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For the Flood Sufferers.

The following named citizens have subscribed to the flood sufferers with amount contributed opposite each name, with the disposition of the fund in the final allotment to individual cases. It is a long list and shows that the people of Graham are always susceptible to the cry of distress:

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W. L. Howery	1.00
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Dr. W. M. Terrell	1.00
Graham Electric Co.	5.00
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E. R. Ragland	.50
W. W. Fisher	.25
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Fay Marshall	1.00
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R. E. Lynch	5.00
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Chas. Gay	2.50
Chas. Widmayer	2.00
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J. T. Carter	1.00
Rev. W. D. Boswell	3.00
B. A. Gatlin	1.00
F. Ewing Norris	2.50
New Electric Theatre	1.75
Lee Overlander	1.00
F. H. Bowron	2.00
Graham Steam Laundry	2.50
S. R. Jeffery	10.00

Total Cash \$472.25

Sam Dowdle, furniture \$2.50

Clem Vaughan, wood to J. M. French 2.50

All of the above contributions have been paid and distributed as follows:

W. D. Yarborough	\$20.00
Frank Taggart	10.00
Mrs. M. J. Parkinson	5.00
Mrs. Susan Moore	10.00
Wade Orrell	10.00
W. F. Campbell	15.00
G. W. Walsh	35.00
J. M. French	65.00
John W. Newsom	50.00
Price Beach	10.00
E. A. Ricks	15.00
John Rubenkoenig	10.00
Miss Lena Gachter	10.00
J. L. Smith	5.00
Mrs. T. E. Smith	5.00
S. P. Keplinger	60.00
A. S. Slater	85.00
Man Hill	30.00
Mrs. Effie Fletcher	22.25

Total paid out \$472.25

Jno. E. Morrison, Chair.
R. V. Tidwell.
Ben Johnson, Committee.

The Poor Town.

You say that things are on the blink at Punktown-by-the-Dump; there's no chance there for any gink, no odds how he may hump. The town has moss all up its back, it isn't up to date, its outlook's poor, its trade is slack, you think you'll pull your freight, I've met some bright and hustling lads from Punktown, now and then; they say it is the best of grades for active, hustling men. They say you'll find the finest jail, the largest village pump, the longest list of men with kale, at Punktown-by-the-Dump. The Punktown climate has no taint, so goes their joyous song; the Punktown girls are fresh as paint, the Punktown boys are strong. If you would join that boastful bunch, and shoo your grouch away, you soon would have a better punch, and put up far more hay. For when a fellow blames his town because he doesn't shine, the tired on-lookers set him down as one who lacks a spine. There never was a town so bum it would refuse a prize to one who tries to make things hum, with ardor in his eyes. There never was a town so fine that it would give all good to one who springs an endless whine, while others saw their wood.—Walt Mason in Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

Rev. W. D. Boswell Resigns.

Rev. W. D. Boswell, pastor of the Baptist church, has resigned to accept a call at Olney. The church here has not yet acted upon the resignation, hence no definite statement can be made as to when the resignation will become effective. Bro. Boswell has made many friends in Graham, who are loath to see him leave, but extend he and his family sincere well wishes for success in their new home.

Why the Farmer Fails.

News comes from the Pecos Valley of a record breaking fruit crop. East Texas confesses to the same complaint. If growers do not reap rich harvests they must attribute the trouble to their own incomplete state of organization. Railroads, like any other business enterprise, are built to make money, but they develop a country by opening the trade arteries of agricultural territory and sufficient tariff rates to secure their bonded indebtedness. If such rates are extortionate it is no more than the man is doing from whom you buy your food, or your coal, medicine or any other commodity, or any more than you yourself would exact if you thought you could put it over. An individual or a community cannot hope to cope in a disorganized state with a corporation whose greatest asset is its thorough organization, without which it could not exist. If bountiful crops reduce the price of produce, why do farmers want big crops? There is a world demand for all staples at good prices. But a means must be found to accommodate that demand so the farmer can reap a profit. It lies in market facilities. If the farmer could ship direct to the consumer he, as well as the consumer, would be immeasurably benefitted. The curse of the farmer is the middleman, an extraneous, a foreign, an unnecessary fungus growth that has always sapped the vitality from the blood of the farmer. When associations of farmers are organized with proper equipment for aggressive business methods it will be found transportation companies will meet them more than half way. There must first be a substance, not the shadow of a substance, before business recognition can be hoped for, and until that is accomplished the farmer will be a prey, and must expect to be a victim to sharp practices in what is known as business transactions, though morally as crooked as corkscrews. But anything is moral in twentieth century business affairs so long as it complies with requirements of elastic laws, and those laws are invoked to afford protection to those enterprises most closely organized, with one capable head and where every member does not want to be the big boss. They place him at the head because he possesses superior business sagacity and brains, and that is one thing that cannot be met except with brains. Why should not a farmer place a value on what he raises instead of having it done by someone whom he never saw and took no part in its production? When he goes to the store to buy groceries does the merchant say he will sell it for what he can get? He has a price and the customer can take it or leave it, and that price is sufficient to keep him out of insolvency. The merchant does not mortgage his present stock of goods to enable him to get credit for next year's. But the farmer not only mortgages his crop and stock but gambles on the chance of his family becoming mendicants and going on insufficient food for twelve months, or perhaps a lifetime. The farming class is the only one that is not organized for self-protection, and everything in the world depends for success upon the farmer. When crops fail everything fails. When big yields bless the country every line of industry is prosperous. The farmer himself is a continuous failure so far as aggression is concerned. And that is because he is not effectively organized.

Lawn Party.

An enjoyable lawn party was given by Mrs. Evans Mabry Tuesday night to quite a number of young people. Upon arrival they were invited to partake of delicious punch, gracefully served by Miss Eula McCain. Progressive games were engaged in till a late hour, Lottie Bell Wallace winning high score prize for the girls and R. F. Short, Jr. for the boys.

Pink and white sherbet and cake were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Eula McCain, Scarborough and Legrande Mabry, Mabry and R. F. Short.

Christian Endeavor.

Topic: "Christ's Call to the Young Women of Today."—Luke 10:38-42.
Leader—Velma Martin.
Mark 12:42-44.—Clyde Birdwell.
Luke 8:2-3.—Fay Martin.
Luke 24:1-5.—Romie Martin.
Acts 16:13-15.—Ludwell Reed.
Romans 16:1-3.—Mary Martin.

Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Program.

Topic: "Christ's Call to the Young Women of Today."—Luke 10:38-42.
Leaders—Mary Hudson, Lois Wear, Elsie Rubenkoenig.
Song—Come Thou Fount.—Luke 10:38-42.—Mary Hudson.
Christ's Call:
To Mediation, John 4:7-14.—Lois Wear.
To Teach, Acts 18:24-28.—Estelline Price.
To Benevolence, Acts 9:36-43.—Elsie Rubenkoenig.
Song—I am Thine O Lord.—Prayer.
"Wanted—The Best Tool."—Mrs. Z. A. Hudson.
Song—I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go.—Mizpah.

Married at Murray.

Mr. Sam P. Wootton and Miss Toye Martin were married at the Baptist church at Murray on Wednesday, June 9, Rev. Marcus M. Chunn of Elliasville performing the ceremony. Quite a number of the young people's friends and relatives were present. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Martin, who live in Throckmorton county, a few miles from Murray. She is one of the favorites among the young people, and has numbers of friends who extend her well wishes through life. Mr. Wootton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wootton of Murray, and one of Murray's most enterprising and industrious young men. The happy pair will make their home at Murray. The Reporter joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

United States and the War.

West Texas Reporter: Will you allow me, through the columns of The Reporter, to express my views on some of the topics of the day?

Some have a horror of war, which is a horrible thing but we should look on the bright side always and assume the optimistic and not the pessimistic view as to our preparedness for war, that is for those who are at the head of our government to determine. We of the rural districts are not in a position to know our efficiency as do those whose duty it is to keep an eye on the situation. We can only look back over the past, and judging the future by the past, the optimistic are not so sure but what we are ready for any eventuality when we think of the incident of Paul Jones in the North Sea, the operations of Perry on the lakes, Washington at Trenton, and Jackson at New Orleans, with his raw militia from the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky annihilated Parranham, with his veteran troops who had seen service under Wellington. The optimistic are not ready to say that we are not in a position to hold our own with any power that may see fit to tackle us, the Kaiser not excepted, and if he is not a little more particular how he cuts his cards Uncle Sam will some of these days drive his boxtoed boot so far under the Kaiser's coat tail that the contemptible old war lord will taste sole-leather the balance of his days. Our Uncle is a peaceable man, but when he gets his dander up some one generally has the satisfaction of knowing they have been whipped.

It is a fact, that compared with other nations, we have comparatively a small standing army but the American people know how to use the gun and when Uncle Sam needs men to handle his firearme all he has to do is to say, "Come on boys" and like it was in 1861 when Abraham Lincoln made his first call the response was, "Here we come father Abraham, seventy-five thousand strong." And after the Confederate States had seceded and Jeff Davis made his call for volunteers the was, "Here we come in legions." And should the present crisis result in an act of hostility the boys will be ready when the call is made to rally to the flag of the United States and uphold the honor and integrity of their government; the pessimistic to the contrary notwithstanding.

Now, Mr. Editor, hoping you success in your journalistic field I am,
Yours very truly,
Dier.

LES HIBOUX

Miss Aline Johnson entertained the Auction Bridge Club on Friday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Crouch, of McKinney. After playing several games of Rook, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Crouch, served an ice course. Mrs. Q. Street was the high score winner, a pretty hat pin, while the cut prize, also a hat pin, fell to Mrs. Fred Arnold. Those present besides members were Misses Lily Morrison, Appoline Dow of Moran, Mary Craig, Nelle Graham, Mayzelle Morrison, Agnes Craig, Mrs. Cropp of Brownwood and Mrs. Montgomery of Haskell.

A number of the flood sufferers who have been assisted in a financial way have asked us to convey their thanks and appreciation for this timely aid to those contributing to their needs.

Acquiring New Machinery.

Young county has introduced an unusual amount of harvesting machinery this year which furnishes ample evidence not only of an increased grain yield, but of the rapid development of Young county. It takes money to install expensive farm machinery, but those who have provided themselves with such equipment have the capital in money or its equivalent in bountiful crops. Taken on the whole The Reporter believes this region is really better off than almost any other part of the country. Although some reverses have been suffered they are not of so serious a hazard but what can be met and overcome in a short time except in some isolated instances.

Those who have lost, sustained it heavily, but from all obtainable sources it is reported that no total loss was experienced by any. All farmers of this country know that wheat growing is profitable but a very hazardous undertaking as it is more or less in every other country. Being conversant with grain growing conditions here, they have fortified their position with other crops to offset any reverses that might be met on account of climatic peculiarities before the wheat could be harvested. Cotton, corn, the various feed crops, vegetables, along with other necessities, will aid those whose wheat has been hard hit.

The present year will prove the strongest advocate of diversification of any that has appeared, for it has shown conclusively the futility of the one-crop system. Those who have surrounded themselves with food and feed crops, with fruits and vegetables, pigs and poultry, cattle, milk and butter, even to a limited extent, could lose their leading or wheat is called the money crop, and still have money to put in the bank. The man who diversifies cannot be hit hard, and the more he does so with those crops best adapted to this climate and soil, the greater the distance widens between himself and possible adversity. Those occupations that were formerly considered frivolous—fruits, vegetables, chickens, eggs, milk and butter—are the farmers' salvation today. It gives him something to sell every month in the year pending maturity of the heavier crops. It enables him to always have money, to live better; by closer association he becomes better acquainted with wife and children and is sometimes mildly astonished to discover that they are really worth knowing, and sometimes they modify and revise their private opinion of him. Collective crops educates the farmer's children in a different manner from the school of hard knocks from which he graduated and fits them for their proper place in the ranks of industry at the top of the most honored professions in all the world—farming. It makes of them farmers who know how to farm. By combining intelligence with practical experience in manual training his avocation becomes not only profitable, but he will find a keen joy in the work.

Charlie Sanders, who lives north of Jean, was in the city Monday with a load of fine Early Wheeler and Elberta peaches. Mr. Sanders expects to gather about five hundred bushels of peaches this year.

J. W. Seddon of Tonk Valley was a business visitor in the city Monday.

C. E. Giddens of Olney was a business visitor in the city last Tuesday.

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Weather for June.

This month will enter with a hot wave advancing from the Pacific Coast. 1st to 4th, hot and sultry; 5th to 6th, thunder storms; 7th to 10th, cooler; 11th to 13th, hot and sultry; 14th to 15th, thunder storms; 16th to 19th, cloudy and warmer; 20th to 22nd, cloudy and rainy; 23rd to 24th, warm and pleasant. On the 25th a belt of heavy thunder storms will advance from the Mississippi Valley and move eastward; 26th to 27th, violent thunder storms; 28th to 30th, clear, pleasant weather.

Monday was Trades' Day and proved its usual success.

If all premises were kept clean there would be no flies to swat.

Fish are said to be just a-jumpin' clear out of the water looking for hooks.

Many towns are making great preparations to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Fort Worth was among the victims who suffered heavy damage on account of recent floods.

The fellow out of a job is consoled by the reflection that there is nothing to prevent him going fishing.

What would happen to the country if every farmer in the United States would go on a strike for six months?

Up to the present time Dallas has five senatorial candidates. Others are running at large over the state.

A juicy double-page ad in the Bridgeport Times is a convincing argument of the revival of good times in that thrifty city.

A city can appreciate the value of water when an emergency puts the system temporarily out of service.

Fort Worth has appropriated \$750.00 with which to fight mosquitoes. Oil is to be used as the destructive agent in killing the larvae.

If all surplus water gone to waste this season could have been impounded the seven-year drouth of biblical times could be repeated without effect.

If you do not want to be a victim of low markets grow enough feed to keep stock at home until prices advance and rates decline.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Doughty has announced the school apportionment for June as 25c per capita, which approximates \$250,000.

What English diplomacy cannot make up its mind to is whether the United States would be more valuable to England at peace or at war with Germany.

Wonder if Graham is going to have a Fourth of July celebration? It is time to be up and about it. A grand rally of all forces would insure the success of a big barbecue.

These Foster forecasts are calculated to keep the population on their nerves with one eye on the clouds and the other on a handy cellar.—Bridgeport Times.

The constables and chiefs of police of the state hold a three-day session in Fort Worth beginning yesterday. They should have met in Dallas where the virtues of the new jail could be tried out.

Another ranger has been killed on the border and ten Americans reported killed in the interior of Mexico. Texas did it once and frontier people are beginning to think she will have to do it again.

The time has come when the silo is going to be the hallmark of efficiency on any farm. Men driving along the road will hunt for the silo, and finding it, will know that there is an intelligent farmer at that house, and missing it, will know that farming right along there is not profitable.—Home and Farm.

Little is accomplished by force. Persuasion without sacrifice of dignity is the best argument toward gaining an end. The successful diplomat is the one who gains a victory without resort to violence. A battle is won at heavy cost even to the victor.

Why should such expressions as German-American be used any more than Mexican-American or Nigger-American? They are either American or not American—the pure cream cheese or just limburger.

Before President Wilson can hope to pacify Mexico we fear he will have to find a man as strong as that fellow Simpson who croaked all those Philipines with the jawbone of an ass.

The West Texas Reporter at Graham had quite a long editorial recently with its subject an ad run in this paper by the Seymour Mill, Elevator & Light Co. The booster spirit shown in that is the cause of favorable comment by the Reporter, and the comment is well placed. A. E. Richmond has also been complimented on the booster ad he ran recently. Everybody likes the booster and everybody knocks the knocker.—Baylor County (Seymour) Banner.

Mr. Bryan has resigned as secretary of state. James G. Blaine's greatest ambition in life was to become president of the United States but he died a disappointed man. He was the most brilliant man in the republican party, but that party deemed his services of more value to the country than being its president. Will some democrat see a parallel between the two statesmen of opposing parties, or does Mr. Bryan alone see it?

If self-appointed reformers confined their operations to the sphere where it is really most needed their time could be profitably occupied by staying at home instead of invading the precincts of the Sunday picture shows. Reforms are not accomplished by vindictiveness or force, but rather by persuasion and example. Compulsion is not reformation. To try to instill a spirit of fear into the heart or mind only reasserts itself in resentment at the first opportunity.

From the increased number of automobile fatalities in this country insurance risks to those contemplating riding in the machines will probably reach a premium equal to rates on food-stuff enroute to Germany.

A Corsicana dispatch of the 10th instant says a petition circulated by Major Charles H. Mills and numerous signed requests President Wilson to appoint former President William Howard Taft to the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the resignation of W. J. Bryan as secretary of state.

If Senor Huerta from his Long Island home has designs on the country he betrayed he should be told that the New York political field offers safer opportunities than the battlefield from which he fled. For a man with his shining accomplishments it is astonishing if New York's leaders would permit him to go.

Fruit has been coming into town at a lively rate for the past couple of weeks. The Reporter invokes a blessing upon all who tinker with fruit growing. The specimens seen proves conclusively that Young county is equal to any in quality of fruit raised.

A ruling from the postoffice department permits letters to be attached to packages, the former going as first class mail, and the latter as fourth class. This plan averts confusion which sometimes results when a package and a letter mailed at the same time fail to reach their destination simultaneously—a confusion that can be eliminated by use of the attachment system.

We hope the trade-at-home committee will do as much needed work in our county and keep more Baylor county money at home to work for us. And we approve, also, of the chairman's idea to work up the merchants end of the line. We have live merchants who are quick to see opportunities, and we believe they themselves will be able through the proper efforts, to divert some of this money from mail-order houses. Just remember all the time, too, that mail order houses do not fail to advertise.—Baylor County Banner.

In times of national crises a man's patriotism is put to the severest test, his loyalty placed under the white-hot fire of the crucible. Bryan surrendered his portfolio when his president and country needed wise counsel most. A public official is committed to carry out the views of the people he represents. Bryan consulted his personal inclinations. He "lay down" on President Wilson because he could not control him. Happily the secretaryship has suffered no reverse by the change.

Constant harping on hard times makes hard times, real or imaginary. If all the time wasted in talking about things that cannot be helped were employed in conscientious service to improve conditions instead of making them worse, there would be much more happiness and many more square meals. Any character of circumstance can be accomplished by willing it so. Morbidity is a contagious disease which if yielded to harvests a crop of ruin. Cheerfulness is likewise infectious and leads to success and happy days. The chronic should be vaccinated for anthrax.

Many are improving and beautifying their places by cutting weeds and grass, interfering with the progress of flies, mosquitoes and disease. An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of doctor bills.

Last Friday Ex-Secretary of State Bryan appealed to "German-Americans" to supplicate the German government not to take any steps that would lead in the direction of war. Evidently for the good of his country the secretary seized the psychological moment for throwing up his job.

Telegraphic dispatches say European nations at war purchased from the United States nearly \$1,000,000,000 worth of food supplies and munitions of war during the first nine months of the conflict. These figures, obtained from the department of commerce, show that the purchases are \$635,000,000 in excess of the normal exportations during the same period of the previous year.

The Atlanta Constitution says editorially that for the country's good it will not print any more of Bryan's utterances. The editorial refers to the former secretary of state as a "public nuisance."

A news wire of the 11th instant quotes Senator Morris Sheppard in regard to the last note to Germany. Mr. Sheppard said: "The new German note is an excellent presentation of the American contention. Let us hope that it will result in a peaceful settlement of the controversy between the United States and Germany."

The big sales put on recently by two of Graham's leading merchants ought to dispel all doubts as to the good results obtained by advertising. The inducements offered by the respective advertisements were general themes of discussion among residents of the city who are alert and ready at all times to avail themselves of special offerings by enterprising business firms. Such men make business for themselves in the dullest of times and are entitled to all the business their energy brings to their stores.

Mr. A. J. Cantwell, a prominent citizen of Jean, is the first to send in a splendid descriptive article of that thriving little city telling of the resources of the vicinity, population of town, number of business houses and occupation of each, water supply, oil prospects, condition of farmers, schools, etc. The article contains information of the most valuable kind calculated to have great influence with the prospective settler in Young county. The Reporter hopes to receive more such concise statements of facts from every part of the county.

PROFFITT

Will try to write a few items. I wrote last week but never got to mail my letter.

Most everybody is cutting their wheat and oats.

E. A. Johnson erected a new barn for Dr. Cagle last week.

The school closed last Friday but the exhibition was put off until Tuesday night on account of so much rain. A large crowd was present and a nice program was rendered.

W. M. Gibbs and daughter, Miss Bettie, took supper Friday night with Mr. Strother and family.

John Webb and wife spent Sunday with Clarence Reeves and wife.

Elm Creek sure did get on a boom. It was about one and a half miles wide.

Misses Ruth and Iona Connor and Eunice Long took dinner Sunday with Misses Lora and Sallie Bellamy.

Mr. Reid was a business visitor at Newcastle Thursday.

Miss Bettie Gibbs spent last Thursday with Misses Dennie and Edna Maples.

Edd Davis and family visited relatives across the river Wednesday.

Archie Briggs and wife were shopping in Newcastle Tuesday.

Walter Johnson has bought a new buggy.

Sure, Plow Boy, that invitation is good always. You must be sure to come.

Miss Edna Maples spent last Thursday night with Miss Bettie Gibbs.

Hubert Strother went to Newcastle Wednesday.

As news is scarce I will stop and hand my pencil to Rainy Day. Say, Rainy Day, come up the first of July and we will take in the picnic at Newcastle. Snowflake.

HAWKINS CHAPEL

Rev. J. L. McCord of Loving administered the ordinance of baptism at T. F. Harman's tank last Tuesday afternoon. Misses Strickling were the candidates. Odus Strattin and family were visiting Sunday.

Miss Blanche Bavousette left last Thursday for Mineral Wells to attend the summer normal there. We wish her success.

Mrs. Stennett and children of Markley visited Mesdames T. F. Harman, Robert Miller and Lindsey the past week. Mr. Stennett came over Sunday and was accompanied home by his family.

Bro. McCord of Loving filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Tuesday night of the past week. He delivered a good sermon. He talked about how fleeting and perishable all things earthly are and how we should "look for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." The service was good and enjoyable.

Charlie Miller came in last Thursday from Wichita Falls on a visit to his brother, Robert Miller.

Elzie Tedrow and wife called at Jim Oatman's Friday night. J. W. Oatman and family were there too. They all enjoyed some ice cream.

C. S. Newman and wife are at H. H. Stephens' of Indian Mound. Mr. Newman is helping H. H. Stephens in the harvest.

The Sunday school opened at 10:30 a. m. with good attendance. There were twenty visitors present. The interest was good. We were glad to have the visitors.

Bro. McCord of Loving took supper with T. F. Harman and family Tuesday night.

J. C. Miller and family of West Fork were the guests of Robert Miller and wife Saturday night and Sunday.

Bro. W. P. Harmerson preached at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m. The services were as good as could be wished for. Saturday his text was, "Have faith in God." Sunday he addressed the unsaved principally.

Mr. Stennett and family of Markley and J. C. Miller and

family of West Fork attended church here Sunday.

Some in the community have been canning fruit the past week.

The farmers were busy the past week fixing fences which were washed out by the heavy rains.

T. F. Harman had the road hands out at work Thursday morning of the past week.

There was a crowd at Mr. Montgomery's last Tuesday to help him get his house back on its foundation. It was partly blown off by the wind a week or ten days ago.

Messrs. A. E. Oatman, Jim and Jesse Oatman with their families went to Loving Sunday afternoon to meet Misses Oatman, who have been in school at Waco for the past two years. We gladly welcome them back.

Rev. Dow Hawkins and family are in on a visit to relatives here.

Mr. Whited of Loving called at T. F. Harman's Friday.

There was a shower of rain fell here Sunday afternoon and another early Monday morning which was accompanied by hail and wind. The ground is too wet for the farmers to plow today (Monday).

The next regular monthly meeting at the Baptist church the second Sunday in July is deferred until the third Sunday in July at which time the protracted meeting will be in session. The meeting will commence on Friday night before the third Sunday in July and will be conducted by Revs. G. W. Black and W. P. Harmerson.

Some of the farmers were planting cotton over last week as it was washed away by the recent hard rains. Violet.

Bids Wanted.

Bids are wanted by the City of Graham on city scavenger work for one year beginning July 1, 1915.

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MILLER BEND

Is socialism a "religio-political" party? Well, let's investigate the matter in a brief way and see if we can't find some pretty good evidence leading in that direction, if not conclusive proof of the fact.

And, we shall judge them out of their own mouths, too. "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Therefore we shall not bring in "hearings" against them, but will judge them by their own conduct and out of their own literature.

I am aware, however, that some socialists, Roseite and Gringo, for instance, deny that socialism is a religion. But do they not have socialist Sunday schools? And, do they not have socialist political meetings on Sunday, and when reproved for it say, "it is our religion?" And surely, even Roseite and Gringo, will not deny that they have socialist school teachers. I have read the advertisements of these socialist school teachers more than once in "The Rebel," a socialist paper printed at Hallettsville, Texas by T. A. Hickey. I read "The Rebel" regularly for a year and a half, and frequently Mr. Hickey would call his paper "this great religious weekly."

The Christian Socialist for March, 1915 is an eye-opener for all who are seeking truth as to socialism. On page 13 of that issue they advertise a book "Poems of a Socialist Priest." On page 5 appear these headlines: "Ninth General Conference of the Christian Socialist Fellowship of America, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23rd to 28th, 1915, St Paul Parish House, Cathedral St., North of Saratoga." Then follows the program for each day, and each and every man on the program, save one, has the prefix "Rev." to his name, and the program ends like this: "Socialist Sunday, Feb. 28. All pastors in Baltimore are being personally invited and urged to preach upon some phase of 'Socialism' once at least upon this day." Notice they were "invited to preach on Socialism," and on Sunday at that.

On page 6 and of this same issue of the Christian Socialist under big headlines: "Socialism and Religion. A Plea for Peace by Irwin Tucker," appears some more strong language, and sounds to me very much like "a religion." On page 6 Rev. Tucker says: "American School Children revere the memory of George Washington; Socialist Sunday Schools sing to the memory of Karl Marx." Now I call that going off "after strange gods." The very idea of teaching the precious tender child to sing psalms to Karl Marx in Sunday School, instead of teaching them to sing to the memory of Jesus their Savior!

On page 7, same article, the Rev. Tucker says: "It must be a religion, intense in its grip, all embracing in its scope, seeking supreme the good of all men through the loyalty of each man." See? He says "it must be a religion." But we see it is not to be a religion of loyalty to God but to man. Now let's see further proof of this. Rev. Tucker says, "Socialism Must Express Itself in Christianity! For the Socialist Movement can never succeed until every man in it is filled with an intense and unswerving loyalty governing his every move and thought, to the Human Race in its perfection. He must be loyal to mankind—not as it is, but as it may be—not only to his brothers whom he sees, but to all that are his brothers." And that certainly is a peculiar Christianity. It sounds more like "humanity" than "Christianity" to me. Notice how he emphasizes his little "human" religion by the use of capitals, just as though humanity belonged to the Deity. Not as humanity "is" but as it "may be," says Rev. Tucker. How different from the religion of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who was so "loyal to humanity" nearly two thousand years ago that

He gave His life for it. Not that humanity should be blessed with this world's goods but that all might have eternal life. "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment" said the lowly Nazarine, the man who had "an intense unswerving loyalty to man" before "science had made humanity perfect."

Now here on the same 7th page of the Christian Socialist is this Socialist preacher's idea of the God-head. Now listen! He says, "God—Our Father, God—Our Brother, God—Ourself." Dear reader, let me ask you how you like that "God—Ourself," in the place of "God the Holy Ghost," as you have been taught to know it? A very peculiar "form of Christianity in which Socialism must express itself" is it not?

For Gringo's special benefit I will quote the Rev. Tucker's definition of the "God—Ourself" as Gringo asked me why I didn't "give the whole paragraph." After defining man's relation to "God—Our Father and God—Our Brother," all of which I would love to give, but space and time forbids, the preacher says: "Yet this is not enough. Each one of all of us must look down and out upon the vast surging, boiling mass of humanity; loaded with all its sins and sorrows; black with shame and glorious with hope, we must look with a strong passion of love not upon what humanity is, but what it can be when science rightly used shall have made Humanity perfect, and have incarnated into it all that humanity will hold of the goodness, beauty and truth that lies behind all seeming and looking so upon Mankind as it May Be, feeling the pulse and surge of its spirit within us say, 'Myself.'"

Until this strong passion fills every one of all the sons of men Socialism will be impossible. And this strong passion is faith in the ever-blessed Trinity, the Threeness of God, who is My Father, My Brother and Myself—and is the core and center of the Christian Religion, which holds the hope of the Redemption of the world." Thus we see that God the Holy Ghost is substituted with "God Ourself." Now dear reader, what kind of a religion do you call that? The Holy Ghost is left out and "ourself" substituted. That is what I call "Deism,"—a religion without revelation, and if you will take notice to their literature I believe you will find that to be the religion as taught by about ninety per cent of them. It is "materialism" pure and simple.

Before leaving Rev. Tucker and the Christian Socialist I wish to ask the reader to let the eye run back to the Rev. Tucker's definition to his "God—Ourself" theory, and notice the peculiar and perhaps the most unique sentence in modern language—"black with shame and glorious with hope." Could a greater contrast be drawn in a sentence of seven words? And where is the sense, reason or logic of it? The very idea of a condition of society being at the same time "black with shame and glorious with hope." Talk about "absurdities," it seems to me that that ought to go as first class. None but Socialists can explain it, and even they would not understand it, only they would know it was "socialism" and would swear it was right.

Henry Tichenor says in January's number of his "Melting Pot" in glaring headlines: "The World Needs a New Religion." Under which he condemns the religious creeds and Paul, criticizes the Bible, consigns the God of Abraham, David and Solomon to the pig pen and kennel, ridicules the idea of such a God being the Father of Christ, eulogizes the "man Jesus, the Peasant of Galilee," and a lot more rot. Then he turns round and with one sweep of his ungodly pen smites them all. "Away with them all—crowns and creeds, plunderers and priests, beliefs, bibles, (beginning Bibles with small "b") and Bedlam, and back to Nature and Nature's common love of

all." Then a lot more rot among which is this, "Let us drive from earth forever the monster "Powers that be" that make war and misery, and poverty, and with them the creeds (stick a pin here reader) that lyingly proclaim as "inspired by God" the infamous injunction. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God." Then he says, "Let us build a New Society and a New Religion."

"Is Socialism a Religion?" Of one of Sinclair's characters in "The Jungle" Mr. Lucas, termed by Sinclair a religious zealot, he says: "Lucas was a mild and meek-looking little gentleman of clerical aspect, he had been an itinerant evangelist, it transpired, and had seen the light and become a prophet of the new dispensation." Mr. Lucas said, concerning Jesus, "Here is a man who was the world's first revolutionist, the true founder of the socialist movement." This Mr. Lucas, even after he became a "prophet of the new dispensation," admitted that some thought Jesus was divine. Hear him. "Here is an historical figure whom all men reverence and love, whom some regard as divine." Is socialism a religion?

"The Rise and Fall of Babylon," the best and cleanest work on socialism I ever read, written by Rev. E. F. Stanton of Hamlin, Texas, contains about five thousand Bible quotations in an effort to prove that socialism is to usher in the millennium and upon a material basis at that.

Rev. Stanton, is to my opinion, above the ordinary socialist as a reasoner, but like all the rest of them, he keeps the cart before the horse most of the time. He seeks to make material or temporal things or blessings, such as farms and homes, money and all such things as we use, the basis of right living before God. In other words he wants to dictate to God the terms upon which humanity shall love and serve God, thus, "Lord give us all such things as go to make us comfortable in this life then we will love and serve thee."

Now let's read this "Socialist preacher" just a little and see what we think of him. Bearing in mind that the Savior said "First seek ye the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Rev. Stanton says, "Man is both spiritual and material. The spiritual is the more important to be sure, but it can not expand and tower heavenward with a material basis upon which to exist." And again he says, "As with an individual, so with a world of individuals. Humanity must have a pure social basis before it can be its own, and worship God in spirit and in truth." Now reader, what do you think? Did the great and All Wise God overlook this "material, pure social basis" or do you think He purposely left this job for the socialists? Surely you do not think God would require an impossibility of his people. That He would expect them to "worship him in spirit and in truth" when surely He knew, if Rev. E. F. Stanton knows, that they could not do so, until Socialists establish a "pure social basis." Do you believe that reader? Is socialism a religion? Most assuredly it is. A despotic, anti-Christian religion, too. The fact that all socialist literature is antagonistic to the churches, and that most all socialist literature teaches skepticism as regards the Bible, and the fact that socialists almost to a man are antagonistic to the churches is a pretty good forecast that if we were under socialist rule the churches would be forced to reorganize along lines conforming to socialism or else "go out of business."

Oh! some say, "No danger of that because under socialism we would have majority rule and a majority of people are of Christian belief, hence no danger of these rights being taken from us." But listen! a majority of people must be converted to socialism before socialism can rule, and as all, or nearly all socialists are opposed to the churches, what would they very naturally do? Must I answer that question for you reader? Good-bye religious freedom. Certainly so, because when men think a system wrong they also think it their duty to abolish it, see? And as socialists dream that socialism is to usher in the millennium or a "righteous government" it is quite natural to conclude that they would remove all hindering causes. Hear the Rev. Stanton on this point. "For the poor and hungry Jesus suffered and died for the benefit of the poor and hungry. Jesus is coming again to establish a righteous government, after which the poor shall hunger no more." What is meant by "righteous government?" Does not that sound sound just a wee bit like a union of church and state? Hear this preacher on this point, "The church, like all other organizations is composed of finite beings, is governed in her belief and actions by the prevailing methods of producing and distributing the necessities of life. It is powerless to prevent economic determinism entering all professions and shades of life, hence the great necessity of seeking to establish a righteous economic system; God's kingdom upon the earth, which socialists term, "The Co-operative Commonwealth."

And, how do they purpose to bring about or set up God's kingdom upon the earth? Listen and I will give you what the Rev. Stanton says about it. "Socialism is that of which the prophets wrote, the angels sang and the apostles preached. When socialists VOTE to establish the Co-operative Commonwealth they obey the instructions given them by Christ to His disciples when he taught them to pray 'thy kingdom come.' Socialists vote for what they want, and Christians pray for what they do not expect." Now reader what do you think of that? Doesn't it sound anti-Christian?

Mrs. O'Hair, one of their prominent writers, makes the same distinction between Christians and socialists, saying "You Christians and we Socialists." And I ask, is not socialism a "religion?" And is it not necessarily a despotic religion? One more quotation from Henry M. Tichenor: "Sacrifice saves nothing. Prayers and incantations are unanswered. The blood of Jesus will not do the work. The workers of the world must save themselves or go on wearing chains." This is the man who says "The world needs a new religion." Of course Tichenor is a "free thinker" but I ask the reader to compare his sayings with the general trend of thought as advanced by a vast majority of socialist propagandists and you will find the same spirit prompts them that prompts Tichenor—the spirit of "materialism."

Paul says in Rom. 14:17-19: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Yet one more chapter on Free Love and how socialists will induce trifling humans to work. BRYSON

No need of saying anything about the rain last Saturday as I haven't written since the big rain I suppose everyone knows about it or has heard about it. We are still having showers but no down-pours as you might call it. Sunday sure was hot. The hottest day I believe we have had this year. The shower in the afternoon was very refreshing. Rev. Thornton preached at the Christian church Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. E. Hughes and children have been visiting Mrs. Hughes' parents of Mountain Home. Her father has been very ill. Mrs. J. C. Simpkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred

Dues, who has been very sick, at Garner, Texas. Miss Fannie Newsome spent from Thursday till Sunday with Mrs. Morrison of Jermyn. Charlie Jones and family left recently for Fort Worth where they intend to make their home. We hope they will be pleased with their new location.

Well, I guess Jack o' Diamonds has his suit case in his hands by now headed for the wheat fields. Why not write and let us all know how cold it is there and how you enjoy life in the harvest?

My! good old peaches are getting ripe, and they sure are fine. Trixie was in an orchard several days ago that had about 125 peach trees all ripe. They sure were fine too. I'll not tell whose it was but anyone who cares to know I'll sure tell them. Come over Daisy Flat and we will visit that orchard again. Mr. Editor, you come too.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Martin of Long Hollow Saturday and Sunday.

George Kinder's two sons, Sam and Arbie, of Long Hollow, passed via Bryson for Graham with two hack loads of peaches last week.

Messrs. Charlie and Joe Cullers of Union Ridge have been delivering peaches to the people here.

Melvie Williams took care of the central office at Jermyn from Friday till Sunday while Mr. and Mrs. Sanders visited her mother, Mrs. Keyser of Keyser.

Mrs. Herd is going into the business of raising quails as she has a flock of eleven little ones doing fine.

I want to correct a mistake that was made in my last letter. Miss Stella Chambers went to Weatherford to attend the normal instead of Denton.

Thanks, Daisy Flat for your pencil. How was singing Sunday afternoon?

Stuff Stafford and family spent Sunday with Joe Clayton and family.

Corn sure looks fine. Trixie will have roasting ears to eat by Sunday. All ye scribes are invited to help me feast on them Sunday.

As I haven't been anywhere to learn very much news will toss my pencil to Pansy and skiddoo. Trixie.

MIDWAY

After a week's absence I will try to write again. We have had quite a lot of rain in the last two or three weeks and had some few storms with them.

Uncle Joe Hawkins is still on the sick list at this writing.

Misses Lillie, Hettie and Zada Drum, Messrs. Frank Loftin, Louis Drum, and Glancus Cox took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox Sunday.

Mr. Woodrum and family of Bunker visited friends in this community last Saturday and Sunday. Miss Hettie Drum, who had been visiting them for the past two or three weeks, came home with them.

The singing was postponed Sunday afternoon on account of the cloud that came up.

Frank Loftin came in Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Drum and children spent the day with Mr. Bagley and family Sunday.

The children's day at Midway was pretty good considering the day. Some had to work on fences to keep the stock out of fields. The rain had washed the fences down and some could not come on account of the roads.

Glancus Cox returned to his work west of Farmer Sunday night.

John Cox and family called to see Uncle Joe Hawkins Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. W. Drum and little son, Cabert, went to Loving Saturday on business.

Miss Susie Keen, who has been visiting friends in our vicinity returned home Monday morning.

The Crochet Club met at Miss Nannie Adams' Wednesday afternoon, and the next meeting will be with Mrs. Loftin.

H. W. Drum is digging his potatoes.

Grandpa and Grandma Drum and Luther Drum spent the night with Hiram Drum Tuesday night and returned home Wednesday afternoon.

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Live News from our Correspondents

PICKWICK

More rain more rest, but some of the boys say more rain more work.

John and Joe Doan, G. W. Underwood, Tap and Shield made a flying trip to Grafod Sunday afternoon.

Well, Silver Bell, I just wanted to know where you were for I always look for your letters first of all, so you see I always miss you.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Anderson and Miss Lettie Weldon spent Sunday afternoon at the Doan ranch.

Mrs. Nannie Weldon spent last Sunday with her children.

Miss Lottie Davis spent Sunday with Misses Lena and Hassie Clay.

Misses Adell and Alta Clay spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Eula Kate Norton and Lee Ella Costello.

Misses Edith Waye and sister of Dallas are visiting Misses Connie and Maggie Costello.

Miss Stella Fae Dalton of Palo Pinto visited her aunt, Maggie Costello, last week. Her sister, Miss Mary Jane, came up after her Wednesday, returning home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McPherson and children of Lucille took Sunday dinner with J. C. Weldon and wife.

Several from Pickwick attended singing at Lucille Sunday afternoon. Among them were Bill Clay, Elijah Snoddy, Luther Davis, Ben, Kale and Chester Weldon and Misses Lena and Hassie Clay, Lottie Davis and Carrie Weldon. All reported a fine time if it did rain.

Kale Weldon spent Saturday and Sunday nights with Ben and Chester Weldon.

Misses Georgie and Luettie Weldon spent Sunday with Miss Myrtle Whately.

Will Wester spent last Sunday night with his uncle, Wash Wester.

Miss Etta Agee is attending the normal at Mineral Wells. We hope she has good success.

John Doan says he wants forty gallons of beans canned and fifty gallons of peaches. We guess John doesn't intend to starve next winter.

Mrs. J. A. Caudill and granddaughter, Miss Catherine, visited at the E. P. Costello home last Friday. Mrs. Caudill is from Fox Hollow.

Busy Bee, I tell you what, you had better write us some Fox Hollow news for you know I like to hear from over that way.

I guess that the high water was the cause of so many being absent last week.

Johnnie Dolittle was wearing that happy smile as usual this (Sunday) afternoon.

It isn't long until the Fourth of July. I wonder what you all will do that day, as it will be Sunday. I know, or at least I think I know what I will do.

Say, Silver Bell you and Busy Bee come down and take dinner with me the Fourth and we will have a time.

I see several are describing themselves so I will try to do likewise, so here goes. I am 5 feet, seven inches tall, have light blue eyes and brown hair, and fair complexion, and weigh 125 pounds. Now I will let you scribes guess my age as it is between fifteen and twenty. I was born in Oklahoma on July 2nd, and came to Texas when I was very small, so you see I know nothing but Texas.

My father came from Missouri to Texas and mother was raised out in Jack county, near the mouth of the Devil Den. Gray-eyed Girl, do you know where that is?

The chinch bugs and grasshoppers are just about to take everything down here, weeds grass and everything else.

Miss Carrie Weldon was on the sick list last week.

George Weldon, Jr., was on the sick list last week.

One of F. M. Clay's twin boys is sick again.

Wheat and oats harvesting is the order of the day here

now and oh what a time we do have cooking for the hands.

Mr. McAvoy's binder has been down in our community the past week cutting oats for T. M. Clay.

Miss Annie Tate has returned home from Loving, where she has been for several months. Her sister, Mrs. S. Drum, came home with her and will spend several days visiting relatives and friends here.

Ben Weldon spent Saturday night with Rob Weldon.

I guess I had better give Rainy Day my pencil and go to bed. Beauty.

CRAIG POINT

The wedding bells were ringing in our community Sunday afternoon, when Miss Pearl Gallagher and Mr. Olaf Ribble surprised their many friends by driving up to Rev. S. D. Cook's and being united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The happy young couple went to Mr. Ribble's home in Ming Bend Monday, where they will make their home. They left for a few days' visit in Breckenridge. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

Miss Minnie Cornelius returned Thursday from Archer City, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alva Frazor.

Mrs. W. A. Babb of Newcastle has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Baugh, here. She returned to her home Thursday.

Misses Josie Andrews and Bell Brandon of Graham spent Tuesday and Tuesday night with Mrs. Alice Killion.

Misses Emily Rehders, Eula Woods and Nettie Sloan of Graham were the guests of Miss Viva Baugh Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Minnie Cornelius and brother, Will, attended the children's day exercises at Indian Mound Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gallaher are the proud parents of a fine boy, who made his appearance on last Thursday, the 10th.

Carl Knight visited Harry Cornelius Sunday night.

Several from this community attended the funeral of Mrs. Sheperd Thursday afternoon.

Misses Maudie and Gladys Green attended Sunday school and church in town Sunday.

Harry Cornelius has bought a new five-passenger touring car.

Now look out girls, for a car is lots nicer than a buggy to take drives in. Bluebird.

NORTH MIDWAY

Aren't we having some warm weather?

If Azure Skies was either sugar or salt I think she would surely melt.

It's thundering like we might have some more rain. I think we could do without rain for a while, since the "shower" Saturday. Wasn't it terrible? No use to relate the damage done at Newcastle as I suppose everybody has heard of it.

Crops are badly damaged in this community.

The party at Mr. Weileman's Tuesday night was enjoyed by a very large crowd. Every one had their fortunes told, which of course, was interesting and comical because everybody got to hear everybody's fortune told.

Several binders are running today as so much rain put the ox in the ditch and, of course, they must pull him out.

May and Russell Wiley are visiting Austin and Noweta Jones this afternoon.

Dewey Wiley was sick last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. He has chickenpox now, and of course, Azure Skies wants him to get well real soon.

G. W. Wiley was sick a few days last week, but is up at this writing.

Ernest Jones and Miss Emma Cunningham were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Sunday at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. Wilson, who per-

formed the ceremony. Those present were Geo. Evitt, Miss Ethel Cunningham, Norman Cunningham, Miss Jo Ann Quisenberry, Merritt Cunningham, and Miss Sophia Quisenberry.

Mr. Jones has been a resident of this part of the country for a number of years, and moved to Newcastle a short time ago.

Miss Cunningham has been here only a short while, coming here from Throckmorton county last spring. She is a modest little woman of charming ways and is loved by all who know her. To this happy couple we extend our congratulations and hope for them a long, prosperous and happy life.

Mr. Young and Geo. Blue went to town this (Sunday) morning.

Geo. Blevins and mother of Loving spent Tuesday night at Mr. Wiley's.

The large tanks on the Ed Terrell and Braz Evitt places bursted last Saturday evening. L. Cunningham went to town Friday on business.

Mr. Editor, do you want descriptions of different localities for the Booster Edition? You may have specified in a previous issue what was wanted, but we have failed to see it or have forgotten it. Your scribe has very little experience in writing but might contribute something of value.

News is very scarce so I will give room for some of the better writers. Azure Skies.

LONE STAR

As it has been quite a while since I have seen a word from here I thought I would try to write once more.

Little Lillian, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Danley, has been quite sick, but am glad to report her better.

The men on the Graham farm cut wheat Sunday, but they got to rest today. (Monday) on account of the rain last night.

Mrs. Tom Billingsley's sons returned home from school one day last week.

J. C. Akers and sons, Willie and Raymond, and Miss Addie Akers visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burgess of Duff Prairie Sunday. They helped him cut wheat.

Dee Poindexter made a business trip to Graham today.

Miss Wallace Henderson returned home last week.

Several of the young folks called to see Miss Cecil Duncan Sunday night.

Mrs. F. M. Danley visited Miss Addie Akers today (Monday). Her sister, Bessie, returned home with her to spend the night.

Austin White was in our community last week with peaches.

Miss Bell McCluskey spent Sunday with Miss Oma Keller.

E. M. Ball got very badly frightened Sunday by a rattlesnake.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Langford went to South Bend trading last Friday.

As this is the first time I have written in a long time will

hand my pencil to a better writer and go. Here, Snowflake, take my pencil and come on with the Proffitt news. Hiawatha.

OAK GROVE

Farmers are busy planting their cotton over, which was washed away, some of it for the second time, by the recent heavy rains.

Mrs. C. C. Crowder went to Wichita Falls Saturday to remain some time with her daughter, and to be under the care of a doctor there.

Chester Prideaux has come home from Georgetown, where he has been attending Southwestern University.

Mrs. Clifford Garvey, who has been very ill, is rapidly improving.

Mrs. Will Crowder has finished her school west of Olney and has returned home.

Miss Zilla Harwell was the guest of Mrs. Almond Peters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Peters visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peters Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Peters are visiting Mrs. Peters' father, J. W. Keen. Spot.

INDIAN MOUND

Sunday was our regular meeting day, also, children's day. We had 121 present at Sunday school. Bro. McCord of Loving preached to the children at 11 o'clock, after which we had dinner. At 2 o'clock the children's services began and at the close Rev. R. L. English of Newcastle made a very interesting talk. The afternoon services were cut shorter than they would have been on account of the threatening weather. Bro. McCord was to preach for us tonight (Sunday night) but if the weather is looking no better than it is now, 5:30 o'clock, this Kid won't be on hand.

Sam and Grady Millican and Richard Taylor of Loving were here Sunday.

Geo. and Will Slater with their families, and T. C. Butler from Red Top were here Sunday.

Jim Doolen and Miss Surrilla Wyatt, Marvin Stephens and Misses Viva and Annie Nored of Flint Creek attended church here Sunday.

About 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning Jack o' Diamonds made his appearance at the Mound. Jack was all smiles as usual. There was not but one thing wrong with him and that was he seemed to have a bad case of heart trouble. I think you will soon be all right, when I tell her what you said Jack. Well, that is, if everything is favorable.

Will Cornelius and sister, and Charlie Burch of Briar Branch were here Sunday.

C. C. Mayes and family of Graham attended church here Sunday.

When the ground got dry enough last week the binder men began cutting their grain.

Some binders were run Sunday while others were not. One week more dry weather will finish up the wheat and oats harvest.

Mr. Huckaby from Comanche county came in about two weeks ago to visit his brother, Ira, and family, and other relatives here and work during the harvest.

Candy Kid, I did not want to discourage Jack o' Diamonds, I was trying to help him. You had just as well gone on and told us about your bicycle trip because we heard you thinking about it anyway.

John McComas went to Newcastle last Thursday afternoon after his sister, Mrs. Rhea Cox, and children, who came over to visit home folks a few days.

John Thomas and wife from Olney passed through here last Wednesday.

Mr. Poole of Jean went to Graham Wednesday.

D. W. Beard, R. G. and Hilliard Taylor went to Graham Tuesday afternoon of last week.

J. S. Fisher and Austin Bird went to Graham Wednesday.

E. G. Williamson and Joe Birdwell went to Newcastle last Wednesday.

Dave Myers and son, Henry, of Newcastle were at J. S. Fisher's Wednesday after some beef cattle.

Dave Myers and wife from Newcastle were here Sunday.

Floyd McComas and Miss Lena Humble, Dr. W. O. Padgett and J. T. Riekman of Graham attended services here Sunday.

D. Bird and wife, and son-in-law, Merrill Herring, and family of Ingleside came down Sunday morning in Mr. Herring's car to attend church and children's day services. Mr. Bird reports damage from hail as being very bad.

Mr. Nix and family of Dallas are visiting their brother-in-law Rev. R. L. English, at Newcastle. They all came over here Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Weems and wife of Jean were here Sunday.

Today (Tuesday) is the Kid's birthday. Mr. Editor and Correspondents come up and eat dinner with me.

Mrs. Lon Knight of Dallas is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McComas.

Mesdames G. W. McComas, Rhea Cox, and Clark Knight visited Mrs. E. G. Williamson Monday afternoon.

Gus Rutherford and wife, Roy Rutherford and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Osborn of Red Top attended church here Sunday. Kid.

HULL MOUNTAIN

After the rains and the land has become dry enough to cultivate the crops people are busy engaged stirring the soil again.

Warren is now engaged with "general green's" mighty legion. I would not mind fighting "Mr. Green" if the weevils would not come to his assistance and destroy the hopes of our labor.

But, I reckon it is all right or those pests would never have

come to destroy the effects of the farmer's labor.

The jackrabbits have destroyed two settings of potato slips for us and seems like it isn't worth while to put out any more.

Silver Bell, Old Pa's good gun doesn't amount to much as the pests come at night and do their mischief, and I'm afraid to poison them for fear of killing a valuable dog.

Mrs. H. E. Parsons has been real sick being confined to her bed the greater part of seven days, and I'm glad she is able to sit up some now. The neighbors have been more than good to come and assist in caring for her. They were also good to bring milk and butter, and cooking such victuals as they thought she could eat.

Mrs. Flossie Bryan canned beans for Mrs. H. E. Parsons Saturday.

Mrs. Tabby Nelson is gathering and canning blackberries for Mrs. H. E. Parsons on the shares.

The report came over the phone this morning that Graham will be blown away today (Tuesday). Are there not ten just persons in Graham? I believe there are ten times that many good women living there.

It seems like war clouds continue to gather and the authorities should nip in the bud and not listen to those who are agitating it. They are expecting to profit by the war if the U. S. should become involved in a war with Germany. They have no regard for the lives of poor soldiers and their wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts, just so they are filling their coffers with gold.

William Jennings Bryan's head was the levellest one in all the cabinet in regards to the sinking of the Lusitania. The German ambassador warned those people taking passage on the Lusitania they did so at their own peril. They would not heed his warning and lost their lives, and no one is to blame for it but themselves. If the U. S. declares war on Germany for the lives lost on the Lusitania it would not be a war of honor but a war to revenge the death of a few millionaires and those who followed their example in taking passage on the ill-fated ship. My sympathy goes no further than to the women and children who had no word of protest on taking passage on the Lusitania. Then what is a hundred lives to hundreds of thousands that would be sacrificed in an unholy war. Vanderbilt nor any of those on the Lusitania were no better in the eyes of the Creator than the poorest man that would lose his life in a war with Germany, so those that have a will of their own and do as they please, and risk themselves in such peril ought to take what follows. Old Pa.

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HAVE YOU JOINED OUR BOOSTER WORK?

OTHERS ARE SENDING COPY TO THE OFFICE EARLY TO INSURE GOOD WORK. WHY DON'T YOU?

IT IS the aim of the Reporter office to do creditable work on the Booster Edition to be issued by this concern just as soon as all descriptive and advertising literature can be collected. Therefore it is essential that all who have reserved space for business representation prepare and send in their copy early so we can get to work on it. Sufficient time must be granted the printer to insure excellence of his production. When you put him off by saying you are too busy, you are impairing the effect of that you desire most to create.

WE WOULD be glad to have our friends in surrounding towns and farming communities to send in descriptions of their respective localities setting forth features of chief interest—location, principal industries, population, schools, churches, crops, water, health, general crop conditions, livestock—a general summary of all that goes to make up the sum and substance of affairs as they actually exist. Improvements, contemplated and under way. Such publicity will be of vast benefit toward building up the county.

TONK VALLEY

Mr. Dago, do you still say "let 'er rain?" I bet you don't if you are like some of the people in this community.

Oats are ripe and falling down, and binders broken down. Three binders broke down in this community yesterday and can't do any more harvesting until repairs from Dallas get here.

Another large rain fell here Sunday night.

Only a few were at Sunday school Sunday. About the time for Sunday school a cloud was rising, and when we see a cloud now we feel better in the cellar.

Mrs. Will Wadley and daughter, Miss Effie, and Mrs. Sneed took dinner with Mrs. Knight Tuesday.

Robt. McClaren of Mineral Wells was in our community Wednesday tuning pianos.

Several from here attended second Monday in Graham.

Mrs. T. J. Wixom is reported sick.

We are enjoying eating some nice June peaches this week. I would carry the editor a basket full but happen to think it is the same distance from town out here as it is from here to town.

I had the pleasure of seeing Daisy Flat and Candy Kid Sunday.

Miss Allyn Thomas is very sick at this writing.

Misses Ruth and Belle Knight spent Monday afternoon with Miss Delilah Robbins.

The Knight family spent Sunday with O. K. Freeman.

Will Seddon and Chas. Reedy have returned from Weatherford.

Mrs. Tom Cherryhomes and two sons, Reno and I. B., visited last Thursday at Will Seddon's.

Mrs. J. H. Robbins and daughter, Miss Delilah, are spending a few days with Mrs. D. W. Burk of Rock Creek.

Jolly Girl.

(Yes, but Jolly Girl, we would be sure, enjoy much more a visit from you with the peaches than you would enjoy a visit from us and then have to give us the peaches too, besides we "sho can eat peaches."—Editor.)

MING BEND

Everybody is still busy. Some are harvesting grain while others are killing weeds.

W. A. Pickard has two binders running, one at Mountain Home and one in this vicinity.

Jesse Owen and wife visited relatives at Mountain Home today (Sunday).

Hugh Ribble and Everett Newby attended the ball game at Fox Hollow Saturday afternoon and remained over for Sunday school Sunday.

Olaf Ribble went to Graham Saturday.

J. F. Ribble and family visited Mrs. Ribble's parents, W. L. Newby and family Wednesday night.

Mr. Atkinson's folks of Fox Hollow came to Mr. Mitchell's Thursday after berries.

S. L. Ribble and wife came over to Mr. Mitchell's Thursday for berries.

Bob Upham and family came over after berries Tuesday and took dinner at B. A. Kutch's.

Rob Newby and family visited his brother, W. L. Newby, Thursday night.

Mrs. Ettie Barnes and sister, Millie, spent Saturday afternoon with their sister, Mrs. Criswell.

Well, tomorrow is second Monday. Wonder how many of you will go. Everybody and their dogs I guess.

As news is scarce and pa says it is bed time guess I had better go. Rainy Day.

MOUNT PLEASANT

We have had lots of rain the past three days. Had some hail last Saturday but not enough to do any damage.

The Brazos river has been on another rise and some crops are under water.

The grain crop is ready to harvest. Some oats are fine. Wheat is not very good.

Finis Burnett has had some work done on his house.

Less Wilson, Ben Steadham

and Jim McLain left last week to work in the harvest. Did not learn just where they went.

J. W. Nesbit and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Burnett last Sunday.

D. A. Hughes and family spent the day last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pardue.

Ignorant Voter.

SOUTH BEND

Another good rain last night. It was good to soften the crust caused by the hard beating rain of the week before, but it was not welcomed by those with small grain still in the field.

Grain cutting was the order of the day last week, but the rain of last night stopped it for a day or so. Quite a little grain to cut yet.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McBrayer ate Sunday dinner with E. M. Braddock and family.

M. D. Harrell, Sr., and T. Marvin McBrayer attended the third quarterly conference at Ivan last Tuesday.

Earl Holcomb ate Sunday dinner with Robt. McCluskey.

Vera Nelle Hale spent Saturday night with Zelma and Jewell Martin and Jennie Goode spent the night with Velma Lee Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Harrell and son, Clark, ate Sunday dinner with W. M. Goode and family.

Mrs. John Norman and two children of Graham are visiting her brothers, J. R. and E. N. McCluskey.

L. M. Sirver returned today from a trip to Sand Valley.

Will and Dillard Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones of Eliasville were trading in the Bend last week.

C. A. Melton and Miss Lillie Simer were married in Graham the 7th instant. We wish them a long and happy life.

Sunday school was well attended here Sunday. Everybody come.

Bunyon and Bob Johnson have been working for S. L. Thornton.

H. M. Ford, Geo. Burgess, E. N. McCluskey, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stovall and perhaps others went to town today (Monday).

Mrs. Frank Rickles has returned to her home in Brownsfield after spending several days visiting her father, E. F. Duncan.

Bashful Ben.

KOMO

Dear Correspondents I will promise not to stay but just a little while today.

Grain harvest is now on hand and plenty of work for everybody.

Miss Lottie White was at Mrs. Mettie Bower's Tuesday.

Miss Mollie Elkins went to Eliasville Wednesday.

W. H. Burnett made a business trip to Graham Wednesday.

Arthur Bower and A. C. White went to Newcastle Tuesday.

Lonnie Ricks of Graham has been staying at W. H. Burnett's.

A. C. White went to Graham Wednesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wid Akers, a fine girl.

Mrs. Emma Burnett was at Miss Mollie Elkins' Thursday.

Mrs. Etta Guess called at the home of Mrs. Sallie Akers Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. G. R. White called at Mrs. J. T. Townsend's Thursday afternoon.

John Guess was reported on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Fannie Martin was at Mrs. Lula Evans' Wednesday.

Wid Akers worked for G. R. White part of last week.

Mrs. Irene DeLong called after the mail at Miss Mollie Elkins' Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mettie Bower was quite sick Tuesday.

Mr. Editor, I wrote my letter last week but on account of rain and high water I didn't get to send it off.

Austin White went to Newcastle Friday on business.

I haven't got my Reporter this week and I don't know any news either, so I'll bid you all adieu.

Pansy.

CEDAR CREEK

Hello to one and all. I will jot down a few happenings this fine summer day.

Health is fine as far as I know.

We had a fine rain here last Saturday night, which most everybody was glad to see.

Most all the grain is cut that is ripe. There is some grain that will be ripe in a few days, but if it don't rain any more it will be cut as nearly everybody has a binder these days.

Henry and John Steele went to town Saturday and were caught out in the rain, so they just stopped over night with Bill Bunger and family.

Mrs. Lula Steele visited her mother, Mrs. J. H. Wesley, Saturday.

Mrs. Cross Barron and children, and Aunt Mary Agee spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. I. W. Steele.

Henry Wesley visited his sister, Mrs. Lula Steele, Saturday night.

Mrs. I. W. Steele visited her father, H. J. Cretsinger, Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Cretsinger visited her mother, Mrs. Wyatt, Saturday.

Q. R. Hunt and children have moved into the rent house on the Winter's place. He intends to rent him a place down here some time soon.

I will hand my pencil to a better writer and go.

June Roses.

Reckless Wastefulness.

The Farm and Ranch declares that marketing is still our greatest problem to solve in the Southwest. When we succeed in reducing the millions we waste every year in wasteful methods of marketing farm, orchard, garden and livestock products, then we will be in a better position to improve our farms, educate our children and enjoy more of the comforts and conveniences of life. The farm is required to support too many people in addition to the farmer and his family. That it is supporting many with wealth to waste in uneconomic handling shows the value of our farms. But we must see to it that the producer gets more and the consumer pays less in waste and careless handling. This is necessary for the people, producers, middlemen and consumers.

The South has always been fortunate in the possession of large bodies of land either inherited or acquired by a ridiculously low price from which incomes could be derived by a minimum of labor. A living being assured, a habit of indolence was formed and laziness of course is closely akin to wastefulness, because the exertion required to systematize operations in order to effect a saving looked altogether too much like work to be encouraged. Our people are not lazy, but there is always an obstacle in the way. In the spring the fish are just clamoring to be hooked. In the summer it is too hot, in winter too cold. Hence these little habits of neglect grow and develop unawares until they have assumed such proportions as to threaten a national calamity. If the millions now going to waste could be realized in dollars there would be no need for a single pauper in the State. System is what is needed in the South.

There is always present an opportunity to do some one a friendly turn. You need not wait until some dire calamity befalls your neighbor or friend, but make it a point to find out from him when next you meet if there is not some slight service that you can render, and which under ordinary circumstances he would be too proud to ask. If you suggest that it might be possible to help your neighbor, he may be overjoyed at the suggestion, and will, no doubt, readily tell you what help you might be.

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BEE A BLOODSTRAIN

GOOSENECK

My, isn't this a warm afternoon?

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rose have moved to one of A. L. Conder's houses.

Mrs. Emma Dalrymple is quite sick again.

Miss Lizzie Sparks has been visiting Mrs. Vaden this week. John Clark and hands did some work on the road this week.

Uncle Jim Lawrence came in from Lipan last Sunday.

Tolbert Hall and Roy Parsons have gone to Megargel to work in the harvest field.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Simpson are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rhodes.

Murray Conder says if the boys beat his time at Odel Johnson's they will have to stay longer.

Herman Johnson is confined at home with a severe case of mumps.

Crops are looking fine. The wheat and oats are ripe.

The heavy rains last week did considerable damage in some of the fields.

Miss Eva Conder spent Saturday night with Misses Rose. No anthrax so far and we hope there will not be.

John Clark and family visited at G. W. Rose's Sunday.

Marion Shoemate was the guest of Alfred Parsons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLaren visited with Mr. and Mrs. Odel Johnson Sunday.

Where are so many of our good correspondents? I noticed there were several letters missing last week.

Bob Berry hauled hay from A. L. Conder's yesterday afternoon.

As news is scarce and I hope to see some or all of you in town Big Monday I will ring off. Gander.

FLAT ROCK

The past week has been one of every kind of weather. Monday we sat around the fire with our coats on and later in the week the days were as hot as I've ever seen.

There are quite a great deal of bad colds in our community at this writing.

Mrs. Parsons has been real sick the past week but is improving slowly. We hope to report her much better soon.

A few of the ladies of our community are canning fruit.

Plow Boy, I think you and Kid might as well stop your spitting. If the Kid is as strong a Baptist as the Candy Kid it would take more than he has ever heard or read yet to change him, for the more I read the stronger I believe in the church I'm a member of. Although I don't run the other churches down because they are not of my belief. If our hearts are right with God what difference does the church make with Him anyway?

If there isn't a change soon our people will have to go to war against the jackrabbits, grasshoppers and rats. The grasshoppers and rabbits are eating what the people have in their gardens and the rats take the privilege to help themselves to every thing around the houses and barns. Nothing we have yet tried to get rid of them with has done any good. R. W. J. Parsons has roasting ears large enough to eat. He is far ahead of his neighbors.

Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie, and Mrs. Corley and daughter, Miss Lona, were among the berry pickers at Mr. Field's Tuesday.

Mrs. Alford and Miss Jessie spent Friday with Mrs. May Martin.

Miss Lona Corley spent last Thursday night with Miss Maggie Corley.

Mrs. Lily Alford visited her mother Thursday.

Old Young county hasn't gone dry yet by a hat full.

Romie Martin visited at home Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. Roark filled his appointment at Rock Creek Sunday.

Since I began my letter Mrs. Parsons is reported not so well.

Mr. Corley spent Sunday with Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. Tabby Nelson visited Mrs. Parsons Monday.

We didn't have any church Sunday night on account of the rain.

Miss Dollie Martin has been sick the past week.

Misses Maggie and Lona Corley, Messrs. Romie Martin and Tipton Smith were callers at C. J. Cook's Sunday evening.

Oscar Fain visited at Mr. Bird's Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Maggie Corley spent Saturday night with Miss Georgia Burton.

Mr. Ash called at Mr. Corley's Sunday.

Mrs. Alford and Miss Jessie attended Sunday school Sunday.

On account of quarterly conference at Henry Chapel, Bro. Patterson failed to fill his regular appointment at this place.

Mrs. Wadley called on Mrs. Nelson Sunday afternoon.

Virgel Martin was a guest of Miss Leota Hodges Sunday.

Bill Martin's horse was hitched at the same old gate post at Mr. Taylor's Sunday.

Quite a few of our people are going to town today (Monday).

Jolly Girl, did you get home before the rain Sunday night?

Well, I see the editor looking at me as if to say "You've stayed long enough" so I'll be going. Candy Kid.

WHITE ROSE

Farmers are busy cutting wheat and plowing cotton.

Many of them are behind with their work and several are wanting hands.

W. W. Cook and son, Warren, were in Graham Monday.

Mrs. P. C. Walker of Graham is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. C. McCombs, this week.

Albert Elliott is spending several days with his parents helping to cut his father's grain.

W. C. McCombs was in Graham Saturday.

P. C. Walker is out from town this week helping in the harvest.

Plow Boy, I am surprised at your scriptural argument against socialism. You have not quoted one single passage that condemns socialism, and the good part of it is you will never quote one. You quoted Matthew 24:6 which reads, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

Now Jesus told his disciples that they would hear of wars and rumors of wars. They heard of them and we are hearing of them, and all men have heard of them from then until now. But Jesus states "the end is not yet." Now we see clearly from your own passage of scripture that wars and rumors of wars are to pass away before the end, and therefore militarism will be abolished by all governments of this earth before the end of time. As further proof of this fact I will cite you to Isaiah 2:2 which goes on to tell what will happen in the last days. In these last days he says (verse 4), "And he shall judge among the nations and rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Now do not get it into your head that the prophecies are all fulfilled by any means for in this day of peace we are to learn war no more, and that has never dawned upon this old earth yet.

Now we turn to the prophet Mich. in chapter 4 verse 1 he describes what shall happen in the last days. In verse 3 he gives us the same prophecy that Isaiah gives in the above passage, and in verse 4 Mich. says, "But they sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." We see from these scriptures that a day of peace will have to dawn

upon this earth before the end comes.

A day in which every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and enjoy the fruits of his labor. We have had a propertyless class in this world ever since we have had any record of man. The human race has always been divided into two classes—masters and slaves. So when the master class is destroyed or the profit system ended the day of freedom will be ushered in to take its place. Now God has given us a plan of salvation whereby we may save our souls, and He has also given us a plan of civil government whereby we can deal justly among men. But man has never lived up to God's plan of civil government since he required Moses to keep his laws in the Jewish age. And permit me to say right here that the best of church members are not keeping the economic laws that God has taught us, and when we fail to keep them we are not doing God's service as Christians. Now this is the reason that some church members oppose socialism. The socialists are telling them of the pretense they are making and they cannot stand the pressure. God has taught all through the Bible that this day of freedom shall come. There is abundant proof of it all through the scriptures. What agency then is God going to employ to bring about this peaceable age? Will it be democrat, republican or monarchial governments of this earth or will it be all of them combined? No sir, I think not, as all of these governments stand for war and the profit system, and therefore in favor of the master class. Again, then what agency is God going to employ? He is going to raise up a party, which He has been at for the last sixty years, with a universal platform that covers the entire earth, and when it gets into power it will destroy the profit system and wars and all things that spring from capitalism, and this party is the socialist party. Salemite, I am not trying to dodge advertising, for I advertise things that I have to sell. I have said and have proven to any reasonable mind that advertising is essential to capitalism but will be eliminated under socialism. Now let us review some points. Why do people advertise? Is it just to serve the people or do they expect a reward for it? Is not the cause easily seen? Profit is the cause and socialism will remove that cause. The roads are socialized wealth. If there were two roads from Salem to town would it not be strange if the people who lived on them were to spend several hundred dollars a year advertising same? No, Salemite, when people as a whole own a commodity, large or small, they do not do that way. But if we had private roads and toll gates the papers would be full of advertisements telling us the best road to travel. Get this, too, Salemite, the producers would be paying for it.

You are like a certain animal we have in Texas. You are going to get the last grunt whether standing up or laying down. I showed you where the mail was not advertised, and you said it was not for sale. Then I pointed out that the stamps were not advertised. You tried to make it appear that they were legal tender. You can twist and turn these words as much as you please, but we all know that private ownership is the cause of all advertising, and it is also the cause of much useless labor. We cannot prove in figures but pure experience and observation prove to us the mode of the trees' growth and the way courts and governments are controlled. It is said that less than sixty men started the present war. We are laboring under multitudes of laws that the masses had no part in making. We want the referendum in war as well as everything else. We can prove in figures

that three-fourths of our products goes to the non-producer.

The Great Book tells us of a sower who went forth to sow seed, and the quick growth of some and how they were smothered out. The seeds of Socialism are being sowed in every civilized nation under the sun. We have a universal platform and an international congress. We have thirty million followers and their aim is to overthrow capitalism and establish socialism. The substantial roots of socialism are sinking deeper and deeper in this old hull called capitalism and within our day capitalism will tumble into its self-made grave.

The socialized wealth with its systemized system is the cause of Germany putting up such strong resistance against the allies in the present war. If it is best in time of war for the government to run the big industries, why is it not in time of peace?

Now for the planks in our platform, adopted May 1912. 1. "The collective ownership and democratic management of railroads, wire and wireless telegraph and telephone, express services, steamboat lines and all other social means of transportation and communication and of all large scale industries."

2. "The immediate acquirement by the municipalities, the state or the federal government of all grain elevators, stockyards, storage warehouses and other distributing agencies, in order to reduce the present extortionate cost of living."

3. "The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power."

4. "The further conservation and development of natural resources for the use and benefit of all the people."

(a) By scientific forestation and timber protection.

(b) By the reclamation of arid and swamp tracts.

(c) By the storage of flood waters and the utilization of water power.

(d) By the stoppage of the present extravagant waste of the soil and of the products of mines and oil wells.

(e) By the development of highway and waterway systems.

5. "The collective ownership of land wherever practicable, and in cases where such ownership is impracticable, the appropriation by taxation of the annual rental value of all lands held for speculation or exploitation."

6. "The collective ownership and democratic management of the banking and currency system."

Tell us what is wrong with the above planks Salemite. We think if they were put into practice that they would help the laboring man.

Roseite.

(The editor of The Reporter does not care to enter into the discussion as to the merits of socialism, but since Roseite's ideas as to the causes of advertising are so erroneous, we desire to set him right on this one proposition. Advertising is the result of individual taste. If postage stamps were made of one pattern to sell in Graham and another to sell at some other place, there would be citizens of Graham and surrounding country who would send to other places for a different pattern postage stamp, if that fact were made known through advertising, but since they are all alike (when of the same value) there is no need to advertise them. If all clothing, for both men and women, were fashioned from the same pattern and same goods, then advertising would in a great measure cease, and only wealthy men would be able to run newspapers. But, just so long as John Doe likes his ties red, his shoes tan, and Richard Roe likes his ties green and shoes black, and Sallie Doe and Jennie Roe differ in their tastes, that long will advertising be the best medium of satisfying that individual taste. If there were only one store in each town that sold dry goods, and it was

owned by the government, it would be necessary for that store to advertise, for the reason that a store in some other town would have different goods, and it would be up to each store, if it were successfully operated, to create a desire in the minds of the people, a wish for that particular store's wares. As long as the earth is populated by human beings, advertising will exist, no matter what our form of government.—Editor.)

OAKLAND

I will take pleasure in sending in a little news, but it will be a little for there is not much news to write as everyone is so busy, and the high water talk is not over with yet.

My! isn't it hot? Guess we will have some more rain as it is so warm, and I too, hear it thundering.

Mr. Snodgrass and family attended church at Oakland Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lila Belle Findley spent the day with Miss Ethel Baty Sunday.

Misses Whitfield were in Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Chambers and children visited Saturday night and Sunday in Bryson.

Graham Logan spent Saturday and Sunday night with his mother, and was accompanied back to the country Sunday by his sister, Miss Nora.

Dave White was a business visitor to Graham one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Padgett of Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sunday.

Douglass Blount was at Mr. Whitfield's Monday.

Mr. Whitfield and Jeff pulled an auto out of a mudhole Monday morning. Automobiles are all right but sometimes they won't go across mudholes.

Clarence Blount visited home folks Sunday.

As paper is about to get short will hand my pencil to Arkansas Traveler, so come on with a good letter. Carrie Nation.

MOUNTAIN HOME

My! my! don't tell me it won't rain in old Young county. The rains have been bad on the wheat and oats. Some of the grain is falling down.

Buster Blue and I are sitting up stairs writing the news of the community.

Mrs. Frances Bungler and children visited Mrs. G. G. Smith and daughters last week.

The old river sure has been on a boom this week, but it hasn't damaged much of the crops in this part of the country.

Walter Fawks and Floyd Smith visited Bill and Jim Bungler Sunday afternoon and while there Floyd killed a large chickensnake, for Mrs. Bungler, and Frances invited him to come over and she would treat him on fried chicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Askew visited Mr. and Mrs. Jones Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bungler and Miss Valerie Bungler visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore last Tuesday eve.

Gen Lasater sold his place last week to Mr. Roark. Mr. Lasater will leave for Oklahoma as soon as the weather clears up, and they intend to go from there to New Mexico. I hope them good luck on their trip but hate for them to move away.

G. H. Bungler will leave Monday for St. Louis where he will spend several weeks.

Walter Fawks and family visited Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Smith Sunday eve. Mr. Fawks said the river was up so much that the water was over the most of his corn. I hope it isn't hurt. I guess the Goose and Gander can tell us the rest.

J. K. P. Hughes and daughters, Miss Vina and Mrs. Frances Bungler, spent the day with Mrs. Sparks Thursday, and Miss Vina purchased a "Butterfly Separator" from Mrs. Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beach spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lasater.

Azure Skies, you had two good letters last week. All the letters were just fine.

Dreamy Eyes, have you learned to run your separator?

All of the women are enjoying good old beans and potatoes, beets and fried chicken. If any of you scribes like good things to eat just come this way. Homeite.

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UNION RIDGE

We are having quite a lot of rain which is doing great damage to growing crops. Crab grass seems to be the general crop.

Mrs. Keyser was a caller at F. A. Gladder's Friday.

The party at Charley Denny's was well attended Tuesday night. All reported a nice time.

Mrs. Emma Avants spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Huse Denny, the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tripp were called to Jacksboro Friday to attend the bedside of Mr. Tripp's sister, who is very ill.

J. T. Ainesworth and son, Arzie, made a business trip to Graham Thursday.

H. H. Avants returned from Jacksboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Bill Simpson was a caller at Mrs. Gladder's on Monday afternoon.

Quite a number of the Bryson people attended the party Tuesday night.

W. A. Tripp and sister, Miss Lillie, visited at Jacksboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Avants were shopping in Bryson Wednesday.

Mrs. Bill Ainesworth visited Mrs. Hill Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hughes of Bryson were the guests of Mrs. Hughes' aunt, Mrs. W. A. Tripp Sunday.

F. A. Gladder and family were guests at William Hill's Sunday.

Mrs. Simpson was a caller at Mrs. Ellis King's Saturday afternoon.

Miss Artie Cullers left Monday, May 30 to attend school at Denton.

Mimil Denny spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Sterling Avants.

Misses Lillie and Nellie King spent Sunday with Miss Zula Cullers.

The little daughter of J. T. Ainesworth is reported much better after a few days' illness.

Mrs. Watson of Bryson spent the day Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. John Cook.

Several of our boys left last Wednesday for the harvest fields in the west.

Little Miss Emma Vanhoose is well again, after having the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tripp are the proud parents of a baby girl, since the 18th of May.

Mrs. Pearl Henderson and children called at Mrs. W. R. Tripp's Tuesday afternoon.

Say, what has become of Buster? Has he fallen away in dreamland?

Come on all your Correspondents, let's make our paper better. I am a new one but will be on time just the same.

Say, Trixie, how did you like the party? Call again, you are always welcome.

(Welcome, Yank, to the band of Correspondents and we much admire the spirit you start out with. Here's hoping that you continue on time.—Editor.)

PICKWICK

We have a norther this (Monday) morning. It is as cool this morning as it was hot yesterday.

Mrs. W. A. Underwood spent the day Sunday with her mother, Mrs. T. F. Weldon.

Misses Lena and Hassie Clay visited Miss Lottie Davis Sunday.

Mr. McMillan and son, Charley, went to Graham yesterday to purchase a binder. I guess they must have some grain to cut.

R. A. Anderson and T. M. Clay went to Grafrod this (Monday) morning after groceries.

Misses Mandy and Grace Layton of Lucille are hoeing for R. A. Anderson this week.

Mrs. Wester spent Saturday and Sunday with her son, Dan, and wife.

Alton Whatley and Lon Bridges spent Saturday night with Robert and Grant Weldon.

Arthur Whatley visited Raymond Weldon Saturday and Sunday.

The singing and kodaking

was enjoyed by all present yesterday (Sunday). We had singing at Kale Weldon's.

Busy Bee, why wasn't you down Saturday at the ball game? (Rena can tell you why). The game was in favor of Fox Hollow and I believe the score stood 11 to 4.

Mrs. Storm and children of Lucille attended the ball game Saturday afternoon.

Matt McMillan spent Saturday night with J. C. Whatley.

Misses Maggie and Connie Costello are expecting friends from Dallas to visit them soon.

Ben Weldon and sister, Miss Carrie, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Kale and Misses Georgie and Luettie Weldon.

Mrs. Doan intends to have lots of beans this winter. She has already canned ten and a half gallons, or Mrs. Weldon has done it for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Slay are the proud parents of a fine girl, Silver Bell, surely you don't look so bad as to make J. W. mad for one to say that you favor one another, but remember it wasn't me that said you did. Someone else told me so, so I asked brother and Robert about it and brother says "O well, I won't say what he did, but he said you were the best looking just the same." But I don't know. I guess you will be at the ball game when Fox Hollow and Lucille play up there. I sure want to be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Browner Caudill got waterbound Saturday so I guess they will stay with us a while.

Mrs. Theadford is visiting Mrs. Isadore Wester at present.

Come on Plow Boy, Salemite, Homeite, Silver Bell, Dreamy Eyes, June Roses and all the rest of the good writers. Oh, yes, there is Dago. I always look for his letters.

I tell you all the river sure did get on a high horse here. I got waterbound yesterday and I was on the same side of the river that home was.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Agee have moved back to Pickwick. Glad to have them with us.

Hobson Agee fell from a mulberry tree last Sunday and broke his arm, or rather re-broke it, but am glad to say he is doing nicely.

Jim Barron is at work for Uncle Wash Wester.

Jack McMillan spent Saturday night with Elijah Snoddy.

Mrs. R. A. Anderson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. T. F. Weldon.

Mrs. T. M. Clay's brother, from Mexico visited her last week.

Some of the Pickwick boys say they are going to bridge the river, and here's hoping they will.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weldon called on Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Clay Sunday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Whatley visited Miss Luettie Weldon Sunday.

Trixie, I saw that photo in the Dallas News, and I was told that it looked very natural. I guess that the Kid never

will convince Gray-eyed Girl that Sunday school is a good thing. Come on Kid, I believe like you do. I am a Baptist too if Plow Boy did say that you were out of the fold. I don't think so do you? While the Methodists are all right. I have some mighty dear friends who are Methodists.

Busy Bee, Busy Bee, why don't you write some more letters? Have you sent in that address yet, if not you must get busy.

Here take my pencil and give us the Fox Hollow news.

Beauty.

PADGETT

Padgett is still wet. I have never seen such heavy rains fall before. The latter part of last week was just fearful, one storm after another.

All farms are damaged, some of them badly. Many crops are ruined. The bridge at Padgett is damaged and the one at Spring Creek is gone, so I hear.

Blueford Hendrix lost one fine cow by drowning.

Some outbuildings were blown down and some few dwelling houses were damaged.

The wheat is in very bad shape, but having the land sowed saved many farms from washing.

Mr. Hubbard, who has been sick for some time, is able to be up again.

W. D. Allen passed through Olney a few days ago on his way to Jean from Post City. He says that his wife was afraid of the snakes out there. I have an idea that Will got homesick. Buster, you see Mrs. Allen and get the facts in the case and let us know through The Reporter. Uncle Zeke.

BUNGER

Rain! The largest rain we have had this year fell Saturday afternoon and night and the river is higher this time than it has been since 1876. I was a small lassie at that time but can remember it very well.

There will be no preaching here until the fourth Saturday and Sunday in this month as Brother Dixon can't come the third Sunday.

Azure Skies, we will come up with our team and let you boys give us a beating. We haven't had anything like that this year.

Capt. S. R. Crawford, A. H. Jones and R. G. Hallam came down here Thursday afternoon on business. S. R. said he was going to move down here and run for mayor of the town. I think we need a mayor or some kind of an officer Mr. Crawford.

When they got ready to take their departure he cranked up No. 67 and here they went and right at the north edge of town he ran over the best hen Mrs. H. A. Driver had and killed her very dead. She was hovering seventeen chickens to boot. I think we need some one here to keep peace or something.

Mrs. Sam Kelley says she is

going to have a storm cellar built near her residence this week without fail.

Bunger was full of men, boys and girls Saturday afternoon. That was mill day. We sure have a big time on these days. The mill run until most dark.

Mr. J. G. P. you brought too much rye to be chopped it kept us here too long. Frank Ribble run the engine for us.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Price visited Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Lisle Sunday. Excuse me Rainy Day.

R. L. McLaren helped F. M. Berry repair his mower Friday.

F. M. Berry went to Graham Saturday.

Gen Lasater sold his farm and little ranch on Duff Prairie the past week for a consideration of \$3,100. He will start to the Wichita country Monday and while out there he is going to New Mexico prospecting. He says he will not move till he goes out there and looks.

If it hasn't rained out at Clayton and Littlefield, Texas this time it is getting very dry.

J. G. Parsons was here Monday after a load of rye chops he had chopped here Saturday afternoon.

Miss Drum of Loving, who has been visiting Mrs. Woodrum, has returned home.

Goose.

BITTER CREEK

(Too late for last week.)

On last Friday night this neighborhood was visited by another heavy rain, making three within the last fourteen days. The rain began at 7 o'clock Friday evening and within twenty-four hours 12 inches of rain had fallen.

Speaking of the creek in general, it was from one-fourth to three-fourths of a mile wide and the crops within that distance of the creek were completely destroyed. The grain crop the community over is damaged seventy-five per cent.

The destruction on a financial line is measured only by the thousands. Turning from this dark view we now present a much brighter picture.

This community visited the Spring-Creek community Friday night, May 28th and was royally entertained by the school and people of that prosperous little town.

Mr. Lyons and Miss Carmack, teachers there, are to be highly complimented on preparing and presenting such an interesting instructive program.

Miss Mary Eunice Durham of Olney deserves much praise and special mention for her splendid address given us on the "women's rights" subject. It was good indeed.

We congratulate that community on electing Mr. D. K. Lyons for their principal for the ensuing year. Miss Carmack has been re-elected but has not yet accepted. The distance from home is the only reason.

Miss Greer closed her division of the school at this place on date mentioned above. There was quite a crowd of visitors

out and the entire school, including Mr. Groner's room and the visitors went on a fishing excursion in the afternoon. They visited Frank Smith's tank, which is a splendid place for fishing.

The hills of surrounding country afford splendid scenery for kodak work and enough to say the opportunity was accepted.

Fish were caught in great (?) numbers. At 4 o'clock Miss Greer called the entire group together, then they marched to a convenient and appropriate point on a hillside and had a picture of the entire group made. Without an exception each reported a nice time.

On last Thursday afternoon Mr. Groner closed. The afternoon, until 2:30 o'clock, was spent in demonstrational work, after which the school and visitors enjoyed and entertained themselves by engaging in the good old game of volley ball.

In spite of the busy times there was a large crowd out, numbering something like one hundred, and each seemed to enjoy himself to the fullest extent. Speaking of the school in general the teachers said on their leaving that each day of school had been a real pleasure to them.

Messrs. A. Wilborn, George, Edgar and Dee Wilborn, Willie Hammond and H. L. Groner went bathing last Saturday morning in R. N. Hammond's cotton and corn field. The field afforded them a swimming pool three-fourths of a mile in length, and one-half mile in width, and from four to seven feet deep. The swiftness of the water directed their course southward.

Mr. Groner and Miss Ruth Gray spent Friday with Miss Ethel Wainscott. The greater portion of the day was employed in working on their school report.

In spite of the late cotton crop in the fall and the field work this spring they reported an average daily attendance of the school for the entire term of 87 per cent and an average grade on the last term examination of 94 per cent.

R. N. Hammond and Mr. Groner presented presents to each of seventeen pupils on their merits of attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry have a fine little girl at their house. Mother and baby are getting along splendidly.

The health of the community is in a perfect condition.

Informers.

BROWN DICK

A Steel Dust horse, 16 hands high, weight about 1300 pounds, will make the season at my place 5 miles southwest of Graham. Fees to insure \$12.50. Pasture free.

31-38c A. H. Jones.

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IT IS the aim of the Reporter office to do creditable work on the Booster Edition to be issued by this concern just as soon as all descriptive and advertising literature can be collected. Therefore it is essential that all who have reserved space for business representation prepare and send in their copy early so we can get to work on it. Sufficient time must be granted the printer to insure excellence of his production. When you put him off by saying you are too busy, you are impairing the effect of that you desire most to create.

WE WOULD be glad to have our friends in surrounding towns and farming communities to send in descriptions of their respective localities setting forth features of chief interest—location, principal industries, population, schools, churches, crops, water, health, general crop conditions, livestock—a general summary of all that goes to make up the sum and substance of affairs as they actually exist. Improvements, contemplated and under way. Such publicity will be of vast benefit toward building up the county.

Local and Personal Mention

Buy Golden Sun Coffee from R. L. Reed & Co.

Dr. Morris and family are spending this week in Throckmorton.

Miss Lewis, milliner of S. B. Street & Co., has returned to her home at Plano, Texas.

For breakfast try a box of Swift's Premium sliced bacon at R. L. Reed & Co.

A. F. Rogers of South Bend was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

E. S. Graham spent a few days in the oil field at Moran this week.

R. E. Boyle paid The Reporter a pleasant visit while in the city Wednesday.

Miss Mary Craig left Tuesday for a visit to friends at Baird, Texas.

Buy your groceries this month from R. L. Reed & Co.

Miss Hugh Weaver left Monday for a few weeks' visit with friends in Cleburne and Mexia.

Mrs. M. A. Lowe left yesterday for Fort Worth where she will join her sister, Miss Hugh Weaver, for a visit to friends in Cleburne and Mexia.

T. J. Mauldin, the enterprising merchant of Finis, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Mrs. J. S. Criswell and mother, Mrs. H. M. Longino, left yesterday for a few days' visit in Dallas. Mrs. Longino will visit in Arkansas a few weeks before returning to her home in Jacksboro.

J. O. Jones of Jean was a business visitor in the city Monday. While here he paid The Reporter a call.

Buy your groceries and feed from W. L. Howry at the Union Wagon Yard. You'll save money. Best wagon yard accommodations. 37tf.

G. W. Alberts paid The Reporter a call while in the city Monday.

W. T. Long of Monument community was a business visitor in the city Monday. He was a pleasant visitor at this office while here.

A. J. Cantwell, one of Jean's live wire business men, was here Monday. He came around to see us while here.

J. H. Veach of Jean was transacting business in the city Monday.

Mrs. D. A. Upham and daughters of Bunker were shopping in the city Monday. They paid The Reporter a pleasant visit while here.

For all kinds mowing, raking and wood sawing on quick notice call Louis Bower at Wood Yard. 37tf.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Tidwell and daughter, Mildred, left last Tuesday morning for Los Angeles, California to spend two weeks. From there they go to San Francisco to visit the Panama Exposition. After seeing the Exposition they will spend two weeks in Denver, Colorado, before returning home.

Miss Lona Corley of Flat Rock was shopping in the city Monday. She was a pleasant caller at The Reporter office while here.

J. F. H. Crabb left Tuesday for a business trip to Eliasville, Throckmorton and other places, to be gone about a week.

Sam Ragland of Tonk Valley made The Reporter a pleasant call while in the city Tuesday.

Mesdames T. H. and Will Craig were welcome visitors at The Reporter office Saturday.

John C. Bower returned Tuesday night from a week's trip through West Texas via the automobile route. John says he negotiated more mud holes than ever before in his life.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb returned last week from Strawn, Texas. They were delayed at Bridgeport on account of high water and were forced to lay over there four days.

The summer term of Crabb's School of Music will begin Monday, June 21. The school has a good enrollment and the pupils will be well advanced for the fall term.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Graham and children spent Sunday at the Loving Ranch visiting relatives.

C. C. McBride of Lone Oak was in the city on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Craig, who have lived in Fort Worth for the past two years, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Craig, near Graham. They will go from here to Throckmorton to make their home.

Misses Ada Rickman and Buford Snoddy returned Monday night from Ft. Worth where they have been attending Texas Woman's College.

J. Marion Burkett returned home last week from College Station, where he has been attending A. & M. College.

Gus Spivey returned this week from Georgetown after a term's successful studies at the Southwestern University.

Miss Ruth Doty is at home from Fort Worth, where she attended Texas Woman's College.

A quaint character of Rush Springs, Oklahoma, Mr. H. K. May, was in Graham Tuesday. Mr. May is 65 years of age, but in speech and action is as vigorous as a twenty year old. He has lived in Oklahoma for many years, being engaged in the cattle business most of his life. He has now retired from active business and he and Mrs. May are enjoying life with trips in their Ford, which Mr. May claims he is an adept at driving.

Porter Ledbetter has been quite sick at his home for the past week.

Miss Delilah Robbins of Tonk Valley was a pleasant visitor at The Reporter office Wednesday afternoon.

Jewel Nicklas of Fox Hollow was a Big Monday visitor in Graham.

Mrs. Walter Price and two children, Richard and Leola, are confined to their beds with typhoid fever. They are all reported improving nicely at this writing. They are being attended by a special nurse whom Mr. Price had come out from Dallas.

The Reporter enjoyed a visit Wednesday from R. F. Mitchell of the Ming Bend community. Mr. Mitchell is raising fruit and truck and has been quite successful. He has a fine crop of dewberries this year and picked 208 gallons from a half acre. These he sold at an average of 45 cents a gallon. Some of our one-crop farmers ought to take notice, raise a few berries and some other fruit, and not devote quite so much time to cotton.

Messrs. Sam Criswell and Frank Collins, manager and chief engineer of the Graham Mill & Elevator company, were in Megargel Tuesday inspecting the new elevator they are erecting there. The building is about complete and the machinery is now being placed. Mr. Criswell says the elevator will be in readiness by threshing time.

Bob McLaren of Gooseneck was a Graham visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Alexander of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hills of Rule, Texas were in the city this week guests of S. Boyd Street and mother.

Card of Thanks.

We wish in this manner to thank our dear friends for their help and sympathy in our recent bereavement. May God bless them one and all.

Mrs. W. T. McBee and Children.

J. M. French and family are spending a few days with relatives at Loving.

Burl L. Martin returned last Thursday from McKinney.

Willie Riggs is overhauling and repairing his house in West Graham on account of flood damages.

New Chili Parlor.

I have leased the Will Henderson Building, first door west of meat market and have opened up a first-class Short Order and Chili Parlor. Your patronage solicited.

Yours to serve,
E. W. Price.

When the English run short of meat the United States can send back a few shiploads of their blamed sparrows.

The Reporter enjoyed a visit yesterday from Mr. F. G. Alexander of Haskell, who is spending a few days in the city.

Mrs. Emily Padgett returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Childress.

The Master Key and other pictures at the New Electric tonight. Be there.

Mrs. R. C. Montgomery of Haskell, Texas, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Morrison, for the past two weeks, returned to her home Tuesday.

Pay Your Street Tax.

All able-bodied men in the City of Graham, between the ages of 21 and 45 years, are liable for five days work on the city's streets each year. By paying the sum of \$3.00 to me on or before the last day of June you will be exempt for one year.

T. E. WALLACE,
Sec'y-Treas.

New State Law Requires Dishes to Be Sterilized.

So long, germs! No more will you be permitted to hide in the cracks and crevices of restaurant, cafe or hotel dishes. No longer will you be permitted to dodge between the prongs of forks or beneath the handles of knives. You are to be executed—drowned in boiling water.

Saturday a new State law went into effect. It provides for the sterilizing of dishes in all public eating houses. It reads as follows:

"Section 1. Any person or persons conducting or managing or their agents of any hotel, cafe, restaurant, and any other public place where meals are served, must, after the taking effect of this act, sterilize in hot, boiling water, all plates, cups, saucers, knives, forks, spoons, and such other utensils as may be used in serving meals and drinks, after being used and before permitting them to be used again; provided, that the water in which said eating utensils are sterilized shall be changed every two hours; provided, further, that no napkins shall be furnished for use after being used once until laundered.

"Sec. 2. Any person or persons conducting or managing or their agents of any public eating house mentioned in Section 1 of this act who violates the provisions thereof shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100 for each separate offense."—Dallas News.

Will W. Benson and Henry Harris of Olney were in the city yesterday on business.

Capt. S. R. Crawford left Wednesday for a business trip in the east.

H. L. Morrison and J. P. McKinley were business visitors in Olney yesterday.

F. P. rBazelon of Farmer was in the city yesterday on business.

Don't forget we show the Master Key tonight.
New Electric Theatre.

You miss a good picture if you fail to come to the New Electric tonight. We show the Master Key.

Two shows tonight at the New Electric, one before and one after band concert. You should see the Master Key.

Mrs. W. D. Norman left Tuesday morning for Cache, Oklahoma, for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kidwell.

FLINT CREEK

Well, I am still here so I write once more.

We have had one or two more big rains since my last writing. I couldn't hardly leave until after that big day at Indian Mound, and I think I took it in too, didn't I Kid?

Those attending from here were Misses Annie and Viva Nored and Surilla Wyatt, Messrs. Marvin Stephens and Jas. Doolen. Lyle Nored came in the afternoon.

Jack o' Diamonds had one of the best times of his life, besides that he got all he could eat, which was appreciated very much.

They had a very nice program, which was well rendered as long as I was there. When the cloud begun to come up we all left, and then got wet before we got home.

I can say one thing for Indian Mound, when you go up there you may expect to be treated royally. I was treated as nice as I cared to be treated. Gray-eyed Girl, I was holding just a little bit on your side of the question about Sunday schools, but if you had been up there Sunday you would have let the question drop 'cause there were some of the prettiest girls up there in Sunday school I ever—What? Saw, yes.

Oh my! Correspondents, you all should have been there, you would have had a time same as I, maybe.

There's one thing, Kid waits on himself up there just the same as at the reunion, but Kid certainly treated me nice. Come down to Flint Creek some time Kid and I will return the treatment, and I wouldn't care if you would bring some or all those girls. I don't suppose any of those girls will read this, reckon Kid?

Well, Flint Creek has got her part of the hail at last, which ruined some of the cotton and it stripped part of the corn. I was in hopes we would miss the destructive hail storms but hope doesn't do good at all times.

Candy Kid, say you have ridden with two on a wheel? You encouraged me to some extent when you said that.

Oh, Plow Boy! I liked to have forgotten to tell you Dallas people were at the children's day. Sure Mike. I suppose they were from Dallas, they were in a car that said Dallas on it. Now, I tell you if they were from that place Indian Mound am a dandy if they do have holiness meetings up there.

Well, as I can't report anything from this place because I wasn't here Sunday will close.
Jack o' Diamonds.

When you have finished reading this paper hand it to some friend who does not take it, and remind him that we would appreciate his subscription. If he subscribes for one year and does not want it any longer we will stop it. That has been our policy ever since the paper was started.

Want Ads

A surrey for sale or trade. 36-39 R. G. Hallam.

For Sale—Good Jersey milch cows for sale. My place in Tonk Valley. J. T. Rogers. 38-39p. P. O. Graham.

Found—Coat 4 miles southeast of Graham on Breckenridge road. Owner may have same by describing property and paying for this notice. Apply at Reporter office.

Wanted—Two young men to travel with manager. Experience not necessary. W. A. Larkin. Belmont, Hotel. 38p

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