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## CHANGE OF VENUE IS GRANTED FRY

TRIAL SET FOR APRIL 7th IN 78th DIST. COURT AT WICHITA FALLS.

Motion for Change Made Friday and Many Special Veniremen Examined.

On last Friday morning when the case of E. W. Fry and others was called in the District Court the defense attorneys made a supplemental motion for a change of venue, setting up practically the same grounds argued in the first motion.

In the examination of the witnesses when the first motion for change was made only a few people in the country were examined, but last Friday the men who composed the special venire were put on the stand to tell what the sentiment was as to whether or not a fair trial could be had in this county, and while several of them expressed the opinion that they thought a fair trial could be had, the majority of the statements were that the sentiment generally was against the defendants.

The taking of testimony was continued in a night session Friday night, but before all the witnesses who composed the special venire were heard Judge Nicholson stopped the proceedings and ordered the venue changed to Wichita Falls, and on his own motion changed the forgery cases now pending against Fry.

The trial for murder will be held in the 78th District Court, Judge Nicholson presiding. This is the new court recently created by the legislature for Wichita County. April 7th is the date set for the hearing.

### Other Cases Disposed Of.

Sallie Andrews vs. Sallie-Alice Mining Co., judgment for plaintiff, and J. F. Barnett appointed receiver.

A number of other civil suits were continued, while in others judgments were taken by default.

### LES HIBOUX

(Delayed Report.)

Mrs. R. Fowler entertained the Auction Bridge Club on Friday afternoon.

Five games of Auction were played, after which the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hutchison and Mrs. A. Morrison, served a delicious salad course. Miss Nell Graham was the fortunate winner of the high score prize, which was a delicious angel food cake, with a large bunch of violets, while the consolation fell to Miss Lillian Manning, a delicious devil food cake with violets.

Those present: Mesdames Parrish, Arnold, Stovall, B. and Q. Street, Wadsworth, Gay, Hutchison, and E. S. Graham; Misses Dorothy and Nelle Graham and Lillian Manning. Invited guests, Mrs. L. A. Ringgenburg of Jacksboro.

Judge Edgar Scurry and Ed Howard, editor in chief and manager of the Wichita Falls Times, were business visitors in Graham this week. They came over in a car and when about four miles from town had a blowout (in a tire) and were forced to walk the balance of the way to town. We're not surprised, for an editor's lot never can be smooth anyway.

### Benjamin Franklin Slater.

On the 15th day of March, 1915, a large company of friends and relatives gathered at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Graham, where we placed in the tomb the body of Benjamin Franklin Slater, who was born in Clark County, Mississippi on Dec. 17, 1843.

On December 23, 1865 in Prairie County, Arkansas he was married to Miss Marguerite McBee. To this union were born six children, five of whom still live; William F., Edward T., Mrs. Carrie J. Cole, George W., and Benjamin W. Slater.

About sixteen years ago Bro. Slater came to this county where he has been known as one of its best citizens, and where all of his sons are living upright and honorable lives. And where the good woman, whose husband has been taken away, will know that she is among friends.

Just a word as to Bro. Slater as I knew him: When I became his pastor I found out that he was a man who loved his fellow man, and in our meetings would do all he could for their conversion. I knew him as a deeply religious man, and one who "knew" in whom he was trusting for his salvation. I found out that he had been a Confederate soldier, and I know that in this he must have been true. I have sounded him many times on matters pertaining to civic righteousness and found him as true as could be. He was ambitious for the welfare of his sons, and in their good name, and religious faith took much justifiable pride. He loved his aged wife, and was devoted to his home.

He was the preacher's friend at all times. A Methodist since 1866, but loved all Christians. A good man has gone to his reward. God bless his family.

J. Hall Bowman.

### Class Party.

Last Saturday evening, Miss Ethel Self, one of the High School graduating class, gave the annual "Senior Prom" at the home of Mrs. Irene McLaren, in honor of the class members and other invited guests—each senior inviting one guest on this occasion. The reception and dining rooms were fragrant with lovely pink and white hyacinths while the parlor bore decorations in the class colors of yellow and gold. The amusements offered were principally contests—the first was a merry one in sculpture with chewing gum as the medium. The finished products were placed on cards, hand-painted in dainty shamrocks. Miss Mary McBrayer won the ribbon, in yellow and gold, for the best bit of "sculpture." The second contest was Irish charades; the answers to questions were formulated by naming cities and rivers in Ireland. In this contest of wits and geography, J. C. Rickman and Miss Berenice Miller were decorated with ribbon bows of yellow and gold.

Miss Lucille Miller contributed a delightful reading. The evening's entertainment closed with a series of old-fashioned games which were enjoyed fully.

A salad course, with chocolate, was served to the following: Misses Catherine Craig, Berenice Miller, Lovella Eddleman, Ruth McLaren, Lucille Miller, Lillian Pate; Messrs. Andrew Jackson, Elver Stone, J. E. Burk, E. L. Howell; and the following seniors: Miss Leah Stewart, Henry Schlitter, Christian Stoffers, Jim Porter and J. C. Rickman. Two of the class members were not present.

## PART OF BIG SUIT IS NOW DISMISSED

PADGETT AND BONDSMEN FOR ONE TERM HELD FOR \$14,042.25

Suit Dismissed Against Fry and His Bondsmen, Cusenbary and His Bondsmen, and Padgett's Bondsmen for One Term.

The civil suit for \$25,900.00 against Fry, Padgett, Cusenbary and their bondsmen, came up for hearing in the District Court Saturday morning and a plea of misjoinder was entered by Judge Miller for the defendants, but before a ruling could be had on the plea the plaintiff's attorneys agreed and the suit was ordered dismissed as to E. W. Fry and his bondsmen, and D. D. Cusenbary and his bondsmen, and as to the bondsmen of I. B. Padgett upon the bond executed for the term beginning Nov. 13, 1912 and ending Nov. 10, 1914. The original case against I. B. Padgett and his bondsmen for term beginning in 1910, is retained on docket and plaintiff granted leave to amend, and cause continued for the term by consent.

The suit against Padgett and his bondsmen for his first term is amended and the amount now being sued for is \$14,042.25. This amount the attorneys for the county claim Fry appropriated to his own use during his incumbency in office as county judge for the same years Padgett was county treasurer.

In the plaintiff's amended petition the following named bondsmen are made parties to the suit:

C. C. Mayes, J. M. Whitfield, W. C. Hunt, M. H. Steadham, W. T. Steadham, W. B. Hinson, W. T. Walker, Estate of G. T. Cherrylholmes, F. M. Burkett, W. M. Johnson, J. W. Jackson, O. E. Allen, R. G. Hallam, A. H. Jones, L. P. Brooks, J. A. Holt, A. J. Wheat, Clarence Keen, Chas. Keen, F. P. Burch, E. C. Turner, W. C. McCombs, H. J. Ragland, S. Dozier, A. F. Stewart, E. S. Graham, D. G. Vick, Jas. Porter, J. B. Norris, A. B. Eddleman.

The petition further alleges that the said E. W. Fry, unlawfully and fraudulently having procured to be issued certain county warrants drawn upon defendant I. B. Padgett as county treasurer, and issued by the county clerk of Young county without authority of law, in favor of divers and sundry fictitious persons, such fictitious persons being named as payee in said warrants, the said E. W. Fry presented said warrants for payment to the said defendant I. B. Padgett as county treasurer, and defendant I. B. Padgett as county treasurer unlawfully and negligently paid and caused to be paid such fraudulent warrants.

That said warrants were all paid to the said E. W. Fry by the defendant I. B. Padgett without requiring any endorsement across the face or upon the back of said warrants, and were paid without the endorsement of the supposed fictitious payee named therein.

That among said warrants appear a few that did bear the endorsement of the supposed payee, and were made to persons who are well known, but in such instances, your plaintiff says that such warrants were fraudulent in that they were procured to be issued without

authority of law by the said Fry and that Young County did not in fact owe the persons named therein and that the persons named therein knew nothing of the issuance of said warrants and that the endorsements thereon and on each of them was false, fraudulent and forged and were not paid to the payees named therein, but that such warrants so bearing a pretended endorsement, as well as all of the warrants mentioned in said exhibit were fraudulent.

That the payment of said warrants without endorsement constituted on the part of said I. B. Padgett, defendant, negligence.

That the payment of said warrants to said E. W. Fry in such large numbers was negligence, in that the great number of such warrants so presented by Fry was sufficient to put the defendant Padgett upon notice of the fraud of said Fry.

That the defendant I. B. Padgett as county treasurer was guilty of negligence in paying each of said warrants, in that, he knew that E. W. Fry was then and there county judge of Young County, and as such county judge, precluded by law from the ownership, trading in, handling and assigning said warrants.

### J. H. Fisher Announces for Representative to Succeed Fry.

Rev. J. H. Fisher, Primitive Baptist minister, a citizen of Graham for a long time, has announced his candidacy for the unexpired term of Representative E. W. Fry. Rev. Mr. Fisher has issued a circular with this announcement:

"Owing to the fact that Judge E. W. Fry was our Representative in the Texas Legislature from the 99th District and has now resigned, and that Gov. James E. Ferguson has ordered an election for that office to be held in Young and Jack counties March 27, 1915, I hereby announce myself as a candidate to fill out this unexpired term. "I have lived in Young county for fifteen years. About half of my time in this county has been spent on the farm. I was raised a farmer. In my younger days taught school for ten years. Almost my entire life has been spent with the laboring class of people, and am still identified on that line. I have never asked for a public office from the people before.

"My acquaintance is very extensive in Young county having met the people at my boarding house in Graham, and over the county when I was engaged in paper work and other business. I have met you at your places of business; around your firesides and on your farms. Your treatment of me has been friendly and cordial. I have some acquaintance in Jack county that I count among my good friends.

"I shall not make any broad nor unreasonable promises, but, if elected as your Representative, I expect to stand for such things only as I conscientiously believe to be for the moral, intellectual and financial uplift of the people. J. H. Fisher."

The Reporter believes Mr. Fisher will do just what he says he will do, and heartily recommends him to you as a man who is well qualified to represent this district.

### Methodist Church

Don't fail to come to church next Sunday. Springtime has come, so let us all get out and worship the Lord in His house. Thank you very much for your past attendance. Now these next few weeks let us make it even better.

J. Hall Bowman.

### Bounty on Rabbit Scalps Can Now Be Had.

Some time ago a number of the farmers of this section, in fact, about three hundred of them, petitioned the Commissioners' Court to pass an order setting aside so much for a bounty on jack rabbit scalps, but as the attorney general had held that the Commissioners Court could not lawfully do this the petition was disregarded.

Those who signed that petition may now have their desires granted as Gov. Ferguson has signed a bill recently passed by the Legislature, granting a bounty of 5 cents on each jack rabbit scalp.

The Commissioners Court will make payment for scalps in the same manner as for wolf scalps, and by the next term of the court there is likely to be so many scalps in the court house that a carpet of "ears" may be had to walk upon.

This is one of the best measures passed by the Legislature and will give relief to many farmers who were unable to enter into a general slaughter of jack rabbits on account of the cost. This, however, can now be met by the bounty, and farmers are expected to get busy and rid their places of this pest.

### Presbyterian Ladies Entertained

Last Thursday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, the ladies of the Presbyterian congregation assembled at the home of Mrs. R. A. Duncan in social session. Mrs. Duncan was assisted in entertaining on this occasion by Mesdames Rubenkoenig, Hal-lam, Donnell and Ware. The guests were requested to come representing some prominent American, and much entertainment was afforded in guessing at the characters represented. There were present two of Pocahontas, two of Roosevelt, President Wilson, Carrie Nation, C. W. Post, Lincoln, Jackson, Jane Addams, Longfellow, Bryant, Benjamin Franklin and others of like distinction. The blue ribbon went to Mrs. Hall Morrison for filling out her list of characters most correctly.

The central idea of the social was America and America's position in the world of missions. To this end, small hand-painted American flags were given the guests. The flags were cut in portions and the contest was to put the fragments together to form connected sentences such as "America for Christ," "As goes America so goes the world," etc. These sentences were afterwards read. A piano number was given by Mrs. A. A. Morrison, vocal numbers by Mrs. Ira T. Gilmer and Marjorie Hudson, all of which were much enjoyed.

A delectable fruit salad, with chicken sandwiches and hot coffee and chocolate, was served to thirty guests.

### LES HIBOUX

The Card Club met with Mrs. John Gay on Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Several games of Bridge and Rook were played, after which the hostess served a refreshing ice course. Mrs. E. S. Graham won the high score prize, which was a hat pin. Mrs. Vaughan won the guest prize and Mrs. Parrish the consolation, a dainty sachet. Those present: Mesdames Parrish, Norman, Stovall, Hutchison, Fowler, Arnold, B. Street, H. Wadsworth, Q. Street, H. Criswell, E. S. Graham, Misses Lillian Manning, Bladen Garrett, Zella Allen, Dorothy and Nelle Graham. Invited guests, Mesdames Morris and Vaughan and Mrs. Carrie Stewart of Fort Worth.

### A Farewell Party.

Helen Widmayer entertained a party of little friends last Saturday afternoon, in honor of Catherine Jackson who left Tuesday morning with her parents for Lynn county where they will make their home. The party came in the nature of a complete surprise to Catherine who had been invited over for a visit with Helen. Among the many pleasures offered was a trip to the Saturday afternoon matinee at the Opera House, where the party of children enjoyed themselves fully.

A program was rendered at the home—little Misses Marjorie Hudson, Willie Hall Phillips, Edna Bowron, and Helen Widmayer contributing sweet piano numbers while Annie Lucille Morrison and Thelma Burns gave pleasing readings. St. Patrick's decorations were chosen for the color scheme—small green shamrocks afforded favors to the happy guests, while the "guest-book" for the honoree was in shamrock form and tinted green. In this little book all the guests registered and then presented the volume to Catherine as a souvenir of the event.

Refreshments of sandwiches, rosettes and dressed eggs were served on the top of the mountain late in the afternoon. The following girls comprised the party: Leola Price, Martha May and Catherine Morris, Marjorie Hudson, Annie Lucille Morrison, Willie Hall Phillips, Edna Bowron, Thelma Burns, Dorothy Vick, Alice Graham, Irene McLaren, Louise Rubenkoenig, Annie Cornish and the honoree.

### Christian Church Calls Pastor.

At a recent meeting of the church board of the First Christian Church, Rev. J. E. Evans of Odessa, Texas, who preached here last Sunday, was called to the pastorate of the church here.

Rev. Evans accepted the call and will take up the work here the first of April. He will preach his first sermon as pastor on April 4th, Easter Sunday.

### Married at Bryson.

At Bryson, at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday while the beautiful snow was gently falling and the scenery had been re-touched by the brush of the Great Artist as if for the special occasion, two glad hearts were made one by the solemn words of Rev. Lipscomb as he stood before Mr. Nelson Martin and Miss Clemmie Nichols at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nichols.

A wedding dinner was served to a large number of invited guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin will live on the groom's ranch nine miles south of Bryson.—Jermyn News.

### U. D. C. Meeting.

The U. D. C.'s met with Mrs. Geo. McLaren on last Thursday. As this was the regular business meeting there was no programme rendered. After business was finished the hostess served delicious coffee and sandwiches.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. James Porter, and the following programme will be rendered:

Song—Old Black Joe.—By Chapter.

Paper—The Story of Cotton and the Cotton Gin.—Miss Pearl Matthews.

Reading—The Home-spun Dress.—Mrs. Ewing Norris.

Anecdotes of War Times.—Mrs. W. H. Logan.

Song—Pop Goes the Weasel.—Miss Nora Sloan.

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**Weather for March.**

1st to 3rd, rain; 4th to 7th, pleasant; 8th to 10th cloudy; 11th to 15th, rain or snow; 16th to 19th, warm, showers; 20th to 23rd, showers; 24th to 26th, warm and pleasant; 27th to 29th, rain; 30th to 31st, cold and blustery. Temperature below average. Precipitation excessive in south.

Press dispatches state that Gov. Ferguson will likely call the special session of the Legislature for April-29. The program for the special session has not yet been outlined.

A fly killed now means a million less in June.

A warning has been sounded that a bogus twenty dollar bill is in circulation but we haven't seen it, or anything that looked like it.

John D. Rockefeller admits that his late wife helped to amass his fabulous wealth and pays her the following tribute: "Had it not been for my wife's business sagacity and her clear insight into affairs I would be a poor man. Many times her advice has been counter to my ideas, but her judgment has invariably proved the better." Give a rose to the living today.

**Mail Order Houses.**

The Fort Worth postoffice received eight carloads of catalogues a few days ago from a New York mail order house. These catalogues were shipped to Fort Worth by freight and from there will be sent all over Texas by parcel post. The postage alone on these catalogues amounted to \$7,800.00 and the cost of issuing them many times that sum. In the face of the fact, as some people claim, that advertising doesn't pay, these mail order houses are certainly throwing thousands of dollars away. One of the mail order houses in Chicago recently declared a fifty per cent dividend.

State Press of the Dallas News is always on the side of the ladies and he makes the following plea for the voteless sex in a recent issue of the News:

State Press favors woman suffrage because he regards woman as an honorable, reasoning human being, and as such vitally interested in the welfare of the country in which she lives. "Honor thy father and thy mother," thunders the commandment. It doesn't order that the father alone should be honored. But this is the position that the anti-suffragists take. To give the ballot to the woman is to honor the mother of man. To deny the woman

the ballot is to dishonor her, for it implies her unfitness for any position of responsibility in the making of the morals and laws of our country. Morals are largely matters of law, and therefore those who make the laws help make the morals. It is the common practice to speak of the woman as the keeper of the moralities. And it is right to speak thus, for woman is such a keeper. But if man choose to change the laws so as to give chastity no protection from the law, how long might women be able to protect herself? How long before the barriers of virtue would be broken down? Of course men are not going to pass such laws. But they have the power to, and to have the power centered in one sex is to affront the dignity of the other sex. And to say that however bestial a man may be, he is better qualified to vote than is the most refined woman, is to insult not only womanhood, but decency as well.

**The Good Fellow.**

Sop-up booze until you're mellow, leave the wife and bairns alone, you'll be known as a good fellow while your money's being blown; sit behind the cards and bet 'em till the hours are small and wee; wife and children? just forgot 'em, until it is just half past three; go the gaits and love the ladies, lean across the polished bar; let the home life go to hades, there is gladness where you are; of course you have got to settle this here European war while six drinks puts you in fine fettle to tell the people what it's for; if your wife objects forgive her, forgive her if she is glum, for cirrhosis of liver will get you ere the dark days come, you can drink and flirt and frolic, and go home lit-up and stewed, leaving wife to nurse the colic and to feed the little brood. And you'll die sometime and going leave her here to raise the bunch, never two days running knowing or where she'll get the stuff for lunch. You will have a good time here, you'll have leisure and to spare, you'll have skittles and have beer, and you will have a hot time there.—Judd Mortimer Lewis in the Houston Post.

**The Struggle to Arrive**

Persons with no apparent talent often look on the talented as fortunate folk who, by some favor of the gods, live easily and charmingly—drifting down a sunlit and flower-bordered stream. They are unaware of all that it costs in self-sacrifice, in resistance to temptations from within and without, and in hard and persistent labor, to bring a talent to anything approaching maturity. It is not possible to secure statistics on dead talents; but if it were, it would be found that some 90 per cent perish. This is because of the lack of character in those who possess them. Talent calls for iron purpose; it is not a self-perfecting thing. An almost grim obstinacy is required from the outset if it is to be cultivated—urged on from flower to fruit, from ripening to harvest. Parents, friends, the conventions—even reason itself—may be its natural foes. He—or she—who can save a talent alive, yet pay all the debts of affection, must be possessed not only of a clear and creative mind, but of a brave, abounding, and magnanimous spirit as well—a spirit austere beneath its gentleness. Character alone, can save a talent to the end.—Collier's Weekly.

**A Word to the Wise.**

A town in Illinois is advertising for a newspaper and offering a liberal cash bonus for some newspaper man to install a plant and begin the publication of a weekly newspaper. A few years ago this town had two good papers, but the merchants combined to cut down expenses and agreed to stop advertising in the papers. They figured that there was just so much business to be acquired and everybody in town knew where each store was located and what each handled for sale; therefore advertising was a useless expense. The owners of the papers soon exhausted all means of support and could not secure enough foreign advertising to pay their bills, so they closed their shops and left town.

The mail order houses of Chicago heard of the plight of the merchants and placed their catalogs in every home in that town and vicinity. The plea made by the merchant to patronize home industry went no further than their own store and the town was dead. Now they are offering financial aid to any man who will come to their town and start a paper.

The best way to fight fire is with fire, and the best way to fight these mail order houses is advertising in the local newspaper—a privilege denied these outside mercantile houses.

If you have a good newspaper in your town don't begrudge what little you spend for advertising as it will pay you in more ways than one. Don't put the ad in just to secure the editor's business, but write your message in such a way that it will be read and believed by the public. Stand by the prices you advertise and don't tell your customer the printer set it wrong, after you have made a sale. Be content with a smaller profit and do a larger volume of business. Keep busy and you won't have the time to knock the town and country. Your customer never believes you when you say you are selling goods for less than cost. Tell the truth, advertise, keep busy and the town will appreciate you and the citizens will buy your wares.—Tucumcari News.

**In Memory of Our Dear Friend, Mrs. Emma Moore.**

Mrs. Emily Frances Moore (nee Sharp) was born in Young County, Texas, April 10, 1884. She was married to Mr. Walter Moore, Nov. 27, 1904. To them five children were born two of whom are living. Mrs. Moore united with the Christian church during the summer of 1903 and lived a pure, consecrated Christian life until death which occurred at the home of Mr. Moore's aunt in Colorado, Feb. 23, 1915. She leaves a husband, two children and a dear old mother, besides other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her death. In her death we have lost a true friend and sister. As a child she was an obedient one, a faithful wife and a true, kind and loving mother. How we miss her, but our sad loss is her great gain. Oh, how it grieves our aching hearts—from you dear one to have to part—yet we know on the shining shore—we will meet again sweet Emma Moore. Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep.

A Friend.

**Christian Endeavor Program for March 21.**

Topic: Favorite Books of the Bible. Why? Leader—Miss Amy Price. Song. Scripture Lesson, John 1:1-5.—Miss Mary Hudson. Leader's Talk. Prayer. Song. What is your favorite Book? Why?—Mr. Z. A. Hudson. What Bible subject most interests you?—Mr. C. B. Jones. Song. Clippings read by all. Song. Mizpah.

**Married Life.**

She thinks he's grand,  
She pats his hand,  
And rests her cheek upon it.  
It's a good bet  
That she will get  
Coin for an Easter bonnet.  
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His better half  
Is quick to laugh  
And call his stories cute;  
It's safe to bet  
She's going to get  
A fifty dollar suit.  
—Detroit Free Press.

When she durns his hose  
From heel to toes  
And greets him with a hug;  
It's safe to bet  
That she will get  
That seamless velvet rug.

**FOX HOLLOW**

Last Monday night we were visited by the largest snow we can remember seeing at this time of year. Tuesday morning the ground was all covered in snow and still the white flakes continued to come faster than ever. The snow began to melt very early in the day and although it snowed nearly all the morning, by night there was very little left.

Messrs. Robert Fawks, John Farrar, Aaron Nicklas, Jim Barron and Jesse Upham went to Graham Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Dendy called at Mr. Fawks' Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Kate Newby of near Jean is visiting relatives here this week.

Messrs. Slay and Mitchell went to Palo Pinto Wednesday, returning Friday.

Mrs. L. A. Wadsworth was sick Monday but we are glad to say she was able to resume her school work Tuesday.

C. T. Nicklas and family called at Mr. Stringer's Sunday.

Thank you, Beauty, for complimenting my letter. You see I wrote so much that week I did not have anything left to write the next so had to play hookey.

Mrs. Elvie Reeves and children of Lucille are visiting relatives here this week.

Uncle Zeke, allow me to compliment your letter. It certainly was fine and your advice very good. Come on with another letter.

Hello, Snowflake, how are you? I haven't seen you for a long time, but I still "nose" you.

Messrs. Stringer and Fawks went to Pickwick Saturday.

A few of the people from here attended the literary at Pickwick Friday night.

Here, Johnnie Dolittle, take my pencil quick. Busy Bee.

**SOUTH BEND**

Last Saturday, March 18th, Old Sol peeped out and showered his radiance out over this cold, cloudy, damp earth and we had an ideal day. Sunday was also fine but today (Monday) is blustery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harrell of Ming Bend spent Saturday and Sunday in the Bend visiting relatives.

Will Davis of Eliasville was in the Bend Sunday.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at J. R. Holcomb's Sunday afternoon.

Eon and Stump Taylor and C. A. Melton ate Sunday dinner with M. D. Harrell and family.

Mrs. V. M. Hale is improving now, after a pretty bad spell last week.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burgess have been sick of pneumonia the past week. The oldest boy is pretty bad at this writing. We hope to report them better by next week. They have a trained nurse in attendance.

T. Marvin McBrayer attended the second quarterly conference at Murray Saturday and Sunday.

Everybody remember that on next Sunday, March 21, Rev. Marcus M. Chunn will preach here instead of the 4th Sunday.

Geo. Martin killed a nice, fat beef last Saturday.

D. F. Shields and family will leave this week for New Mexico if the weather permits. We regret to give these good people up but wish them much success in their new home.

Mrs. John Akers of Lone Star spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Burgess.

Miss Christine Harrell spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Lucian Adams of Duff Prairie.

Mesdames Mark Crabtree and Lucian Adams of Duff Prairie were in the Bend Saturday.

Mrs. F. M. Danley of Lone Star was in the Bend one day last week.

S. W. Goode and family visited J. R. Holcomb and family Sunday. Bashful Ben.

Reporter Want Ads pay.

**Announcement!**

I wish to announce the remodeling of my Furniture Store and to thank my former patrons for their loyal support.

Should you need anything in Furniture or Household Supplies you will find just what you want at this store.

The public is cordially invited to come and inspect our new Undertaking Parlors. We are better prepared now to care for your needs in undertaking.

**J. Ewing Norris**

**Look Here Boys!**

I have just received a lot of new samples from several of the largest tailoring establishments in the United States. The prices are reasonable, workmanship cannot be beat. Give us a trial.

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SOUTHWESTERN WEEKLY ASSOCIATION—ADVERTISING—BLDG—CHICAGO



## GOOSENECK

This is Monday and a cold one too, but just the same I will write a few dots for our paper.

Misses Mary and Ethel Cunningham and Cora Rose went to Graham Monday.

R. L. McLaren and G. W. Rose were among the many who went to Graham Big Monday.

J. I. Grogan of Breckenridge an old acquaintance of Joe Parsons' was buying cattle here this week. He spent Monday and Tuesday nights with the Parsons family.

Oscar James and J. I. Grogan made a trip to Ming Bend Tuesday.

Odel Johnson and family moved to the white house belonging to G. F. Parsons Wednesday.

Mrs. Jessie Johnson was called to sit up with her sister, Mrs. Virgie McLaren, Friday night.

Miss Cora Rose spent Friday afternoon at the home of G. W. Day.

J. L. Rhodes hauled corn from R. L. McLaren's Saturday.

Five cents has been offered for every jack rabbit scalp. Now Mr. Rabbit had better hide.

Geo. and Luther Berry, Mark Davis, Murray Conder, Alfred Roy and Frank Parsons attended a party Saturday night in Salem, given by Mr. Kisinger. A good time was reported.

The last time we saw Murray Conder he was going to Salem with a bell. Don't guess he will get lost.

Miss Maggie Reed called on Miss Cora Rose Saturday morning.

The Doctor was called for Mrs. Dalrymple today (Sunday) day).

Mr. and Mrs. Lisle and sons attended church here today.

Mrs. Virgie McLaren has been quite sick but glad to say she is some better today.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Saberry at Salem Sunday.

Alfred Sparks and Joe Sims took Sunday dinner with the Parsons boys.

Azure Skies said Dewey Wiley had the blues. Tell him to come this direction and he will be all right.

Dago, there's nothing better than a bunch of good women. Some of them here say they need to join your patching society. Don't you think there will be more talking than patching?

If the weather stays pretty there will be a large number of acres of corn planted this week.

Roy and Frank Parsons attended Sunday school at Salem Sunday afternoon.

Aren't you Correspondents proud of our Reporter? 350 subscribers since January 1st, 1915. I think that is fine and I hope it will continue to grow.

Gander.

## HAWKINS CHAPEL

Mr. Simpson visited home folks Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller met him at the train Sunday afternoon at Loving as he returned to be present at his school work here Monday.

Little Freda Oatman was sick Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Eula Carmon Harman and C. F. Harman were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Tom Thigpen, Saturday night.

Mrs. Clarence Daily and daughter were the guests of Mrs. Odus Stratton Sunday.

Lonnie Ward was the guest of Prof. Simpson Friday night.

Jesse Oatman and family took

Sunday dinner with Elzie Tedrow and wife.

Jim Oatman and family visited C. S. Newman and wife Friday night.

Mr. Strickling and family visited at Loving Saturday night and Sunday.

Messrs. Robert Miller and Arthur Ward went to Graham Thursday and returned Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Oatman were shopping in Loving Friday.

Rev. W. P. Harmonson was the guest of T. F. Harman's family Saturday night.

Arthur and Lonnie Ward attended the box supper at Farmer Saturday night.

Bro. Harmonson preached at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m., from I John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." He preached a real good sermon, touching on everything essential to the Christian life, and also on the worldly life, and that we are each one, either serving in a life of usefulness or one of sin and deception. He also showed the tender mercies and loving goodness of God; the snares of the Tempter. He bid us give our whole lives to God and to righteousness, making them count for the real and only true life; that of devoted Christian service to God and our fellowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Holt's boy is very sick. A physician has been called to see him several times.

Mr. Starnes and family, also Miss Cox of Markley, attended church at the Baptist church here Sunday.

Messrs. Jim Oatman and Carl Newman were chopping wood last week.

Mesdames Odus Stratton and Clarence Daily called at Mrs. Wright Holt's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Tedrow of Megargel came by here on his way home from Jack county, where he had been visiting relatives. He visited at Jesse Oatman's and returned home to Megargel Saturday accompanied by Oscar Tedrow. Oscar will return Monday to work for Jesse Oatman.

There was a crowd met at the Baptist church to practice on the Missionary program Sunday afternoon. Everyone has been busy the past week although the weather was not good.

There was a light sprinkle here Sunday afternoon with a gust of wind.

Tom Thigpen went to Graham Saturday, returning the same day.

Ollie Baker visited his sister, Mrs. R. Loftin, of Graham last week.

Miss Lidie Bagley has been sick with congestion the past week. She was real sick the first of the week but is improved at this writing.

The appearances today (Monday) is of a beautiful day. The sun appeared in all of its glory and splendor. The birds are caroling forth their spring-time songs, and all Nature is calling to man of seed time and out of door work and recreation.

Some planted potatoes last week. Several intend to plant corn this week. Violet.

## KEYSER

Floyd Rhodes, wife and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday with Pink Rhodes and wife.

Mrs. F. N. Ballow and mother-in-law, Mrs. aBallow, and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Alice Robinson.

Say, Trixie, I passed your home Thursday, March 4, but I didn't see you. I guess you were at school.

Mr. Arlie spent Sunday afternoon with Hugh Robinson.

Arthur Thompson and Miss Doshie Sampley of this community were united in marriage Sunday, March 14, 1915. Uncle Billy Beck officiating. After the ceremony they went to Mountain Home to take dinner with the groom's mother, returning Sunday eve to the home of the bride's parents. We wish for them a long life, happiness and prosperity.

Misses Ballow called on the Misses Rhodes Sunday afternoon.

Nelson Martin and his bride passed Friday en route to their future home. We wish them a long and happy life.

George Martin called on Miss Opal Robinson Sunday.

Miss Minnie Rhodes spent Saturday night with Miss Opal Robinson.

We had a literary at Keyser school house Friday night. All reported a nice time.

Mr. Emanuel of Bryson has moved out in this community. We welcome them here.

Miss Opal Robinson spent Sunday with Miss Minnie Rhodes.

Bird Rhodes called on Miss Lerah Sampley Sunday eve.

Papa Sock.

## NORTH MIDWAY

A one and a half inch snow fell here Monday night and Tuesday, which delayed field work till Thursday.

Mr. Cunningham went to Graham Tuesday to court and returned Saturday.

Miss Lelia Boynton came home with Miss Roxie Williams Saturday night from the picture show, returning home Sunday afternoon, the 7th.

Norman Cunningham went to Graham Saturday on business.

Arthur Jones and Ruel Profit were fishing for rabbits Friday afternoon. I guess they were fishing, Ruel was twisting a long stick in a hole.

Misses Bessie and Velma Wileman went to their home on California Creek Friday afternoon.

W. E. Baker spent several days last week with G. W. Wiley.

Miss Roxie Williams entertained quite a number of young folks at her croquet grounds Sunday afternoon.

Pardon me, Plow Boy, but the compliment that I meant for Dreamy Eyes was on the merits of her "rabbit roast" suggestion, and really, I didn't pay any attention to the rest of her letter.

Gander, who is that lad that is so interested in my letters?

What was the trouble with you last week Buster Blue? I don't believe I saw your letter. Neither did I see Homeite's.

Mr. Evett and son, Eddie, purchased some cane seed last Wednesday.

Roseite, your letters strangely interest me.

A crowd of youngsters went "hay riding" to a party on California Creek Saturday night. All report a nice time.

This morning (Sunday) will remind anyone that spring-time is here again. The birds are chanting their little songs just like they did before the blizzard.

Geo. Evett called on Miss Ethel Cunningham Sunday afternoon.

Bashful Ben, did you ever teach a school at Gooseneck? If you did I might have been one of your pupils.

It seems that there is a considerable dispute in the Dallas News about Half and Half cotton. Some buyers claim it inferior while others claim it superior.

Mrs. Terrell visited Mrs. Wiley Sunday afternoon.

Dewey and Cass Wiley went

to church at Newcastle Sunday forenoon.

Well, I don't know any more news so I will give my pencil to some of the writers at home—Goose, Gander and Tulip—and ask you to write a long letter.

Azure Skies.

## MOUNT PLEASANT

We are having some pretty weather after so long.

Health in this community is better at this writing than it has been for several weeks.

The little child of Mr. Ely, who has been quite sick, is reported better at present.

Jake Lawson made a trip to Murray today (Sunday) to see his brother, who is quite sick.

Finis Burnett was dragging the road again last week.

J. O. Wilson was in Graham Big Monday with two loads of milo maize for sale. Mr. Wilson is not worrying over the low price of cotton.

William Pardue and family attended church at Medlan Chapel today.

Farmers are badly behind with their work. There has not been much corn planted yet and but very little land prepared for planting cotton. Here's hoping that we don't make an over-production of cotton this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin spent this afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Moore.

Ignorant Voter.

## CRAIG POINT

My! this north wind seems to be blowing about forty miles per minute today. I guess we will have another snow before winter is over.

V. G. West has a right sick child. Hope to soon report him much better.

Mrs. F. R. Cornelius was quite sick last week but am glad to report her some better today.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Killion and mother spent Sunday at John Knight's in Tonk Valley.

Rev. S. D. Cook filled his regular appointment at Tonk Valley Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Cook accompanied him.

Mrs. Etta Wade and daughters, Dora and Willie, called on Mrs. Martin Jones Wednesday afternoon.

J. P. Hamilton was repairing phone lines in this community Wednesday.

Eugene and Fritz Lemley and

sister visited Billie Baugh Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Matilda Green spent Friday night in town guest of Mrs. Riggs.

Miss Ada Mayes visited Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Viva Baugh.

Many thanks, Bashful Ben, for your pencil.

Hollyhock, I don't know for sure where Mrs. Pearce lives, but I think she lives in the Mt. Pleasant community.

Mrs. Etta Wade spent Sunday afternoon at R. L. Shepard's.

S. D. Baugh and daughter, Viva, and Miss Ada Mayes attended church at Lower Tonk Sunday morning.

Mrs. Walter Green entertained company Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar West of Tonk Valley spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. West.

Miss Delilah Robbins called on Mrs. Alice Killion Monday afternoon.

Mrs. S. D. Baugh visited her daughter, Mrs. iBl—Babb, in town Sunday afternoon.

Here, X. Y. Z., take my pencil quick, for I must go.

Bluebird.

## LOWER TONK

Well, it seems like we are going to have some spring weather now. I hope we will have some pretty weather so the farmers can get their corn planted.

Several in the valley are planting corn this week.

George Barnett took his sister-in-law, Miss Delia Miller, home Tuesday. Miss Miller has been visiting her sister.

R. A. Renick called at G. W. Gowens' Wednesday.

Murry Moore was in the upper part of the country somewhere Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones called at A. H. Jones' Friday afternoon.

J. R. McClannahan and son, Jim, were in Graham Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Arnold of Miller Bend spent from Friday night till Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones.

Yes, Jack o' Diamonds, I sure will. You need not be uneasy, I will be there just the same.

G. W. Gowens was in Graham Wednesday.

Messrs. W. E. Moore, J. R. McClannahan, Lee Jones, G. W. Gowens, Mack and Vernon

George, Jim Buntin, T. C. Wadley, A. H. and Geo. Jones, R. D. Gray were all in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wadley were in Graham Saturday.

Lee Jones called at G. W. Gowens' Tuesday morning.

Miss Lillie Gray visited home folks Saturday night and Sunday.

There was preaching Saturday and Sunday by Rev. Baugh. Sunday school was well attended Sunday with forty-seven present, and a good collection. Everybody come next Sunday.

Miss Viva Baugh and her friend attended church in the valley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore and daughters, Misses Eppie and Jewell, and Miss Sallie Timmons took Sunday dinner at Mr. Gray's.

Charlie Reedy returned from Newcastle Saturday.

Dave Hand spent Saturday afternoon and night with Murry Moore.

Carl Knight and Harry Cornelius attended preaching in the valley Sunday.

Lee Moore called at Jesse Jones' Sunday afternoon.

Ivan Moore called on Clarence Gowens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McClannahan visited J. T. Rogers Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Taylor and children of Graham visited at J. T. Rogers' Saturday and Sunday.

J. R. McClannahan and family took dinner with Grandma George Sunday.

Miss Sallie Timmons gave the young folks a singing Sunday night. A nice crowd was out and had a dandy time.

J. R. McClannahan and family, Vernon George, Miss Anna Belle Wadley, Jim McClannahan, Miss Alma George, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wadley, George Wadley and J. T. Rogers were at Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon.

Murry Moore, Charlie Reedy, James and Sylvester Gowens were at Upper Tonk Sunday.

Jim Timmons of Elbert came down to Mr. Seddon's Monday night.

What was the trouble with Jolly Girl she was absent last week?

Jolly Girl and that Prof. sure did look happy Sunday.

X. Y. Z.

## Styles That Please

The Spring Hats, Suits, Skirts and Dresses we show are the very newest and most becoming styles—the kind that are sure to please you.

If you have not visited our new department you should do so at once. We have the best equipped department in Graham and show the largest stock to make your selections from.



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## Live News from our Correspondents

### RED TOP

Health of this community is very bad at present.

Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, Uncle Dock Slater passed from his home on earth to enter his heavenly home above. He had a number of friends who were grieved to hear of his death, although he had told them not to grieve, for he was ready and willing to go. He leaves a widow, five children and a host of friends to mourn his death. The children were all at his bedside when death came. They are as follows: Mrs. Carrie Cole of Stephenville, Messrs. Willie, Edd, Ben and George Slater of this place. Other relatives who came in for the funeral were: Mr. Henry Cole of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Throckmorton, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thompson of Padgett and Will McBee of Throckmorton.

The remains were laid to rest Monday morning at 11 o'clock in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Graham, funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. Hall Bowman, pastor of the Methodist church of that city.

Uncle Taylor McBee had a bad spell Saturday night but is much better at present. We hope he will soon recover.

Mrs. Workman and daughter visited at Uncle Taylor McBee's Thursday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Petty has been on the sick list the past week but I think she is better.

Miss Emily McBee of Lone Oak spent last week visiting Misses Dora and Ida McBee.

How did you Correspondents also our editor like the snow? I thought it was just fine, but didn't stay long enough to suit me.

Mrs. Edd Slater is very sick at this writing.

Edd Slater has moved the children, who have been attending school in Graham, back home as they were not satisfied with their mother out here sick. We are sure glad to have them back in our community.

There was no school Monday on account of the death of Uncle Dock Slater.

There was a mistake in my last letter. It was Mr. McGee instead of Mr. McBee who was appointed superintendent of our Sunday school. Augusta.

### DAKIN

Methodist conference at Rocky Mound today so there won't be much school; also had church Monday night.

The party at J. T. Snodgrass' Saturday night was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Misses Roxie and Dora Martin attended the party Saturday night and spent the rest of the night at D. J. E. Clark's.

Earl Brewton of Graham was in Dakin Saturday night and Sunday.

L. J. and Juanita Bryan, J. H. and Thomas Reed attended the play "The Stumbling Block" in Graham Monday night.

John and Willie Clark visited John's parents at Orth Saturday and returned home Sunday.

Prof. Adair was in Graham Saturday.

Earl Clark went to Graham today with wood.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett and daughter, Laura, spent Sunday afternoon at W. C. Reed's.

J. T. Snodgrass and son, Barney, went to Graham Saturday. Sunday is preaching day at Rocky Mound. Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Mrs. W. H. Mayes of Graham spent from Friday until Saturday eve at the home of W. C. Reed.

A. J. Bryan is on the sick list at this writing.

John and Fred Ragland, and Misses Roxie Martin and Pearl Walker were out walking Sunday afternoon.

Robert Garrett and Roy Walker were out riding Sunday afternoon. Ichabod.

### LUCILLE

As I have been absent the past two weeks will bring my little mite of news.

On Friday night, March 12, the home of Mr. Pendergraft was made sad. Their second son, Wallace, was called from his earthly home to realms above. He was just entering into that age of young manhood, being in his 17th year. Wallace was a good boy and loved by all who knew him. The remains were laid to rest Saturday in the LaQueen Cemetery surrounded by a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

George Lemley and wife of Medan Chapel are visiting his sister, Mrs. Pendergraft.

Bob Chick attended court at Palo Pinto part of this week.

Sam Newberry and wife, and Mark Bailey and wife attended the literary at Pickwick Friday. They report a nice time.

Ben Weldon and Mrs. Velma Spurlock visited our school Friday afternoon. Come again.

Gus Barrett and family of Long Hollow attended the funeral of Wallace Pendergraft.

Al Storm and son went to Big Monday in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood went to Grafrod Saturday trading.

Al Storm is almost through planting corn. He expects to have winter corn I suppose.

Robert and Grant Weldon passed through here en route home with a bunch of runaway goats Wednesday.

Dave Tighe went over to Palo Pinto Saturday.

Bob Chick had the misfortune to lose one of his milch cows Tuesday.

Oran and Lon Bridges went to Grafrod Wednesday.

Miss Veva Dalton, who has been visiting at Palo Pinto, has returned home.

Miss Bessie Storm took Sunday dinner with Mrs. Mark Bailey.

Bro. May preached to a large crowd Sunday.

We reorganized our Sunday school Sunday. We ask all who will to come and take part with us.

Bonnie Storm took dinner with Misses Mandy and Grace Layton Sunday.

Clayton Bridges and sisters, Lula, Vassie and Ima, visited their sister, Mrs. Vaden of the Gosseneck community from Saturday till Sunday.

Dee McPherson and family took Sunday dinner with Willie Jenkins and wife.

Walter Layton and wife, Mr. Anderson and wife called on Mrs. Layton Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Garrett, who has been visiting her father, Mr. McAvoy, has returned to Garner.

George Weldon called on Al Storm Sunday afternoon.

Al Storm has gone in the goat business. He has bought George Weldon's goats.

Mrs. Jackson has been suffering with her teeth for the past week.

Tom McFadden and Bert McPherson went over to Palo Pinto today (Sunday) to attend court this week.

Mrs. Velma Spurlock spent Saturday night with home folks.

Prof. Williams took Sunday dinner with Mr. Bridges.

Tom Jenkins and family spent Sunday with Sam Newberry and wife.

Bro. May took dinner Sunday with Mark Bailey.

Quite a large crowd attended singing Sunday afternoon.

Our school is getting along fine with a new scholar most every day. There are sixty enrolled now.

Well, I have someone's pencil. I have worn it out but here is a new one.

Johnnie Dolittle.

### WANT ADS

ONE CENT A WORD

BRINGS QUICK RESULTS

### CENTER POINT

It looks as though we are going to have some more pretty weather after so long a time.

Messrs. Oran Newman and Roy Derrick spent the day Saturday with Obie Clay.

Mesdames Muriel Caddel and Alta Clay of this community spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Hettie Durham of Damern.

Orvil Monroe went to Jacksboro last Friday and Saturday.

Jim Durham and Eugene Myers have been attending court at Jacksboro the past week.

I had the pleasure of being with Broncho Bob last Sunday. As the speakers did not come

last Friday night we had a right good time spelling, and will have another spelling next Friday night. Everybody has an invitation.

The good old Reporter is getting better all the time. There were lots of good letters in last week's issue.

Nat McCoy is planting corn for I. L. Dodson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hannah spent last Friday night with their daughter, Mrs. I. L. Dodson.

J. B. Clay and family are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clay at this writing.

Uncle Sam Newman and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with their son, Sam Newman, Jr.

As news is scarce will hand my pencil to Pansy and go.

Kid-o.

### FARMER

Who can say that we haven't had a big snow? It sure was a fine time to go rabbit hunting.

Miss Hallie Langston called on Miss Laura Wall one day last week.

S. O. Wall called to see J. W. Wall last Wednesday.

Mr. Standfield spent Thursday night with W. D. Weems. Several from this place went to Graham Friday to court.

The young people had a box supper at the school house Saturday night for the benefit of the cemetery. The proceeds were \$27.10.

The people met Sunday night at the church for a singing. All report a nice time.

I guess we will have another protracted show at Farmer as one will show there tonight, and people all cry hard times, but they never miss a show.

Pilot.

### MURRAY

The second quarterly conference was held at the Methodist church Saturday and Sunday.

Three interesting sermons were delivered by the presiding elder, Rev. Webb. The people brought their dinner on Saturday and the conference was held Saturday afternoon.

Rev. M. M. Chunn took Rev. Webb to Graham Sunday afternoon, where he was to hold quarterly conference with that church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Crump of Woodson visited Mr. and Mrs. Megginson Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Myrtle and Fannie Moreland visited Misses Kramer Saturday night.

Mrs. Joe Wootton is visiting the Wootton family this week.

Walter Bruce of Woodson is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Megginson.

W. H. Ardis and daughter, Miss Onie, of Eliasville visited in our neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

J. W. Robinson and E. S. Cusenbary carried millet seed to Graham last Friday.

Marvin McBrayer of South Bend attended quarterly conference here Saturday and Sunday.

Bluford Mayes is sick at this writing.

Azure Skies, I believe I know you.

Miss Jewel Tyra visited the Misses Moreland Sunday.

Bashful Ben attended church here Sunday. Come again.

Bluebell.

If you want all the news send us a dollar for The Reporter.

### MILLER BEND

Only about three weeks now until the school trustee election comes off, and as the time to keep the children at home and work them while we cuss the teachers and trustees seems to be a thing of the past it behooves us one and all to "get busy" and build our rural schools up.

The bill, recently passed by the legislature, which only awaits the signature of Gov. Ferguson to become a law, to compel the attendance of the children at school puts an end to that old song: "The school is no good, I will just keep my children at home."

Dago, I believe Salemite gets further from the paths of righteousness on the land question.

Salemite, land sold thirty years ago for \$3.00 per acre, ordinarily, and at that time an ordinary cow would bring \$12.

All right, one cow would pay for four acres of land. Today an ordinary cow will bring \$50 and ordinary land is selling at \$25 per acre.

All right, one cow will pay for two acres of land. Now adjust your glasses and see "if you can see" anything.

I have in mind a tract of land of 640 acres in Fannin county, four miles north of the little town of Wolfe City, known as the "hedge farm" in that country.

The hedge farm was purchased about fifty years ago by "Uncle" Joe Hensley from the State for \$1.00 per acre.

At that time an ordinary cow was worth, say, \$10. All right, one cow would pay for ten acres.

This same old hedge farm is now valued at \$100 per acre.

All right, two cows now will pay for one acre. At that time 64 cows would have paid for the hedge farm. Now it would take 1280 cows to pay for it, notwithstanding the fact that cows are worth five times as much today as they were then.

Still you say it is four times as easy now to buy and pay for land as it was thirty years ago.

Then, you had plenty of free range in this country. Now, all grass is fenced and if a renter gets any grass he pays for it.

Sometimes he even pays for the grass for his milch cows, even on the place he is renting. That is what ye humble scribe is doing now.

And, as for looking in vain for rain here thirty years ago, we never look nowadays for the rain that comes not, do we? I have had men tell me, men who were here in the memorable years of 1886-1887, and they say that dry years hurt the people now worse than then because there are more people here now, and more stock, and hence no grass for them.

But shucks, what's the use when a fellow has buckets and cans full of money. But say, Salemite, I thank you for your compliment. "First in war, first in peace, etc., but wish you had thought me worthy of the latter clause of that immortal saying and had added "first in the hearts of his countrymen." I know you felt like saying it.

S. Dozier has been suffering with rheumatism for the past week or so, but is reported better now.

R. E. Griffin is just getting over a pretty hard spell of la grippe.

Rev. Wray, who is, we believe, the Methodist minister at Newcastle, preached at the school house last Sunday, and again this writer was not privileged to attend. This time it was la grippe. Hope Bro. Wray will come and preach for us again.

Say, Jack o' Diamonds, don't you worry any more about marrying. When the socialists get in power they are going to put the girls in the "commonwealth" and as everything in the commonwealth will be listed a fellow can just pick out what he wants and go his way rejoicing. I guess, don't you?

Plow Boy.

### Where She Wouldn't

"That woman can't tell a thing without exaggerating." "Did you ever ask her her age?"

### YANCEYVILLE

How did you scribes like the snow? I did not enjoy it very much, however, it continued to snow just the same, but I sure did enjoy seeing the snow melt. If the sun would only shine everything would look fine and spring-like again.

Melvin Gann made a quick trip to Ivan Wednesday.

R. L. Upham of lower Cedar spent Tuesday night at the Ritchey home.

Mike Agee of the Bee Branch community called at the Creagh home Sunday afternoon.

Some of the farmers in this vicinity who had planted winter corn before the snow are now talking of summer corn with which to plant over with.

Some of the ladies have cabbage plants large enough to transplant to the open ground, but we guess the plants are still in the boxes.

J. W. Gann of Pickwick visited the Barron brothers Sunday at this place.

Mr. Parsons, we sure did enjoy reading your good letter, and was glad to hear that Alta was feeling better. Hope she may continue to improve. Yes, I know the Goose is liable to say any old thing, and I'll wager a copper that the Goose would have refused to carry your grip for you unless of course, it was a very "heavy" one.

D. A. Upham has been visiting relatives in the Bee Branch community this week.

News was received from B. P. Gann Wednesday stating he was at Homan, Ark., and would leave on the 8 o'clock train for Hope, Ark., Sunday morning, the 7th. Red River was very high and they were looking for the levy to break every minute. Mr. Gann closed his letter with, "I will write as soon as I get across this dark and muddy stream." We are very anxious to hear from him again.

B. P. Ritchey, Lila and Dewey visited at the Creagh home Sunday.

Plow Boy, I do not play hooky for the fun there is in it, nor because I haven't the time to write, for I always take time to write each week, but I cannot always mail my letters myself, so it very often happens that my letters are not mailed at the right time, and arrive too late. You know a letter is hardly ever held over and printed the second week, however, I do the very best I can, to be so far away from the postoffice. Thank you very much for the nice compliment, and in return will say your letter was fine.

Thanks, Azure Skies.

Henry Nicklas and family visited at the home of Mrs. Nicklas' mother, Mrs. Louisa Barron, Sunday.

The Cretsinger children have been absent from school this week.

Dago, get your pencil and paper and come cornerward. You can tear that log school house all to pieces in less than five minutes, even if memory is a fickle thing. Stay with your facts, you sure have them all right.

Uno, I can't swallow your saloon talk, for I hate a saloon and all that is connected with it worse than poison. But I sure can endorse every word you said in regard to the school teachers. You are right, the children will never get an education until we first get teachers. But, when, oh when, are we to get them. I believe Mt. Pleasant and Fish Creek each have one. I speak of these two teachers because I know them, and believe them to be the right kind of teachers, however, others might not agree with me, but Silver Bell thinks that way regardless of what others think.

S. B. Ritchey and son, Sam, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, are visiting at the B. P. Ritchey home of this place.

S. M. Gann returned home from Graham Wednesday.

We are glad to report little Henry Cretsinger, who was burned last week, doing nicely at this writing.

Building fires is the order of the day here now. The weather continues to be very unsettled.

Silver Bell.

### LOVING

At a called conference last Sunday Bro. J. L. McCord was called to preach for the Loving Baptist church for the remainder of this conference year.

Several people in this community have the mumps, and they seem to hurt worse than they have in the past.

W. M. Mask will move to Haskell last week where he will go in business there. His store here will be left in care of J. T. Marshall.

Rev. J. L. McCord went to Haskell last week where he was called to the bedside of his son-in-law, who had gotten his leg broken by a horse falling on him.

Work commenced last week on the Methodist church house, Mr. Lester of Oakland doing the work.

Richard Taylor had a horse to fall on him a few days ago and got his ankle hurt very bad so he has been hardly able to go since.

Miss Maggie Steadham, who has been going to school here for several months, left for her home in Miller Bend last Saturday.

Mrs. D. W. Dickenson and D. D. Dickenson are having cement cellars made. Mr. Foster of Bryson is doing the work.

D. D. Dickenson returned last Saturday evening from the W. O. W. convention at Ft. Worth.

The long cool spell has kept corn planting back till there is but little planted here yet.

Correspondent.

### PICKWICK

I will try and write again after being absent for a week. You all will excuse me for not writing last week for I was sick.

Rube Morrow of Jermyn spent last week with his uncle, Tom Weldon, and family.

Ben, Chester and Kale Weldon and Arthur Underwood all went to Graham Monday.

Mrs. Ollie Costello is visiting her sister at present.

J. W. Gann and Grant Weldon took Sunday dinner with Ben Weldon.

Come on Silver Bell with some more of your good letters. A crowd of young people went kodaking Sunday and all reported a nice time.

Lee Anderson and O'Neil Dendy of Fox Hollow were here Sunday.

I saw Busy Bee Saturday in town, also Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Nicklas.

J. C. Whately took dinner Sunday with Bill Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weldon and Mrs. T. F. Weldon took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Stevens of Lucille Sunday.

Miss Georgie Weldon has been visiting Miss Carrie Weldon for a few days. Beauty.

### HOOKY HOLLOW

I have heard some of the farmers talking of planting corn.

Miss Mattie Owen has been sick but is better at this writing.

Joe Upham and two daughters took dinner with Andrew Smith and family Sunday.

There were not very many in attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

Prayer meeting Sunday afternoon was not very well attended.

G. W. Mahaney is reported on the sick list this week. Don't guess his trip to Fort Worth agreed with him.

Misses Lena and Della Owen and Oscar Owen went to church at Gosseneck Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Mahaney took dinner with Mrs. Sparks Sunday.

Well, Silver Bell, I think if you and Dreamy Eyes will get the "Foundation of Socialism" and read it you won't have any more to say about it. I think it the most rotten doctrine I ever heard of. It is bad enough for a man to talk socialism but I think it still worse for a woman.

Bro. O. E. Dickson will preach for us next Saturday and Sunday.

Here, Buster Blue, take my pencil and I'll go. Tulips.

**CRIB STATION.**

My! what a bright, beautiful sunny morning after so much dark cloudy weather. It has rained, sleeted and snowed all in the past week and then came a big frost last night. We sure have a fine season in the ground now. People will get busy now and plant corn as soon as the ground gets dry enough.

Miss Ruth Gibson and brother, George, made a business trip to Newcastle Friday.

W. M. Higgins hauled his household goods to Newcastle Monday, where he loaded them on the cars and took the train for his old home in Illinois. We regret to lose these good people from our community but wish them great success in their old home.

George Willhoit was out yesterday after his corn planter, acting as if he meant to plant corn if the sun continues to shine.

Mrs. Gibson and children called at Mrs. Cloud's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Woodridge and son, Charlie, were out hauling wood yesterday.

Tom Pritchett went to Newcastle Monday, where he took the train Tuesday morning for his new home at Midland.

Claud Fry made a business trip to Graham Monday.

Miss Lois Hoggard and brother, Willie, have been absent from school this week. They have been on the puny list.

Mrs. Bates Tankersley and two little children left on Sunday morning's train for Midland, where she will join her husband, who has been there for some time. They will make that their future home.

I will hand my pencil to Rainy Day as I have stayed too long already. Come on Rainy Day with all the news in the Bend. Goldia.

**TONK VALLEY.**

Glad to report Sunday school and church well attended Sunday. Rev. Cook preached. We invite all the visitors who were present to come back again. I failed to get all of their names.

Will Seddon spent Sunday at O. K. Freeman's.

Carl Birdwell from the Craig Ranch visited Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Robbins'.

Most of the farmers have started to plant their corn. They had better look out for that April frost.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall visited the Upper Tonk school Monday afternoon.

Bob Corley visited in the Flat Rock community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Denver Killion and Grandma Killion spent Sunday with Mrs. Knight.

X. Y. Z., you asked if my brother was at home before I let the Prof. stick his head out the door. Of course when you said what you did I let him come on. Now wasn't that the way of it?

The weather has been real cool out this way Monday and today (Tuesday.)

Prof. J. O. Burnett and Carrel Robbins, Walter Robbins and Carl Birdwell attended the picture show in town Saturday.

Gardens are looking fine. We don't think our fruit is hurt yet, and hope it won't be.

J. O. D., you say you are not trying to get married. What a funny kid you might be. Perhaps you are joking.

Mr. Kid, that fruit cake is a thing of the past, but look out later on. Yes, fried chicken and peaches are lots better than fruit cake I think.

Mrs. Taylor of Graham visited Mrs. Lowrey of this community and her mother, Mrs. Rogers, of Lower Tonk Saturday night and Sunday.

Candy Kid, our old pet hen got into my flower bed the other day and knocked the back-step several times, and you can guess, without me telling you, no early flowers for me.

Jolly Girl.

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**WHITE ROSE**

A very good crowd attended Sunday school Sunday.

Warren Cook and Albert Elliott were in Graham Monday.

P. C. Walker has been working in Graham for several days.

J. O. Striplin was courting in Graham one day last week.

As news is scarce I will now answer Plow Boy's questions.

Socialism does not seek to destroy our present form of government, only to amend it so as to make it a pure democracy. We want to abolish the senate and take the veto power from the president, and let the people act those parts. The only thing in our present form of government that socialism will destroy are interests, rents and profits.

As to public opinion Upton Sinclair and Henry M. Tichenor are socialist. Personally I do not know. If they have a red card stamped up to date and vote the socialist ticket they must surely be socialists. We, the same as the democratic party, bar no one, all are welcome so long as they abide by the party principles. I have not read the book "A Socialist Wedding."

I, a member of the socialist party of America, can state we accept no individual writer's opinion, unless they are adopted by our platform and voted upon by the members. Now Plow Boy, so long as these writers are in accord with our national and state platforms we accept. Socialism is not a one man party. Every member counts one in the management of the party affairs. Socialism is not a religion. It is strictly a bread and butter proposition. There are many ardent Christians in our ranks, but our rewards are earthly. We know it is good to hope for a home in that sweet bye and bye, but we also want one here below. We only want what belongs to us—the full product of our toil—and we don't believe we can get this under private ownership of things on which all depend.

As to the morals of any nation, that all depends upon the intelligence and government of the same. As proof the morals of Mexico are not as high as they are in the United States. We see then, that higher education and the more liberal the government, the better code of morals there will be.

As socialism will be a pure democracy, and no other party pushes education as we do, most surely morals will be higher under socialism than now.

Now Plow Boy, I will give you a definition of socialism: Socialism stands for public ownership of all things publicly used or on which the public depends—as railroads, schools, factories, mines and etc. And private ownership of all things used privately as homes, cows, hogs, horses, tools and furniture. Roseite.

**ROCK CREEK**

Bro. Roark preached a nice sermon for us yesterday (Sunday), March 14th which was enjoyed by all present. There was not a very large crowd in attendance as there are bad colds and some sickness in the community. He will preach next second Sunday for us. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Math Denning of Union Ridge spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Orton Bennett and attended church Sunday.

Several of the Union Ridge people attended church Sunday. Come back again we've a welcome in our hearts for you.

Plow Boy, I sure would hate to have a husband like June Roses. June Roses don't seem to think a woman has got sense enough to do anything but stay at home and work, work all the time. I wonder if June Roses would like to stay at home, go to the field while hubby went to the polls to cast a vote. I think women have just as much right to vote as they have to go to the field and work all day. What do you say Silver Bell?

Jolly Girl and Trixie, where were you last week? Your let-

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ters were missed greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. Math Denning took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burk also spent the afternoon Sunday.

Rev. Roark took dinner at J. D. Burk's Sunday.

Singing at Orton Bennett's Sunday was splendid and enjoyed by all present.

Almost every paper I get I see where someone has gotten burned so I will send a remedy. Take hog lard and cayenne pepper, stir in pepper till it makes a thick salve and apply to the burn as you would a poultice. Have lard cold. Some would think it would burn in itself but it is just as cooling as can be when applied to a burn.

Miss Roberta Bennett dined at Mrs. D. W. Burk's Sunday.

Miss Hattie Shuck visited Miss Clara Bennett Sunday.

Miss Martha Bennett visited her cousin, Vera Bennett, Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Burk and daughter visited Mrs. Turner Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Harmon spent Friday with Mrs. Bettie Bennett.

Miss Bessie Burk visited at Mrs. Bennett's Friday afternoon.

As news is scarce I will lend Trixie my pencil, so send in the news Trixie. Daisy Flat.

**SPRING CREEK**

School is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Lyons.

Miss Clara Steele, who has been visiting at Graham, returned several weeks ago.

Miss Mary Allen, who has been visiting at Spring Creek returned to her home at Graham Monday.

Misses Carrie Vines, Elizabeth Whittaker, Flora and Edith Gibbs attended Sunday school Sunday afternoon at Spring Creek.

Prof. Wood and Homer Wilborn were at Olney on business Saturday.

Bill Glenn and family also Herman McNutt were guests of Mrs. W. H. Gentry at Newport Saturday and Sunday.

The dance at Charlie Whittaker's Thursday night was not well attended on account of bad weather.

I suppose you all have heard about the mysterious ghost at Spring Creek? Several have been out trying to find out what it is.

Jim Glenn made a trip to Wichita Falls several weeks ago. While there he had his beauty struck.

Clyde Temple of Lone Oak was in our vicinity Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Langford and son of Lone Oak have bought a stack of feed from Mr. Morrison and are hauling it now.

John Bavousette was trading in Olney Saturday.

Messrs. W. T. Vines and Slim Glenn, Misses Lillian McNutt and Carrie Vines were in Olney Saturday.

Misses Gertrude Duncan, Jennie Lee Roberts, Messrs. Neal Vines and Ervin Gilmore went to Spring Creek Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Gilmore and family are gathering bolls for W. T. Vines. They came from east Texas.

Mr. Gilmore said when he left he had a cow to sell and after he came to west Texas he wrote back and told the people who were keeping his cow to sell her the first chance. He only received thirty-five dollars for it.

Ervin Gilmore called at Neal Wilborn's Saturday.

Several around here attended Sunday school at Spring Creek Sunday.

Come on Rocky, we will go to another dance that will be better than the one we went to New Year's night.

Mrs. Ida Vines, Gladys and Ardis Vines were the guests of Mrs. Gilmore Sunday afternoon. It is about time for the beautiful flowers to be blooming and that is the time of year I like best. Hollyhock.

**BRYSON**

After an absence of two weeks we are here again to bring the news from Bryson.

The snow sure was fine but these windy days are too much like March. Of course, this is the month of March and it is nearly always a windy month.

Mrs. E. Hughes spent last week at Fort Worth.

Little Miss Bessie Hughes spent last week visiting at Jermyn.

Since I wrote last the wedding bells have been ringing. Mr. Sterling Avants and Miss Emma Denning were married Feb. 28.

Mr. Nelson Martin and Miss Clemmie Nichols were married March 10th. We hope them a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bryson's little daughter, Katie, has been very ill with diphtheria but glad to report her better at this writing.

The Herd boys had very bad luck the other day by letting a team that was hitched to a planter run away. One of the horses got his foot cut pretty bad. They ran against another team and bruised one of the mule's shoulder pretty bad.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris' baby happened to a painful accident Monday dislocating its arm by falling off the bed.

Prof. Hugh Moore, who has been teaching school at Greenwood, came in Monday night.

Mabry Short of Graham was a visitor here Sunday.

Griffith Hughes took a drummer to Graham Tuesday morning.

Clarence Blount of Oakland was a pleasant caller at Misses Letha Bruce and May Chambers' Sunday evening.

The public literary will be Friday night. Everybody is invited to attend and take part.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins and Misses Mamie Chambers and Letha Bruce took a flying trip to Graham Sunday afternoon. All reported a splendid time.

Several from here attended the movies at Graham Monday night.

Rev. G. W. Tyson of Jacksboro filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Willie Helvey entertained several at her home Sunday afternoon.

I will ask another question and then skiddoo. "Who of you have decided to go to school another term?" Trixie.

**BUNGER**

Saturday and Sunday looked like spring was here again. I thought last week that the almanac and calendar men had gotten one month wrong.

Health in Bunger is good at this writing.

Mrs. Barnes of Ming Bend and her sister, Millie Roark, were here Friday afternoon trading.

R. A. Kutch got up so early Saturday morning he got his shoes on wrong. The right shoe on the left foot and vice versa.

Boys, you had better be careful now. Brother Brewton traded for a thirty-eight British bulldog gun last Saturday. He said it would shoot, too.

John Clark and Frank Vaden went to Graham Saturday.

Elmer McLaren passed thru here today en route to Frank Stringer's.

Say Salemite, you ought to practice what you preach. You do in the most of cases but I suppose the Salem school is out by you giving that party Saturday night.

Charlie McLaren and Jack Higgins went to Graham on business.

Charlie McLaren is getting quite a lot of mail from manufacturers in regard to his patent issued lately.

Homeite, why don't you find who the party was who got Tom Lisle's, Frelon Wiley's and Tom Beach's bacon last week and let us know about it.

Mr. Conder will have a good dugout when he gets it completed. He began it last fall. I think he intends to put glass windows in it so he can watch the clouds from the inside.

Dug Rutherford is improving at this time.

Say, Gander, I am writing with your pencil and I thank you for it. The next time you hand me your pencil hand me some news too.

Oscar Bowen, who lives near Post City has the "blues" on account of so much rain there. Say, Bowen, don't grumble, the sun will shine over there in July or August, I think.

A cyclone hit John Clark's cistern Sunday afternoon and took the top off and tore it all to pieces. Goose.

**LITTLEFIELD TEXAS.**

I was very anxious last night to get The Reporter but for some cause it failed to come in. It is so nice Sunday to have the paper to look over.

I hope you have not had as much snow in Young county as we have had here. We had snow six days this month and the ground has been so wet I haven't finished breaking the land I told you of in my last letter. If it don't snow or rain I will sure make it count next week. The ground plowed fine yesterday.

I see in the paper that some were talking of planting corn about the first. I think the first of next month will be soon enough for anyone out here.

I don't think there will be much Indian corn planted here. Feed stuff is worth 3 to 5 cents per bunch here according to the amount of heads and maize, kafir and feterita is worth \$18 per ton in the head. There is lots of feed here for sale.

The Germans out here just go on with their building just the same snow or no snow. The most of them are from Kansas and Nebraska and don't mind the snow, but it seems warmer here when it is snowing than when the wind is blowing.

I am interested in the letters from the Correspondents on the general interests of the people and Salemite, Dago, Plow Boy and several lady Correspondents with Kid and Kid-o and other good writers on the subject, but Uncle Zeke, I don't know who he is by that name, but he sure told some truths last week

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and gave some good advice. I used to hear it said that anyone could make money but it took a smart man to save it. I agree with Uncle Zeke on the land question. There are exceptions to most all cases but a man can own too much land and owe for it. But, we ought all to own a little home, as Plow Boy said, he could call his own. The way the land goes up we will not have to put it off too long.

Since I have been plowing I think of when I used to live neighbor to Wils Copeland. He said he liked to plow but it made his head swim. It is somewhat that way with me.

I will get the paper in the morning but the rest will have to read it first and my time will come tomorrow night.

Alta has done very well since my last letter.

Mrs. Ella Carter and little daughter of Graham, who have been with us for three weeks, left for their home this (Sunday) morning. We will miss them very much.

This afternoon is an ideal one. The people were out at Sunday school and church and this afternoon they are riding, driving and walking in all parts of the city. One would think there was really something going on in Littlefield. When the grass gets good and you want somewhere to go just come to Littlefield and see us, we will sure give you a royal welcome and show you a nice place to live through the summer.

There will be two irrigated farms in two miles of town, of 100 acres each this year, besides a number of small wells for gardens and melons. If they have as much vegetables this year as they had last I will be pretty well fixed. I have a stand-in with some of the gardeners.

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### COUNTY LINE

After some delay will now try my luck at writing again.

The Reporter was just fine last week. Some of the good writers were absent the week before but came last week with good letters.

Trixie, I sure would have enjoyed being at the debate when they debated on the question of going further after love than money. I have an idea the ones who favored love ought to know what they were talking about and had some experience too.

Plow Boy, I don't know who you were talking to when you said you always hated to hear anyone talking of educating the poor when they were still under the parental roof. I have not said very much about education but I certainly believe in it and if we don't have rural schools and have teachers who hold first grade certificates the children would have to go to the city to finish their education, if they expected to get an education. We might do like George Washington, get our education by home study, but look. He fooled around so long trying to get a good sound education that the first thing he knew he was old and gray and the girls wouldn't have anything to do with him so he married a widow.

Everett McLendon went to town for John Cougar Monday.

Jim Dooley went to Graham last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene West called on Mrs. Kennedy, who has been sick with pneumonia, last Tuesday.

Mrs. Creigh called on Mrs. Kennedy Wednesday eve.

John Cougar passed through this part of the country en route to T. M. Corbett's pasture to hunt for stray stock.

Mrs. Caudill and daughter, Miss Mary, were visitors at the Cougar home Thursday and Friday.

Tulip, your invitation to church came too late for last month. Perhaps I will come up some time and go fishing. That is if you don't think the lightning bugs don't shine like rattlesnakes' eyes after night. As I am not very fond of adventure will have to bring my sis along to tell us the difference between those shining lights.

Pilot, you wanted to know who our neighbor is. Our neighbor is one whom we associate with, like a friend or brother. One who lives close to us is not always a neighbor, for there are some people who won't look at the fellow who lives near him much less speak to him. You are right about the law of love. What a world we would have to live in if we didn't have one little spark of love in it?

As to the outside show of love, you see I am not as smart as some people, I have to guess at some things. Some are awful deceiving you know. I can't read their every thought like Jesus did the woman of Samaria.

Busy Bee, you say you don't believe in women voting, and you say you will preach against it. Are you a pro or an anti? I guess you are anti. I feel sorry for the woman who could not make better laws than they now have. It does not do any good that I can see to vote whiskey out of one county when they can get it anyway. I'm not going to shout hallelujah until we have the real goods. From the accounts in the papers the amount of whiskey consumed yearly is on the increase instead of diminishing.

And, as to the women staying at home and being content to teach their boys to be better men and better Christians, they have been doing this for a long time, and woman's pleadings and all of her good advice would not go for much when her beloved boy happened to be miles from home and mother; and in contact with boys who believe in living a fast life; and believe that five years of fast living is better than ten years of sober blessedness. That mother's son may refuse the first temptation but at last the majority of

them forget their promise, and as I have said before "drink" is not the only thing that wrecks homes and breaks the hearts of mothers and sisters.

Perhaps the one who was the cause of all the misery never gave that poor boy another thought. I don't see any use in making any laws if we are not going to enforce them. I guess the reason you don't want to vote is you are afraid you will have to go to court, or maybe you don't want to go to the polls where votes are bought and where men are going around telling you not to waste your vote on this thing; that it is worse than dead and you can not gain anything like that.

"My way is the way, has always been in the majority here, and other such things. Why do some people want to make women worse than slaves? Men do not even want to allow women to work in offices. Women work for less money than the men are willing to work for, and the men don't like it. It is the "booze" manufacturers and wholesale poisoners who are spending so much time and money to fight woman suffrage. They are afraid of the women, for they know that the women are their deadliest enemies. They are not afraid of the men for they know how to handle them. They know as well how to greet them as a mother knows how to greet her crying baby. They know that women are their enemies. The saloon is her mortal enemy and she has declared war on it to the death. Do you want her to be the victor or the vanquished?

Roseite, I thought your letter of Feb. 26 was good. Don't think though that I would like to be the one who was placed in the firing line. If it happened to be peanut shells instead of bullets from the rapid fire guns I think I could stand my ground for ten minutes or less.

Well, Mr. aPrsons, I know you enjoyed your trip through the country. I know those scenes in the brakes would have been real picturesque if you could have gotten we fair scribes as a foreground. You spoke of the brakes looking so much like those over here. I hope they didn't look as lonesome, although they are beautiful to anyone who is used to a smooth country. As to me riding old "Spot" I would sure like to have an old trusty now like him so I could be prepared to take outdoor exercise.

Mr. Parsons, you will have to come back to Graham as mother has just sent twenty-nine dozen eggs to town.

Will close and give my pencil to Schoolgirl.

Dreamy Eyes.

### DEVIL BEND

Miss Valerie Bunger is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Lisle this week.

Misses Fay and Winnie Lisle visited Misses Mattie and Hattie Upham Saturday afternoon.

Say, Azure Skies, you ought to have been to our debating society last Friday night, it sure was fine, but it broke up because the trustees thought everybody would be so busy that no one could come. I "sorter" think that way myself.

Aaron Nicklas and Jess Upham spent Sunday night with Bird Stringer and wife.

Miss Fay Lisle and Walter Beach and Buren Lisle spent Sunday afternoon with Bird Stringer and wife.

Mrs. Dolph Owen and girls spent Monday with Mrs. Alice Lisle.

Tom Beach and wife and Mrs. Charley Moore and children spent Monday with Mrs. Gertie Sharp.

Misses Ida and Lena Owen spent Monday afternoon with Miss Edith Stringer.

Bro. Pursley filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Wiley visited her mother, Mrs. Smith, Friday and Saturday.

As there are so many who write good letters I will not take up any more space.

Buster Blue.

### HUNT

Master Oran Matthews is better at this writing.

Sorry to report little Ola Rayburn confined to her bed. Hope she will be able to be up again soon.

W. O. dislocated his ankle about two weeks ago. It is better at present.

Master Thomas Smith cut his big toe open while trimming wood at a clearing Monday.

Hunt basketball team went to Archer City the 6th and came away victorious with a score of 38 to 3. They played Orth Friday, Feb. 12th and came off victorious. Haven't learned just what the score was. Glad to say our team hasn't been beaten this winter.

Fred Wilkinson of Throckmorton has been visiting friends in this community this week.

R. R. Rogers and daughter, Alta, were callers at W. O. Rayburn's Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Henderson spent the day with Mrs. O. S. Perkins Wednesday.

Horned Frog.

### ORTH

I say this old world of ours must have slid 400 or 500 miles north-it is so cold. It has been so wet up here this week that there has been no work of any kind done, but we haven't been idle up to the night of the 6th of Feb. Commencing the 1st, we have killed something like 475 rabbits, had from 50 to 100 people in a drive.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gibbs, a boy.

We learned that last Thursday morning about 6 o'clock, Mr. Ledbetter's barn, with all of his feed was burned. None of the folks were aware of the fire until one of his neighbors, Mr. Dunlap, saw the fire and got down there in time to save the mules which were tied in their stalls. The week before the barn of Fletch Foreman burned with all of his feed and wagon.

There was a big fire over in the Burse settlement last night. I guess it was a straw stack as nearly everyone is burning their straw. If all the people would do this I think we would have less flies in the spring and summer.

Some few have planted garden but none have planted corn that I know of.

Hurrah! for Uncle Zeke! You know what he is. But, Plow Boy, for instance, you can't tell what he is and I don't think he knows. We could guess him a socialist and not miss him far.

Had a party at Mr. Jones' last night. Everyone had a fine time.

D. L. Keith went to Wichita Falls one day this week.

Mr. Sinclair had a sick baby this week but am glad to say it is up at this writing.

A couple of Henry Rogers' children were sick this week but are up.

Jim Stafford has been nursing some risings this week.

Henry Rogers went to Newcastle one day this week.

The fire I spoke of was Mr. Mahan's barn. It burned with 21 bales of cotton. This makes four barns burned in one week. One burned at Olney and one out this side of Olney. I never learned whose they were.

W. S. Hustage, Mr. Gibbs, Jim Rogers, Mr. Farmer and Jim Rankin went to Newcastle one day this week.

Jno. Clark is spending a few days with his parents at Orth. His cousin, Willie Clark, accompanied him.

W. S. Hustage is ginning today, the 12th.

How do you like the snow? You all want to get in after the rabbits.

Uno.

### MOUNTAIN HOME

Miss Valerie Bunger is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Lisle.

Uncle Zeke, I enjoyed your letter, you sure did write the truth. I think all the people are getting too close. I had rather give than receive. I always like to help the poor. I know something about how close

one has to live who is trying to pay for a home, but that is the way to get through this old world.

Mrs. Frances Bunger visited Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Owen Monday.

June Roses, your letter was good this week.

Schoolgirl, I hated to learn of Mr. Richardson's house being burned. Did they save anything? I hope and trust that you can report Mrs. Kennedy much better.

The Bunger brothers and Mr. Jones are enjoying a forty-two game. It is just 12 o'clock and I am having a good time writing to The Reporter.

Bill and Tom Bunger celebrated their 38th birthday last Friday. Mrs. Frances Bunger fixed them a dinner and Tom Bunger and family and Clinton Lisle came over.

The spelling and debate was all right Friday night but there will not be any more for a while.

John Hughes of Graham was out in this community and purchased some hogs from Dick Whittenburg.

Everett McLendon of Cedar Creek visited home folks and spent Sunday afternoon with Bill Buhger and family.

Mrs. Guess' father came down Friday night and took in the debate and Mrs. Guess returned home with him Saturday for a visit.

G. H. Bunger returned home, Saturday after visiting friends at Newcastle for a week.

We think this spell has gotten all of the fruit.

Some of the men put in second Monday hauling wood. They thought if it was going to be winter that the wood would come in handy.

I haven't heard anyone say that they were planting corn, since the cold spell.

Messrs. Jones and Tom Bunger were pleasant visitors at the school Thursday afternoon.

Buster Blue, I guess you were proud to see the snow. I thought of you when I got up Tuesday morning.

Mr. Guess spent Monday night with Mr. Jones and family.

Homeite-cooked Buster Blue a birthday cake Wednesday, the 10th.

Miss Fay Lisle spent Tuesday night with Bill Bunger and family.

Here, Silver Bell, take my pencil and I will be going.

### MONUMENT

All the sick people down here seem to be improving at this writing.

Sunday school and singing was very well attended Sunday afternoon.

Misses Alice Gibson and Della Smith spent Saturday night in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKinney spent Sunday afternoon with B. M. Cochran and family.

Mrs. Jack Sanders spent Sunday with Mrs. W. T. Long.

Willie Hignight and Willie Harris spent Sunday with Lawrence Alberts. They enjoyed a croquet game while there.

Vie Blevins spent Sunday with Malcolm Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long are the happy parents of a fine girl.

G. W. Alberts called on B. M. Cochran Sunday.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Cox's Saturday night.

Lawrence Alberts attended the candy breaking in the Flint Creek community Saturday night.

Several of our people were in Graham Saturday.

Claude Reeves spent Sunday with J. M. Barnett.

Tempest and Sunshine.

### DUFF PRAIRIE

J. H. Rogers spent the day last Sunday with J. W. Crabtree.

J. W. Crabtree and son, Barney, went to Ivan Monday on business.

J. H. Rogers went to town Saturday.

Sorry to say Mrs. J. H. Groene is on the puny list.

Mark Crabtree, wife and sister, Lillie Adams, were at South Bend Saturday afternoon.

We are glad to report Floyd Burgess getting along fine now.

Lucian Adams took his father, J. Q. Adams, to the train. He is en route to Abilene, Texas to be present at his silver wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Lillie Adams spent last Thursday with Mrs. Addie Crabtree.

Jim Stone and two sons spent Sunday morning with J. W. Crabtree and family.

J. W. Crabtree sat till bedtime with his daughter and son, Lillie and Lucian Adams, Monday night.

Mark and Barney Crabtree went sleigh riding up to Jim Stone's Tuesday.

Second Sorrell Top.

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#### OAKLAND

Sorrell Top I will use your pencil.

No, Dago, I did not intend to run over you. I am not in the habit of doing such so you will have to excuse me.

Tempest and Sunshine I don't remember you just now but am sure if I should see you I would know you as I never forget anyone.

There was no church at Oakland Sunday on account of the preacher being sick.

The party at Mr. Snodgrass' Saturday night was well attended and all reported a jolly time. E. E. Craig was at Curtice Findley's Sunday.

Mr. Blount's children have the mumps but they are not hurting them very bad.

Most everyone, big little, old and young, was in town Monday.

Mr. Porter was at Mr. Roberts' Sunday.

J. M. and Jeff Whitfield were in Graham Saturday on business.

Curtice Findley is suffering with risings on his neck. We hope he will soon be well.

Misses Whitfield were in town several times last week.

Graham Logan and two sisters spent Wednesday night visiting home folks.

Mr. Baty was in Graham last week.

Aunt Emily Padgett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lester.

Messrs. O. D. and Clarence Blount were in Graham Saturday.

E. M. Brewton spent Saturday night near Dakin. He and H. and L. Reed, and Leon Bryan were out hunting most of the time after the party.

Some one, while passing thru the Logan pasture, left the gates open and let all of Bud Gohston's stock out.

Miss Carmack spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

I suppose the most of you will do some gardening now.

Most of the men in this community will plant corn this week as the weather has been so bad no one could plant before.

Mrs. Lester was in Graham last week.

Dave White was in Graham Saturday.

Leonard Chambers and family visited in Bryson Sunday.

Earl Walker spent Saturday night with Fred White.

Thank you Sorrell Top for your pencil. Carrie Nation.

#### KOMO

How did you all like the snow last week? I liked it just fine, and I think most everyone else did, too.

W. Lynch, Austin White and Will Martin went to Eliasville Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jennie Martin's sister and family of Haskell have been visiting the former.

Jim Timmons was at H. M. Martin's Wednesday.

Miss Lottie White spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Mettie Bower and family.

Mrs. J. I. Guess spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend.

Mr. Williams returned from Throckmorton county Monday, after spending a few days up there. He sold his place while there.

A. P. Martin and family returned home from Salem last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. I. Guess spent the day Thursday with Mrs. G. R. White and family.

Albert Martin went to Eliasville Thursday.

A. P. Martin and family stayed at H. M. Martin's Thursday night.

Dr. Will Martin spent a few days with home folks.

Mrs. Lucinda Odom spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Della Lynch.

Many thanks, Mr. Editor for the nice stationery, I sure appreciated it.

A. C. White brought his son, G. R. White, from Graham Saturday.

Thanks to you, X. Y. Z., for your pencil. I'll try and not use it all up.

Miss Mollie Elkins' went to Eliasville Saturday.

Sorry to report Master Lee Martin on the puny list.

Roy Pardue and family and Mrs. Etta Guess went to Graham Saturday and Mr. Guess returned with them.

Mrs. Ida Brooks and daughter, Mrs. Irene DeLong, called at Mrs. Della Lynch's a while Friday evening.

Compliments to you Silver Bell. Your letter was just fine.

That's right, Roseite, I know we should all encourage our good editor by sending in subscriptions, and I am going to do my best to get all I can.

Several from here went to Eliasville Saturday.

Mrs. Brooks spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. DeLong.

J. A. Bower and family, A. C. and G. R. White, Misses Lottie White and Hester Brooks were pleasant callers at A. P. Martin's Sunday.

Austin White visited at the home of Mrs. Sallie Akers Sunday.

Salemite, your letter was cer-

tainly fine last week.

W. E. Lynch went to Newcastle last Sunday.

Claude Akers and family of Lone Star spent Sunday at Mrs. Sallie Akers'.

Mrs. Addie Townsend went home with J. I. Guess and family Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Wynn and children are at her mother's, Mrs. Sallie Akers.

Here, Azure Skies, is my pencil. Write another good letter. Pansy.

#### HUFFSTUTTLE

My! hasn't the weather been playing some pranks on us? January and March have changed places this year. We had the biggest snow last Monday night we have had for several years.

Frank Otts started to Cisco Monday. Guess he wished he was back at home Tuesday.

A. M. Jones, Sherman McCready, Ira Otts and Bert Campbell went wolf hunting Tuesday but didn't catch anything.

Mrs. J. A. Moreland has been quite sick for over a week. Hope she will soon be well.

Jerry Moreland and family of the Fish Creek community visited his brother, J. A. Moreland, from Friday till Sunday of last week.

Jack Taylor and wife spent the day at Frank Otts' last Sunday.

Ab. Campbell and wife and J. J. Bragg visited at Frank Otts' last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Moreland and Mrs. Frank Otts visited Mrs. J. A. Moreland last Friday.

Roy Jones, Ira Otts and Brit Campbell attended church services at Crystal Falls last Sunday night.

J. J. Bragg visited F. J. Peacock last Sunday afternoon.

Bright Peacock and Bragg Campbell visited Ed and Roy Moreland last Sunday.

One of Walter Moreland's children is right sick with sore throat.

The school children had a fine time playing snow ball Tuesday.

One of Ab. Campbell's calves died last Wednesday.

Guess Who.

#### MYERS BRANCH

Oh yes, we are having a nice rainy spell at present and have enough moisture to bring up corn and early feed. We presume it will also help the grain.

Mr. Kirby of Sunshine spent two days in our district last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edd Harrison on Sunday, Feb. 21, a boy.

Seed corn is about as scarce as money in this part of the country.

Salemite, I will pass up the first part of your article, as it is mostly assertions that are hard to prove or disapprove.

This industrial system of ours is a very delicate piece of machinery, and the least tampering is liable to throw it out of line and cause one of President Wilson's "imaginary depressions," so we must be careful, as I am sure we do not care to go through another, as they hurt as bad as if they were real.

The wage worker uses about as much of the finished product as the one who produces the raw material. If the high wages you speak of are added to the final cost of the goods they bear their share equally with the producer of the raw material. Do you think that the old parties live up to their platforms? If so, it looks bloomin' funny to me that they never hit this true line of government you speak of.

Are the high wages you speak of actually paid to the laborer or do they go to the presidents and owners of industries as salaries? You say wages range from \$3.00 to \$9.00 per day, an average of \$6.00 per day or about \$1,875.00 per year. Well, let's see if they do. According to Senate Document No. 521 only sixty men employed by the steel trust draw as much as \$6.00 for a ten-hour day. The average wage being about \$365.00 per year. The average

wage in manufacturing is about \$10.20 per week (Gov. Bulletin No. 57). According to the tariff board in 1911, of 30,454 wool workers, other than weavers, 23,203 received less than \$9.72 per week. Railroad workers receive an average of \$2.50 per day. (Report of Interstate Commerce Commission). We also find that the average wage for all the industries is about \$545.00 per year. Now listen what Dr. Chapin says in the American Magazine for Sept. 1911: "After a searching analysis of the family budgets of 316 workingmen's families in New York I am convinced that an income under \$800.00 a year is not enough to permit the maintenance of a normal standard." The Associated-Charities put the figures at \$630.00 for Chicago and \$764.00 for Pittsburg. These are government figures and you can take them for what they are worth.

Here is some data collected in 1911, giving the occupation of socialist voters: Laborers, 20 per cent; craftsmen, 41 per cent; farmers, 17 per cent; the rest of the total vote being about equally divided among commerce, transportation and professional. These statistics are about six years old but I'll venture a guess that 35 per cent of the total vote comes from rural districts.

Your last assertions show that you are not very well posted on the socialist theory. Lack of space prevents me giving the plan of operations. If you will give me your address I'll send you a book that will make it very plain. Do you know of any government that proposes to keep up the people? If so I'm for it first, last and always.

Farm work is at a standstill on account of cold, wet weather. Some of the farmers have been hunting rabbits at night by aid of a lantern or searchlight. All who have tried it pronounce it the most successful way they have ever tried.

Gringo.

#### INDIAN MOUND

Rev. J. W. Evans, wife and little daughter of Loving came over Saturday. Bro. Evans preached Saturday from Romans 1:16 and Sunday at 11 o'clock using Mark 6:3 for his text.

Sunday school was well attended here Sunday. There were sixty present. Our school was reorganized Sunday, Bro.

H. H. Stephens was re-elected superintendent and G. W. McComas, assistant. We hope these good brethren may prove to be as faithful in the future as they have been in the past.

Several of our people went to Graham the past week to see how they were getting along with their courting.

One of White Rose's young men passed here Sunday with a riding, one-row planter. He said he was going to Kansas to plant corn.

X. Y. Z., you write as though no one, unless weak minded, would take heart trouble about you but I believe you are mistaken. I hope so anyway.

Tempest and Sunshine, while I am not personally acquainted with you I have known you too long to expect you to make slight remarks about anyone.

Bono, I agree with you on the last half of your letter.

Snowflake, thanks for the compliment.

Silver Bell, I see where you gave Jack o' Diamonds three cheers for what he said about the "pretends to be." I will give Jack as many cheers as you or anyone else on that, while he might be classing me with the "pretends to be" for all I know or care. But if we were to call on my good friend Jack o' Diamonds he would be too honest to tell us that he did not feel just a wee bit guilty when he was penciling those words about the "pretends to be" fellow.

Dago, would your patching society receive an invitation to bring their patching tools and come up here and visit a few days? Plenty of work guaranteed them.

R. G. Taylor has attended the I. O. O. F. lodge at Graham for the last two weeks. Kid thinks he can guess what is causing him to attend so regular. The Odd Fellows at Graham intend to have some kind of reunion or entertainment for Odd Fellows and their families pretty soon and I guess R. G. wanted to know all about it so he could be on hand.

Azure Skies, I guess you saw me, but I did not think so at the time. Next time you see the fiddler ask him if he has gotten to where he can tell old married ladies and young ladies apart. It used to be he could not tell them apart.

W. W. Williamson and son, Gentry, went to their north pasture Sunday and brought back a fine young mule that's

nearly ruined by being cut on the wire fence.

Sam Douglass, wife and baby from Stephens county came up Sunday to visit their parents and other relatives here this week.

Miss Minnie Fisher visited Miss Maggie Weatherbee at Proffitt the first of last week.

Miss Maggie returned home with her last Thursday.

Ira Huckaby and wife visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dollins Sunday afternoon.

Friday night before the third Sunday in July is the time set for our protracted meeting to begin.

Mrs. D. W. Beard and children visited Mrs. G. W. McComas last Thursday afternoon.

F. E. Borchardt was a caller at Newcastle last Thursday and Saturday.

Mrs. Borchardt visited her sister, Mrs. Jim Howell, at Newcastle Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. Evans and family took dinner Saturday at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Bryan.

Miss Corrine Stephens visited home folks from Friday till Monday.

Miss Zella Owen, who has been seriously sick at the home of H. H. Stephens, was moved to the home of her brother, E. B. Owen, of Graham last Thursday.

Bro. Evans and family took dinner Sunday at the home of Will Fisher.

W. R. Dollins and wife are on the sick list.

S. D. Cowan visited at the home of Jim Grubbs Sunday afternoon.

Cor. Rutherford went to Graham Sunday to help dig Uncle Dock Slater's grave. We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Slater.

Miss Mary Beard and brothers, Glen and Henry, visited at the home of R. G. Taylor Sunday afternoon.

Dee James and Austin Bird were in Graham Saturday.

E. G. Williamson and Austin Bird were callers at Newcastle Monday. Kid!

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## Local and Personal Mention

J. A. Baker spent Tuesday in Fort Worth.

Miss Bertie Davis is on the sick list this week.

F. L. Thigpen of Red Top was in the city last week.

G. O. Hazelton was here from Flat Rock Wednesday.

Wils Copeland of South Bend was in the city Friday.

Capt. S. R. Crawford spent Tuesday in Fort Worth.

O. K. Freeman of Tonk Valley was here Wednesday.

A. Sanders of Loving was here on business Saturday.

Elder D. J. E. Clark of Dakin returned Wednesday night from a trip to Fort Worth.

Joe Johnson of Jean was in the city on business Saturday.

F. M. Cullers of Markley was in the city on business Friday.

Claude Reeves of Loving was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Vote for Bill Cochran at the New Electric. (adv.)

R. M. Sims of Loving paid us a call while in the city Saturday.

G. W. Gowens of Tonk Valley was a Graham visitor Wednesday.

Joe Timmons of Mt. Pleasant was here on business Wednesday.

Joe Wright of Mount Pleasant was a visitor here Wednesday.

Will Seddon of Tonk Valley was here on business Wednesday.

Mrs. L. A. Ringgenberg has returned to her home in Jacksboro.

Miss Lucille Miller is indisposed with an attack of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. King were visitors at Loving Wednesday.

J. O. Jones of Jean was a business visitor in Graham Saturday.

A. M. Smith of Bunker was transacting business in the city Friday.

J. B. Daniel of Padgett was a caller at The Reporter office Friday.

E. M. Ball of South Bend paid The Reporter a pleasant call Friday.

District Clerk Willie Riggs is quite sick at his home in east Graham.

Clifton Finley of Ft. Worth was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

A. J. Cantwell of Jean was transacting business here Monday.

Wright McClatchy spent last Sunday at Olney with his parents.

Little Catherine Duncan was quite sick for a few days this week.

Ab. Campbell of Crystal Falls was in the city Friday attending court.

J. J. Martin of Eliasville was a visitor at The Reporter office Wednesday.

Mrs. M. C. Barron of Cedar Creek was in the city shopping Wednesday.

W. T. Long of Monument was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall preached at Eliasville Sunday morning and night.

J. S. Timmons of Elbert was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

If you would be sure you are right, begin to save.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Attorney L. C. Counts and son of Olney were Graham visitors Monday.

G. B. McSpadden of Markley was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Prof. R. Lindsay is quite sick with a severe case of la grippe at his home here.

Chas. Gay and Chas. Widmayer were passengers to Dallas last Monday.

L. P. Moren of the Henry Chapel community was on the streets here Monday.

John C. and Bismark Bower returned Wednesday night from a trip to Fort Worth.

Dick Whittenburg of the Bunker community was among other visitors here Monday.

W. F. Wear has accepted a position as salesman for the Ewing Norris Furniture Co.

Frank Taggart is spending this week in Temple a delegate to the Macabee convention.

Miss Carrie Veazey has resumed her position as milliner for the John E. Morrison Co.

J. E. Burk, instructor in the High School, has been quite sick with la grippe this week.

W. K. McBee of Red Top was a Graham visitor Friday. While here he paid The Reporter a call.

Judge W. P. Stinson has been confined to his home for several days on account of sickness.

Mrs. Alice Alexander of Loving made The Reporter a pleasant visit while in the city Monday.

Kirby Chandler of Connor Creek was in the city on business Wednesday. He paid us a call while here.

Marion Wallace returned last Wednesday night from a fortnight's visit to relatives and friends in Alabama.

I will appreciate all votes for the Panama Exposition trip given by the New Electric Theatre. Beulah Allen. (adv)

Mrs. Ira T. Gilmer and little daughter, Annie Margaret, returned to their home in Gulfport, Miss., this week.

Mrs. H. M. Jones of the Belmont cooked three hundred and thirty-five meals last week from Monday until Saturday.

Mrs. Carrie G. Stewart of Ft. Worth is in the city, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Bruce Street, and of other relatives.

Joe T. Carter left Saturday morning for Littlefield, Texas, where he joins his wife and father-in-law, J. E. Parsons.

E. E. Hall, former justice of the peace of this precinct, but now a farmer in this county, is in the city on business and meeting old friends.

Rev. G. W. Black preached at the First Baptist Church Sunday, owing to the illness of Rev. W. D. Boswell. Bro. Boswell is reported to be better.

Mrs. Will Norman returned Wednesday night of last week from Cache, Oklahoma, where she attended the wedding of her brother, L. B. Kidwell.

J. W. Jackson and family left Tuesday morning for their new home in Lynn county, accompanied by the best wishes of many old friends here.

The Reporter is preparing to take the testimony in the Fry murder case which will be tried at Wichita Falls April 7th and the readers of this paper will get the news in detail.

### Declamation Contest.

On next Monday and Tuesday evenings in the High School auditorium there will be held preliminary contests in declamation. The boys contest—both junior and senior—from which one representative from each division will be selected. The girls will have a similar contest on Tuesday evening to select two representatives, both junior and senior.

### Monday Evening, Senior Boys

On Earth Peace Among Men.—Floyd Hinson.  
The Legacy of William Penn.—Ernest Babb.  
Texas and International Peace.—Fred M. Hudson.  
War and Public Opinion.—Sydney Self.

World's Progress and Peace.—Christian Stoffers.  
Women, Victims of Peace.—Herschel Eddleman.

The Prince of Peace.—J. C. Rickman.  
The Real Problem of World Peace.—James Porter, Jr.

The Scholar and World Peace.—Henry Schlittler.  
Junior Boys.

The Victories of Peace.—Noel Lane.  
Peaceful Patriotism.—John Morrison.

Scientific Farming.—John Carmack.  
America's Uncrowned Queen.—Byron Rickman.

Influence.—Ira Woods.  
Scientific Farming.—Peyton Phillips.

Cut Behind.—Lilburn Campbell.  
America's Uncrowned Queen.—Garvin Johnson.

Scientific Farming.—Eric Williamson.  
The Uses of Education.—Charles McLaren.

### Tuesday Evening, Senior Girls.

A Soldier's View of Peace.—Ruth McLaren.

National Peace and Honor.—Amy Robertson.  
World Progress and Peace.—Ethel Self.

The Waste of War.—The Worth of Peace.—Mary McBrayer.  
The Victories of Peace.—Sadie Scott.

Women, Victims of War.—Catherine Craig.  
America a World Power.—Eloise Morrison.

Education for Peace.—Lovella Eddleman.  
Peaceful Patriotism.—Juanita Adair.

### Junior Girls.

The Woman's Plea.—Geneva Groves.

The Prisoner's Plea.—Evelyn McLendon.  
Tom.—Emma Ragland.

Our Flag.—Ethel Hawley.  
America's Uncrowned Queen.—Ora Harty.

Happiness and Liberty.—Fay Martin.  
America's Uncrowned Queen.—Allie Schlittler.

Tom.—Amy Cornish.  
The Prisoner's Plea.—Winnie Kizer.

Mary Frances Donnell visited friends in Eliasville Saturday and Sunday.

W. F. Grubbs of Jean was a business caller in the city Wednesday.

John Rubenkoenig has purchased the J. W. Akin home, recently owned by E. W. Fry. We understand that Mr. Rubenkoenig will move his family into the new home at once.

Mrs. J. H. Norman returned Wednesday night from Quanah. She will remain here for a week to complete arrangements for moving and then, with the children, will join Mr. Norman in Quanah where they will make their home.

### Priscilla Club.

The Priscilla Club met with Mrs. John Pohlman this week with fourteen members present. Mesdames John Dowdle and R. G. Hallam were received as new members. Mrs. Carrie Stewart of Fort Worth was a guest of the club. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. A. W. Kay.

### Judge Arnold Lectures.

Judge R. F. Arnold was heard by a good sized audience Sunday night at the First Baptist church, where he lectured on the subject of the "Second Coming of Christ." Judge Arnold is a fluent speaker, with plenty of thought and a pleasing voice, and is always heard with pleasure. The Judge thinks that the great war portends the end of time to be near.

### Missionary Society.

(Delayed Report.)  
The Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. B. W. King, Thursday, March 4th.

On account of the bad weather only eleven members were present. The meeting was opened by song, "I Must Tell Jesus." Prayer, after which Mrs. Miller read a devotional lesson from the 8th Chapter of Romans. Lesson study from Exodus was conducted by Mrs. McLendon.

Closing prayer by Mrs. Short. Next Keyword, "Endure." Reporter.

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### Debate Decided.

For the purpose of selecting representatives from the Graham High School to take part in the "County Meet" which will take place here April 3rd, the preliminaries in debate were held in the High School auditorium Tuesday evening. The seven young orators battled manfully to unravel the "Immigration Question" in such a way as to favorably impress the judicial body with their polished delivery and chosen contentions. In behalf of the contestants it can be truthfully said that the determination and ability displayed in this, the first contest, of this great movement—the Interscholastic League—bespeaks of them admiration, fair chance of success, and development and progress along a line most beneficial. All did not—nor did they hope to win—the decision. Of course each individual would have been pleased, indeed, to have been able to have won but they realized that they would get some valuable practice and experience regardless of whether or not the decision was in their favor. Debators and orators, like constitutions, are, as a rule, growths, not "happen so's" and this the boys realized in getting this practice and experience for future use. The judges, B. W. King, R. G. Hallam, and Jo David Doty, after consultation and long deliberation decided:

1. That all did exceedingly well; Second, that deciding this debate was not an easy matter; Third, that Herschel Eddleman, J. C. Rickman and Henry Schlittler won first, second and third places respectively. As this decision put upon those selected new duties and responsibilities the school is expecting similar and greater results from them in the future.

### Presbyterian Church.

Public cordially invited to services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Gaines B. Hall.

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Beginning Monday, March 22.

### MONDAY

His Musical Career, Keystone Comedy.

The Hateful God, two reel Kay-Bee.

### TUESDAY

Our Mutual Girl, showing her visit to Stearn Bros., where she spends half a day looking all the gorgeous new gowns. Intensely interesting.

The Tight Wad, Beauty.

The Chasm. It's a Thanhouser feature.

### WEDNESDAY

Cursed by His Beauty, Keystone Comedy.

Turning of the Road, two reel Thanhouser.

### THURSDAY

Our Mutual Girl, a Heroine Destiny's Night, two reels, Broncho.

### FRIDAY

Runaway June.

His Talented Wife, Just a funny Keystone Comedy.

Betty Morse, two reels, featuring Winifred Greenwood and Ed Coxen. American.

### SATURDAY

Curses they Remarkd, another Keystone comedy.

Floating Call, two reels, Reliance.

## Want Ads

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