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## Committee Reports On A. & M. Troubles.

The News has received the following report of the committee appointed at a meeting of citizens in Dallas last Wednesday to investigate the causes of the dismissal of students from the Agricultural and Mechanical College:

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 7.—We, a committee elected by former students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, who met in Dallas on Monday, Feb. 3, and charged with the duty of presenting to the public their reasons for withdrawing from college, beg to submit as a result of our investigation the following facts:

1. The discipline of the school for a long time has been so lax that the practice of strapping continued without any serious effort on the part of the authorities to restrain or stop it. This practice did not amount to hazing, as the term is ordinarily used, but, in the main, was of such a mild nature that it was usually treated good naturedly by those who were subject to the practice.

2. Just before Christmas several boys of Company D strapped a boy in that company. It is reported to us that before leaving for home, before the holidays, he told some of his associates that he was not coming back because he could not take the course he went there to take. A complaint was based upon this statement and referred to the faculty.

3. The faculty expelled the students charged with this offense, and it is reported to us that this was done with so little investigation that two students were included in the order of expulsion who were not even present at the college when the offense occurred.

4. Rumors have been afloat in the school for some time touching the interference of political considerations with school affairs and the belief, amounting to an intense conviction, spread among the students that the boys who were expelled had fallen victims on this account and not for the purpose of enforcing discipline. Under the stress of this conviction the juniors and sophomores met in conference and decided to send committees to the faculty and petition for reinstatement of the students who had been expelled. A petition was drawn presenting this request in respectful language and presented by the committee to the faculty, which refused to receive or consider it. In an effort to secure consideration for this petition the committees from the students proposed to secure support of the entire student body to join the stoppage of practices of a hazing nature, and reported this to the body of students who gave it indorsement. After the rejection of all their proposals the entire student body, with the exception of the seniors and about twenty freshmen, joined in a formal demand for three things:

(1) The reinstatement of the twenty-seven students who had been expelled.

(2) Recision of the action of the action lowering the grades of the students who had left upon furloughs during the meningitis trouble.

(3) Recision of the action touching the steps of the freshmen in painting the figures "1916" upon the standpipe.

These demands were met by a prompt refusal upon the part of the faculty. When that action was reported to the student body

the motion was made and adopted with practical unanimity that they would quit and go home, and notice was given to the authorities of this action. The students proceeded to pack their trunks and get ready to go home, and most of them left on Sunday and Monday. Upon receiving notice of their withdrawal from the college the faculty met and took action to the effect that every student who did not strike his name from the last petition by 6 o'clock p. m. on Sunday would be expelled, and caused a report of such action to be published upon the campus grounds on Sunday morning.

5. We find that there was no act of insubordination committed by the students in the course of these proceedings; that their conduct was orderly and their proceedings deliberative; that they considered and fully understood the gravity of the course upon which they embarked. We further find that the final result was an inevitable culmination of conditions which have been developing at the college for three or four years, and that the immediate occasion of this controversy was merely a spark which disclosed but did not cause the trouble. We believe the result was inevitable under the conditions existing at the college and if it had not come at this time it would merely have been postponed to a later day.

E. G. SENTER, Chairman;  
NATHAN POWELL,  
H. W. WHISENANT,  
W. B. FOWLER,  
F. K. MCGINNIS.

As a member of the junior committee which approached the faculty on behalf of the students, I affirm that the foregoing is a true statement of facts.

C. A. CUSHMAN.

## The Literary Club.

The Chautauqua Literary Club had a very pleasant meeting with Mrs. H. P. Rose, on last Wednesday afternoon. Despite the lowering weather, a very fair per cent of the membership reported at roll-call with quotations of more or less fervor, on "Love," Mrs. Fisher presided. A committee was appointed to arrange programs relative to compulsory education in the State and woman's property rights; also looking to the observation of Texas day—March 2 by the raising of flags on public buildings, etc. Mrs. Akin read a letter revealing the news of Emperor William of Germany on the use of toxicants, followed by a Chautauquian reading on "Compulsory Insurance in Wisconsin" by Mrs. E. W. Fry.

The study for the afternoon was taken from the text-book "Home Life in Germany," condensed in a well-written paper by Miss Rubenkoenig, dealing with courtship and marriage in Germany. This proved to be a most interesting study which was evinced in an animated Table Talk led by Mrs. Evans Mabry. Mrs. A. A. Morrison treated the Club to a delightful piano number, and an equally happy encore. Mrs. H. P. Miller was a guest of the Club at this meeting.

## The Priscilla Club.

The Priscilla Club met with Mrs. H. L. Morrison Tuesday afternoon with seven members present and Mesdames Garrett, Crawford, Hudson, Graham, Rickman, Jones and Taliaferro as guests. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Will Norman.

Mr. Chas. Widmayer has returned from a trip to Ft. Worth.

## Nominations in Piano Contest

The following nominations in The Reporter Piano Contest have been received up to the present time. Look over the list, and select the candidate you want to support and help her out. This piano is a valuable prize and one that will grace the home of any lady.

Mrs. H. W. McGowan, Graham	2,000
Miss Clara Rowe, Briar Branch	2,000
Miss Stella McBride, Lone Oak	2,000
Mrs. Lillie May Gregg, Markley	2,000
Mrs. Brit Alford, Flat Rock	2,000
Miss Lila Ritchey, Cedar Creek	2,000
Miss Ramelle Cooper, Graham	2,000
Miss Bessie Hinson, Salem	2,000
Miss Myrtle Sensibaugh, Spring Creek	2,000
Miss Stella Stephenson, Bryson	2,000
Mrs. Rhema Campbell, Proflitt	2,000
Mrs. Ella Carter, Graham	2,000

Four new contestants were nominated this week and the work of securing subscriptions has started with a vim. Over a hundred new subscriptions were brought in Monday and Tuesday and the record for the rest of the week will show greater returns.

We are going to publish the number of votes for each contestant in our next issue, so get busy and have yours as high as possible. All receipts for subscriptions, with the money collected, must be in our office by Wednesday at noon to be counted in this issue.

If any new ones want to come into the contest just get busy and secure some subscriptions, then send or come in and let us know how many you have gotten and we will enter your name on the list and give you credit for the votes. Remember, the nomination blank is good for 2,000 votes.

## Les Hibeaux.

Mrs. Frank Parrish entertained the Les Hibeaux club on last Thursday afternoon. Four games of bridge were played. Mrs. M. K. Graham winning high score, the prize for which was a beautiful cut glass vase. Mrs. Bruce Street won a picture in a cut with all present.

Delicious refreshments of hot chocolate, cake and salted nuts, olives and pineapple dessert were served to the following: Mesdames M. K. Graham, Bruce Street, E. S. Graham, John Gay, Harry Wadsworth, W. D. Norman, S. B. Street, Self and Lester Riggensburg. Misses Dot Graham, and Vera Norman. A business meeting of the club was held and Misses Vera Norman, Pauline McJimsey, Eula and Allie Logan were chosen as new members of the club. Miss Dot Graham was made Secretary of the club. Mrs. W. D. Norman will entertain next week.

## Ladies' Aid Society.

Notwithstanding the very bad weather last Thursday, eight faithful members of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid and Missionary Society reported at the home of Mrs. John Norman, at 4 o'clock. Roll-call was made interesting by scripture verses, containing the word "dwell," after which the regular business session was entered into. Mrs. Hallam, the president, opened the meeting by reading the third chapter of Proverbs a letter from the Mexican Missionary of the Texas border, whom these ladies aid financially, was read and enjoyed. Aside from the business which was transacted, the company had the pleasure of hearing special music by Mesdames Rose and H. L. Morrison.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. A. Morrison, on Feb. 19, at 4 o'clock.

Take a look at that excellent buggy The Reporter is going to give away at the close of the contest. It's a dandy, and any man or lady would be proud to own it. You can see it any time at D. G. Vick's store.

## At the Temple of Learning.

R. B. Elmore, field secretary of the Texas Industrial Congress, traveling with the Kafir Special, favored the pupils of the High school with an interesting and instructive address last Friday morning. He emphasized the necessity of deep plowing of the soil to toward the conservation of moisture, and impressed the need of care in selecting seed and soil for planting. He explained why it is necessary to keep careful account of all business transactions in farming. He told of the impoverished conditions that exist in the large cities and gave the reasons for this, that too much land is wasted, that would be suitable for agriculture. He closed that talk by paying a high tribute to the teachers and the public school. He then distributed the contest entrance blanks among the boys and asked that as many as possible would take part in the contest. Not only were the pupils glad to be excused from several recitations but were glad to have the opportunity of hearing such an excellent talk.

## Juniors Organize.

The most progressive Junior class the Graham High School has had the fortune to foster now stands organized, both as a student body, and for more progressiveness in the future.

A meeting was held in the library Thursday evening, and with John Fisher acting as chairman the entire business was disposed of in about thirty minutes. The greatest honor was conferred upon R. F. Short, who was elected president by a unanimous vote. Marion Copeland and Elver Stone were elected first and second vice-presidents respectively. To keep accounts of the proceedings of this class, Ethel Birdwell received a unanimous acclamation with Nelle Graham to assist her in this duty. John Fisher was the selection of the class to take care of the matters of finance. The honorary offices were bestowed as follows: Poet, John Fisher; Cartoonist, Marion Copeland; Historian, Ada Rickman; Prophet, Bry-

an Hall. Committees were appointed to select colors, motto and flower. The following members were named as a social committee: R. F. Short, Ada Rickman and Ethel Birdwell. Other members of this class are Joe Wootton, Allys Hogue, Leonard Norman, Henry Schlittler, Mary Allen, Clara Slater and Jewell Steen.

The larger part of this class has remained together since they began their school lives, never failing to receive their promotion at the end of each term. This alone is sufficient evidence of their sterling quality as a class, but acquaintance and observation of every member is ultimately convincing. As this is the graduating class of next year, it is well to watch their progress since they have now made their first step into prominence.

## Seniors Organize

At a called meeting, the Senior class of the Graham High School met last Friday afternoon and organized. The 1913 class has sixteen members and each one of the sixteen is fully determined to show the people of this city that "13" is not a jinx at school. And the people will not find it difficult to see that the class this year has been more thoroughly trained than any before it.

Owing to the untiring efforts of our Superintendent, Professor Edgar McLendon, the work at the High School has been advanced until it has reached a point higher than ever before and the graduates this year will have no trouble whatever in entering the colleges and universities of the State. And as quite a number of the class are intending entering college next fall, their thanks must be extended to him for his assistance and words of encouragement to the class.

The election of officers was the first business brought before the class. As usual, the presidency was given to the most popular member of the class, Osmer J. Kramer. Other officers elected were: Vice President, Lee Carmack; Secretary, Miss Lorina Wallace; Assistant Secretary, Miss Buford Snoddy; Treasurer, Edd C. Jeffery; Class Historian, Robert L. Morrison; Class Poet, Gus Spivey; Class reporter, Oscar E. Finlay. Other members are Misses Ollie McAfee, Beulah Allen, Willie Carmack, Fannie Stoffers, Ruth Doty, Velma Martin and Grace Stewart and Goodman Holbert. After the elections were finished, plans were begun for the graduating exercises and an unattractive program for commencement day seems impossible. The class then adjourned until its next meeting.

Leonard Norman was unable to attend school Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Rogers was at a great disadvantage in conducting recitations during the first of the week on account of a severe cold. R. F. Short suffered an attack of tonsillitis Tuesday, but we hope he will be back soon.

Quite an excitement prevailed in Miss Watson's room Tuesday morning caused by one of the radiators becoming out of order. A grand rush was made for the playground where they remained until the radiator ceased its disturbing irregularities.

The linemen of the electric light company completed the installation of the lights in the school building Tuesday morning by making connection with the street circuit. The lights were turned on and it was seen that this is all that remained to make the school building an ideal place for nightly meetings and entertainments.

## Presbyterian Ladies Entertained.

The quarterly Social meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society occurred at the manse on last Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at which time the Aid Society and other members of the congregation were most royally entertained. The group, consisting of Mesdames Hall, Rose, Wynn, and John Norman, were hostesses at this social hour.

Despite the lowering weather the parlors were soon filled. The President called the house to order whereupon Rev. Hall led the prayer, which was followed by varied diversions. An animated guessing contest engrossed the attention; much merriment ensued upon the relating of funny stories and "jokes" at roll-call. An entertaining program followed, each number of which was well received and encored. Piano numbers were rendered by Mesdames A. A. Morrison, Akin, Misses Akin and Elsie Rubenkoenig; voice numbers by Miss Akin, Mesdames Rose and H. L. Morrison; Readings by little Misses Maurine Norman, Annie Lucille Morrison, and Mesdames Hallam and Akin.

A delightful social hour followed. The hostesses dispensed delicious refreshments. A nut salad, with pickles, sandwiches, and chocolate. A liberal free will offering was left.

## Hustlers Win.

Had you ever noticed that it is the man who goes after business that gets it. In this day and time—a time when there are so many new people coming in to make their homes with us until one hardly has a chance to get even a speaking acquaintance with his nearest neighbor, the fellow who depends merely upon the fact that he has what the people demand and must have and who does not give publicity to the fact, is not in the running with the live-wire fellow who invites the patronage of the newcomers and the public generally through the columns of the newspapers that are most generally read. Wichita-Times.

Mrs. Gaines B. Hall and son Clifford are in Comanche visiting her mother.

## Mowery-Hunter.

Mr. Elbert Mowery and Miss Maud Hunter were Married Sunday at the Presbyterian manse, at ten o'clock, by Rev. Gaines B. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowery are popular young people of the Rocky Mound community and have a host of friends who join the Reporter in wishing them a life of joy and happiness.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall leaves this week for Memphis, Tenn., to attend the Home Mission convention, a campaign of stewardship and evangelism, for the Southern Presbyterian church. He will be joined by H. L. Morrison, who is now in the eastern markets.

## Married.

Chas. Long and Miss Alma Long were married Sunday at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Ott, by County Judge E. W. Fry.

Miss Long is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long of Ellisville and has many friends in Graham and her home town.

Mr. Long is employed at the Graham Mill & Elevator and is one of Graham's fine fellows.

The Reporter joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

# THE CONSOLIDATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS

By PROF. W. A. CAIN,  
Superintendent of Olney Public Schools.

One of the greatest, if not the greatest move in our educational system, is now being agitated all over our state, and practiced by some counties already. This great movement is none other than that of consolidation of rural schools. It is already in operation in two-thirds of the states, and where it has been given a fair trial it has stood the test, nor could the districts where this consolidation has occurred be persuaded to go back to their old districts.

This is not a new movement, for in 1869 the State of Massachusetts began to be consolidated by and under the management of Supt. William Eaton. Also, just a little later, the state of Ohio began the same, and from time to time since, other states began to consolidate, and each of two-thirds of the states have found that this solves the problem of our rural schools.

And we should reason that what has proved successful and advantageous to other states will prove of value to us under the same conditions. A greater part of the educational awakening devolves on us as teachers. This movement cannot grow into maturity in a year, or in just a few years, but, like all other awakenings must necessarily take years to perfect. There is not a doubt but that the class of people who do not understand the High School law will oppose it, nor that those who have not investigated statistics, to see what has been done along this line, will say that it is for the few and not the majority. An affair like this takes time and energy. We have the time and should have the energy and should not fail to put it forth. And our time spent in creating sentiment for this will be better spent than much of our time is spent at present. Each teacher should take it upon himself to look into the career of consolidation and prepare himself for the opportunities that are afforded us to discuss it with our patrons and friends. We should show them what has been done in other states and even in other counties of our own state. We are far below the top rung of the ladder in our public school system, and yet we boast that we have the foundation for the very best school system in the United States. Why should it be thus? There is no reason, only that we have been lulled to sleep by the great orators and others from time to time, and now that we have been awakened, let's busy ourselves. There are 625,000 children in Texas today without high school opportunities and yet we boast that we have a democracy. Now the law has made it possible that we consolidate our country schools and give to the country boy and girl the same advantages that the boy and girl in the urban schools have. You will hear that may be possible in some sections but not here in our immediate district. In fact, you will meet with pessimistic views on every side. They will give such arguments as bad roads, transportation, and many others, but all of which can be cited to some example that will show that the argument will not stand.

For instance, we might cite them to the Ohio system which is having the best results and yet has very poor roads. And on the other hand Kentucky has macadamized roads and few consolidated schools. Of course, no one would say that good roads are not an aid in the consolidation of schools but rather that bad roads are not an impossible barrier. Road improvement and school consolidation go hand in hand. Again, there are those who will say that children will

have too far to walk. Well, why let them walk? At present many children walk from one to four miles to school—to a one teacher school. Why not transport them in wagons?

Other states and even in some of our own counties this has been proved beyond a doubt to be successful, as I will show you later. For example, in the state of Indiana eighty-two out of ninety-two counties have consolidated schools, and about 20,000 pupils are transported to and from school daily. In Washington about 2,000 daily. These and many more examples will prove that transportation is not an obstacle that cannot be surmounted. In two-thirds of the states the transportation of children has been tried and is now being practiced.

Let's for a moment size up our condition in Texas. We have about 12,000 separate schools and out of that number there are 6,000 one teacher schools and in our own county we have about 60 schools, forty or more of which are one teacher schools. This means in the great majority of schools it is utterly impossible to offer high school advantages to our boys and girls. Another point in favor of consolidation and transportation in schools is that where such has been done attendance record has been increased from twenty-five to forty per cent.

Transportation is now in successful operation in three counties in Texas. In the past two years there has been more than four million dollars worth of bonds issued for the improvement of our roads. Already there are 100 counties in Texas that have better road facilities than some of the states that have transportation all over them, and 'twill not be long till you will see rural high schools scattered all over this Lone Star State of ours and each morning you can look out of your window, and see the school wagons lumbering down our graded roads with happy children on their way to a good High School.

About as good an example of a Rural High School as I can cite you is one in which Mr. I. G. Kennon, our principal, if he will pardon the reference, graduated. In 1905, seven miles west of Cleburne, there stood a little one-teacher school house. Around this within a radius of six miles were four other schools similar to this one. In 1906 these five schools were consolidated, now they are enabled to get six teachers. They also have a seven thousand dollar building, and each day there are about forty horses put under the sheds which they have prepared. This is considered one of the best small High Schools in that part of the state.

I wrote Supt. L. L. Pugh of Harris county from whom I received the following reply:

Mr. W. A. CAIN,  
Olney, Texas.  
Dear Sir:  
In reply to your letter pertaining to consolidation of the rural schools of the county I will give you one or two instances that will show the results of consolidation and transportation of children.

At one school we transport sixty children at a cost of \$30 per month. The sixty children represent seven grades. The children have the advantage of a nine months' term of school, with Manual Training and Domestic Science. No teacher in said school have more than two grades and receive not less than \$60 per month salary. You can readily see the advantage of consolidation at this place. At another place I have erected a brick building and the 5th, 6th and

7th grades are coming over from three schools to the central school, and we do not have the expense of an extra teacher as all grades are represented. We have here the saving of salary of three teachers which would be necessary if the 5th, 6th and 7th grades were not transferred. At another place in the county some years ago, I did away with three frame buildings and erected a brick building in the center of the district, requiring all children to attend school in the brick building. The number of children have increased to three times the number when they were attending the single schools. And the children have the advantage of seven teachers for the work where formerly they had only one or two.

I could cite you a number of instances in this county where consolidation has been a great advantage but on account of time and space shall let this answer for the present.

Yours respectfully,  
(Signed) L. L. PUGH.

## OLD HOMESTEAD UP TO DATE

Creek Once Only a Swimming Hole Now Used to Do the Farm Chores.

Recently I made a visit to the old homestead and the scenes of my childhood, a writer in Farm and Fireside says, Oriskany Falls, N. Y., is now a thriving factory town, giving employment to many persons. The falls are utilized for various power purposes, including the lighting of the town. Oriskany creek, a little above the town, runs through the corner of one farm and is now made to do farm work. A small dam is thrown across a portion of the creek and a small power house is built at the side of the dam to cover the turbine wheel and the dynamo needed for creating electrical power for its various uses on the farm.

Wire connections are made to the barns, and the home, a short distance below the power house, is heated by electricity. The cows eat by electric light and are milked by electric power. I saw two machines, each milking two cows in about ten minutes. This plan of milking by machinery has been going on here for three years and has proved a success. They have about twenty cows. Electricity cuts the feed, runs the cream separator, churns the butter, cleans the carpets of the house by vacuum process, heats flatirons and runs the egg beater and sewing machine. This little creek, that sixty years ago seemed to run just to get rid of itself, is now doing farm work successfully.

### HOW IT STRUCK HIRAM



Hiram Wayback—What's that waiter? Another sample of food eh?  
The Waiter—No; that's the finger bowl to cleanse your fingers in.  
Hiram Walback—Sakes alive! Well, allers washes our hands before eat in' down in Wayback.

### HAD THE LAST WORD.

A lecturer was annoyed by a man in the audience who insisted on rising and asking questions. "Sit down, you ass!" said a second man, jumping up. "Sit down, you, too," cried a third man; "you are both asses!" "There seem to be plenty of asses about tonight," put in the lecturer calmly, "but for heaven's sake let us hear one at a time!" "Well, you go on, then," said the first man, resuming his seat.

### INCIDENTAL MUSIC.

Fair Worshiper—What is that sad sad air you're playing, professor?  
The Professor—Dat iss Beethoven's farwell to der piano. I set dose installment people coming mit der van!—Puck.

No. 5897.  
Report of the condition of  
**THE GRAHAM NATIONAL BANK**  
at Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Feb. 4, 1913.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 54,354.71
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,307.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	125.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	8,689.34
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	6,865.05
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers	5,882.85
Due from approved reserve agents	101,773.21
Checks and other cash items	2,464.87
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	900.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	69.80
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$3,176.00
Legal-tender U. S. 4,012.00	7,188.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 pc. of cir.)	625.00
Bills of Exchange	104.15
	\$203,809.02

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	975.46
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Bks.	791.51
Dividends unpaid	350.00
Individual deposits subject to check	129,282.35
	\$203,809.02

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.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February, 1913.  
MAYE GILMORE,  
Notary Public.

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

No. 4418.  
Report of Condition of  
**THE BECKHAM NATIONAL BANK**  
at Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Feb. 4, 1913.

RESOURCES:	
Bills of Exchange	\$ 34,020.13
Loans and Discounts	284,653.42
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	567.64
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	11,400.00
Other Real Estate owned	5,165.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	10,307.33
Due from State and Private Banks, etc.	119.35
Due from approved reserve agents	168,377.57
Chks and other cash items	833.38
Notes of other National Banks	1,395.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	226.09
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$ 5,442.75
Legal tender n'ts. 25,100.00	30,542.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. (5% of cir.)	1,250.00
	\$573,857.66

LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	21,920.75
National Bank Notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	10,032.64
Individual deposits subject to check	366,904.27
	\$573,857.66

State of Texas, County of Young, ss. I, R. E. Lynch, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. E. LYNCH, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February, 1913.  
A. W. KAY,  
Notary Public.

Correct Attest:  
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## BREAKING THE NEWS

By ALLIE BROCK.

"Papa," began Bobbie one evening after dinner, "it makes a lot of difference whether you like a person or not, doesn't it?"

Bobbie's father laid down the evening paper and looked at his son critically. "What has little Miss Kelly been doing now?" he asked.

Bobbie screwed up his face. "Miss Kelly!" he repeated scornfully. "I bet nobody over to school would know who you were talking about. She isn't Miss Kelly, and she don't ever be. She ain't in my room any more, and I'm glad. Gee, she's the stingiest thng! If she gives the fellers a bite of her apple you can know there's something the matter with it. There in't nobody likes her, les'n it's Billy."

"I understood that she was a very bright girl."

"Bright! Well, maybe," Bobbie said grudgingly. "I dunno. But honest, there's a lot more to think about than just books."

"I thought that was your opinion."

"Well, it's so," Bobbie declared. "Mamma doesn't want me to be sitting studying till 'leven every night. I sh'd say not."

"Does Mamie Kelly study that hard?"

"Well, no," acknowledged Bobbie. "You see, she goes home and works afternoons, but gee, she ain't a boy, and she doesn't mind sticking around the house. They have to work terribly hard in her room. Billy says he gets nearly killed."

"Is Billy in her room now?"

"Yes, there's lots of fellers in her room. They've got a teacher I don't like. She dresses in freshy gowns. I don't think they ought to wear gowns to school."

"You don't? Well, may I ask if you prefer bloomers?"

"I don't know as it's bloomers," Bobbie said thoughtfully. "But anyhow I don't like party dresses at school. Then, she's awful strict. You dasn't smile, hardly, les'n she comes down on you like a hammer. Jimmy, he says she scares him almost into a fit, and one day she sent him home."

"So Jimmy's in Mamie's room, too?"

"Sure," Bobbie said, uneasily. "It's an awful big room this year. I heard the teacher saying it was 'most too big to handle. Gee, but there's some swell fellers in my room. You know that Pete Harding? Well, he's there and he's one of the biggest fellers on Aunt Mary's street. We had a lot of fun with him yesterday. He was showing us some circus stunts he seen—saw last year. Some class to him, all right."

"What is your teacher like?"

"Oh, she's all right," Bobbie said, carelessly. "I know her before, and she certainly is fine. Susie Herrick says she's awful glad to get away from her, but everybody knows what Susie Herrick is. There ain't nobody likes Susie, les'n it's Jimmy, and he goes over there a lot."

"Is Susie Herrick in Mamie Kelly's room, too?"

"Well—er—yes. But I don't believe anybody could like that teacher. She was awful cross to Nellie Foster, and I just tell you that it wasn't fair. She got sore at Nellie for whispering—that was all there was to it. You can't breathe in that room. That teacher thinks books is everything. She does around with a book under her arm, just as if she liked it. Gee, I wouldn't be a teacher for a farm!"

"What room is Nellie Foster in?"

"Not in Mamie Kelly's room! There ain't anybody'd stay in her room if she could get out. I'd rather be in the kindergarten alone than in a room with Mamie Kelly."

"Why didn't Nellie Foster go up with the rest?"

"Oh, she did," Bobbie said, dolefully. "She's awful smart. But what can you do with a teacher like that? A person couldn't admire Mamie Kelly and Nellie Foster, too. The new teacher is Mamie Kelly's kind. She won't let a feller even smile in school. So that's how Nellie Foster got sent down. It wasn't a thing but for whispering. It makes me awful tired. Of course, some of the marks was bad, but they often is in a new room."

"Where is Nellie Foster now?"

"Her?" Bobbie said slowly. "Well, you see, she's in my room. I—er—well, you see, I got sent down, too."—Chicago Daily News.

### Taken Literally.

The parish tea was over, and the curate stood up to say a few words to the recipients before they dispersed. He spoke in eloquent terms of the impetuosity of curates in general, and then went on to say, in apparently touching tones:

"Why, even as I stand before you now I have only half a shirt on my back."

A few days later the reverend gentleman received a parcel containing half-a-dozen new shirts, accompanied by a card bearing the name of one of his fair (though, alas! no longer young) parishioners. At the earliest opportunity he called upon the lady and thanked her for the gift, and then proceeded to ask what had prompted the kind action.

"Why," she replied, "you told us the other night that you had only half a shirt to your back."

"True," he answered; "but the other half was in front."

### At the House Party.

She (Saturday night)—Do you like to dance?

He (wearily)—Yes, but not on my week ends.

She (sympathetically)—Try ankle supporters.

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### Special to Reporter

Megargel, Tex.—A light snow fell here Thursday and Friday of this week, which will be of great benefit to the wheat and oats. Cattle and other stock are doing well and have not suffered any on account of the winter.

The people of this community are planning to build a \$2500,00 Methodist church. The building is to be a modern structure and would be a credit to any town double the amount of population there is in Megargel.

The largest realty deal that has been made this year was the deal between Enoch Colgan of

this City and L. A. Knight of Plainview. Mr. Colgan purchased more than 2300 acres of land from Mr. Knight at a price exceeding 45,000,00.

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# The News from our County Correspondents

## Lone Star.

There was quite a snow storm last Friday evening, three inches of snow fell in less than an hour.

Miss Stella Moore is getting along nicely with her school, although Friday evening was pretty bad weather on both teacher and pupils.

Most all the farmers are busy sowing oats and preparing land for a good crop in 1913.

The ladies of Lone Star are very anxious to see another good crop made.

A few weeks ago Mr. Ellis Langford took his best girl to a party, so while she paid her respects to another fellow, Ellis became very sad and decided to commit suicide by giving himself a blow in the side with a crow-bar. Dr. Price was summoned at once, but the Dr. found no bones broken, but one rib entirely gone. This made Ellis smile and say I'll get married yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Langford has been on the sick list for some time. It is hoped they will get all right soon.

Mrs. Poindexter was surprised at her husband getting the prize at the box supper. She looked at him with a smile of love, thinking, you and the cake are both mine.

Mr. Pratt has rented his farm thinking he would be a man of leisure this year, but his wife has made a peddler out of him. He thinks that is alright just so the money comes in, he don't mind living under a petticoat government if it isn't a hobble-skirt.

Mr. Ab and Tom Billingsley are getting along fine, working in their shop while their sons are busy turning the soil.

Leonard Townson is clearing out Mr. Pratt's pecan orchard.

Mrs. Pratt's little son has been keeping her pretty close this winter. She said she was coming out the first of March and if she could see her shadow she will remain out, if not, she will go back and stay until it gets warm enough for the bees to swarm.

If anybody wants a nurse for bone-felons or run-rounds call on Mary B. Dooley. She has had a large practice this winter, for Webb has had run-rounds so bad he could not see through his glasses.

Joe Vaughn is a very happy man over his bumper crop last year. The fatted calf died and he is having music and dancing.

Mr. Graham will soon have a model farm out here.

Mr. Ball had a pet in his poultry yard but the hounds and the Foot horns moved him.

John Akers has been made to rejoice over having one daughter-in-law, and 110 son-in-laws and six grand-children. Mr. Akers is like the Abraham of old, he thinks in a few more years he can enter the promised land.

Mr. Clark Martin and Miss Lydia Kirkland visited Mr. and Mrs. Dec Poindexter Monday.

Misses Emma and Ethel Cunningham visited Misses Addie Akers and Beulah Bradberry Sunday.

R. D. Poindexter, mother, and Joe Vaughn went to Graham Monday on business.

Mrs. Mitchell visited Mrs. Dooley Tuesday.

Mrs. Dooley and daughter Miss Meda visited Mrs. Danley Sunday.

Miss Nannie Coon received her organ Tuesday Nannie we are expecting you to give us a singing soon.

SLICK FRED.

## Farmer.

Mr. Editor, talk about winter, we have been having some here the past two weeks. And prospects are good for more.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Huffman are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born Feb. 4th.

P. K. Pittman has been confined to his room most of the time for three weeks with asthma. He is reported some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Courtney and little son Elmo Ellis is visiting Mr. Courtney's mother north of town.

Lamar Holderman of Jean and Miss Carrie Jones, living north of here, came in Saturday evening and was married. A. C. Casey performed the ceremony. We wish for this young couple a long and prosperous life.

Quite a number of our people have, of late, been complaining of bad colds and La-Grippe. Very few have escaped altogether and some have been compelled to take to their beds.

Mrs. Souter came in Friday to see her daughter Mrs. R. B. Shelton who has been suffering some time with head trouble.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cook Thursday Feb. 6, a big boy.

Mr. McCluer, of Loving was in town Friday, guests of R. B. Shelton.

Everyone that has relatives or friends buried in the Farmer Cemetery come out Feb. 22. Bring your hoe and rake and help finish cleaning the cemetery with a little more work it can be made perfectly clean. Please come, bring some shrubbery, flower seed and let us decorate the graves of our loved ones.

Remember ye Valentine time. This is Cupid's busy day. All things blest and all things fair. May thine onward journey share; And what ere the season be, Love and sunshine dwell with thee. CURTIS.

## Oakland.

We are certainly having our part of the snowy weather, but it seems most everyone is enjoying it just the same.

We were sorry to learn that Bro. Taylor was not out Sunday to fill his appointment, although we understand he will be out next Sunday, the 16th. Also Bro. Dickson of Loving will preach to us at 11 o'clock a. m. Everyone try to be at one of the services.

We are sorry to report Grandma Baty's death. Two of her daughters came in to be with her in her last days, but she was so delirious she never knew them.

Mr. J. D. Baty and two sisters were in Graham Saturday. They will leave for their home in a few days.

Bud Goldston has purchased a new water tank. Suppose he intends to water his stock good this cold weather.

H. L. Groner, the Oakland school teacher, is going to Baylor Springs and take everyone with him who will take part in an entertainment the 22nd. We all must go. Although the boys at Bryson are going to have a negro minstrel down there, think some are going that way.

Most everyone is busy plowing and getting ready to make another other crop this year. We trust we will be blessed with another crop as good as the last one.

I suppose I had better ring off for the present and come some other cold day when the rest of the snow is melted away, and that will not be long off if the snow keeps on melting as it did Saturday and Sunday. Although it may snow again in a few days.

Best wishes to the dear old Reporter and its many readers.

A FRIEND.

[What would we do without "A Friend?" Judging from the many nice letters we receive each week the editor feels like The Reporter has a host of friends throughout the county. EDITOR.]

## Connor Creek.

We have had a week of bad weather down in our country. Snow and sleet enough to snow-ball.

Well, Buster, the Gopher has dug his way out of his hole and is able to be at his place at the table when the roll is called.

The Gopher had the pleasure of meeting the Gander on the street the other day and he said he must go south to suit his clothes, but we hope to keep him with us.

Mrs. Ena Gilmore visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Sunday.

Jay Fay says he thinks he will start to school Monday as he has already learned the first rule.

Mrs. Cockran visited her son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell of Henry Chapel Saturday night.

John Shahan and Kerby Chandler went to Graham Saturday.

W. A. Campbell has been on the sick list the past week but is able to be up again.

J. A. Chandler visited Edgar Choat's family Sunday.

Mrs. Allie Wagoner has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. Fay and Ted visited O. D. Gholston Sunday.

Fred Fay says he wants to sell out; it snows too much in this country. He left Kansas on the account of too much snow.

The Gopher, for one, is willing for women to vote. Don't think it will add anything to society, but Mrs. Gopher is opposed to woman suffrage. How many of you think women have a right to own and control property.

Well let's see if everyone of the correspondents can't send in their items next week. If we can't meet you personally would like to meet you on the pages of The Reporter. GOPHER.

## Murray.

Well, Mr. Reporter, it seems that your paper likes one or two more correspondents to have two full pages, and our country not represented. We can't stand for that, so here we are. We have one of the best communities in the county. We haven't struck oil yet and the railroad may never come to Murray, but we have good attend-to-your-own-business kind of people.

Some Grippe, but no one seriously sick.

Have a live progressive post master.

Four religious denominations represented.

The Fish Creek school is progressing nicely under the management of W. E. Braddock.

The Live Oak school, three miles North west of Murray is being taught by Miss Georgia Carmack, who with the help of pupils has raised money enough for a library by getting subscriptions to two good papers.

Joe Davidson, of Myers Branch community has a new automobile. Since the Parcel Post law come in it requires something larger and quicker than a one horse buggy for the Myers Branch mail.

Wednesday, Feb. 5th, that warm day was road working day for the Murray and Proffitt boys.

Everybody has sowed or is sowing oats.

Bro. Godfrey failed to fill his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday on account of bad weather.

Mrs. J. C. Carmack and two little sons, of Graham are visiting at R. K. Mays.

Miss Grace Walsh, of Graham is spending the week at G. W. Carmack's.

C. E. Grubbs received the sad news Feb. 4th of the death of his sister Mrs. Bullock who lived near Newcastle.

## MORE A NON.

[Speaking of attend-to-your-own-business kind of people reminds the editor that not everyone with whom he comes in contact does that, but it is because of ignorance. We're mighty glad to have Murray in our splendid correspondents' section.—Wish some more of the unrepresented communities would come in.—EDITOR.]

## Cedar Creek.

If there is one comfort greater than another, to a person who has nothing to say at such times as this, it is the realization of the fact that having nothing to say, he can announce that fact, take his seat and enjoy the remainder of the program unmolested.

I can truly say that I have not burdened my mind with the smallest idea to present you, on this occasion. I comply simply because you call, and, whatever one's calling may be, it is his duty to respond, especially if he cannot escape, of course if I had had about a week of preparation, I might now arise and make you a dashing extemporaneous speech the subjects that are upon every side would inspire, but should I enter upon a consideration of any one of them I would regret it, and so would you. Will not talk on any one subject, will leave that for some more gifted pen than the pen of this humble writer.

This week has been one, that we will remember for some time yet to come, it has sleeted, snowed, and tried to rain, just a regular dukes mixture you see. The fire didn't freeze, but it came very near getting to the freezing point.

B. P. Gann, has added another addition to his house, over in the woods, it contains three rooms now. Pink says good health generally prevailed the result of fresh air, which they have there in abundance.

We are very sorry to say that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cretzinger is still on the sick list, but is now being treated by Dr. Corbett of Ivan.

Mrs. Ella Barron, Miss Carrie Norton, and Jessie Upham, were pleasant visitors at the Richey home Saturday.

Dad just now passed by the door and asked "aren't we going to get any supper tonight?" and that means for me to lay aside paper and pencil and cook supper, and cook it in double quick time too. But you know it's an old saying that the time to sit down, is when the audience want you to speak longer, in my case I will therefore retire, humbly hoping that this speech will not be mis-reported and that when you want a brilliant speech you will always call on SILVER BELL.

## Lone Oak.

I thought I would give my place to a more able writer but as Moonlight was absent last week I'll try to send in a few items this week.

We have been having some cool weather the past week. Also a nice snow fell Friday.

Prof. Wood visited friends at Hawkins Chapel Saturday and Sunday.

Mont Hamm had the misfortune of losing a fine pony, which died Saturday.

Messrs. Everett Buchanan and Earl Hare of Jean were in our community Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. May Shatto who has been ill is much better.

Mrs. P. Gideon returned to her home in Graham Tuesday after spending a week with relatives here.

Mrs. C. C. McBride visited Mrs. H. M. Orr Saturday.

Jess Willis visited relatives at True Saturday and Sunday. I guess Emma was rather lonesome Sunday afternoon but never mind, he will come next Sunday.

Nat Sockwell of Greenville is visiting relatives in this community.

I wonder what was the matter with Buster last week that he was absent. Come on, Buster, you must be with us every week. Your letters are so full of life that we miss you from our page. Spinster Maid is a dandy writer and also Western Girl.

The contest given by The Reporter is real nice. I sure would like to have the first prize. Wishing all of the contestants good luck with their work, I'll ring off. BRUNETTE.

## Salem.

The Storm King has been raging here of late. Saturday morning the cedars along the Brazos were decked in a mantle of white, it was the largest and most beautiful display of white goods we have seen for a long time.

The storm caused the old cow to emerge from the breaks and mosey up to the lunch counter for this is the first time so far this winter that the feed wagons have been put in motion here.

Long time ago, we heard of book-worm, but not until recently did we strike up with his diame-trical opposite in the person of a citizen here who doesn't even read a newspaper, because, as he says he has troubles enough of his own in this world to think about without reading of and having the troubles of others to think about; there must be a lot of trouble in this world.—No he will not read this.

County Superintendent King, visited the schools in this corner of the county during the week just passed.

County Commissioner A. H. Jones passed over our good roads recently, we hope he will see to it that we get our share of the where-with to make them better.

Brother Cook preached an interesting sermon at Salem Sunday. Brother Higgins will fill an appointment there next Sunday.

We are glad to report George Hinson on the improve after quite a hard spell of sickness.

Mrs. Ruth Gilmore has been visiting relatives in Goosenock during the past week.

Miss Bessie Hinson is busy in an effort to win that free piano. We wish her well in the race.

Mrs. Pearl Kisinger and Mrs. Eulah Harris called on Mrs. Mary Henderson Sunday evening.

W. I. Gilmore is pasturing a bunch of cattle near Henry Chapel.

Charlie Carter called at John Kissinger's Sunday just to tell them that it snowed.

Our school now has an enrollment of twenty five pupils, with good interest in the work.

The teacher of Ming Bend school has resigned and D. H. Creiger, an old veteran in the cause has been employed to finish the term. SALEMITE.

## Proffitt.

As I have not seen the items from Proffitt I will write a few lines.

Health in this community is very good except measles and bad colds.

1 1/2 inches of snow fell here yesterday.

We are glad that Grandma Putman is improving, as she has been very sick.

Dr. Berry from Elbert, was called to Mr. Parmell's Thursday. They think one of the boy's has the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willhoit gave a big dinner February 5. They had been married 20 years that day, which was their oldest boy's birthday. here was a large crowd present.

Sorry to hear Sidney Willhoit is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers took dinner with Mrs. Willhoit Wednesday.

Miss Ivy Hester spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Bettie Gibbs.

Mr. Miller Gibbs and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Will Gibbs and family.

Miss Maggie Weatherbee has been taking up orders this week. If I am welcome I will come again.

SNOW FLAKE  
[Snow Flakes are a welcome sight and Young county has just enjoyed a visit from a world of them, but our Snow Flake is thrice welcome. Come every week and help us give pleasure to our many readers.—EDITOR.]

## Dust-No-More Floor Sweep.

For sale in 30 lb. pails and 100 lb. barrels. The Graham Printing Co.

## Elm Creek.

We had a fine shower here in the form of a snow which will do good.

Mr. Josh Clifton who was taken very sick last Saturday night is reported better.

Julius Webb is having a siege of the measles. Also the Walbridge family near Proffitt.

There was no meeting at California last Sunday due to sickness and very bad weather.

J. T. Lewis and Leonard Van Hemert spent Saturday night with Manley Buckler.

Prof. Campbell's wife and little daughter, Fern, are making a visit to her mother near Murray.

Orla Lewis went home with Pauline Buckler from school Wednesday.

J. L. Webb and C. C. Reeves and wife visited sick folks across the river Thursday.

Elza Lisle and wife have moved to the Bullock ranch.

Bessie Reeves and little daughter Oma visited with Jennie Buckler Thursday.

Guy Reeves called at the Ed Sharp home Thursday.

W. W. Cole, our efficient road overseer, called everybody and his brother out to work the roads Wednesday and Thursday. They got along fine Wednesday, but Thursday was such a bad day he sent them home.

Wal Reed of Proffitt was hurt pretty bad Wednesday morning while plowing. His plow struck a stump, breaking the double-tree and his team became frightened and dragged him over the plow, hurting his neck and spine. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

H. Buckler and Earl Dilliner were in Newcastle Tuesday. Earl is interested in amateur photography and stayed over till the next day in order to get some of the picturesque views around Newcastle.

S. L. Blanton is clearing ten acres of new land on his place which we hear he is going to set with grapevines. There is plenty of room for such things in this county and we certainly wish him success with his vineyard.

REL. K. CUL.

## Ming Bend.

When we awoke the other morning we thought we had changed climates, for the snow had laid a soft blanket over the earth and it didn't look good to us as the woodpile was getting rather low.

Farming has gone very slow the past week on account of bad weather.

W. A. Pickard and W. L. Newby went to the city Saturday.

Miss Rueby-Newby received a call over the phone the other evening. The gent said he would call Sunday but didn't come. Rueby said she didn't like these kind of calls. We don't blame her for we wouldn't either.

The party at Willie Owens' was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Misses Anna and Ella Pickard, Margie Ribble, Messrs. Andy Owens, Earl Pickard, Olaf Ribble, Hue Ribble and Misses Ettie and Millie Roark, Mary Cunningham and Rueby Newby attended church at the Bend Sunday.

Earl says he is going to start to school Monday; he said if he couldn't marry he could get an education. Andy said he would like to go but his mama wouldn't let him.

Margie says she likes Ming Bend better than ever. We don't know whether it is the Bend or the people.

Jim has quit going to Mr. Roark's and we wonder why. Guess he knows.

Rumor says there is going to be a wedding in Bend Sunday. Don't know who it is. Earl said he wished it was himself.

The other day Andy was heard to say "oh, lordy, lordy." He surely had rheumatism.

As it has been too bad for us to get out we haven't much news, so will go to the fire and warm our toes and give the Gopher a place for his nose. RAINY DAY.

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Mount Pleasant.

Let's all join in a thanks offering to Buster for the term "hot air farming." But really now, there appears some little sign of rest for this "paper" or "hot air farming." I saw a paper the other day that did not contain a single word about farming. And then 466 boys were expelled from the A. & M. College one day last week. This is the second time in less than three years that the boys of that institution have gotten so full of "hot air" they had to be turned off and hired over. If anyone wishes to know the name of the above mentioned unique paper let it be known through The Reporter.

Deitz Wilson and Albert Brown caught eleven opossums Saturday night. The boys say if it had been a good night they could have captured a dozen.

J. O. Wilson is a "cold air" farmer, I guess; he is pushing the frost back and sowing oats. That's right, Bro. Wilson, for you know the Bible says "he that will not plow because of cold shall beg in time of harvest and have nothing," but to plow while the wind is blowing at the rate of forty miles an hour with ice all over my whiskers is a joke that Badger doesn't care to chance. But it does seem that we are going to have to push the frost back if we get any plowing done because the tail end of one blizzard is hardly out of hearing till the frosty whiskers of another one comes over the Belknaps.

Sam Dixon and daughter, Merle, returned home last Friday after spending several days with relatives and friends here.

The county is doing some timely work on the approach to McCann bridge on the west side of the river. This will be good news to those long suffering people on that side of the river. F. A. Burnett is foreman on the job.

Go to J. W. Nesbitt's for hot-air-work-no-more-but-with-a-harrow-cotton-seed.

We understand that B. W. Blackwood of Graham will move to Mrs. Ada Thomas' farm soon. Welcome, Mr. Blackwood.

So the cat will have to come back. Don't quit writing, Buster, he is not your cat. If he was we would be tempted to say "seat that" just to keep you writing.

F. A. Burnett and family visited at J. A. Wright's last Sunday.

Mr. Hamilton, Miss Stella Wilson, Mr. Wragg and Miss Mittis Brown attended church at Briar Branch Sunday.

Eld. J. H. Fisher filled his appointment at the Chapel Sunday.

I notice some of the "old guards" dropped out last week. Now let's make our reunion a weekly affair. It isn't much trouble to get up a few items each week if we once get the habit. Here is my rule. As soon as I mail my communication I begin the next one, and as events transpire I record them. I hardly miss the time. In fact it is a pleasant past time. By writing down events as they transpire it is easier for some to put their letters in paragraphs. A good way is to write what we want to about any one thing, skip a line and write the next item. I am sure the editor and printers appreciate letters arranged in paragraphs. Now I am not trying to teach. I have offered the foregoing merely as friendly suggestions, and without any authority from the editor. Want to do all I can to improve our excellent paper.

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Gooseneck.

The Sunday school is the first I can think of. It was fine and well attended.

The singing at Bob McLaren's was extra fine Saturday night. Everybody and their cats were there. A good time is reported.

Mr. James and wife are visiting their son, Oscar.

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

Jim Price and family visited Mrs. Price's parents Saturday and Sunday.

Jim Ferguson and family visited Mrs. McLaren's Monday.

Mrs. Mahaney and aunt paid Mrs. Parsons a pleasant visit last Thursday.

We understand that there are some nice ornaments being made by the whittlers of Bunger.

Cap Smith is on the sick list.

Frank Sullivan and wife spent Sunday night with Andrew Smith.

Sam Smith came to Sunday school with a skinned face—he said he had been over to Mr. Sparks.

Herman Johnson visited the Parson boys Saturday night.

Mack Rose says he does not aim to take a girl to singing and let another fellow take her home any more.

The Gollyhew farm is now occupied by Pains. We hope to report it better next week.

Some of the ladies gave the Gander (Bines) a round-up for misspelling her name. We hope Bines will spell her name right next time.

Too late, too late, is what we heard a young man say Sunday evening as he came down the road. You will have to run your watch up son.

Several from the Bend have gone to town to help celebrate Big Monday.

Miss Cora Rose was all smiles Sunday night, but I tell you, Mack was not.

Wes Tolit, one of the old bachelors of the Bend, went to town today.

We would like to say to Buster that the Gander is still here. He has had some tough weather to deal with but he has a new coat, so he may pull through.

Mr. Dunlap says he can always sell Watkin's Liniment to Buster. He knows just what it took to save his life, just after the big dinner we correspondents had.

Well, Mr. Editor, if you will pardon the Gander for writing so much he will save the rest and come again. GANDER.

Dakin.

Well, we had a little snow Friday but it didn't do much good.

Edgar Craig, L. J. Bryan and Leslie Reed visited Curtice Findley Sunday afternoon and they seemed to enjoy playing croquet.

Miss Hattie Belle Reed and brother, Thomas, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Garrett Robinson. They report a nice time.

Mrs. T. D. Findley and daughter, Lilla Belle, called on Mrs. A. J. Bryan Sunday afternoon.

Earl Brewton and Miss Delilah Robbins called on Miss Bryan Sunday evening.

Bill Porter was hurt very seriously last week from falling out of a wagon. Hope he will be up soon.

Sorry to report that Dr. Redwing jumped the broomstick last Sunday. We wish them lots of happiness. Have been noticing he was giving Mrs. Chambers lots of good advice on heart trouble. Guess he thought he would try it awhile.

Saw Earl Clark out riding Sunday by himself. Guess he was hunting a girl.

As the writer is at school and feels very bad will close. BLONDIE.

For Sale or Trade.

Five-passenger automobile in good condition.—W. F. Wear, Graham, Texas.

Hawkins Chapel.

Oh how good it was to see the sun shine this afternoon.

Miss Lilla Buninghas is reported very ill with the measles.

Mrs. Laura Baker and daughter Miss Florence were the guests of Mrs. Emma Barrett today.

B. D. Wood, of Lone Oak was the guest of Mr. T. F. Harman's Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lessie Loftin has returned home. She has been visiting her Aunt Mrs. Havens of Cleburne for the past three months, we're glad to have her back with us.

Mrs. Drum gave the young people a dinner Sunday, there were about a dozen, and a jolly crowd they were.

Singing at Grandpa Drum's was a success Sunday afternoon.

We know when we go to Grandpa Drum's for a singing we will have a good time, it is a great pleasure to go there to a singing.

Mrs. Marion Loftin has been visiting her mother for the last week.

The farmers are busy stirring mother earth now.

Brother Dickerson, of Loving preached at the Baptist church Sunday.

The prayer meeting was good Sunday night. Mr. T. F. Harman conducted it.

I know that Messrs Arthur and Walter Ward's girls are pleased, for the gentleman have new buggies, and they were exhibiting them Sunday.

The subject for debate next Friday night at literary is, "Woman's suffrage." Girls let's all go and see what the end will be. Of course it will have a great influence in the State of Texas if the affirmative side wins.

We notice that there are two sorrels tied at Mrs. Lindsey's now on Sundays instead of one.

Our school is progressing nicely with Miss Florence Carmack as teacher. The school is principally composed of little folks and Miss Florence is a splendid teacher.

We hope that it is not going to snow again, but the clouds have obscured the sky. The spell last week came near freezing Hawkins Chapel under, and that would have been an awful kerlamety. VIOLET.

Henry Chapel.

We have almost worn out our old duds trying to keep up with the changes in the weather. Rain, sleet and snow and still the ground is dry.

Lucian Hinson, who has been visiting home folks the past week, returned to Ft. Worth Monday.

Yes, we all went to big Monday and saw all the men and donkeys from all over the country.

O. L. Campbell has had the "hands" out the past week improving the highways. Instead of a new county site suppose we spend some money on our roads.

We have about fifty scholars in attendance now, all learning fast. Supt. King visited our school last week and made us a splendid talk. Come again Professor.

Miss Iva Creager, of Woodson spent Saturday night and Sunday here but returned Monday on account of the illness of her mother.

H. P. Young has been sick the past week, but at present is improving.

Elmer Criswell and family of Salem spent Sunday in our community.

We feel quite sure the Chapelites are the ones the Apostle Paul referred to in I Tim. where he spoke of them as busy-bodies. For everybody is mighty busy. Think we have the most progressive class of farmers to be found anywhere. They use all the latest improved farming utensils to be had from the split log drag to a Georgia stock with the buzzard-hell attachments. We defy competition. Best wishes to ye Editor and correspondents. DAZO.

Bryson.

Health over the community is good with the exception of Mrs. R. H. Etherly, who is very sick at this writing.

The Bryson High school is preparing for an entertainment the 22. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. J. M. Box and little daughter Leona went to Jacksboro Sunday to see her daughter Mrs. J. P. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones of Jernyn came to Bryson Sunday to see Mrs. Jones Sister-in-law Mrs. R. H. Etherly who is very sick.

Mr. Worth Shanafelt made a flying trip to Graham Sunday in his auto.

Mr. Floyd Pevehouse left Sunday morning for Graham with two passengers, he made good time until he got half way but was detained from some cause, will ask him when he gets back about his trouble.

Mr. Estance Box left town this morning headed east, it is not certain, but we think he will stop when he gets to Brown's.

Miss Gussie McKinzy is visiting Mrs. W. J. Chambers this week.

Dee Chambers has been hunting ducks the past week. Last Sunday he went "dear" hunting, not "dear." We don't know whether he caught the dear little thing or not; He was out of town all day. We're in hopes he did.

The young people of our town assembled themselves at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bryson on Sunday night and sang melodies that brought happiness to all assembled.

Mr. Floyd Pevehouse returned at a late hour Sunday evening, before he got here his team gave out and he had to rest them for a while at Mr. Whitfield's and as there were two passengers awaiting him at that point, he landed them safely at his home and entertained them until the west train hauled them away.

BLAB MOUTH.

[News is news, and the happenings as written up by our correspondents constitute the real news part of The Reporter. We are glad to welcome Bryson to our page. EDITOR.]

South Bend.

We have had another good snow, the third one this winter. We will surely raise a bumper crop after so much snow. The farmers are as busy as bees getting their land in shape for the planting of another crop.

The machinery for the drilling of an oil well at Mr. Corbett's passed through South Bend Friday. Now, if some one will drill one for gas South Bend will get on a boom.

Mr. Burgess and Oil have had wells drilled lately and they got plenty of good water.

Lagrippe has been all the rage since Christmas. Now it is the measles. Roy Corbett has been real sick with them.

Joe McClusky who has been sick for some time is improving.

Mrs. Mary Harrell of Newcastle is visiting M. D. Harrell and family.

Christine Harrell slipped on the ice Monday and sprained her ankle.

Mrs. Frank Harrell received a phone message Sunday saying that her mother of Gainesville was very sick. She and Mrs. Mary Harrell went to see her.

Mrs. Walter McDavid and children have been real sick.

Lots of people were out hunting Saturday. The creeks were full of wild ducks.

Indian Mound.

Big Monday has rolled around again, but of course school children wont be supposed, and here I'll have to miss a big time again, besides miss seeing all the rest of you people who go every time. You older ones have the advantage over us school chaps there, but never mind, we'll be big folks too some day.

My! but we have been having winter weather in good fashion haven't we? Everybody and everything seems to be at a standstill over this way, all except the weather and it continually grows worse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dollins were trading in Newcastle last Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Grubbs, who has been sick for several weeks is still real sick. We are hoping she will soon be well again.

The measles are still in our community. Mr. Douglas' children have all recovered from them but those of W. R. Dollins are now having them. Hope they will soon run their course here, and our country will be clear of measles for a time.

W. L. Grubbs came in Saturday from Dickens county, for a visit here. Mr. Grubbs lived here a great many years, being one of the first settlers here, and he made this his home till about a year ago.

Luther Pinkston left on Sunday morning train for Ft. Worth, where he intends to enter school.

We were sorry to see Luther leave, but predict a speedy return as he is too fond of "Fish" to stay away from Uncle Joe's very long.

Sunday School was a little bit small Sunday, owing to the bad weather, but nevertheless we had Sunday school. There will be Sunday school each Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and we urge everybody to come and help us.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bird ate Sunday dinner at B. W. Drum's.

John Newman was seen out buggy riding by himself Sunday. Cheer up John, maybe your girl will have gotten well of the measles by next Sunday.

G. M. Jones and family spent the day Sunday at Jim Smith's.

J. S. Fisher and family visited at Mrs. Lizzie Bryan's Sunday.

I'm wondering if this new disease, heart trouble, I hear of so many school teachers are having is contagious. Some are predicting that our teacher has it. I don't know, but she does go to Graham real often.

J. J. Grubbs, Mike Fisher and their families spent the day Sunday at R. W. Easterlings.

G. M. Jones and daughter Mrs. Will Haggard were visitors at W. F. Grubbs Monday afternoon.

Quite a few of our people were taking in Big Monday at Graham. Among the number were, R. W. Easterling, E. G. and W. W. Williams, N. B. Nolan, B. W. Drum and Austin Bird.

Everybody remember to come to preaching next Saturday and Sunday. WESTERN GIRL.

Loving.

We have had all sorts of weather the last week and but very little work has been done on the farm.

Claud Oliver is visiting home folks this week, Claud is in the employ of the Street Car Co., in Dallas and will return in a few days.

The three youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beard at Loving are sick with LaGrippe.

The Monument school is getting up a concert at the school house to be pulled off the last of this month.

No Buster, we will not farm altogether on "hot air" this year. But we will try and use the latest and best methods possible in our plans for this year's crop. We have never had the opportunity of attending any agricultural school or even attended a Farmers Institute at any time but we have

read upon the best farm methods and always hold fast to that which was good. Mr. Nunson of Denison, gave us our first lessons on grape culture and we have had no trouble in raising plenty of good grapes. We got several good lessons from the practical experience, reported at the Farmers Congress in 1911, in a printed Bulletin at the State Agricultural Department free to all farmers.

The great trouble with us is that we are not close observers and dont heed the advice offered us. Agriculture is a science, as well as other callings, so it dont make any difference which calling or occupation we take up, we will seek for all the knowledge in our profession possible, and not by practical experience altogether, but by borrowing ideas from others. Hundreds of bulletins are printed free to the farmers, which gives lifetime experience of good farmers, not city people who know nothing about farming. I asked an old German once, for advice on pruning my grapes, and he referred me to a book on Grape Culture, and he told me that he got all his learning on grape culture from Nunson, so I learned too that he had borrowed ideas. I farmed for thirty five years before I learned from Mr. J. W. Neal, a Farmers Institute worker, how to cultivate cotton to make it fruit well. We owe a great deal to the inventive geniuses for our improved machinery. If we were not a reading people, we would be back in the old primitive style of farming with the ox, and the stick. Excuse me, for I forgot and was about to leave out the locals.

The Loving coal miner, Mr. Ringhoffer has quit the digging and vamoosed, and left us without any coal to burn.

Mrs. B. M. Cochran received a message Thursday that her brother at Westover west of here was not expected to live and she left on the first train to be with him.

Bill Maples had the misfortune to get his hand badly hurt last week.

Willie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Oliver is sick with pneumonia. COR.

White Rose.

I was glad to see so many nice letters for our country correspondents page last week. I wonder how Silver Bells is getting along by this time? I guess the Gopher is still having a time, building fires.

Mr. Branch was a pleasant visitor at our school Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Parker visited Mrs. High-tower Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimmett's brother and wife and little daughter, Myrtle visited them last week from Jacksboro.

Mr. Mason has completed a new house for his center near White Rose.

C. A. Grimmett went to Graham trades day. His hogs overheard him talking of Big Monday and tried to follow. He says it's all right for dogs to follow but not hogs.

A good many White Rose people went to town Big Monday, but poor little me, I had to plow.

With best wishes for our paper and all the correspondents. ROSSES.

To Our Correspondents.

The editor's heart was made doubly glad this week when he saw the number of letters that were coming in from our correspondents. We would like to have as many or more every week. Our friends all over the county appreciate the news in these letters and they look every week to see if a letter appears from the community in which they live. They want them and we want them and we hope you will keep your splendid letters coming regularly. Let us extend to each and every correspondent our sincere thanks for the letters—two full pages.—EDITOR.

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The editor got his foot into it the past week with the minions of the law on account of the fact that his (the editor's) mental telepathy proclivities were not up to the highest standard of efficiency. We may put the other foot in, but this is an attempt to pull the first one out. In writing up the account of the arrest of an alleged forger the editor said that the sheriff and his deputies and the constable were all in the chase. The information came to us that way, so thus we published it. We were also informed that all of them except the sheriff and one man quit the chase. The sheriff objected to the writup on the ground that the constable had nothing to do with it, that he was out of town at the time; so we put the constable out now and leave the sheriff and a few deputies after the man. Now the constable objected to the way we stated it because, he said, we called him a quitter and he desires it to be known that he is no quitter by any means. We didn't think so in the first place, but could report the affair only from what was told us. Now, fellows, are both our feet in?

### Yancey on "Ye Olden Times."

Mr. Editor: As it is decidedly against the rules of the order of The Sons of Rest to leave the house during snowy weather and meddle with a woman's business, such as bringing in stove wood and the like, it's hard on a man to be caged up so much but we have to stand it. Mr. Editor, I feel a sensation, a kind of tingling up and down the spine, to tell you some of our doings of a long time ago. Away back in old Alabam' the men used to meet Saturday evenings at the cross road grocery stores to bring in the polecat and 'possum hides and get the news. Generally they saw the groceryman reading a newspaper and decided to all chip in and send and get the paper, but there was only one of the bunch that could read so they agreed to meet paper day and have the learned man read to them. The first that came he was reading where there was going to be a big immigration that fall and corn was going to be scarce, when one of them stopped him and asked him what that immigration was and he told him it was a little varment between the size of a coon and a squirrel, anyway it was h-l on corn. That same crowd the next week got very much alarmed on account of a report that there was scarlet fever in the country and the next meeting they selected the learned gentleman to go to town and see about it and he struck the county health officer and asked him about it and he told him there was no scarlet fever, but there was some vereloid but if it got to be an epidemic he would quarantine the town, so that satisfied him. The balance of the crowd were waiting at the grocery store for the report and when he got back he told them he had seen the health officer and he said there was no scarlet fever but there was some celluloid and if it got to be hyperdermic he was going to canteen the town. That satisfied everybody and all went home happy.

Now, Mr. Editor, some of the old country fellows may try to deny this but it's so—you ask Frank Herron, John E. or Will Matthews. They know it's so. I think they were a part of the crowd. I know it tickled me when he got back and everything was all right on Big Sandy.  
C. D. YANCEY.

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**G. C. Boyle Writes of Farmers Union.**

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We first met, as was our usual custom, in the Labor Temple, and as the meeting was one of great interest to all Texas, the delegates in attendance were four times greater than were expected. There were five hundred on the sidewalk that could not gain admittance to the hall, and the Board of Trade and Commercial Secretaries tendered us the use of the Savoy Theatre. We held one session there and it was too small. Then the Baptist tabernacle was offered us and the balance of the meetings were held there. The Pastor, Rev. Dr. Norris, addressed us personally and told us that at all times when we were in Ft. Worth to make his tabernacle our home.

We feel greatly indebted to all of these interests and people for the nice treatment accorded us.

The great packing house of Ft. Worth invited us to luncheon at their respective places. They placed at our disposal 42 street cars and about 100 automobiles to go out to the stock yards and packing houses and showed us through the plants, thus you will easily see why we owe all of them our lasting gratitude and it is to be hoped we will so live and conduct ourselves that we may merit all these good things and may none of us betray the trust that is confided in us. (Did you get that?)

There was more good done in these two days than has been done in five years before, not that the State management didn't do anything until now, but because the locals and county unions had awakened, and the great financial world has got its eyes and ears opened and found out that the Farmers Union was not out to fight any legitimate business, and they are coming to our help. What we want is co-operation and education, not turmoil and strife, but a betterment of all our conditions. We need the merchant, the banker and all of the transportation lines to help us and I must say that these interests and the Farmers Union are on the verge of the greatest get-together that has ever been and it will be good for all of us.

Every tiller of the soil and stock raiser that is eligible to membership in the Farmers Union should join at once. It will be of great benefit to you and your family.

We want the business interests of the state and the transportation lines to know that we never did and never will fight any legitimate business, but earnestly seek their co-operation. We do not want any change in our laws that will work a hardship on our railroads; on the other hand we want our law makers to extend every courtesy that is honorable to them, for their co-operation and extension is needful and beneficial to us.

The Farmers Union is a fire all through Texas except in our own County Union, owing to three years of drouth, but with the lights before us we will flourish as the green bay tree. Join the Union is the watch word, and be benefitted. We have all the money we need and as long as we need it at 6 per cent to make any crop that we can store out of the weather. We want a law enacted by the State of Texas that will enable us to build concrete, fire-proof warehouses where we can store our produce and sell it during the twelve months instead of three, as we now do. The warehouse receipt should be made legal tender and accepted at any

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**WITHOUT HER.**

"He said he couldn't live without her."  
"He seems to be doing it, all right."  
"Why, she married him?"  
"I know, but she's a club woman."

**ENOUGH IS PLENTY.**

Casey—Do you ever play cards, O'Brien?  
O'Brien (a gardener)—Faith, no! Oi get me full av handlin' spades in the daytoime.—Boston Evening Transcript.

**WHY?**

"I permit my wife to run our house exactly to suit herself."  
"Why do you drag in the word permit?"

**AFFLUENCE.**

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## Local and Personal Mention

Q. Street is recovering from a severe spell of lagrippe.

Rev. C. R. Taylor is in Stamford on business.

See Owen & Young for Early Triumph Seed Potatoes.

Mrs. Pennington of Blunttown, Florida is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Wear.

W. E. Moore of Briar Bend was a big Monday visitor to Graham.

The complete line of Spring and Summer samples displayed by Korn, The Tailor is unquestionably the most elaborate we have ever beheld.

J. A. Wright of Mt. Pleasant community was here on business Monday.

Car Michigan salt arrived—The John E. Morrison Co.

Mr. L. D. Clark is much better this week.

See Owen & Young for baled oats, alfalfa and Johnson grass hay.

Mrs. J. C. Fisher left Monday morning for Cleburne to spend two weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. Mallett.

See me before selling your chickens, turkeys, butter, eggs, hides and furs. D. J. Brandon, Graham, Texas.

Miss Rueby Newby of Ming Bend was in Graham Monday. She paid The Reporter a visit while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kidwell are spending a few weeks with relatives at Mineral Wells.

Early Triumph Seed Potatoes at Owen & Young.

Misses Bettie Gibbs and Ola Strother of Proffitt were in Graham mingling with the Big Monday crowd.

Large bulk Queen olives.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

F. P. Burch of Briar Branch was in the city Big Monday.

A. S. Wilson of Newcastle spent Monday in the city.

Vegetables received fresh the first and last of each week.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ball were made happy Monday over the arrival of a fine baby boy. Mr. Ball is Manager of the M. K. Graham farm.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold

Finis Burnett of Mt. Pleasant was in Graham Big Monday.

George Lanier of Briar Branch paid Graham a visit last Monday.

Let Jno. C. Bower sell you a Buick. He will save you money.

S. H. Jones of Tonk Valley transacted business in Graham Monday.

S. Dozier of Miller Bend was in the Big Monday throng.

Let Dr. Blevins cut that wart off of your mule. Guaranteed to stay off.

We enjoyed a pleasant chat with F. M. Berry on Big Monday. Mr. Berry always has something good to tell us when he calls.

For cheap money on land with or without partial payments apply to C. W. Hinson, Graham, Texas.

Jno. A. Brown, one of The Reporter's best friends in the Mt. Pleasant community called on us while in the city Monday.

**If you need a windmill, pump or tank call on Hughes & Kizer, northeast corner of square, Graham, Texas.**

S. B. Street returned last week from a trip out west. He left this morning for eastern market.

For all kinds of Metal Work, Well tubing, Iron flues, and Iron Tanks see me—C. M. Rickman.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Nored are the proud parents of a fine baby boy that arrived Tuesday.

Let Jno. C. Bower sell you a Buick automobile, Pope Excelsior motorcycle and Rambler bicycle.

L. P. Brooks, familiarly known as Uncle Pink, left last Saturday for Culiacan, Mexico for a thirty days' visit with his son, Dr. P. B. Brooks.

Second car of Red Rust Proof seed oats just received. Owen & Young.

**If you need a windmill, pump or tank call on Hughes & Kizer, northeast corner of square, Graham, Texas.**

The Reporter enjoyed a pleasant visit Monday from our friend, R. G. Taylor of the Indian Mound community.

Pure ribbon cane syrup in barrels, 60 cents a gallon. Bring your jugs. Owen & Young.

W. T. Steadham of Mt. Pleasant was here on business Monday.

Bring me your produce. I am located in the Finch building. D. J. Brandon

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Loving are expected in Graham to-night. They will spend a few days here and then go to Jermyn where they will make their home.

**We are ready to supply you with Brass Fixtures of every description.**

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Hughes & Kizer.

**Methodist Services.**

"Religion in the life of Lincoln" will be discussed by the pastor of the Methodist church next Sunday night. All are invited to be present especially the young people. The religion of other great men will be discussed from time to time on Sunday nights. J. HALL BOWMAN.

**Groceries.**

**Full and complete line of Groceries, Feed, Seed—Oats, etc. at**

**Vick's.**

**Cotton Seed Notice.**

Parties having Cotton Seed to sell will please bring them in before February 5th. We expect to finish our crush about that time and after this date they will be of lower value and we will have to keep them until next season.

Graham Cotton Oil Co.

**Notice.**

The stockholders of Farmers Union Gin Co. are hereby notified that a meeting of the stockholders will be held in Graham on Saturday, February 22, at the court house.

A. H. JONES, Manager.

**We Want your Frying Chickens.**

Bring all your frying size chickens to the Mountainside Hotel. Will pay from 15c to 20c a pound for all you will bring. Beecher M. Baker, Proprietor.

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**Time to Plant.**

Seed Irish potatoes, onion sets and new garden seeds. Select them early.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

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Let me make your Iron Tanks and Underground Cisterns for you. C. M. Rickman.



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Graham, Texas.