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## AUDIT IS FINISHED AND BOOKS ARE O.K.

REPORT GIVEN AT CALLED MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.

All Accounts Balance and Books Found to be in Excellent Condition.

At a called meeting of the Commissioners Court Wednesday Mr. John S. Oglesby, the expert accountant employed to audit the books of the county for a period covering the past six years, turned in his report to the court.

While the report has not yet been made public, and will not be published, Judge W. P. Stinson states that the audit showed the books to have been well kept, and the balances tally with those made by the auditing committee appointed at the last term of the District Court.

Mr. F. M. Burkett, deputy tax assessor, was a member of that committee, and did most of the work connected with the audit at that time.

The auditor's report speaks well for the officials who have kept the county's books for the past six years, and the people of the county will be glad to learn that everything was found to be in good shape.

The court closed a contract with Mr. Oglesby for an audit of the books again next year.

**Large Crowd Hears Rev. Bowman Sunday.**

The several pastors of the different churches were out of town Sunday, with the exception of Rev. J. Hall Bowman, of the Methodist church, hence this building for worship was crowded to its full capacity. Rev. Bowman preached an excellent sermon from the text, "I am the Door," using this homely metaphor of Christ's as a basis for a splendid structure of thought and warning.

The sermon was one of logic, replete with scriptural allusions and references of interest from a student's standpoint to the works of Lord Byron, Shakespeare and Sir Walter Scott.

The choir furnished excellent music.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall filled his regular fifth Sunday appointment at Bryson Sunday.

### LES HIBOUX

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After playing four games the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Wadsworth and Miss Dorothy Graham, served delicious pecan cake and hot chocolate with whipped cream. Miss Nell Graham was the fortunate winner of the high score prize, which was a pretty hand-made laundry bag, while the cut prize fell to Mrs. Fred Arnold, a bath towel with crochet.

Members present: Mesdames Parrish, Stovall, Arnold, Fowler, Hutchison, Norman, E. S. Graham, Bruce Street, H. Criswell, H. Wadsworth, and Gay; Misses Eula Logan, Zella Allen, Lillian Manning, Dorothy and Nell Graham.

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### Crabb's School of Music Gives Recital.

On last Thursday evening, Jan. 28th, Prof. J. F. H. Crabb's School of Music scored another decided success in a delightful program of music at the Opera House, for the benefit of the High School Band. The house was comfortably filled on this occasion, as the music lovers of the town enjoy the high class compositions which are always rendered at these periodical public recitals.

The High School Band opened and closed the program of the evening, with well rendered and inspiring numbers. The High School Orchestra was heard in a very enjoyable rendition of "The Pilot March and Two Step" and the High School Quartette

was one of the decided successes, being repeatedly encored after giving "The Boola Song" in a very happy manner.

Among the pianists who distinguished themselves for ease and ability in entertaining were

Misses Eloise Morrison in a "Spinning Song," Frances Bell in "Maiden's Dream," Berenice Miller in "Grand Polka de Concert," Mary Hudson in "The Palms," Mary Glen Vick in "Pure as Snow," Marjorie Hudson in "The Flower Dance,"

Mary Wallace and Edith Birdwell in "Playful Pickaninnies," Ione Short in "Fleeting Hours," Lena Stoffers in "Cyclone Galop," Sadie Eddleman and Louise Graham in "Qui Vive Galop de Concert," Mary Hudson and Louise Graham in "Swedish Wedding March" and Ruth McLaren in "Norma Fantasie Brilliant."

These students of music displayed careful training on the part of their instructor and promise to become finished artists of the piano.

Herschel Eddleman was the orator of the occasion and sustained his former high reputation along that line in his splendid recital of Henry W. Grady's oration on "The New South."

Fred Hudson gave a beautiful saxophone solo, "Reminiscences" which showed fine ability in interpretation and execution.

The whole program was splendid and we are glad to add these words of appreciation. About twenty dollars was made clear of expenses, for the benefit of the High School Band.

### To Teachers of Young County.

We are glad to see that the Interscholastic League idea is taking hold. We expect it to be a success in every department. In order to make it such in athletics, co-operation on the part of every teacher and school in the county will be necessary.

In order to participate in the County Meet to be held in Graham, April 3rd, as stated in last week's paper, it will be necessary for any team which desires to represent the county at Wichita Falls in the District Meet, to play at least four games of basketball prior to the date of the County Meet.

Provision has been made for those schools which, because of the youth or small number of pupils in attendance, do not feel themselves able to enter the Senior contests, to enter Junior events.

Information as to the age limit and other requirements can be had by consulting the bulletin which has been sent every member of the League, and by examining the subsequent notices sent out by Mr. E. D. Shurter.

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J. E. BURK,  
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### LOSES FINE HORSE WHEN BARN BURNS

#### NO INSURANCE CARRIED ON BUILDING OR CON- TENTS.

#### Nothing Was Saved but Buggy, Which Was Badly Blistered.

Fire completely destroyed the barn on the property of H. L. Tidwell yesterday morning at about 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Tidwell's fine buggy horse, valued at \$200.00 was burned to death.

The fire was not discovered until the barn was enveloped in flames, and the work of the fire department, which responded immediately to the alarm, was of no avail. Except for the fire department, however, surrounding buildings would likely have burned.

Besides the loss of the horse about \$25.00 worth of feed was burned. A buggy and harness were the only things saved; the buggy was, very badly blistered, but not burned.

No insurance was carried on either the building or contents.

The Mac-Ho-Pa-B Society met in the Graham High School auditorium, Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, 1915, with almost all of the members present.

The house was called to order by the Vice President, Lottie Bell Wallace. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Ethel Self.

The constitution was read and approved. The following program was enjoyed by all present:

Piano Solo—Neweta Flint. Reading—Lottie Bell Wallace. Current Events—Clara Slater. Piano Solo—Catherine Graig.

Debate: Resolved that the Legislature now in Session Should Pass a Law Providing for State-wide Woman Suffrage.

Affirmative, Mary McBrayer. Beulah Stone; negative, Amy Robertson, Ruth McLaren.

The judges' decision was two in favor of the affirmative and one in favor of the negative, which was applauded by all.

The following new members were admitted: Estelline Price, Nola Adair, Myrtle Wallace, Lucy Morris, Myrtle Woolfolk, Jaunita Adair.

The Society decided to meet every Tuesday evening instead of every other Tuesday evening. This was decided because a number of the girls intend to enter the Debating and Declamation Contest.

Reporter.

Senator Johnson of Hall county introduced a resolution in the senate last week to carve another state out of the Panhandle of Texas. We are of the opinion that Senator Johnson lacked the recognition he would like to receive therefore brought himself into the lime-light, for a day, with this resolution which will prove to be as big a joke as the Senator himself.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrison of the Monument community have returned from a visit to relatives near Waco.

Harrison Norton, John Newman and Lynn Martin of Ivan were business visitors in the city Monday.

Mrs. Sam Criswell has returned from Jacksboro. Her sister, Mrs. Wilcox, of Boston Mass. accompanied her home.

Miss Lorena Deats of Albany is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Lynch.

### Graham High School Senior Class Organizes.

The Graham High School Senior Class, composed of four boys and four girls, met Thursday afternoon, January 28, 1915 and organized. Supt. McLendon acted as chairman pro tem until a president was elected. The following officers were chosen: Christian Stoffers, president; Henry Schlittler, vice president; Leah Stewart, secretary; Clara Slater, assistant secretary; James Porter, treasurer; J. C. Rickman, reporter.

On the following Tuesday the class met again. The president in this meeting appointed the following committees: Pin and Invitation Committee; Motto, Flower and Class Color Committee; Social Committee.

This class believes itself to be the best there is in the High School (and it should be). It has already begun to make preparations for commencement.

The subjects for the orations have already been handed in and every one is looking forward with keen interest, and maybe real joy, to the time when he shall bid adieu to Graham High.

The following are members:

Leah Stewart, Clara Slater,

Ethel Self, Allye Hogue, Christian Stoffers, Henry Schlittler,

James Porter and J. C. Rick-

man.

Reporter.

### Graham High School Band.

The Graham High School Band met last Wednesday evening and after a fine practice elected officers for the ensuing year. Paschal Tackett was elected president and Fred Hudson secretary and treasurer. On the following Monday night a short business session was held.

A committee on By-Laws was appointed, composed of Herschel Eddleman, Floyd Hinson and John E. Morrison, Jr. It was decided at this meeting to discontinue the serenade which have been given at night after the regular practice as, competing with the serenades of the cats and dogs, it would be likely to put them out of business.

This band was organized about two months ago. All the members are of good moral character and but one of the members uses tobacco in any form whatever, and it is hoped that this one will reform, and even now has promised not to use it.

The object of the band is to promote the love of music among its members, dig up music of talent that would otherwise have remained buried and to cultivate a musical ear among its members, so that they will appreciate good music. Besides, the band furthers the health of its members. Blowing any sort of instrument develops the lungs and makes them better able to resist pneumonia, tuberculosis and similar diseases.

It has been said that it is very rare for a member of a band to be troubled with indigestion.

Prof. J. F. H. Crabb is the director and instructor of this excellent organization and it is by reason of his untiring efforts that the band has advanced so rapidly. Though it was organized only a short time ago it is now giving concerts which bespeak for Prof. Crabb's ability as instructor.

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### VISITORS SPEAK TO GRAHAM CITIZENS

#### PLAN TO HELP TENANT FARMERS OF TEXAS

#### Credit System Blamed for Many Evils, and Farmers Urged to Pay Cash.

A meeting of the citizens of Graham was held in the parlors of the Commercial Club Wednesday night at which the discussion of "Let Texas Feed Itself" was had.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. G. S. Cottrell, manager of the agricultural department of the Rock Island and Mr. Geo. R. Clayton, secretary-treasurer of Want & Co., wholesale grocers of Ft. Worth.

These gentlemen outlined a plan whereby the tenant farmer might be enabled to make his living at home instead of buying the most of his products from the store.

Much stress was laid on the unlimited credit asked for and extended, which, they said, was the direct cause for so much of the tenant farmer's troubles.

It was their idea that if the farmer who is in the habit of buying everything on credit, would have his allowance or credit limit cut down more than half that he would then prepare to make his living on the farm.

He would then be free to dispose of the products of the farm as he saw fit, and would not be forced to rush the stuff to market in order to meet his obligations.

Garden, chickens, hogs and feed, were recommended as the things to work out of debt with.

#### Methodist Church.

All of the regular services will be held next Sunday.

Your presence at as many as possible will be appreciated.

We were much gratified by the large attendance last Sunday and cordially invite you back again whenever you can come.

J. Hall Bowman.

#### Class Elects Officers.

Class No. 5 of the Presbyterian church met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. R. G. Hallam, on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock for the purpose of organizing their class. The following officers were elected:

President, Eloise Morrison; Vice President, Emily Rehders; Treasurer, Amy Lee Price; Secretary, Lois Wear; Reporter, Esther Price.

Name and motto for the class will be selected at the next meeting. The American Beauty Rose was chosen for class emblem. Before adjournment refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held in the Sunday school room of the Presbyterian church, Feb. 17 at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Walter Burns returned Saturday night from Jacksboro, where she had been to visit a sister-in-law, who has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis and is not recuperating as well as hoped for.

Mrs. Mont Groves of Olney was the guest here of her mother, Mrs. Henry Groves, for a few days this week.

Mrs. Jake H. Woods and little daughter went over to Olney Wednesday afternoon to spend a while visiting relatives.

#### WILL BECOME LAW AS SOON AS GOVERNOR FERGUSON SIGNS IT.

First Judge of New Court Will Be Named By Governor—Several Ears to Ground.

Both houses of the Texas legislature Monday passed the bill creating the new district court for Wichita county and as soon as Governor Ferguson signs the measure, the court will become a reality. The bill was passed with the emergency clause, making it effective at once.

There has been talk among the members of the local bar as to Governor Ferguson's probable appointee for the new judgeship. The judge named by the governor will serve nearly two years. There has been some speculation as to who will be named and local attorneys who voted for Ferguson are inclined to look hopeful.

The opposition which it had been expected would develop to the bill at Austin failed to materialize. Judge Edgar Scurry was Wichita Falls' "lobbyist" on the ground, and evidently did his work well.—Wichita Times.

#### Arkansas Traveler Comes Back.

As I sit this Sabbath night penning these few lines to that great religious weekly the church bells are tolling their church going melodies, while hundreds roam the great city's (Dallas) streets, homeless nigh unto hopeless, with the cold air chilling the blood within their veins, as they roam from street to street. While the speakers from the pulpit and rostrum are telling of the bright side of life the farmers and working men are waiting for the morning light, then they will start out whistling that sweet tune. I say sweet, for they feed the world, fight its battles, build the churches and schools and get less than any class on earth.</

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Weather for February.

1st to 4th, rain or snow; 5th to 9th, warmer, rain; 10th to 14th, cold, rain or snow; 15th to 20th, pleasant, cloudy; 21st to 24th, cold and squally; 25th to 28th, clear and pleasant. Average temperature and precipitation above normal.

The population of the United States is now computed to be 100,000,000.

One of the most interesting displays the Belgians can exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition will be one of those dum-dum bullets.

When people delight to tell the faults of others, they tell at least one fault of their own.—Bridges.

We wonder if Harry Sabbath, who was arrested the other day in Pennsylvania is any kin to Billy Sunday?

Speaking of relatives, we wonder if Mr. Pistole, the new superintendent of terminals for the T. & P. in Ft. Worth, is related to Uncle Joe Cannon or any other of those big guns?

The fashions say the ladies are to wear high topped leather boots this spring. Now the next job for our leisure moments will be to make a boot-jack.

Since they are to build a mansion in the Rocky Mountains for the summer home of the Presidents, we are sure that Teddy must want the job worse than ever. He could sit on the back steps and bring down the big game.

The World's Fair will open in San Francisco on the 20th of this month. The grounds are reported to be very picturesque. They occupy a natural amphitheatre for two and one half miles along San Francisco Bay, just within the Golden Gate. The Exposition represents an investment of \$50,000,000. Representative exhibits will be on display from all the nations.

We like the turn of thought which the letters of the Country Correspondents have taken—the subject of the advisability of buying a home of one's own.

This is a subject of general interest, one that appeals to every reader or contributor to The Reporter who does not possess property in his own right.

Those who do own homes are interested to know how others succeeded in becoming landed property owners, and might be able to show the way toward such a desired end. The subject has been opened up both "pro and con" and we would like to have more helpful suggestions.

Not long impractical arguments but real facts in the case. Is it possible for a

man without means to buy and pay for a home? Is it practical? Whenever possible, give concrete examples and not mere theories. Our idea is not simply to furnish good reading matter for our friends but thoughts and experiences that will inspire and aid materially in attaining this cherished goal—a home of one's own.

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He Knew.

The "Swanky" One—"I'm smoking a terrible lot of cigars lately."

The Other (with conviction)—"You're right, if that's one of them."—Tit-Bits.

"Whether one or a thousand praise thee or condemn thee, thou art what thou art. If it take the praise or blame of others to make thee what thou art, it matters little what thou art."—Proverb.

A Reply to Bono.

Dear Correspondents, I feel awfully timid, and very much excited this morning, as I take my place among you, as those awful headlines "Answer to Silver Bell" are dancing before my eyes like a monkey before a hand-organ. They look almost as large as the headlines to an advertisement of some show.

I'm very sorry to have to reply to Bono, and Dreamy Eyes, and not abide by our good editor's advice, but it can't be helped. So long as I have the strength in my right arm and hand just so long shall my pencil jog along down the line in answer to those who talk to me. Dad always taught me to talk to a person when they talked to me, and not sit like a dumb person or wooden image. And

The crops were promising in all the word implies so the farmer and other folk as well, allowed their accounts to accumulate on this flattering promise of plenty—only to find over-due bills, with no means of meeting them. Why this annoyance to both consumer and dispenser? The credit system is the only answer.

Any student of economic conditions will agree that the solution of the problem begins at home—with the individual. The twentieth century finds the dividing line between luxuries and necessities very indistinct. We Americans do not like the slow method of accumulating dollar by dollar, but prefer to wait a turn of fortune and reap their millions. This is highly impractical as is verified by practical and successful men.

To live within one's means is the only sure road to comfort and to competence. It is as exact as a mathematical problem. If one spends less than he makes, he is sure to have a margin—a nucleus—a foundation upon which to build.

This cannot be true when the credit system, which is so temptingly easy and fascinating, is practiced to a great extent. It were better not to practice at all.

The lesson has been taught

with some emphasis this year and we repeat our agreement with this committee on resolutions that the credit system is an evil and should be overcome.

In other words, "Pay as you go or don't go."

Secretary Bryan, in championing "Votes for Women," has the following assertive statement to make regarding his views of the question:

"As a man and woman are cohabitants of the earth and must work out their destiny together, the presumption is on the side of equality of treatment in all that pertains to their joint life and its opportunities. The burden of proof is on those who claim for one advantage over the other in determining the conditions under which both shall live. This claim has not been established in the matter of suffrage. On the contrary,

the objections raised to woman suffrage appear to me to be invalid, while the arguments advanced in support of the proposition are, in my judgment, convincing."

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the Alamo, then get the Texas history that is used in the public schools and compare them and you will see that they give an account of the massacre altogether different.

And now, Bono, just to tell the plain truth, you nor I either,

know what we are writing, only in so far as we are writing the words of others. I wrote what I read from papers and if it is true Admiral Dewey does not deserve one bit of credit for the taking of Manila, and if the history is true, his brave men deserve every bit as much credit as Dewey does. But what you have written doesn't say that Dewey was fighting. It just says that Dewey stood with Captain Lamberton on the forward bridge of the Olympia. He was absolutely exposed to the heaviest firing. He could have stood there without fighting, giving orders, while his men did the work, for all you or I know.

Now, Bono, what you have said to me in regard to the battle of Manila, I have taken in all good spirit, and do not think the less of you for it. You did right in calling me to time, if you honestly thought I was putting out false statements, however, my part of it was true.

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CENTER POINT

How do you do Mr. Editor and all you pencil pushers. How are you all this cold blustery night? It seems as though winter is still continuing.

Orville Monroe and Alvie McCoy spent today (Sunday) with Fred and Jim Green.

J. D. Caddel and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wilton today.

Gray-eyed Girl, I sure went to that dance all right. You ought to have been there, for we sure had a fine time.

Trixie, I will tell you who I thought you were when I see you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Derrick of Mountain Home community are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clay at this writing.

Kid, when Candy Kid sends me that card I will sure come up there so I won't be in a class by myself.

I want to correct a mistake that I made some few weeks ago. I stated that Scott Nichols had moved to Weatherford, but he moved to Joplin instead.

Plow Boy, I have been looking for Kid-e for quite a spell,

but have never had the good fortune of meeting up with her yet, but hope to in the near future.

Many thanks, Candy Kid for your kind words. I won't mention that to Jolly Girl, but don't think she would care much.

Welcome Ignorant Voter, Papa Sock, Busy Bee and others to our happy band.

Broncho Bob, I will give no answer to your question myself but will let the rest do that. But as you succeed in that plan thought I would try it a while.

Misses Murriel Caddel and Viola Green were the guests of Miss Alta Clay today (Sunday).

Jim Dixon of the Pleasant Hill community spent Sunday eve at the home of B. T. Green.

Beryl Clay went to Jermyn last Saturday.

Gander, Uno is staying a time wherever he is. That whale must have caught him while he was fishing.

Never saw but two answers to J. H. Fisher's question on geography last week.

Salemite, you say one would travel due south only. You also stated that every river, lake, sea, mountain and city on the globe were due south of the north pole. I beg to differ with you on that question. Get your geography Salemite and look over it again and study it as you go.

My geography tells me that the world is round and the only thing due south of the north pole is the south pole. I say myself that one would go in a southerly direction, but not due south, and according to your statement the world is flat and every river, lake, sea, mountain and city are in a straight line between the north

and south pole. Now Salemite, don't you think I am right?

I remain the same Kid-o.

KOMO

Isn't today a pretty one tho? If it will just stay that way.

Messrs. A. Bower and W. E. Lynch helped to build a small house for Mr. Williams last week.

A. T. White went to South Bend Saturday.

Arthur Bower and family spent Friday night with W. E. Lynch and family.

Mrs. Emma White called on Mrs. Mettie Bower Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Souter are visiting Tom Fletcher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend visited Mr. and Mrs. John Guess of Mountain Home Saturday.

Mesdames Bower and Lynch and Miss Lottie White called at the home of Mrs. Tom Fletcher Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Zona Pardue called after the mail at G. R. White's Friday afternoon.

G. R. White and daughter, Lottie, picked cotton for A. P. Martin a few days last week.

Messrs. A. P. and H. M. Martin went to Eliasville Saturday.

Miss Mollie Elkins went to Eliasville Saturday.

Mrs. Della Cole and daughter, who have been visiting her parents of Briar Branch, visited Miss Mollie Elkins Friday night.

Well, as I haven't got my Reporter this week I will have to make my letter short, and maybe I will come with a long letter next week. So long.

Pansy.

LOWER TONK

It is still cold down in this part of the world, looks like it might snow again, but I think it is too cold to snow.

W. E. Moore and daughters, Misses Eppie and Jewel, Mr. Holybee, Ward Vaughan, Joe Youngblood, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gowens and Miss Nora Moore were all shopping in Graham Monday.

Lee and Ivan Moore were at G. W. Gowen's Tuesday night after some chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Youngblood and Grandpa and Grandma

Youngblood moved from the Valley to near Padgett. Ward Vaughan went with them. They were good neighbors and we regretted to see them leave.

Mrs. Bartlett has moved to her place where Joe Youngblood was living.

We welcome the new Correspondents to our happy band. I think they will enjoy writing to the Reporter for it is a nice job, and to see how the good old Reporter is growing.

Miss Winnie Davis' school is progressing nicely.

Mrs. Fannie Jones and little daughter spent Wednesday with Mrs. G. W. Gowens.

Mrs. T. C. Wadley is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Woods.

Miss Alma George spent last Wednesday night with Miss Anna Belle Wadley.

Mrs. Cora Jones and little Ruby Fay called on Mrs. Gowens Thursday.

Mrs. A. A. Timmons called at Mrs. A. H. Jones' Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Timmons went to Graham Friday with Miss Rudelle Seddon.

Miss Atchly spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lillie Gray.

Mr. J. J. Gray and son Zack were in Graham Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Jones and Mrs. G. W. Gowens visited Mrs. Renick Friday. She is still quite sick, but her son Robert is better.

Sunday school at the regular hour with 31 in attendance.

Wesley Higdon and sister, Miss Katherine and Misses Inez and Gladys Cherryhomes were at Sunday school.

George Jones spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. John Timmons and children took dinner at A. H. Jones' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wadley and J. T. spent Sunday at J. R. McClanahan's.

Mr. and Mrs. John George spent Sunday with Mr. Jim Buntin and family.

Vernon George called on T. C. Wadley Sunday.

I will give my pencil to Jolly Girl for she was absent.

X. Y. Z.

Graham Public School tablets, 10c. For sale only by The Graham Printing Co.

## Flint's Stable

We are now located in our new quarters at the old Young County Lumber Company yard. When in need of service furnished by a first-class livery stable call us.

## FLINT'S STABLE

## EAT WITH ME

I have leased the Henderson Restaurant and would be glad to serve all of my old friends as well as new ones.

COME TO SEE ME.

Bale of Cotton  
GIVEN  
AWAY

# VICK

\$25.00 RUG  
GIVEN  
AWAY

## QUITTING THE DRY GOODS BUSINESS

I have a big, nice, clean stock of Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats and Clothing that I am going to close out, regardless of cost.

These goods are going at great sacrificing prices. I am quitting the Dry Goods business and these goods must go.

## No Goods Returned or Exchanged

This is a spot cash proposition. No SPECIAL SALE, but a Quit-Business proposition on Dry Goods, commencing January 19 and continuing until all Dry Goods are sold.

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Don't overlook these Implements. I am also making close prices on Groceries, Hardware and Furniture.

Somebody is going to get  
**A BALE OF COTTON**  
and a  
**\$25.00 ART SQUARE**

# D. G. VICK

## Live News from our Correspondents

### MILLER BEND

The reason I interview myself so much is because "myself" talks pretty freely, that is, he writes so many things that some people think should never be mentioned, either by tongue or pen, meanwhile he is being called a fool by one class and a swell head by the other. When he makes any pretensions of knowing anything and persists in using his own head, the political bosses say "he's a fool." On the other hand if he shaves and puts on clean clothes once a week, and combs his hair and writes to the paper he is called a swell head by some of his own class, the common people. Yes, they will knock the poor man who is trying to plead their cause, and at the same time go on their knees to those who are subsisting upon, and growing rich from speculation in the proceeds of the labor of them and their families. They "lick the hand that smites them" and then turn round and cuss the government. A pretty set indeed to be called "papa" and "hubby dear." Such miserable excuses need to be introduced to a good strong kicking machine.

A man said to me not long ago "we get out of life pretty much what we put into it," and there is considerable truth in the statement. The great common people, I mean great in numbers, put nothing into politics, and all they get out of politics is a handshake every two years, and that is all we deserve, simply because we are so busy raising more stuff to feed to the speculator that we take no part whatever in manipulating the political machine until election day comes, then we go to election pretty much as we go to Christmas—because it is a fixed day, and then the bosses require us to "come." We go to Christmas—because it is which happen to be the same as our bosses sentiments. Then we go home (?) and cuss the "powers that be" for two more years... not even attending a county mass meeting; ignoring even the calls of the county chairman to come together for the purpose of considering questions of public moment. The farmer, in such meetings, is therefore conspicuous only for his absence, consequently such meetings are predominated by the business man and the speculator, and of course every normal man will look after his own interests first. Self preservation being the first law of nature, and to this law, or human selfishness, perhaps more than anything else, is chargeable the fact that the farmer grips the hog handle and holds on to the plow lines while the business man and speculator "fixes" policies to suit themselves. Is it any wonder that the farmer is not represented in our legislative bodies? Do we really have a representative government? We have the form but not the government. But it is clearly our own fault that we are left out in the cold.

Of course they do not care whether we meet with them or not, still they do not, they dare not, indeed they cannot deny us the right to do so. No doubt though, they think the proper place for us is in the field till election day, because we know better how to plow and hoe than we know how to act in a political meeting, they think. For instance, about the year A. D. 1892, at a time when populism was sweeping the state like wildfire, and most any old hay seed could expound the science of government "of, for and by the people," Governor James Stephens Hogg, in a speech opening the McGregor State Fair, used the following language to the populist agitators: "quit sitting on goods boxes and standing on street corners talking politics; go beg a rose cutting from your banker, take it home, put it out and care for it, and watch it grow."

Thus spoke the self-made man, the first native born Texan to rise to the office of governor of the Lone Star, almost self-made State of Texas. Good advice to be sure, to the goods box politicians, but why borrow the rose cutting from a banker? Would not a rose cutting from the yard or garden of his more thrifty, and may we not say more fortunate neighbor, do just as well as a cutting from his banker's yard? Most assuredly it would nor do I charge that Mr. Hogg meant to discriminate with deference to the banker. I mention the incident merely to show or illustrate the point I am driving at, i. e., how naturally and unconsciously do some of our best men worship or idealize men of money. The world has simply gone "money mad." Our honor, social standing, and in fact all claims to greatness of whatever sort is coming more and more to be measured by the dollar mark, notwithstanding the fact that all eternal promises of good are not to the rich. But "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," yet most of us crave money and the power it brings to those who possess it, or else we are ready to go on our knees to those who do possess it. Our socialist friends say our system, or form of government is all at fault, that representative government is a failure, and that we need, and are going to have a socialistic form of government, a "co-operative commonwealth." Just what this co-operative commonwealth means is more than I am able to comprehend, neither can I find any socialist who is able to tell what it will be, but whatever it may mean, or whatever its advocates may hope to make it, the same insurmountable barrier stands athwart its pathway, that obstructs the road, and defeats all human effort to equalize the inequitable. This awful barrier is nothing more nor less than "human nature," or "human greed" which boiled down means "the devil in man" and will inevitably remain thus until the devil is chained, and Christ comes to reign on earth. Now if you doubt that a socialist is not just an ordinary human make a trade with him, or try to, and see if he doesn't want the best end of the deal.

If we had a socialistic form of government I doubt if the rank and file of humanity would be any better represented than they are now. In 1912 the socialists held their county convention in the court house at Graham, and were represented by about one dozen men; the little jury room on the west side held them all easily, notwithstanding they claim something like three hundred in the county. Now where were the 288, and what kept them away? The very same thing that keeps the rank and file of democrats and republicans away from the mass meetings and conventions, that is, that little thing "human nature" or "devil in man."

The foregoing is not meant for an indictment against democracy or socialism, but rather an indictment against the inertness and triflingness of the common, poor class of people, who number ten to one as against the money class, and could shape conditions so as to benefit themselves just as well as to vote the brass collar ticket, that is, to let "them" tell us how to vote, which means, of course, to further enslave ourselves. We need to bestir ourselves, shake off this lethargy, read and inform ourselves, and take greater interest in questions of public concern. Why some men are so no account they will not attend a school trustees election.

If we want government by injunction let's attend the republican conventions and vote the republican ticket. If we want government for, and by the people, let's attend the democratic mass meetings, put out

men from our own ranks and vote for them. If we want no government at all, then let's all vote the socialist ticket, but by all means let's "do" something.

But somewhere in the Bible we read this "open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy." Who is doing this?—not the churches, or religious creeds, not the rich or well to do, nor the democratic or republican parties; who then is? Is it the socialists? Looks kinder suspicious. Plow Boy.

### RED TOP

The community was saddened last Monday morning when the news spread that Susie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chess Ramsey, had passed away Sunday night about 11:30 o'clock. The little child was badly burned about two weeks ago. We all sympathize with the bereaved ones.

Uncle Dock Slater is getting along nicely now, and we hope he will soon be up again.

Doctor Terrell was called last Sunday morning to see Uncle Taylor McBee and he is better at present.

Will Slater and family spent last Saturday night with his father, Uncle Dock Slater.

Mrs. Henry Workman left last Tuesday morning for Slaton. Mr. Workman, who has been out there working since Christmas, met her at Abilene and accompanied her to Slaton where they will make their home in future. Mrs. John Workman and daughter, Ada, and Miss Dora McBee accompanied her to Wichita Falls, where they visited a few days, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin McGee and Miss Dora McBee took dinner at Wilbert McBee's Sunday. The school is progressing nicely under the management of Mrs. Shannon and Miss Petty.

Mrs. Arthur Hawkins of the Hawkins Chapel community visited Mrs. Kittie McBee Saturday. Mrs. Etta Slater visited Messmes Rutherford Friday.

Jack Petty and family of the White Rose community have moved on the W. E. Thigpen place.

Mrs. Steen visited at Mrs. Chess Ramsey's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin McGee of Loving spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Petty visited at J. C. Petty's Sunday.

Here, I must go, but please leave a vacant chair by the fire for

Augusta.

### HAWKINS CHAPEL

Joe Ewing and family came down on a visit to Messrs. Jesse Oatman and family and Elzie Tedrow and wife last week. They left here the last of the week for Will Tedrow's, Mrs. Ewing's brother, who lives in Jack county.

Mrs. T. F. Harman was the guest of Misses Strickling one day last week.

Mr. Jones and family of Bunker moved up last Tuesday. He bought the Ogletree place. We are glad to have them in the community.

Mr. Strickling's boy was sick the past week, also T. F. Harman's children.

Lee Mayes and family of Loving were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Newman Saturday night and Sunday.

Elzie Tedrow and wife and Mrs. Laura Baker were the guests of Jim Oatman and family Sunday.

Miss Vernon Miller of West Fork is staying with her uncle, Robert Miller, and wife and attending school at this place.

Miss Ozie Strickling and brother attended the funeral services of their uncle's, Lee Strickling, small child at Loving last Wednesday afternoon, returning home Thursday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

J. C. Cross of Megargel came down on a visit last week to his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Hawkins. Messrs. Walter Ward and W. E. Simpson went to Graham Saturday. Prof. Simpson re-

turned Sunday afternoon. T. F. Harman finished his cotton picking Saturday.

The road hands were out on the road Friday for the last time this year.

Mr. Garrett, who lives on R. Loftin's place entertained the young people Saturday night. The attendance was small on account of bad weather.

Messrs. Barnes and Ollie Baker went to Jermyn Sunday.

Mrs. R. M. Summers was suffering with a cold last week.

Miss Orphia Starnes of Markley took Sunday dinner with Miss India Newman.

T. F. Harman gave a singing Sunday afternoon. There was a good crowd present with a splendid singing.

The Sunday school is increasing in attendance and in interest, too.

Mrs. Laura Baker returned home the last of the week. She had been visiting at Loving for over a week.

There was a crowd of Chapel people in Loving Saturday.

Miss Ruby Newman was the guest of Miss Vernon Miller Sunday.

There were several of the Chapel young people went to Loving Friday night to attend the literary. Prof. Simpson was one of the debaters. The literary was good and all enjoyed themselves who went from here.

Sunday was a day of varied weather, cloudy, clear, windy, rain, snow and clear at night.

Misses Eula Carmon Harman and Lela Lindsey and C. F. Harman were the guests of the Starne's children of Markley last Sunday.

Next Sunday is preaching day at the Methodist church and we are in hopes the weather will be good and a large attendance at preaching.

It is cold today (Monday). We seem to have a bad spell of weather on hand.

Mrs. Laura Baker has had the misfortune to have her well to cave so she can hardly get any water.

Violet.

### HUFFSTUTTLE

We have been having some real cold weather. We had a little snow last night, but the sun shone out nice and warm this morning and the snow was soon all gone.

Health is very good in this neighborhood, except bad colds and sore throats.

The doctor was called to see Frank Ottis a few days ago but he is up now.

Our school is getting along nicely under the management of Mrs. Bettie Taylor.

Jack Taylor, who has been in Oklahoma for the past two years has moved back here and is living on the Taylor place. Frank Ottis has moved to the Graham place.

Walter Moreland has moved to Mrs. Woods' place.

There is some cotton to pick in this neighborhood yet.

There is not much land being broken on account of people being so late getting their cotton out.

Brittain Campbell made a trip to Graham last week.

Ira Ottis and Sherman McCready went to Cisco last week.

Mrs. Nellie Franklin is visiting at Ollie Peacock's this week.

Mrs. Ab Campbell visited Mrs. Dill Peacock last Wednesday.

Mrs. Brittain Campbell visited Mrs. Frank Ottis last Thursday.

Miss Ethel Ottis called on Mrs. Ab Campbell Sunday afternoon.

Success to The Reporter.

Guess Who.

### SOUTH BEND

Mrs. Everett Harrell of Ming Bend spent from Tuesday until Sunday of last week visiting relatives in the Bend. Everett joined her Friday night.

J. R. Holcomb and family spent Sunday with S. W. Goode and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradock and little daughter of Murray spent from Friday night until Sunday with his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Braddock. Singing at J. R. McCluskey's Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Leroy Britton and Wilbur Weaver spent Saturday night and Sunday in Graham.

Say, Jack o' Diamonds, did you hear what Candy Kid said about you and I? It was "plum stonishing" to me.

Thank you Candy Kid. You know I didn't get there in time to see you all introduced so I don't know all the Correspondents, consequently I don't know Candy Kid, but hope to soon, or by the next reunion.

Mrs. Walter McDavid and two children and mother, Mrs. P. C. West, visited Mrs. Walter Corbett last Saturday.

Mrs. E. M. Braddock and son, Lester, ate Sunday dinner with M. D. Hagrell and family.

Walter McDavid spent two days of last week in Stephens County on business.

The road hands worked the roads last Friday.

Sorry to report Willie May Corbett on the sick list.

B. F. Upham of Cedar Creek was trading in the Bend last Saturday.

Mrs. Omer Beckham of Graham is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edd McCluskey, also Mrs. Floyd Burgess of Duff Prairie is visiting her sister, Mrs. McCluskey.

Jess Ingram of Duff Prairie attended Sunday school here Sunday.

The gin at this place ran last Saturday and will not run again until next Saturday.

Some have been discussing the outcome of the farmer and merchant, or as to what they will or can do. The only way out of it that I can see is for the farmer to "live at home" and by that I mean raise more of what they eat at home and not depend on cotton for everything. I am speaking whereof I know, for I am in business with my brother. It is astonishing to see the number of farmers buying meat, lard, flour, meal, canned goods, etc., and depend on a cotton crop to pay for it. If they would raise all that at home and buy nothing but what is absolutely necessary they would redeem themselves and their merchants, too.

Welcome all you new comers to our band. Give us the news every week.

Thanks, Plow Boy.

Bashful Ben.

### MARKLEY

Cecil Gilmore has been quite sick for several days. The doctor pronounced it scarlet fever.

Our school closed for a week but we have not had any new cases so our school is in session again.

Last Monday morning Noah Cantwell's infant child was buried at Markley. Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell have the sympathy of this entire neighborhood.

John Owens informs me they have had to kill some dogs in his vicinity that were afflicted with hydrocephalus.

Profs. Howard and Simpson went to Loving last night to meet Profs. Evans and Kilpatrick in joint discussion on the question of compulsory education school law. The affirmative side won.

Last night, the 30th, we had quite a heavy rain and plenty of lightning. I never have known as much lightning in January before.

Dago, I agree with you that Salemite is the best writer of the whole bunch, but I am interested in all of your letters.

Thank you Mr. Editor for that nice lot of stationery.

I would like very much to get acquainted with all the Correspondents. Will further state that I was 67 years old last Tuesday. My right arm and shoulder have been broken, so badly broken, that it takes quite an effort for me to write at all.

Plow Boy, I am glad that you are with us again, and if I am any judge of our paper it is growing better each issue, and the people of Young county should be very proud of it.

Buster, you met a man that had taken a contract to do some grubbing. Yes, I know some-

thing about grubbing. I grew up in the hills of Virginia, and what we don't know about grubbing, burning brush and rolling logs is not worth finding out, and we never thought that we had lowered our dignity by doing this work. All honest work is honorable. But in this day and time, a get rich quick looks down on honest labor, and leaves an impression with the man that it is a disgrace to work. The banker works, the merchant works, the mechanic and the farmer. We all work, and he or she who does not is a parasite upon the body politic.

And you looked into that man's face and could see he was an honest, clean man at heart. Buster, do you want us to understand that you can look a man in the face and tell when he is honest and clean in heart? If you can you have Christ basted one in twelve.

Second, Who are renters? Bankers, merchants, mechanics, railroad and farmers. We are all renters. You say, "Did you ever rent land?" I rented the same farm six years in Cooke County, Texas, and I made more clear money while I was renting than I have since I owned land.

Again, you say you have an idea that Gov. Ferguson has lead more poor men out of their little homes than he will ever lead into homes, and while you had possession of that idea, I hope it didn't hurt you, and that stab of yours, when it reached the vital part of Gov. Ferguson he fell at the feet of Sam Houston and he threw his mantle back and cried, "Et tu, Buster, and vinegar never catches flies." Ferguson was elected by a large majority and we should proclaim in a loud voice, "Vox populi, vox dei."

#### CRAIG POINT

How many saw the ground hog? Guess we will have a late evening as he saw his shadow.

Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Cook took Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks to town Sunday afternoon to board the train for their home.

Herschel Mayes spent last Saturday night with Will Cornelius.

Mrs. Martin Jones is on the sick list this week.

Miss Alzada Taggart came home with Mrs. Kilian Sunday afternoon and remained over till Wednesday.

Mrs. Denver Kilian attended church in town Sunday and took dinner with Mrs. R. F. Taggart.

Mrs. Etta Wade and daughters, Dora and Willie, called on Grandma Kilian Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Matilda Green is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Jones.

Miss Viva Baugh spent the night at Mrs. Kilian's Sunday night.

Rev. S. D. Baugh and family attended church in town Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Kilian, Alzada Taggart and Viva Baugh took dinner at Mr. Cornelius' Tuesday. They, accompanied by Misses Minnie and Nona, called at Mrs. C. C. Mayes' in the afternoon.

Mrs. D. G. Kilian visited Mrs. John Sadberry in the Salem community Thursday night and Friday.

Miss Alzada Taggart spent Monday and Tuesday night with Miss Viva Baugh.

Mrs. John Sadberry visited Mrs. D. G. Kilian Friday night.

Misses Minnie and Nona Cornelius visited Mrs. Henry Stephens Saturday night and Sunday in the Indian Mound community.

Mr. Lanier and his sister, Mrs. Key, went to town Tuesday.

Jolly Girl, what was the matter with you last week? Take my pencil and give us the news from your part of the country.

Walter Green left for Woodson Tuesday morning.

Bluebird.

#### SPRING CREEK

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents! How are you all enjoying this windy weather?

Some of the people in this vicinity are cutting stalks and sowing oats.

There is still a great many not near through picking cotton and gathering bolls and will not be any way soon.

Rocky, I went to another one of those dances Thursday night.

Here a few weeks ago I went to a dance which was a pick dance. I'll not mention where it was, though I do not intend to go to another one like that, would you?

Neal Wilborn and family visited Tom Wilborn and family of Bitter Creek last Sunday.

Sam Glenn of Bitter Creek was in our vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

The dance at John Boussette's Thursday night was very well attended.

Lonnie Hayter was trading Megarel Saturday.

Hubert Bright of Westover was in Megarel Saturday on business.

Messrs. Ben King, Charlie Boyce of Westover attended the dance in this vicinity Thursday night.

Mrs. Tom Dalton of Megarel was the guest of Mrs. Elsie Whittaker Saturday.

Sam Tigue and family called at W. T. Vines' Saturday night.

Mr. Lopher and hands have been sowing oats the past week.

A car of people from Jermyn passed through Megarel Saturday. I did not learn their names.

Ben Lopher's brother will move on the Morrison farm some time in May, or after school is out.

Joe Bailey went to Olney last Thursday.

Mr. Timmons of Lower Tonk should just come up and hear the wolves howling. They even come in the yard some times. They are as thick as

hair on a horse's back. The other afternoon about sunset I heard a bunch yelping and howling and it "kinder" made me afraid.

Mrs. W. E. Whittaker, Mrs. Annie Gibbs and little son, Boots, were the guests of Mrs. Charlie Whittaker Sunday.

Miss Lillian McNutt was the guest of Mrs. Sam Tigue Wednesday afternoon.

Neal Vines was the guest of Edd Park of Orth last Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Glenn of Red Top is in our community picking cotton. Bill Whittaker is gathering bolls for Arthur Roberts.

John Boussette and family moved four or five miles east of here on the Olney road Friday and Mr. Ellis and wife have moved within about a half a mile of Mr. Boussette.

Neal Vines spent Sunday at Mr. Glenn's.

Messrs. Wyatt, Tannyhill and Jim Moody of the Portwood ranch attended the dance.

Alvie Miller was in our community Thursday.

I will quit for this time. Best wishes to all. Hollyhock.

#### MOUNTAIN HOME

Plow Boy, we certainly did miss your letter last week. You must come on with that Miller Bend news every week.

Homeite, I sure would like to come over and help you eat mustard greens. I am sure you enjoyed them and your present.

Quite a number from this community attended the dance at John Crumpton's at Rockland. I for one went. Johnnie Dolittle, you should have been with me.

Candy Kid, I don't blame you for looking at Jack o' Diamonds and Bashful Ben.

I would like to hear from some of you good writers on the subject of sending our bread stuff, such as corn and wheat, to the foreign countries. I am no hand at all to handle such subjects. I think they should lay upon those who are suffering here, for we all know charity ought to begin at home.

I notice that they sent a ship load of Christmas presents to the suffering children across the waters when it would have been a whole lot better to have sent them clothes. And there are many little children in our own country who never got a present of any kind, even a dress.

We all must certainly be proud that we have peace in our land, but we don't know how long it will be such. Here is hoping forever. But, the Bible must be fulfilled we all know.

I notice where those foreign countries have ordered hundreds after hundreds of horses from the United States. What do you all think about that. They will just about clean up the United States and then try to whip her.

Just fine Hollyhock, bring the Kodak along.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matlock and family visited their daughter, of the Rockland community near Jacksboro.

Farris Miller of Jacksboro, who has been down with fever for quite a while, is able to be with us again.

Little Miss Joe Lewis has been on the puny list.

Pansy, your letter was missed by this girl.

Well, for fear I take up too much space I will ring off. Here, Silver Bell, take my pencil and write a long letter.

Gray-eyed Girl.

#### SALEM

Oat sowing is in order now and corn land is being broke when the weather is not too cold to work in the field, the land this year is in extra fine condition for plowing.

Joe Butler, an old time settler here, but now living over in the edge of Jack county was stricken with paralysis one day last week and is now in a critical condition.

Jesse Owen and family visited Henry Lisle and family Sunday.

Mrs. Omo Cole has been visiting her mother the past week.

Miss Sarah Hatfield spent

Sunday with Misses Bessie and Ressie Hinson.

Mrs. Pearl Kisinger visited her parents at Henry Chapel Sunday.

Mrs. Lock Ribble of Mountain Home spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Askew, here.

Born, February 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hinson, a girl.

Will Cole was circulating among old friends and relatives here last Monday, and with his family, who were visiting here, returned to his home Tuesday.

Glad to see you, Gringo, and when we have time will say "how-de-do" on the cotton question.

Ignorant Voter, we welcome you, and hope you will fill the shoes you have stepped into check full.

We are on the way with the proof to convince Plow Boy—will show him that it is all folly to make a lot of big store accounts, for this country is a natural Paradise for hogs and the pigs stand around anxious for a chance to pay all the store accounts, for their board alone. And, they eat anything that is set before them, and ask no foolish questions about it.

In taking a shot at every question that has loomed above the horizon in this department of The Reporter will say; we get our mail late in the week and don't have time to knit our alabaster brow and give the subject long thought, in other words, we take a shot on the wing. This subject covers so much ground that we can touch only in a few places. A man can own many acres of land and live on it for years and yet in reality have no home, for it takes conveniences and comforts to constitute a home, and we lived here for many years without any of these.

If you should offer a renter

here today a place with no better house on it than we had

thirty years ago, he would laugh at you, for with the exception of the door and window and nails we went to the woods for

everything else used in the house. Dirt floors were good enough then, with very few exceptions. Nearly every family in this country now is with

in forty-five minutes time of a doctor. Then, in many cases,

it was one or two days before

he could reach the bedside of a loved one who was suffering.

And, if you think the early settlers here on the farms sailed

on flowery beds of ease, you are

badly mistaken. Wires crossed?

Well, look at Dago's lumber at

\$14.00 per thousand. It cost

right around that to freight it

from the railroad to Graham,

and it cost down there from

\$17.00 to \$22.00 per thousand.

Add the merchant's profit here

and you have the cost of lumber then. Dago's use of com-

parison is a fine way to reach

the true merits of this ques-

tion. But, is his comparison

fair to the man of today? Let

us see. He starts the man off

"then" with \$1,000, enough to

pay for his 160 acres in full

and \$200 left in his pocket. A

farmer here "then" with \$1,000

in cash would have been looked

upon as a bloated bond-holder.

Then he starts the man of

today with \$800 only, enough to

pay one fourth down on the in-

vestment he has the man to

make and then saddles him with

a debt of \$2,400 at 10 per cent

and a \$60 tax to pay. And Dago

knows that 8 per cent is the

regular interest rate on land

paper here, and that he more

than doubles the tax, and he

also knows that a man who

would make such a deal as he

describes wouldn't have as much

sense as you could cork up in a

horsehair.

Come again with the same

number of acres and same prices

per acre and give each man

enough cash to pay half down

and it will look better. It will

leave the man of "then" with a

\$400 note to meet and the

man of "now" with \$1,600 in

notes to meet. The prices you

give on live stock and other

products are the very thing we

have been contending for all

along. They can run at a ratio

of four to one, that is the price

is four times higher now than

then, and that is the very thing that enables the thrifty tenant of "now" to lay by enough to make a good first payment on land, if he really wishes to do so. And it also enables the man

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## FLINT CREEK

Hello to all! Cold I guess, all who are out of wood.

I will try to tell a little of the Flint Creek news after a two weeks' absence. I am a hard worker, you know, so I just didn't take time to write the past two weeks.

We have had some uncommon weather since my last writing. Snow is what it was, and it snowed a little this (Sunday) afternoon, but not enough to cover anyone up.

We had a big rain last night and every one who was out in it got wet but me and the ones who were with me.

If the weather had stayed fair the farmers would have finished their 1914 cotton crop next week, or about all of it.

Most of the farmers here are pulling bolls instead of picking on account of the time. Some few have their cotton out now and are preparing for another crop.

Yes, Tempest and Sunshine it was too cold for me to be at your literary but hope to be at the next one. Flint Creek school is going to have one before long so come down.

Tempest and Sunshine, you were speaking of Tom Butler being in your community a while back. I can tell you the reason he was there. He's interested in good schools, don't you think so?

The candy breaking at Dan W. Doolen's Saturday night wasn't very well attended on account of the rain.

It is intended to have preaching at the school house next Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning. Both Christians and sinners are invited.

Mrs. Morrison of Jermyn visited her daughter, Miss Jessie, who is teaching the school at this place, Sunday.

R. J. Robertson and family of Rocky Mound visited their daughter and sister Sunday.

Two of the Flint Creek boys have gone west looking out for a location, I reckon.

Ernest Heighten was in this community Sunday.

A. C. Smith and family visited John Taylor and wife in the Loving neighborhood Saturday night and Sunday.

Thanks, Silver Bell, your letters are fine every time.

Welcome to the new Correspondents.

Kid, I see you are still living at the gate.

Well, I hand my pencil to Pansy and quit this letter.

Jack o' Diamonds.

## FLAT ROCK

Well, what's the use of me saying I enjoyed the last Reporter, for I enjoy every one. The letters from the Correspondents are always cheerful.

We had some real winter weather the past week.

The school is progressing nicely and the pupils all seem to love their teacher. There are only twenty enrolled at this writing but there are several others yet to start.

Thanks, Silver Bell, for your compliment.

Kid, I think Plow Boy is trying to tease us about our box, don't you think so? But that's all right, we have an old maid with us this week, and Plow Boy, if you think the babies cry when they see us we'll just

station you on another box a little farther down the road and they will hush their crying when they see you.

Mrs. Veta Prudeaux spent Tuesday night at Mr. Hodges'.

Mrs. Taylor spent Wednesday with Mrs. Vena Cook.

Mrs. Matilda Parsons and little daughter, Juanita, visited a few days the past week with relatives in this community.

Miss Zora Wade and brother, Jerome, visited their sister, Mrs. Gene Martin, last week.

Allow me to correct a mistake in my letter of last week. It read "Mrs. Massie and Mr. Lonnie Martin have been with their mother" and it should have been their sister and mother.

Tipton Smith called at Mr. Corley's Thursday night.

Miss Maggie Taylor visited the school Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Burton and Miss Georgia called to see Mrs. W. A. Cook Wednesday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carter have a new baby boy at their house. Isn't it cold this (Monday) morning? I almost freeze every time I leave the fire.

The farmers are busy breaking their land.

Horace Fain has returned from Rock Creek where he has been pulling bolls for Fred Fields.

Gene Martin took his little daughter to see her grandmother last Friday.

Miss Maggie Taylor spent last Sunday with Miss Leota Hodges.

Jesse Martin's horse and buggy were hitched at Mr. Burton's gate Sunday.

Miss Jessie Alford and Brit Alford and wife visited Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Corley's.

Several of the new neighbors were present at Sunday school. Glad to have them with us and hope they will attend regular.

Brit Mayes and little daughter spent Sunday with Rev. Roark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor spent Sunday at John Martin's.

Tipton Smith and Miss Long Corley called at Mr. Burton's Sunday afternoon.

Will True's mother is visiting him this week.

Mr. Corley spent Sunday at Mr. Porter's.

Mrs. Vena Cook was able to sit up some Saturday, but was not so well Sunday.

Mrs. Porter is reported to be worse.

Mrs. J. H. Alford and Miss Jessie visited friends in Graham Saturday.

Carrie Nation, I can tell you more about the literary later. There is too much sickness in this community now to decide anything.

Mrs. Prudeaux visited friends in Graham Saturday night.

Arthur Posern of Woodson spent Friday night at Mr. Burton's.

Tomorrow is ground-hog day. I don't know whether I want him to see his shadow or not. But, I do know I'm not crazy about this kind of weather.

Candy Kid.

## LOVING

The weather has been favorable enough to pick and gather cotton all the last week and a number have finished, but it will take another week of fair weather to clear the fields of cotton.

The two gins have ginned, up to date, 3300 bales and there is at least two hundred bales more in the field, so we will make in the Loving country, at least 3500 bales, and at an average price of 7c for cotton

would bring the sum of \$122,500 and add the seed product to this will bring the sum total for the Loving cotton crop up to \$123,725, after ginning expenses are paid. Twenty-six hundred bales have been sold and weighed at Loving, so this is the cotton situation at Loving, and a very good showing at that. If cotton had brought 12 cents, instead of 7 cents, the total would have been a great deal more and very much more net profit to the farmer, however, we are very well satisfied with the results as they are.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Underwood went to Newcastle today to attend the Fifth Sunday meeting.

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The little boy of Lee Strickland died last Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Evans, and the school was dismissed so the whole school could attend. The little boy had only three years old and had been sick only a short time. He died with pneumonia.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Padgett is very sick with pneumonia. Dr. Will Padgett of Dallas was called there last Monday. The child is some better today.

J. A. Duckworth has added a stock of groceries to his dry goods stock and has now on hand a complete stock of general merchandise.

We heartily agree to and will try and practice what the Farmers' Union committee asked us to do in their resolutions in the last county papers. We surely believe that the credit system is ruining the country and thousands of dollars have been lost by the farmers of Young County this year by being in debt and being compelled to sell their cotton at such ruinous low prices. It doesn't take a very wise man to see this, and we all should resolve now to quit the going-in-debt business and also keep from being so extravagant in some things and pay as we go.

We learn this morning that the sick boy of Mr. Padgett is no better.

This morning is very cold again and we look for snow before the week is over.

The Dutchman, Keyshland's, house caught fire last Friday night and completely burned up. The family were away at the time and we learn that but little household goods were consumed in the blaze. The house was a cheap shack and not worth more than \$75.

Bro. Bell preached at the Tabernacle Sunday to a very good congregation. It was an off day, Fifth Sunday, and he had no other appointment elsewhere. His regular day at Loving is second Sunday.

Correspondent.

## YANCEYVILLE

We people down here in the valley have about decided that we are yet going to receive our share of winter weather. The snow which fell Saturday night caused us to realize that spring was not here by any means.

D. A. Upham of this place made a trip to South Bend last Monday.

Gann Bros. went to Graham Monday.

Yes, Goose, the next time I come to Gooseneck I'm going to stay longer, for I came very

near freezing that day. Think I'll wait until summer though.

Eugene West was seen going in home Monday morning with a load of corn. That looks rather suspicious in this part of the world. We bet Mr. West won't tell where he got the corn.

Gander, it would indeed have been a pleasure to me to have been able to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gander while in Gooseneck but I did not have time. It takes all day to go up there and back when you make the trip in a day.

All right, Johnnie Dolittle, when we get that postoffice I will always be on time and will not have to ask to be excused. And here's hoping that we will get it soon.

Roy Barron and Melvin Gann have taken a notion to go to Arkansas all of a sudden. We know why Roy wants to go but Melvin has us beat.

Well, Beauty, I just can't hardly think what about Johnnie Dolittle. That's two to one string all right, isn't it? And, say, what about that cousin of mine? I think his mama is getting uneasy about him telling people that he is going to Cedar Creek and instead going to—oh! well, you know to that mountain. But, Beauty, your recitation was all right, and well spoken. I was disappointed in not getting to speak to you that night, but suppose you know why. I did not get any chance, as I did not come back to the school house after I went to the phone office.

Help yourself, Dreamy Eyes, to June Roses' and Silver Bell's territory. If you can get more out of it than we can you are welcome.

No, Dreamy Eyes, I did not get what I said about Admiral Dewey out of the Rip-Saw. When I rewrite clippings from the Rip-Saw or Appeal to Reason it will be something stronger and with more force than that was, I assure you. And I fail to see where the satisfaction to use bigger words than our neighbors do would come in unless you are like the fellow that was having another fellow to write a letter for him to his sweetheart. When he got the letter about half written he said, "Put 'notwithstanding' right there in the middle." The writer said, "Why, that will not do at all. Why do you want it there?" He replied "Because it's a big word and a pretty word and I want it there." So that must be the way with you.

As for myself, I couldn't speak them correctly and I do not think they are so very pretty, just because they are big words. Dreamy Eyes, I'm awfully glad you thought before you said you had plowed, for I sure would have been agitated in the worst way. However, as you lowered it down to sewing and embroidering I can kind of survive the effects. It is so much easier taken in broken doses, you know. And, you bet I did not blame you for refusing that job of cotton picking. I would refuse a job of that kind every time if I could. And, Dreamy Eyes, you won't have to get lonesome, for this prohibition speaker is no quitter, however, she can never depend on her face to carry her through. There Dreamy Eyes you have the advantage of me. And, say, Dreamy Eyes, that invitation your father received from Gov. Ferguson has proven another link in our Governor's chain of honor. Your father, doesn't deny being a republican so that invitation proves that at heart Ferguson is a republican, though he ran and was elected on a democratic ticket.

Hurry up, Plow Boy, and write us another good letter. I for one, sure missed your letter last week. The paper was not complete with your letter missing.

Buster, I want to shake hands with you, and to compliment your letter also. I can sure endorse every word you said. And that family that you met, Buster, is just one in a thousand more who are in the same condition. And just think, how hard that father and mother were working, and how little

they were getting out of it. Not enough to clothe their little babies, but still this is called

the land of "big-hearted Americans." America is now shipping everything it has to foreign nations, leaving our own people to starve, suffer and die, just to get a few foreigners to tell how much America has done for other countries. Won't the Americans have a spotless record to show when they meet their God though? I heard a man say the other day, "Well, I can't see why people are crying hard times?" I said to myself then, that man must be crippled under the hat. The very idea of such a thing, when flour is selling at \$4.00 per hundred though, for by the time it gets to that price all the wheat will be shipped to foreign nations.

Everybody is rushing their cotton, wheat, and everything else they have to market and selling it for nothing, you might say, and as soon as the speculators get their hands on it for good, then it will sell for what, or more, than it is worth and be shipped. Then when we Americans get any of it back "pay for it please," and with "cash" at that, and if you have not the cash you can starve, go without shoes and clothes, stay out in some backwoods forest, and if you are fortunate enough to get hold of some foreign newspaper, maybe you can remember a little about civilization while you are reading how the "big, free-hearted Americans" helped to send their own people to destruction and caused them to be like a bunch of wild Indians or negroes in slavery time, slipping along here and yonder, and everywhere else trying to get a little bite to eat to keep life in their bodies, and will they? Can they all get it in an honest way or can they not? If there is anything in the world that will bring socialism into power it is the condition that the world is in today, or in other words, the condition the people are in, and it is going from bad to worse all the time.

Alvin Rickles was in this community Monday.

B. P. Gann and wife were trading at South Bend Tuesday.

Little Miss Lenora Hodge was sick several days the first of the week, but we are glad to say that she is able to attend school again.

B. P. Gann informed Silver Bell today that while he still intends to emigrate to Arkansas in the near future that his "fever" has become almost cool on account of his clothing being so thin.

Tom Hodge of this place visited friends and relatives near Cotton Plant the first of the week.

Here, School Girl, take my pencil and come forward.

Silver Bell.

## HUNT

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Howard, the 12th, a fine boy.

Miss Kathrine Patrick spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Millie Henderson.

Miss Mary Ella Patrick spent the afternoon with Mrs. Homer Howard Saturday.

Miss Alta Groves of Olney spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Mary Ella Patrick.

Bro. Green filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday.

Mrs. Matthews and children spent the day with Mrs. Pringle and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and little daughter spent the day with G. R. Smith and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butler spent the afternoon with their son and wife Wednesday.

R. R. Rogers spent Saturday with W. O. Rayburn.

Richard Vernon was shopping in Olney Wednesday.

Cotton is about all picked in this community. Some of the farmers are breaking land and some are getting ready to break.

We had a pretty little snow Sunday morning in this part of the country.

Will pass my pencil to Dago. Horned Frog.

## PROFFITT

John and Jim Webb went to Newcastle Thursday.

Charlie Wooldridge took a load of cotton to Newcastle last Wednesday.

W. M. Gibbs, daughter and son spent from Friday till Sunday day with George Willhoit and family.

Miss Willie Hudson spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Dennis Maples.

The singing Sunday night at C. L. Griffin's was enjoyed by all present.



## Local and Personal Mention

Mrs. Frank Southall is dangerously ill.

Chas. Echols of Caddo was in the city Wednesday.

A. J. Jones spent Tuesday in Ft. Worth on business.

Onion sets at our store.

Mabry & Son.

W. H. Akers of Proffitt was here on business Tuesday.

W. L. Walsh and Lacy Mayes of Murray were in Graham Monday.

Mrs. Holleman of Red Top was a Graham visitor Wednesday.

Constable Wm. Johnson made a business trip to Olney Tuesday.

R. G. Hallam spent Wednesday at Breckenridge on business.

E. S. Graham spent Friday and Saturday in Moran on business.

Bob Carrell of South Bend was in the city on business last Tuesday.

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A new shipment of Heinz dill pickles at our store.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglass have moved into the H. L. Tidwell rent cottage, recently vacated by Judge and Mrs. E. W. Fry.

Mrs. W. R. Lee returned to her home in Seymour Wednesday morning, after a few days' visit here with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Burns.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall will occupy the pulpit at Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. S. R. Jeffery and daughter, Adelle, left Wednesday for Fort Worth to spend a few days.

Miss Vera Melugin, who has been visiting in Fort Worth, returned home Sunday night.

William Brown of the Mt. Pleasant community paid us a visit while in the city Monday.

G. A. Woodrum of Bunker paid The Reporter a pleasant call while in the city Friday.

Celery, lettuce, turnips, radishes, onions, greens and beets fresh at our store.

Mabry & Son.

Miss Nina Hall left Saturday morning for Wichita Falls where she has a splendid position as stenographer.

Revs. W. D. Boswell and G. W. Black attended fifth Sunday meeting of the Baptist Church at Newcastle.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stewart was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery Saturday afternoon.

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Miss Willie Hogue came in from Vineyard Saturday night to spend a week here visiting her mother.

Mrs. J. R. Jameson of California is expected to arrive this week for a short visit with Mrs. R. F. Fowler.

L. P. Brooks of Mount Pleasant was a visitor in town Wednesday and called at The Reporter office.

### Thank You.

I desire to extend sincere thanks to the people who gave me such liberal patronage while conducting the moving picture show in Graham. Should I again enter this business here I trust I may merit your support and patronage, and assure you that you will be extended every courtesy, and see the very best pictures obtainable.

Respectfully yours,

A. B. Casburn.

### INDIAN MOUND

Ignorant Voter, I am not raising any kick at Graham's way of doing business. I asked for information, and here I come again. I was in Graham last Friday and was told by some flour dealers that they were paying \$4.10 per hundred for flour and selling for \$4.20 and \$4.35 owing to the grade. Other Graham dealers were selling for \$4.10 per hundred, the best grade. How about this business? Ignorant Voter, this high flour may be selling high to raise money to build some more Fort Worth to Roswell highway with, I don't know.

Miss Corrine Stephens, who is attending school at Graham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stephens here from Friday till Sunday.

G. W. McComas and wife visited the fifth Sunday meeting at Newcastle the last of the week.

F. E. Borchardt and daughter, Miss Virgie, went to Newcastle Saturday.

Jim Howell and family from Newcastle visited their brother-in-law, F. E. Borchardt, and family here Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Dollins and Mrs. R. G. Taylor, who have been suffering with something like la grippe, are able to be up again.

Ira Huckaby came in last Thursday from Cedar Springs, Texas. He was accompanied by Bud Dollins of Indian Mound, who had gone down there to come back with him.

R. G. Taylor, D. W. Beard and Lamar Smith went to Graham Friday.

Miss Uno, who writes for the Leader, visited Mrs. W. W. Hoggard one day week before last and we failed to mention it. Excuse me please, Miss Uno, this time and I will try and not be so careless next time.

Mrs. W. W. Hoggard visited Mrs. R. G. Taylor two evenings last week.

Mesdames W. W. and E. G. Williamson and D. W. Beard each spent one afternoon with Mrs. R. G. Taylor last week.

We welcome all you new Correspondents to our happy band each week whether we think to mention it or not.

F. E. Borchardt, R. B. Hightower and R. G. Taylor went to Graham Monday.

Mrs. W. P. Fisher and children visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Busch of Tonk Valley from Saturday until Sunday afternoon.

G. W. McComas and wife visited the home of J. S. Fisher Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jean Bryan visited Mrs. Austin Bird Sunday.

Misses Fay and Inez Fisher visited at Mr. Dollins' Sunday.

Misses Cornelius from Briar Branch and Mrs. Jewel Babb of Graham spent Saturday night and Sunday with H. H. Stephens and family, and visited our Sunday school Sunday. Come again ladies you are always welcome.

D. James was cutting wood for W. W. Hoggard Monday.

H. H. Stephens went to Graham Monday.

Kid.

### MOUNTAIN HOME

Bill Bunker made a trip to Tonk Valley one day last week to Wadley brothers on business. Eve McLendon cut two cords of wood for the Mountain Home school last week. I am sure they made good use of the wood since the cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunker and children spent a Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lilse and Miss Winnie Lisle came home with them.

Jake Jones and Will Owen made a trip to Graham Saturday.

Silver Bell, you just whisper a word for me to B. P. Gann

and ask him how many horses he expects to lose on this trip. I hope when he reaches Arkansas he will find the country he has been looking for and I wish he and his family good luck on their journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Askew visited Jake Jones and Mr. Askew and family Saturday and Sunday.

Glad to say that Grandma McLendon was able to go over to Mrs. Jones' one day last week. Saturday she had a chill, but she is getting along all right so far.

Asbury Caudill and family spent Sunday with Bill Bunker and family.

School Girl, I would love to see Mrs. Perry. You tell her I would love to have her visit me while here.

Emmet Lisle attended church Sunday at Fox Hollow and reported a nice time. He said the dinner was simply fine.

Bill Bunker and Eve McLendon hauled wood Monday.

I am glad to see you new writers joining our band of Correspondents, and hope to see a letter from you every week.

Bill Bunker went to Bunker today (Tuesday).

I will not write any more for there may be some more new Correspondents who want to write this week.

Homeite.

### DUFF PRAIRIE

Prospects look good for another bad week. Guess it is fixing to snow before it turns warm again.

Jess Ingram attended Sunday school at South Bend this morning.

Mrs. Clemmie Correll visited Mrs. Henry Rogers Monday.

Mrs. Floyd Burgess visited Mrs. Sim Burgess one day this week.

As I have been absent for a while, will give a few late items.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sim Burgess, last Thursday night, a fine boy.

J. Quincy Adams has been out here for the past two weeks preparing his land for oats.

J. F. Lamb and family have

returned to their home at Godley, Texas, after spending a few months picking cotton for his uncle, J. Quincy Adams.

Mark Crabtree and wife have moved out here from Bosque county. They will make their home with his father, J. W. Crabtree.

Walter Braddock of Murray was down Saturday looking after the interests of his place.

I was in town last Monday and saw two Correspondents, Gander and Plow Boy. Gander knew me, but Plow Boy looked amazed when I spoke to him, but I hope he will know me next time.

Am glad to report the sick folks on the mend. Hope they continue so.

Mrs. Lucian Adams was on the puny list a few days this week, but is about well now.

Uncle Mack Fickling was real sick a few days this week.

Henry Rodgers and son, Esther, were in town Monday.

Here, Bashful Ben, please take my pencil and write a long letter this week. Sorrel Top.

### GOOSENECK

News is pretty scarce but all the same we will send in what we have.

Messrs. Conder and Willie Parsons were among the many visitors at Graham Monday.

J. G. Parsons and sons, Roy and Frank, assisted Mr. Wiley on his move to Newcastle.

Kid.

G. W. Day went to town Monday.

Walter Youngblood says if a man wants to get through picking cotton he sure will have to stay with it like he does.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and daughter and John Lasater spent Monday night with Oscar James and family.

J. G. Parsons and wife went to Graham Monday, and while there had the pleasure of meeting our editor, Plow Boy, Sorrel Top and our Loving writer.

Herron Newby and family spent several days at Jim Reed's this week.

A. L. Conder and wife went to Graham Friday.

Mrs. Mack Rose and sister, Cora, went to Graham Friday.

Frank Vaden and wife came to the Sparks place Friday to make