crystal Falls. Mrs. Mattie Reed visited Mrs. Goldie Campbell a day or two last week. GUESS WHO?

Rocky Mound.

As we have been absent for a week, will try and bring in our small amount of news. The young folks enjoyed a candy breaking and party at Garret Roberson's Saturday night. There was a meeting at Rocky Mound Sunday morning and a very good crowd attended. Chicken Bill returned from a long stay on the plains. Old Bill is a dandy; he said he had his traps set on the plains for a long while and had not trapped anything so he has come to set them in Graham again. Mr. F. Ragland and wife and Miss Sallie Ragland visited Mr. Hunter and wife Sunday evening. Mr. H. Mowery and wife visited Mr. Hunter's Sunday evening. Mr. Sam Walker was seen riding down lovers' lane Sunday evening. We had an idea where he was going. Mr. Jake Walker will leave Monday morning for Oklahoma to visit relatives. Shorty Phillipps and Elbert Mowery were driving in Flint Creek community Sunday eve. Mr. Tate Phillipps is building an addition to his house. We are all looking for something to happen to poor old Tate soon. Mrs. O. F. Miller visited Mrs. Pearl Farmer Sunday evening. Rev. Dickerson is expected to be with the Rocky Mound people at 11 o'clock Saturday and Sunday next. Mr. O. F. Miller was visiting his father in Tonk Valley Sunday. Garrett Roberson was in Tonk Valley looking for a location the first of the week. Miss Alice Goldston returned home Saturday after a week's visit with her sister in Graham. Mr. Joe Dooling and wife attended meeting at Rocky Mound Sunday morning. Mr. Jim Taylor has bought back his old home in our community and is expected to move here in a few days. As we have told about all we know, will ring off. RED WING.

Red Top.

People are pretty busy preparing for Christmas. Sunday school had pretty full attendance Sunday although the weather was bad in the fore-part of the morning. B. W. Slater will complete Mr. Blakney's house Monday. Miss Isla Rutherford and Mr. Dee Osborn, Miss Bessie Petty and Mr. George Walker, Miss Allye Reid and Miss Beulah Howard visited Misses Eureka and Mary Slater Sunday. The Baptist Sunday school has been suspended until the first Sunday in April. Mr. W. A. McBee and family visited Mr. W. T. McBee Sunday. Also Miss Ada Workman visited Miss Dora McBee. The party at Mr. Teague Littlejohn's was well attended and all report a nice time. Messrs. Clarence, and Henry Simmons were in this community Monday in their automobile. Well, we haven't heard from Buster in some time. Guess he is under the weather about something, but hope he will revive soon. Miss Sallie Petty left Saturday for Olney where she will attend the teachers' institute. The school children will have two weeks Christmas; we hope they will all have a jolly time. Mr. B. W. Slater and family and mother and father were out driving in their new car Sunday evening. Mr. Bruce Burton is a regular visitor in Red Top every Sunday. I wonder why? Mr. and Mrs. Bridges and little son Frank visited Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Slater Sunday. Mr. Homer Brigham made a quick trip to Graham Monday. Miss Dora McBee and Miss Ada Workman made a trip to town Monday. Mr. W. C. McGee has been hauling cotton to town this week. Mr. W. K. McBee is rejoicing over his getting done picking cotton Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Brigham were pleasant callers at Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn's Sunday. Mr. Charlie Bridges has been on the sick list the past week but was able to be at Sunday school Sunday. Hoping a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, I remain a writer. ROSE BRD.

South Bend.

J. R. McClusky who has been sick with typhoid fever the past month is getting along nicely. We hope to see him up soon. Our school closed Friday the 13th. One week for the Institute and a week for Christmas; it will re-open Dec. 30. Mr. J. R. McClusky went to Graham Thursday of last week. C. A. Martin and son Chester went to Graham Saturday. Mrs. S. L. Thorntoa attended W. C. Lodge at Graham Friday night. Mrs. B. V. Harrell visited her mother, Mrs. Mary C. Goode, Friday afternoon. Mrs. West is the happiest woman in the county; a little over a year ago she sold an oil lease on her land for 10 cents an acre; about three months ago it came back to her and she has had three wells drilled on her farm for drinking water and got oil in one and gas in one. They set the gas on fire and it burned above the well drill. The oil and gas lease she is about to sell now is dollars instead of cents. Lon Ingram and family of Profit are visiting relatives in the Bend this week. Grandma Fickling and son W. C. visited J. H. Rogers and family of Duff Prairie Sunday. The Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools have decided to have a Christmas tree here. TRUTHFUL JAMES.

Henry Chapel.

We are having plenty of cloudy, damp weather, but little rain. Some are getting anxious to sow oats but are waiting for more moisture. Thus we start out on another voyage in farming hoping for rain. On account of the Institute this week our school was dismissed last Friday until after the holidays. Those who have been under quarantine the past three weeks were set at liberty last Saturday. The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. K. Chandler who had meningitis is most well. Miss Zora Wade who has been at Amarillo for some time came home last week. There will be a Christmas tree at the Chapel; come and bring your toys and presents—have a glad time in 1912. H. V. Bigham and family left last Saturday for Paducah where they will make their future home. Will Owens has rented the place vacated by Mr. Bigham. We had a full house at Sunday school and prayer meeting Sunday. Our Sunday school and prayer meeting has been running several years without a single break down. Any one wishing to move into a community where they can get the benefit of a good literary school, Sunday school prayer meeting, preaching, good neighbors, in fact an all 'round, live place we invite you to the Chapel. Some of the young folks from this place attended the candy breaking at John Kisinger's Saturday night; they report a fine time. Byron Wade who has been in California the past year helping build the Aqueduct from the mountains to Los Angeles returned home last week. Byron says he is not struck with being mixed up with the monkey, the baboon and the DAGO.

Lone Oak.

We have been having some cool weather for several days. The attendance at Sunday school was small Sunday. O. J. McPadden of Red Top ate dinner with C. C. McBride and family Sunday and accompanied D. B. Wood to Olney to attend the Institute. G. C. Boyle returned from Newcastle Sunday. S. T. Moreland and daughter were trading in Graham Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hamm went to Graham Saturday. Bro. Boyle filled his regular appointment at Loving Sunday. D. B. Davis of Farmer visited his son John, Sunday. Albert McBride and family visited at Red Top Sunday. Miss Maggie Ligon visited the Misses Holt Sunday. Some of the Lone Oak people attended the box supper at Loving Saturday night. Earl Poole was in our community Sunday afternoon. Lum McBride visited Will Wall Sunday evening. R. E. Boyle was a business visitor in Graham last week. Hubert Burton was in Graham last week. Miss Bessie Petty and George Walker were in our community making up a party Saturday eve. Mart Nix has returned from an extended visit with Mr. Walker and family. Mrs. Una Clark is here from Oklahoma to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hamm. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pratt were trading in Graham Monday. Hubert Burton attended church at Red Top Sunday. Miss Lou and Roy McBride went to Red Top Sunday. Horace Stewart called on Lawrence Orr Sunday afternoon. BRUNETTE.

Gooseneck.

The Sunday school was well attended and everyone seemed interested in the good work. Freeland Wiley looked very pleasing Sunday. Miss Eula Phillipps of Graham attended our Sunday school. We are glad to say that Bro. Henry Driver has recovered from a spider bite and was able to be at Sunday school again. Dave Nicholas of California is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Reeves. Mrs. Geo. Mahoney visited Mrs. Jim Milam Sunday. Miss Lona McLaren spent Saturday night with Miss Clara Rose. Dick Whittenberg has been riding through our part of the country. We suppose he was hunting the "Jerseys." Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLaren visited in Ming Bend Saturday and Sunday. Aunt Sarah Johnson was buried last Thursday evening. Uncle Pat Johnson will go to Eastland county with his daughter, Mrs. Will Neal, making that his home in the future. We regret to lose Uncle Pat. Bro. Suttle went to Tonk Valley to fill his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Lucy Parsons spent the evening with Mrs. Suttle Saturday. Charlie Holt says he is the cold weather cotton picker. He has not missed a day, except Sunday, for the past two weeks. Several of the boys called on Uncle Geo. Rose Sunday. F. M. Berry made a trip to Ft. Worth last week. Elma and Charlie McLaren are visiting their brother Bob. Miss Norsia Sneed spent Sunday night with Mrs. F. E. Suttle. The Baptists have changed from the second to the third Sunday in each month for preaching. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley visited at Uncle Pat Johnson's Sunday. Joe Parsons is the horse trader. He gave old Bill away one day and the next day old Bill was found at the gate begging for corn. Joe Clark of Tonk Valley has come over to help take care of his brother John, who is in bad health. Rev. Pursley preached here Sunday night. Well, as the news is so very scarce and we feel so uneasy about Buster we will ring off and try to do better next time. GANDER.

Mount Pleasant.

Well, Mr. Editor we will send in a few items from Mt. Pleasant. Everybody is in a good humor for it is almost time for Santa Claus to put in his appearance. Mr. J. O. Wilson and Mrs. F. A. Burnett were trading in Graham last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Billie Perdue have a fine boy at their house. J. T. Townsend and family of Fish Creek were visiting J. O. Wilson and family last Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brown. Mrs. Sam Fitzgerald spent last Sunday with Mrs. J. O. Wilson. Miss Bessie Brooks was visiting Miss Lillian McClain last Sunday. Misses Maggie Steadham and Nell Fitzgerald spent the evening with Misses Bettie and Stella Wilson last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore went to Graham last Saturday. Anyone needing bronchs "busted" apply to Leslie Wilson; he will certainly put the steel to them. We have Sunday school every Sunday with very good attendance. Mr. W. S. Timmons died last Monday evening and was buried at Medlin Chapel Tuesday evening at 3:30. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the bereaved ones. BLUE BELLS.

Dakin.

Some are not through picking cotton yet, but will be if we have fair weather this week. We are sorry to report that A. J. Bryan has been sick the past week, but he is doing better now. The party at Garrett Robertson's was enjoyed by most all of the young folks Saturday night. T. D. Findley returned from Bryson Sunday evening, where he had been attending the debate. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore. Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Garrett of Graham were out visiting Mrs. Garrett's mother Saturday and Sunday. Little Miss Lilla Belle Findley was out horseback riding Sunday evening. She was alone, but reports a jolly time without being with a fellow. Miss Alice Goldston was out driving with one of our Dakin boys Sunday evening. Big Henry Reed, little Juanita Bryan and Baby Jiant called on Miss Findley Sunday afternoon. Preston Dickenson of Loving and Miss Ethel Beatty attended church at Bryson Sunday night. Earl Brewton and Bill Babb were driving near Dakin Sunday evening. We are all glad to have Bill with us again. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Chambers and little son, Leonard Hugh, of Bryson visited Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Findley Monday and Tuesday. Leland Bryan called on Earl Clark Sunday afternoon. Well, I'll bring this to a close and leave room for Buster and Cor. BLONDIE.

Flat Rock.

Haven't we been having some pretty weather of late? There is yet some cotton to be picked. We had a nice crowd at Sunday school Sunday. Bro. Bowman was unable to fill his appointment, but sent word that he would preach for us the third Sunday in January. Our school has been going on nicely and everyone seems to be well pleased with the teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Taylor and daughter Maggie spent Sunday with Mr. Robbins and family. Miss Jessie Alford spent the latter part of the week with her sister, Mrs. Maye Martin. Carl Birdwell visited Mr. Corley and family Sunday. Miss Maggie Corley was shopping in Graham Saturday. DeWitt Parsons of Munday is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons. Mrs. Burton was greatly missed at Sunday school Sunday. Lona Corley, while playing at school last Friday, fell and hurt her left arm, but we are glad to report it doing nicely. Lud Martin, wife and little daughter, Wilda, Maye, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Alford and family. Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Corley have been on the sick list, but both are able to be up. C. J. Cook gave the young people a singing Sunday night and everyone reported a nice time. Gene Martin's horses broke the buggy tongue when he started home, but luckily Mr. Cook had one handy and Gene didn't have to walk home. Britt Alford and wife visited Mrs. Alford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Corley, Sunday eve. Bill Babb and Earl Brewton of Graham visited our Sunday school Sunday, also the singing Sunday night. Bob Corley and Gene Martin, Misses Jessie Alford and Lona Corley were the guests of W. A. Cook and family Sunday. I notice most of the correspondents are getting uneasy about Buster and I would like to know myself what is the matter with

him. I have an idea that when he does come again he'll bring a long, interesting letter. Let's hope he will, anyway. You have my sympathy, Western Girl, for I, too, know how it is to have to go to school on show days, although I took in Young County Day at Graham. Well, I've been until nearly Christmas writing this and think that is long enough, don't you all? The Reporter is always welcomed at my house. SPORT.

Loving.

Cotton picking is being wound up very rapidly the last few days, and there will be but little left in the fields after Christmas. The Union Gin is kept running almost day and night, as it has a boll thresher. Loads of bolls come from most every section of the county. About 2800 bales have been ginned at Loving. Mrs. Louis Clark came in Monday from Oklahoma to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamm west of Loving. Mr. G. B. Underwood and wife are visiting relatives in Ellis county and will return after Christmas. We hear of several parties who are contemplating buying automobiles soon in this section. Mr. S. A. Harrison of Greenville was in this community on business Monday. The young people enjoyed a singing at J. T. Marshall's Sunday night. J. H. Holfield and T. C. Butler are prospecting in Old Mexico and will move there if they like it. Lum Hinson was transacting business in the Loving country Monday. John Lush has moved on the S. A. Harrison farm and will work it another year. Mr. Editor, this will be the last letter perhaps that we will write till after Christmas and we wish you and the many readers and the correspondents a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. CORRESPONDENT.

Tonk Valley.

My! but we have been having some cold weather, haven't we? There was preaching service at the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. Baugh preached a good sermon, filling Bro. Suttle's place. Quite a crowd was present although the weather was bad. J. M. Hand attended church in the Valley Sunday. Sunday school is progressing nicely. Misses Gladys and Inez Cherryhomes visited Miss Ada Gossett Saturday evening. There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church. Miss Kate Higdon is visiting Mrs. J. M. Hand. Jim McClanahan has a new buggy; wonder who will get the first ride? Mrs. Ida Cherryhomes and her daughter went to town Monday. My! my! Christmas is nearly here again and don't you guess those old turkeys are hunting a hiding place by now. Tom Cherryhomes killed hogs Monday. School is out for the holidays. Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at the Baptist church, beginning Thursday night before the fifth Sunday. J. M. Hand and son Harry of Graham visited Walter Hand last Tuesday. Rev. C. A. Ferguson went to Graham Tuesday. I will close wishing the editor and all a merry Christmas. SUNSHINE.

For Sale.

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

Items from the Churches

Methodist.

The text for the morning service was from Ezra 4:3 "We ourselves will build unto the Lord God of Israel." It was shown that in this building that the people stood together, and that if there was to be good work done by a church that there must be harmony and co-operation. It was further discussed why the offers of the "adversary" of co-operation was rejected. These people were really not the same kind of people and were not in harmony and sympathy with the movement. The question was asked, how can those who are living lives of sinfulness co-operate in the work of the Lord? And how can those who are doing those things condemned by the church co-operate in the work of the church? The hindering work of the adversaries was next discussed and a plea made that if you cannot co-operate, at least don't hinder the work of the Lord.

S. D. Cook and wife, Misses Minnie and Birdie Cook, E. A. Cox and wife and Uardo Cox were welcomed to membership by letters.

The night service was a discussion of the building of the tower of Babel. It was shown that the aim of these people was good but that they sought a spiritual end by physical means.

A discussion of just how to reach Heaven was next entered into and a plea to make that place was made.

Presbyterian.

A large audience listened very intently to the morning sermon, from Gallatians 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." The teachings of the Apostle Paul on the subject of religion are most positive and emphatic. Philip Brooks says there are two ways to meet and deal with every vice. In one instance you set to work to destroy it, in the other you overwhelm and stifle it with its opposite virtue. There is no question about the Apostle's method. It was the positive one of overcoming evil with good. The Saviour taught the world this great lesson by conquering sin and death with his own life and death; and yet the Saviour was the greatest teacher of self-denial the world has ever known. With Him self-surrender was exalted as a virtue and crowned with glory as it never was in any other faith. However, self-denial was always temporary, preparatory, just a clearing up the way for eternal rewards. Better lose your eye or hand or foot than lose eternal life taught the Master. Now, in order to live the positive christian life, to walk in the spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh is going to cost something. It means conflict because the fleshy nature is going to war against the spiritual. In this fight the church adds her influence on the side of the spiritual life and tries to help her young. After years of experience with the best of expert testimony the united church proclaims to her members the danger to the spiritual life of indulging in worldly amusements, such as card-playing, dancing and theater going. To say that I see no harm in any of these does not establish its innocence, neither does my condemning them establish their guilt. The many years of experience in dealing with this subject with the best of expert testimony both from those who have once indulged in, them and those who have watched the spiritual development of the professed christian should qualify the church to speak on this subject to her own members. The universal decision of all the churches, catholics included, is

that the tendency of such amusements is toward worldliness and should be discouraged. Such experience and opinion of the church should make one hesitate to place his opinion against the entire church of God. To say that I see no harm in a thing does not always establish its innocence, neither does my condemning a thing always establish its guilt. The very fact that a sweet, innocent girl sees no harm in dancing merely enhances the danger to her. The same might be said of the woman who plays cards or the young man who takes his glass of beer or wine. The pastor then read from the minutes of the church court the position of the church on the subject showing that the church has discouraged worldly amusements as deadening to the spirituality of its members and has left it to the session to deal with its offenders and win them to more spiritual lives, urging them to walk in the spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. In closing the pastor offered as a practical solution in overcoming the self-life the subject of paying God a tithe of our income. After a number of voluntary expressions on the subject from those who have been practicing tithing for years a large number of the heads of families voted to join the tithing band beginning Jan. 1.

Orphans' Home Shower.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson on Friday last, from 4 to 6 and from 7 to 9 there was a shower for the Methodist orphans' home at Waco. This was given under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. As a hostess Mrs. Johnson is a great success. The home was thrown open and all enjoyed themselves very much. Chocolate and wafers were served as Mrs. Johnson knows how to serve. An enjoyable program was rendered consisting of music both instrumental and vocal, also readings that were very much enjoyed. Among those who assisted in this were Mesdames Kay, Crim, Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Crabb, and Misses Isaacs, Alline Johnson, Nell Graham, Mary Ellen Burkett, Lovella Eddleman and Juanita Adair. As a result there was sent to the Orphanage a box conservatively valued at \$60.00 together with \$18.00 in cash. For all the help received the society expresses its sincere thanks.

W. S. Timmons Dead.

On Monday, December 16, occurred the death of W. S. (Gov.) Timmons, a resident of this county since 1872. Mr. Timmons was 58 years old. He was born in Cherokee county, Georgia and came to this county when a young man. At the time of his death he was living in what is known as the Mount Pleasant community. Death was the result of a stroke of paralysis that occurred a few days ago. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss.

The remains were laid to rest Tuesday in the cemetery at Medlin's Chapel.

The Reporter joins their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

Arrested for Forgery.

Raiford Norton, who gives his home as Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by Constable Sam Lane, on a charge of forgery made against him at Breckenridge, in Stephens county. The sheriff of that county came after him yesterday, taking him back to Breckenridge.

Mr. Lane is getting to be quite a sleuth and wrong-doers who expect to find safety in Graham had better keep their eagle eye on him.

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ZODIACAL LIGHT A MYSTERY

This Strange Illumination is Thought to Be an Appendage of the Sun.

There is a strange light in the heavens appearing after sunset in the late winter and in spring and before sunrise in the autumn, but few persons in our latitudes have ever seen it. In the equatorial regions, however, and in certain parts of the tropics the zodiacal light appears with great splendor, and some remarkable views of it were obtained by a French expedition to the interior of the Sahara, undertaken for the purpose of studying the effects of the unclouded sun on the dry air of the desert.

The mysterious light, in the form of a vast triangle, rising high in the heavens, appeared nearly three times as bright as the Milky Way. Science has not entirely solved the problem of the origin of this light, but it is thought that it is an appendage of the sun.—Harper's Weekly.

J. W. Cox and son, Frank, of Markley were in the city Tuesday. Mr. Cox reports everything flourishing in his part of the county and he says if we get a good season in the ground this winter that Young county will bubble over with good crops next year.

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Everything for your table and much for the Christmas Stockings at Our Store at the Right Prices. Delivered on Short Notice.

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Our Christmas and holiday fruits and vegetables far excel anything in that line we have ever offered. You know we have at all times a very complete selection in these lines, but the display for the next ten days will be the best ever—the largest, most luscious fruits are here abundantly displayed, and our prices are exceedingly low.

Drop in and see.

Fancy Christmas Groceries

A few reasons why we lead in groceries are: First, QUALITY; second, COMPLETENESS; third, the PERFECT CONDITION of the goods; fourth, the MODERATE PRICES at which we sell and the savings to our many patrons. All these and other reasons have made ours the GREATEST GROCERY STORE in Graham.

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Christmas Candies and Cakes

You must see the tantalizing display of Christmas Candies and Fancy Cakes which we are now making. You may be assured that they are the best that the markets afford. See our line before you buy.

Christmas Fireworks

Plenty of all kinds of the best fireworks for the children. Come and see our display when in need of anything that will add to the children's Merry Christmas.

We thank you for your good patronage during the year which is almost gone, and hope to share in your Christmas and holiday orders, as well as your orders for the coming year. We wish you a merry Christmas and a pleasant and prosperous New Year.

Yours Respectfully,

Mabry & Sons.

Local and Personal Mention

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

Don Parsons of Megargel was in the city on business this week.

Mrs. R. F. Fowler has been sick the past week.

Fresh mince meat at Stewart & Son.

Married—Rev. C. A. Ferguson united in holy wedlock this week Mr. Finice Rogers and Miss Gertrude Brooks. The happy pair will make their home in Mexico with Mr. Rogers' parents.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold.

Mrs. G. Q. Street left the first of the week for Memphis, Texas, where she will spend the holidays with her parents. Q. accompanied her as far as Bowie.

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

W. L. Willis and daughter, Miss Annie, accompanied by Miss Rosa Ragland drove to Newcastle Sunday where the young ladies took the train for Olney to be present at the Teachers' Institute.

W. B. Nolen was transacting business in the city Monday.

H. Hunter and wife spent last Monday in Graham.

Florida Oranges at Stewart & Son.

P. P. Ray of Farmer was in the city last week on business.

Good cabbage at 3 cents per pound at Owen Bros.

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

Buy your apples, oranges, coconuts and cranberries from Owen Bros.

We have a big lot of FRESH eggs; our Christmas Special price 27¢ per dozen.

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

J. I. McLaren was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Let J. L. Woods sell you your watches and jewelry. New stock just arrived.

Fresh English Walnuts at our store. Mabry & Son.

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White Swan canned goods at Stewart & Son.

Special music will be rendered at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, at both morning and evening services.

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

Knox Criswell, who has been ill for some time is now able to be out. Glad to see him strutting around again.

Messrs. J. R. Brigham and F. T. Littlejohn of Red Top were business visitors in the city this week.

Section comb honey at our store. Mabry & Son.

Mrs. L. E. Norman is beautifying her property by adding a number of shade trees. In addition to this she is putting out a quantity of fruit trees.

Halbert Jackson, who has undergone four operations at Fort Worth will arrive home Sunday. His many friends will be delighted to know that he has about recovered.

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.

R. S. Newby and wife of Bunker were shopping in Graham Tuesday.

Misses Esta and Ethel Parkinson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parkinson east of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alford were shopping in Graham Monday.

Nuts of all kinds at Stewart & Son.

Joe Doty will spend the holidays at home.

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

F. M. Burkett made a business trip to Dallas this week.

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

J. Marion Burkett, who is attending A. & M. is expected home for the holidays.

Misses Agnes and Mary Craig, who are attending St. Mary's college in Dallas will arrive tomorrow night to spend the holidays with home folks.

Teams wanted to haul cotton seed. Graham Cotton Co.

Miss Lucille Crabb will return to her home in Stamford Saturday after spending several weeks in Graham.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. H. Crabb will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crabb in Stamford.

Robt. McJinsey is expected home for the holidays.

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

Misses Eula and Allys Logan will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Knox county.

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.

Lee Donnell of Eliasville transacted business in the city yesterday.

J. M. Parker of Woodson was in the city on business yesterday.

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

Rev. R. E. Porter who recently moved to Bryson as pastor of the Methodist church was in Graham yesterday.

Wesley Johnson is expected home for the holidays some time this week.

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

Miss Bessie James who has been teaching in Adair Okla. will arrive in the city this week and will spend the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson.

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

Mrs. Jim Johnson of Weatherford is expected this week to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Parsons.

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

Miss Mary Cloud, who is assisting in the County Clerk's office, will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Cloud of Proffitt.

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

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.

Miss Katherine Hall is expected home from Ladonia to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall.

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.

R. E. Hill of Olney was in the city on business Tuesday.

New Nuts.

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

W. A. Jennings and wife of Elbert were shopping in Graham yesterday.

You can be assured of quality when you buy "Batavia." W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

I. W. Steele and family were shopping in Graham Tuesday.

D. H. Norris and H. M. Gerry more of Loving were transacting business in Graham Tuesday.

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

H. A. Driver, postmaster at Bunker was in the city this week.

W. W. Williamson of Indian Mound was attending to business in Graham Tuesday.

Carl Arnold is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. L. Lester of Rocky Mound community was shopping in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Parker is in Decatur at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. A. E. Parr, who is not expected to live.

Mrs. Lindaforte Mabry is in the city to spend the holidays with Mrs. W. D. Norman and Miss Ollie Kidwell.

F. H. Bowron is sick with la-grippe.

M. K. Graham made a business trip to Dallas this week.

Jacksboro will hold an election on Tuesday, February 11, to determine whether or not the city will adopt the commission form of government.

A. J. Wheat of Loving was here on business last Friday.

Miss Roberta Akin has been quite sick the past week.

Court House News.

Real Estate Transfers.

Alec Gordon and wife to J. C. Vaughan, 320 acres out of N. part of B. B. & C. R. R. Co. survey, consideration \$2285.70.

C. W. Childress to B. M. Childress, 640 acres, sec. 2, S. P. R. R. Co. survey, consideration \$2400.00.

C. W. Childress to B. M. Childress 133 1/2 acres, J. A. Morgan survey, consideration \$500.00.

A. C. Derrick to E. S. Graham, 66 1/2 acres, consideration \$1850.

Montgomery Groves to E. W. Hunt, 65 acres out of T. E. & L. Co. survey No. 60, consideration \$3260.00.

W. L. Howerly and wife to Luther Herring and A. S. Matthews Elm Street Wagon Yard, consideration \$3886.00.

R. B. Shelton and wife to H. M. Yates, 290 acres out of T. E. & L. Co. survey No. 1994, consideration \$6000.00.

Jno. C. Kay and wife to E. F. Duncan, lots 1 and 2, block 34, Graham, consideration \$1850.00.

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Come Early to get your choice of Christmas Goods

Such as

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B. A. SNODDY'S

For Miss Lucille Crabb.

It was a jolly crowd of young people that assembled at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. Crabb, in honor of Miss Lucille Crabb.

The party was entirely out of her general line of social entertaining in Graham as the guests were requested to attend "En Masque."

The guests having arrived, a time was allotted to the judges, Messrs. Leslie Scott and Leonard Norman, to decide on the best masked couple. With much difficulty the decision was made in favor of Miss Dot Graham who impersonated a dashing youth with all the gentlemanly qualities and a fine make up. She was awarded the "boy's" prize, a delicious box of candy. Louis Rubenkoenig was the winner of the lady's prize as he played the role of a fair young damsel.

After the prizes were awarded, delicious refreshments were served, after which a few parlor games were introduced.

The guests departed at a late hour declaring Prof. and Mrs. Crabb to be very proficient in the art of entertaining.

Those present were Misses Dot Graham, Nell Graham, Pauline McJimsey, Vera Norman, Beulah Allen, Ethel Birdwell, Jewel Steen, Elsie Rubenkoenig, Lucille Crabb, Lillie Morrison, Messrs. Leonard Norman, Scarborough Mabry, Louis Rubenkoenig, Oscar Finley, Robert Lee Morrison, Lee Carmack, Leslie Scott, J. B. Norris, Mabry Short, Mr. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Street and Mrs. James Moore.

The Literary Club.

Mrs. Hudson was hostess to the Literary Club on Wednesday December 11.

In answer to roll call members named a celebrated artist and told something of his life.

Mrs. Rose read an instructive article on education from the Chautauquan. Two well written papers on "The First of the Moderns" and "The Larger Vision" were read by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Parrish, respectively. These lessons were from our Art Book, which tells of the life and works of all the old Master Artists.

Mrs. Fisher was leader of the round table discussion.

Mary and Marjory Hudson sang very sweetly a duet, accompanied by their mother.

We were glad to have with us on this occasion Mrs. Harrell and little daughter, Adele, of Newcastle.

Messrs. Kirby, Matthews and Smith of Sunshine community in Throckmorton county were here trading yesterday.

Miss Lillian Manning who is teaching in Abilene, will spend the holidays in Graham with her mother, Mrs. Mary L. Manning.

A message from Ft. Worth last night states that Mrs. Edgar McLendon was operated on Monday night and is doing reasonably well.

In Honor of Mrs. Kidwell.

Mrs. W. D. Norman entertained with a party Tuesday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. L. B. Kidwell, it being a birthday surprise party.

The guests were asked to come at 3 p. m., and Mrs. Kidwell at 3:30, the latter being invited to see the decorations, as Mrs. Norman had decorated her house for the holidays, and her surprise was complete when she arrived to find the house full of her friends and neighbors, each with some bit of fancy work and having a jolly time.

Mrs. Norman gave each guest a slip of paper with blanks to be filled in with items concerning Mrs. Kidwell's life.

In a cut with Mrs. Gallaher, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. John Norman, Master Norman Stovall was awarded a beautiful calendar.

In a few minutes "Old Santa Claus," properly dressed, stepped in the door saying "Come on, I've been waiting a long time for you," and disappeared into the dining room, followed by all the guests. The table was decorated with a beautiful spruce pine tree from Massachusetts and the proper number of candles surrounded the tree, being fastened in a trailing evergreen which no one appeared to know the name of.

There were other decorations of evergreens also from the north. The Christmas tree was hung with dainty and thoughtful remembrances from each guest as well as from several who could not be present.

Mrs. Norman's guests were Mesdames J. W. Jackson, McJimsey, Lynch, Burkett, Street, R. G. Graham, Wadsworth, Gallaher, Parrish, Christy, J. M. Norman, Stovall, Bryant, Widmayer, and Misses Vera Norman and Pauline McJimsey, with Master Norman Stovall as Santa Claus.

All left wishing that Mrs. Kidwell might have many more such pleasant birthdays and that they might be among the friends asked to help celebrate them.

The Interse Club.

Mrs. Alma Martin entertained the Interse Club on last Friday. Work was laid aside for a few minutes and all enjoyed a peanut contest in which Mrs. Edgar Matthews was most successful. She received a pair of embroidery scissors. The consolation, a peanut doll, was presented to Mrs. W. I. Tidwell. Delicious refreshments of chocolate and wafers were served to eleven members and three visitors, Mesdames Arnold, Craig and Stallings.

Mrs. R. E. Mabry will be the next hostess.

Mrs. A. M. Graham went to Ft. Worth yesterday to meet Misses Craig.

Mrs. Eugene Crouch of McKinney will spend the holidays in Graham, guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson.

C. B. Alford who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alford, south of town returned to his home in Channing, Texas, Thursday.

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You get about 1000 pounds of seed to every bale of cotton ginned

If you have used meal and hulls you know it is

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It will make
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Better milk, better butter,
More flesh and more fat
and keep your cows or your steers in better fix than cotton seed.

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catch one bale of seed
Bring it to us

and take home on this basis:
1400 pounds of hulls and
400 pounds of meal, being
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Worth pound for pound more in feeding value than

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If you are looking for real estate bargains read my display ad. R. E. Mabry.

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.

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.

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The coming year will find us well equipped with a full stock of material for work of all descriptions

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The Reporter wishes each of its readers, patrons and correspondents the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year possible. Christmas to us will be merry because we will be planning to give to our readers a better paper for the next year. New Year will bring to us happiness because we hope to see our plans perfected by that time. We trust you will all find as much chance for merriment and happiness as we do.

And then we should all be happy because this is the season of the year that commemorates the resurrection of the Giver of all good gifts. Whatever of prosperity we have enjoyed the past year, whatever of happiness and good cheer we will be able to afford someone else will be the result of His graciousness. Though we do not all see alike we should dwell in harmony, one with another. Let us not be charitable for the holidays only, but throughout the entire year.

"Supreme" Flour is Highly Complimented.

Not often do we hear of a higher compliment paid to a Graham product than was paid to "Supreme" Flour this week.

Mrs. James Moore, of Spokane, Washington, who has been in the city for some time visiting Mrs. Addie M. Graham left yesterday for her home. Mrs. Moore has charge of demonstration work in cooking in one of the local societies in Spokane and is considered an expert in bread baking.

While in Graham she had an opportunity of trying "Supreme" and liked it so well that she took a sack of it home. Mrs. Moore says "Supreme" is the best flour she ever saw.

Woodmen Elect Officers.

At its regular meeting last Saturday night the local camp of the W. O. W. elected its officers for the ensuing year. The Woodmen will hold a joint installation with the Woodmen Circle in January, the date to be decided later. Following were the officers elected:

W. J. Rehder, Consul Commander.

Geo. Black, Adviser Lieutenant.

J. W. Taliaferro, Banker.

J. E. Martin, Escort.

L. H. R. Voules, Clerk.

William Campbell, Watchman.

E. W. Fry, Sentry.

W. C. Barnum, Manager.

There will be a joint meeting of the Woodmen and Circle tomorrow night to arrange plans for the installation and all members are urged to attend.

"Dry" and "Wet."

The comptroller's department has compiled a statement which discloses that the total area of "wet" and partially "wet" counties in Texas is 92,779 square miles, while the total area of the state is 363,762 square miles. This leaves a totally "dry" territory of 172,221 square miles. It is further shown that according to the census of 1910, the population of Texas is 3,896,542, and the total population residing in wet and partially wet territory is 1,730,359, leaving a difference of 2,162,183 people living in dry territory in the state.—Ex.

Blacksmith Shop to Rent.

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

Buy Christmas Goods Now

Only eleven shopping days 'till Christmas; you should complete your Christmas shopping as early as possible. We sell a great many goods that make splendid Christmas gifts, appropriate, useful and serviceable, for men, women and children and for the home. Put some of the following items on your list of Christmas presents, then call and let us show them to you.

Useful Christmas Gifts for the Ladies

- Long Kid Gloves, white and black, splendid values at \$3.50 **\$3.00**
- Short Kid Gloves, black, white and colors, at \$1.50, \$1.25 and **\$1.00**
- Silk-lined and Knit Gloves, good and warm, at 25c, 35c and **50c**
- Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, the very best quality, at **50c**
- Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, initial and plain, special values at 15c to **25c**
- All Linen Handkerchiefs, plain hemstitched at 12, 1-2c and **10c**
- Lawn Handkerchiefs, specials, on sale at 6c, 5c and **2 1-2c**
- Ladies' Neckwear, the newest styles, from 25c to **\$1.00**
- Silk Hose, in black, white and tan, \$1.25 and **\$1.00**
- Fine Lisle Hose, special values at 25 cents and **50c**
- "Queen Quality" shoes, in white, tan, gunmetal and patent leathers, \$3.50 to **\$5.00**
- "Boston Favorite" shoes, made by the same company as Queen Quality, in same styles, at \$2.50, 3.00 and **\$3.50**
- Felt House Slippers, in colors, at **\$1.25**
- Ladies' Coats and Coat Suits, special bargains, from \$5.50 to **\$20.00**
- Silk Umbrellas, newest style handles, \$1.25 to **\$3.50**
- Silk Dress or Waist Pattern
- Fine Woolen Dress Goods

Good Christmas Gifts for the Men

- Fine Suits, all wool, the newest models and patterns, special bargains \$12.50 to **\$20.00**
- Men's Suits, some extra specials we offer at \$7.50, 9.75 and **\$11.25**
- Men's Overcoats, all with auto collars, at from \$7.50 to **\$16.50**
- Men's Fine Felt and Stiff Hats, Stetsons, from \$3.50 to **\$6.00**
- Good Hats, fancy and staple shapes, \$1.50 to **\$3.00**
- Florsheim's Fine Shoes, in tan, gunmetal, black kid and patent leathers, the best for **\$5.00**
- Men's Good Shoes, from \$1.95 to **\$4.00**
- Good Gloves, priced \$1.00, 1.25 and **\$1.50**
- Knit Gloves, for cold weather, make extra nice presents, at 25c, 35c and **50c**
- New Christmas Ties, at 25c and **50c**
- "Arrow" Shirts, the best sold anywhere, at **\$1.50**
- Good Shirts, with or without collars, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and **\$1.25**
- Umbrellas, \$1.00 to **\$2.50**
- Belts, 25c and **50c**
- Suspenders, 25c, 35c and **50c**
- Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, initial and plain, at **25c**
- Lawn Handkerchiefs, specials at 5c, 10c and **15c**

Buy These Goods for the Home

- Wool Blankets Cotton Blankets Bed Spreads Ready-made Sheets
- Pillow Cases Feather Pillows Linen Table Damask Fine Linen Napkins
- Linen Towels Huck Towels Lace Curtains Drapery Fabrics

Christmas Presents For the Girls

- Good Warm Coats Sweater Coats
- Knit Caps and Hoods Fine Handkerchiefs
- "Buster Brown" Shoes
- Good Hose Warm Gloves

Boys Will Like These For Christmas

- New Winter Suits Hats and Caps
- Belts and Suspenders Christmas Ties
- "Buster Brown" Shoes
- Heavy Hosiery Warm Leggings

It Will Pay You to Buy All Your Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Hosiery and Underwear at This Store.

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Graham, Texas

THE LOST UMBRELLA

By CLARA COURTRIGHT.

She was young, tall, dignified and well dressed, and as she entered the elevated train and demurely slipped into the only vacant seat Wagstaff covertly watching her over the edge of his newspaper, decided that she was a rare girl, indeed.

He kept taking one more look at the girl; her attention being centered upon a book. By the time the train reached his station he was deeply interested in her. He vaguely remembered having seen her on his morning train at intervals, but never before had she sat within the direct range of his vision.

The next morning he took special pains to catch that same train. Mifflin was sitting near the door of the car and dragged him into a seat beside him. However, Wagstaff lost all interest in Mifflin's baseball chatter as the train neared the station where the girl had entered on the previous morning. He craned his neck to scan the waiting passengers on the platform. Mifflin looked at him curiously.

"Expecting somebody to get on here?" Mifflin asked.

"Oh, no," Wagstaff said hastily. "I thought I saw some one I knew."

Then, to his unmeasured delight, the girl came demurely in with the crowd and found a seat almost opposite them. Mifflin followed Wagstaff's enraptured glance.

"Is that the party you thought you knew?" he asked.

"Well, no," Wagstaff said guiltily, "but I wouldn't mind."

After that it got to be a regular thing every morning for Wagstaff to watch for the girl and then to steal glances at her all the way to his station. She looked at him so calmly in gazing around the car day after day that he thought despairingly that she didn't know he was on earth.

Just when he was losing hope of ever getting acquainted with her something happened. One morning she got off at a station which the train reached before it arrived at Wagstaff's. More than that, Wagstaff saw a long-handled umbrella resting against the window frame of the seat that she had just left.

"What shall I do?" the young man asked himself. "Shall I take her umbrella with me for safe keeping, or shall I turn it in at the lost and found office? In either case—"

With a fast beating heart he possessed himself of the forgotten umbrella. On mature consideration he decided that it would be best to turn it in to the company in the usual way and take a chance on future favorable developments.

A week later the developments came. On a wind-swept elevated platform one evening, several stations distant from the one nearest his office, Wagstaff found himself alone with the girl.

For an instant her glance lingered, and there was a sort of recognition in it as their eyes met. Wagstaff acted on the moment's impulse, all the hero in his makeup coming to the front.

"I beg your pardon," he said, advancing a step, hat in hand, "but did you recover the umbrella you left on the train a few days ago? I turned it in at the lost and found department."

She started a little with surprise as he spoke, and then she smiled graciously. "Why, yes, thank you," she said. "I—I got it. Was it you who found it? It was awfully good of you."

"Not at all," declared Wagstaff. "Just then the train came in and he helped her aboard. They sat down together and their acquaintance prospered."

In ten minutes he found that she knew half a dozen of his own friends. While things were a little bit unconventional, she concluded finally that he might call.

Wagstaff called and found two of the friends there to vouch for him. Then he took pains to call again, when he was certain the friends wouldn't be there. Since the girl chose the time for the call it is possible that she didn't want them there either.

Two or three months later as she and Wagstaff were standing in her front hall one night counting the hooks on the hatrack and otherwise enjoying themselves, the girl said: "Billy, I've heard of a lot of ways that young men get acquainted with girls they want to meet, but that umbrella plan of yours makes a hit with me every time I think of it."

"What do you mean?" Wagstaff asked a bit feebly.

"Why, you innocent child," she said, smiling, "I never lost any umbrella on the elevated train!"—Chicago Daily News.

He Tipped Again.

He was very affable and free with his opinions, was this young man, but that was about all he was free with. To the man who had carried his not unheavy bag to the little countryside station he had given one whole penny. Notwithstanding the forlorn look on the man's face, he still continued to chat in an easy manner.

"I shall never forget," he continued, "the splendor of the scenery when I was in Switzerland. It was an education to see the sun rise, tipping the little blue hills with gold—"

"Ah!" interrupted the man who had doled with his bag. "Them 'lils was uglier than me, weren't they?"—London Tit-Bits.

Hard to Explain Otherwise.

"Dubbs interrupted his wife yesterday."

"How much did he win?"

"What do you mean?"

"Didn't he do it on a bet?"

SERVING A SUMMONS

By CLARA INEZ DEACON.

It was just between twilight and dark that a Jersey cow, owned by farmer Hollis, jumped the field fence into the highway and sauntered down the road.

As Miss Jersey stepped slowly along enjoying the beauties of the evening an auto was coming up from the direction of Glen Head. It contained two young men and the chauffeur. It stole upon the cow unheard and hoisted her into the ditch and broke her back.

The house of farmer Hollis was only eighty rods away, but there was no going back to notify him of the accident. The cow was dead, and that settled that. It has been stated that the animal belonged to farmer Hollis. So it did in a way. In several other ways it belonged to his daughter Florence, who had petted and cared for it since its birth. It made quite a difference whose cow it was.

Next morning the hired man reported the tragedy. Miss Florence went down the road and viewed the body and wept, and then returned to the house to ask her father, who was partially an invalid:

"Well, what are you going to do about it?"

"It was an auto, I suppose?"

"Yes."

"And it may belong to any one of a thousand people?"

"Of course."

"And be fifty miles away by this time?"

"Just so."

"Well, there you are. What can I do about it? I don't see that anything can be done."

"Well, I do!" was the vigorous reply from the daughter.

Half an hour later Miss Florence was on the road with her pony and cart. Two miles up the highway was a road-house at which nine-out of ten autos, bound either way, might be counted on to stop. The girl drove up and called for the proprietor to come out.

"An auto about 7 o'clock?" he mused at her query. "Yes, there was one. It held two young men. It went down the road, and must have passed your house."

"And the young men—were they strangers?" was asked.

"Well, yes and no. I know that one and he is the owner of the machine, is Burt Merriam, and the other is Steve Dayton. They were great chums at college, I believe. They had two beers here and went on."

"And this Mr. Merriam—where does he live, please?"

"Over at Brookdale, I understand."

She drove into Glen Head and to the office of a lawyer and told her story. The lawyer said he thought there was a case, and added:

"We might as well give the young man a chance. I'll apply for a summons, and you better drive over and serve it on him."

Two days later Miss Florence drove over to Brookside with the legal document. After a few inquiries she located the house of the father of her victim, but only to be told that young Mr. Merriam was not at home, and might not be for several days.

Her father said it would all end in smoke and that the rich alone controlled the laws, but on the third day Miss Florence started out again to serve the summons. She was half-way to Brookside when she saw an auto coming. The pony was a little skittish of them, and she gave up the whole of the road and waited. The auto slowed down as it came up, but nevertheless the pony chose to perform. He was standing on his hind legs and making ready to bolt, and in her sudden fright the girl had lost the lines and was screaming, when a young man leaped from the machine and caught the animal by the head. He was dragged several rods before his weight told, and as Miss Florence ran to him she saw that he was hurt.

"Shoulder out of joint, I guess," he said with a smile.

"Let me see," she replied. "You must go to a doctor as soon as you can. What a ninny I was to let Fred set up so! I can manage him now, however."

"The plans of mice and men, you know. I was on my way to see a Mr. Hollis on a matter of business. Wish this had happened later."

"Business with my father?"

"Then you are Miss Hollis?"

"Yes."

"And the young lady who called at my home?"

"The same."

"Was it about the cow?"

"It was, sir."

"I know we killed one, but I was rushing my chum to the city to catch a steamer for Europe. I only got back three hours ago. Don't go off and sue me. Don't have me arrested. Don't call me hard names. I'll come back in a day or two and settle."

The young man was as good as his word, though no better than a one-armed man. He was only too happy to hand over eighty dollars, and he laughed at the summons and said it should be treasured as a souvenir. He had to call again to see if the pony had recovered from its scare, and a third time, to consult Mr. Hollis about potato bugs, and the fourth time he had the cheek to make no excuse at all.

Rather harsh.

The famous barytone had been giving his concert and the critic from the country was asked:

"How was the timbre of his voice?"

"Well," said the critic, "it seemed to me to be full of knot-holes."—Harper's Weekly.

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The many friends of Mrs. R. L. Tankersley will be gratified to learn that the operation performed last Saturday was very successful and that she will soon recover.

Mrs. F. A. Kidwell will leave this week for Hawley, Texas, to spend the remainder of the winter.

Miss Apolline Dow, who has for the past several weeks been the guest of Mrs. J. Hall Bowman left Saturday for her home near Oran, Texas. She was accompanied by Mrs. Bowman who will spend the holidays with Miss Dow's family.



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School was dismissed Friday for the holidays. A teachers' meeting was held in the office of the Superintendent to determine the way they would take in going to Olney for the Young County Teachers' Institute. It was decided to go by auto direct to Olney.

Our non-resident teachers will spend the Christmas holidays with their home folks as follows: Misses Ethel and Fannie By Rogers at Mineola, Texas; Bessie Lyon at Denton; Gracie Mizell at Atlanta, Tex; Ethel and Amy Atwood at Big Springs and Prof. Giffiland at Moody, Texas.

The sixth grade pupils under the direction of Miss Lyon celebrated Christmas in advance with a Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

It was stated in last week's issue that the wiring of the lights was in progress. When school was dismissed Friday all of the lights were in place and work had been commenced to connect with the street circuit. The auditorium is lighted with seven 100 volt incandescent Mazda lamps. There are also lights of the same capacity in the library, both halls, the office and one over

the front door on the outside of the building.

The boys of the eighth and ninth grades made Mr. Gilliland a present of a nice tie-clasp and stickpin last Friday.

Lee Carmack will spend Christmas at his home at Murray. John Keeter will be with his home folks at Elbert during the holidays.

Goodman Holbert and Joe Cagle will enjoy the holidays at their homes at Profit.

Sam Casey left Friday for his home at Farmer.

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Presents for Father

Gloves
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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
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
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Presents for Small Boys

Bicycles
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