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POOL HALL PROSECUTION SUSTAINED

McLennan County Case to Again Test the Local Option Law.

A majority of the court of criminal appeals, Saturday afternoon, sitting in chambers granted a writ of habeas corpus to John B. McNamara, county attorney of McLennan county, freeing the petitioner from an injunction issued against him by Judge Erwin J. Clark, district judge of the Seventy-fourth district court, of McLennan county, in which he was enjoined from proceeding with the prosecution of a case against Sam Reed, charged with the operation of a pool hall in Waco. The relator also prayed for a writ of prohibition against Judge Clark, Sam Reed and his attorneys, L. T. and N. B. Williams.

While the court, Judges A. C. Prendergast and A. J. Harper, granted the writ of habeas corpus, making it returnable on Oct. 4, it merely set for hearing the application for a writ of mandamus and a writ of prohibition, for 10 a. m., Oct. 4.

"That in the meantime," says the order of the court of criminal appeals, "pending said further hearing, each and all of said parties, Clark, district judge, Reed, and L. T. and N. B. Williams, are hereby prohibited from taking any steps, or doing anything whatever against said McNamara, county attorney, under and by virtue of said writ or orders, or otherwise of No. 722, Sam Reed vs. John B. McNamara et al. in the Seventy-fourth judicial district of Texas described in said application."

Relator's petition shows that on July 26, 1915, Sam Reed, through his attorneys, Williams & Williams, filed in the Seventy-fourth district court a petition for an injunction restraining County Attorney McNamara from filing complaints against him, prosecuting him or in any way interfering with him in the operation of a pool hall at Waco, and in hearing on July 30, Judge Clark perpetuated this injunction and McNamara shows that unless this injunction is dissolved he is powerless to give effect to the penal provisions of the local option pool hall law, and that he is therefore restrained from his liberty of action and threatened with confinement in the county jail if he disobeys the terms of the injunction.

A Card of Thanks.

We hereby wish to thank the people of Graham, not any particular person or persons, but the whole people for their many kind words of consolation and their assistance in our bereavement. Also to those not living in our midst, but have given assistance and extended to us their sympathy, we extend our thanks.

To all severally and collectively, we humbly tender our heartfelt thanks and hope that we may never forget nor fail of our duty if ever in the course of time we shall be called upon to render any favor great or small.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McFerran and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Padgett returned to their home in Fort Worth Sunday, after visiting Mr. Padgett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Padgett, several days last week.

ANTIS' MAJORITY IS 532

Complete Returns From Wichita County Show Clear Victory Over Pros.

Wichita Falls, Aug. 1.—Complete returns from yesterday's prohibition election held in Wichita county give the antis a majority of 532 out of a total of more than 3,000 votes. The vote polled was the heaviest in the history of the county.

The antis were led by Judge Edgar Scurry and Mayor A. H. Britain.—Fort Worth Record.

Mrs. Voules Entertains.

On last Thursday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Voules was the place of a merry party when they delightfully entertained for her Sunday school class and a number of friends.

Many interesting games were played on the lawn, such as "Emergency and Remedy," "Dropping the Handkerchief" and potato races. The auction sale proved to be quite interesting when in the package was found a paper telling you where to find your fortune—these were found in different places in the house and on the lawn, each was read and some were as follows: "When you get married you'll live in a dugout and live on cornbread and plenty of sauer kraut."

Messrs. F. A. Kessler and W. L. Yancey furnished music for the jolly crowd.

The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Mae Voules, Dora Washburn and Parker Gideon in serving punch during the games. After the games a watermelon feast on the lawn was enjoyed by the following guests: Misses Ramelle Cooper, Myrtle Wallace, Gussie Cornish, Ethel Orr, Leta Black, Eula Woods, Mamie Keplinger, Ada Mayes, Corrine Stephens, Lillie Gray, Josephine Cornish, Lena Humble, Nettie Sloan, Alzada Taggart, Faytine Dowdle, Hallie Gray, Francis Hamilton, Mildred Tidwell and Mamie Washburn of Blair, Okla.; Messrs. E. F. Short, Jr., Jesse Fore, Curtis Hunter, Roy Holland, Edgar Steele, Marion Copeland, Jim Porter, Jr., Geo. Fore, Herschel Mayes, Harry Gutshall, Ed Rehders Bismark Bower, Floyd McComas and Master Howard Farmer; Messrs. and Mesdames J. G. Wood, Joe Wootton, B. W. King, Fred T. Arnold, W. O. Padgett, N. S. Farmer and R. V. Tidwell.

LES HIBOUX

Mrs. Harry Wadsworth was hostess to the Les Hiboux on Tuesday afternoon, with four tables in play.

After playing four games the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Q. Street and Miss Nelle Graham, served a delicious ice course consisting of chocolate cream with chocolate and angel food cake.

Miss Nelle Graham, as high score winner, was given a pair of silk hose, while Mrs. Crabb won the cut prize, a dainty hand-made guest towel, in a cut with Mrs. Will Norman and Miss Dorothy Graham.

Members present: Mesdames W. Norman, Stovall, Arnold, F. Parrish, Criswell, Gay, Q. Street, Misses Agnes Craig, Zella Allen, Dorothy Graham, Bladen Garrett, Lillian Manning, Nelle Graham and Mrs. Crabb.

Community Co-Operation

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It is safe to say that a very small per cent of consumers are capable of accurately judging, by personal inspection, the quality and value of the many articles they buy and use.

Inferior materials and workmanship may be effectually concealed beneath veneers—a deception that can hardly be detected until the goods have been purchased, paid for and put to the use for which they are intended. In many cases—for example, in canned goods and other preserved edibles—consumers are frequently deceived or misled.

How many buyers of shoes are competent to judge for themselves the quality and actual value of a shoe? Paper, composition and other inferior materials may easily be substituted for leather and unwary purchasers be none the wiser until too late for the informa-

tion gained to be of possible benefit to them.

This same line of reasoning applies to clothes, hats, furniture, stoves, carpets, rugs, pianos, talking machines, watches, jewelry, breakfast foods, tools—practically all of the almost countless articles in common use.

Manufacturers who have spent much time and large sums of money to establish favorable reputations for products bearing their names, or trade names, positively can not afford to misrepresent their goods to the public, or allow their lines to fall below the standards they have established. Goods upon which they place their names must come up to the claims they make for them and must render purchasers continuous, uniform service at a reasonable cost. Otherwise the demand for them will cease, thus destroying their greatest asset.

Lawn Party.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season was a lawn party given by Mr. Will Johnson Tuesday evening. The well-kept lawn was beautifully lighted with electric lights.

Progressive Rook, Forty-two and Bunco were the chief diversions of the evening. The gentleman's prize, a beautiful stick pin, fell to Mr. Jim Porter, Jr. Miss Lorena Wallace, in cut with Miss Aytchie Chism, won the young lady's prize, a nice box of candy.

Delicious nut ice cream with angel food, metropolitan and marshmallow cake were served by the host, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mrs. Gee Parsons, Misses Irene Reed, Ethel and Lizzie Johnson.

In the wee hours the following reluctantly departed, having spent a most delightful evening:

Misses Lucille Reed, Lucille and Ruth Doty, Myrtle Wallace, Lillie and Eloise Morrison, Berenice Miller, Ada Rickman, Lorena and Lottie Bell Wallace, Dot and Nelle Graham, Eula and Beulah Stone, Agnes Craig, Aytchie Chism, Ethel and Lizzie Johnson and Irene Reed; Messrs. Scarborough Mabry, Mabry and R. F. Short, S. Boyd Street, Henry and Jim Porter, J. B. and Sherrill Norris, J. C. Rickman, George and Jesse Fore, Christian Stoffers, Leslie Scott, Fred Hudson, Floyd Hinson, Robert Lee Morrison, Will Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gee Parsons and little daughter, and Mrs. Wm. Johnson.

Automobile Turns Over.

While enroute to Breckenridge Wednesday the automobile driven by Bob Harris turned over on the reservoir hill south of town. In the car were Mr. and Mrs. Harris and two children, Miss Grace Daves, Carl Wainwright and Frank Megginson, and that no one was seriously hurt is a miracle.

The spindle on one of the back wheels was loose and when the car started down the hill the brakes would not hold, causing the car to run upon the embankment and turn over. Frank Megginson was the only one hurt, he receiving a few bruises.—Newcastle Register.

Announcement Party.

Misses Willie Cochran and May Hunter entertained a number of friends at the home of Miss Cochran Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

The occasion was the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Jennie Bell Hunter to Mr. Andrew J. Bullock, which will take place on August 25th.

Progressive games of Forty-two, Bunco and Flinch afforded amusement for the gathering of young ladies, Miss Myrtle Wallace winning high score prize, a beautiful boudoir jacket, which was later presented to the bride-to-be.

Delicious refreshments of fruit salad, stuffed olives, ice tea and crackers were served to about twenty-four guests.

McLendon Family Moves.

Prof. Edgar McLendon and family moved to their new home in Mart, Texas, this week.

Mr. McLendon has been superintendent of the Graham Public Schools for the past ten years, and under his administration has built up one of the best high schools in this portion of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. McLendon were active members of the Baptist church, and their help and encouragement will be greatly missed.

The Reporter regrets to lose this excellent family, but wishes for them the best of success in their new home.

Thresher and Grain Burn.

A thresher and 350 bushels of wheat were destroyed by fire on the place of J. M. Atchison last Monday morning.

The fire caught from a spark from the engine, igniting the straw, which quickly spread to adjoining stacks of unthreshed grain, destroying, it is estimated, about 350 bushels. The separator was headed into the stack, and when an effort was made to pull it away from the flames the front wheels turned cross ways, and the party were forced to leave it.

This is a serious loss to both Mr. Atchison and Messrs. Bryan and Reed, who owned the thresher.

BANKS URGED TO PREPARE TO HANDLE CROPS

Federal Reserve Board Asks Cotton Producers to Begin Arranging for Proper Storage and Insurance of Staple.

Preliminary plans designed to make available the resources of the federal reserve system in the annual fall movement of crops have been worked out by the federal reserve board. Writing to the twelve regional banks, the board pointed out in a letter made public Monday, how members of the system might help to finance the movement.

The board's action was taken, the letter said, to forestall any possibility of congestion of crops this fall or lack of financial accommodation to move them and to avoid a recurrence of the stringency which in the past has marked this movement.

Although the board would apply its plan to wheat, corn and all other cereals, it devoted most attention to the cotton crop, which, it said, was peculiarly sensitive to abnormal conditions such as exist in the export trade.

Usually the crop movement has been taken care of by government deposits in banks or the issue of emergency currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland act, which expired last month. In place of these agencies, the board stated, there was ample authority in the federal reserve act to meet the situation this year.

"In view of the large surplus reserves now held by the federal reserve banks, by member banks and by other banks throughout the country," said the board's letter, "there should be no difficulty in affording the producer the assistance necessary to enable them to market their products in volume corresponding to the power of the trade to absorb them. In order to accomplish this end, it is suggested that federal reserve banks adopt a definite policy with reference to rediscounting paper secured by documents in satisfactory form evidencing the ownership of stored agricultural products. Through such a policy, together with proper methods of warehousing, federal reserve banks can assist the normal movement of staple agricultural products from the field to the factory or to the consumer. It is recommended that regulations governing the rediscount of notes covering advances on such products be issued by such of the federal reserve banks whose members are actively engaged in financing the movement of such crops to the market."

The board called special attention to the marketing of cotton because it was "clearly to the common interest that credits based upon this crop be protected as far as possible from the danger of demoralization." It showed that no staple commodity was subject to greater variations in prices than cotton and quoted figures showing an average annual fluctuation on the New York Cotton Exchange of 5.38 cents per pound. "Sudden and violent fluctuations," the letter continued, "are clearly to the advantage of neither the loaning banks, the producer, the manufacturer nor the consumer. They offer, on the contrary, an inviting field

for the speculator and should the federal reserve system, in making possible the more normal movement of the crop, be a contributing factor in reducing these fluctuations, it would have accomplished a great public good."

The board suggested that the reserve banks communicate with their members and others interested and pointed out that cotton producers, if they hope to take advantage of the facilities of the system for carrying cotton, should begin arranging for its proper storage and insurance as rapidly as ginned.

"Federal reserve banks," said the letter, "should particularly point out to their members that they are prepared to rediscount the notes of farmers and merchants secured by proper warehouse receipts for cotton and accompanied by evidence of insurance."

Member banks, the letter said, which offer these notes to federal reserve banks for rediscount should be ready to state the grade and market value of the cotton and the note should be in the customary collateral form, providing the right to call for additional security in event of material decline in market value.

"The amount to be advanced would be left primarily to the judgment of the member banks" said the letter.

The board suggested that the reserve banks call attention to the desirability of reserving storage space for such cotton as is to be used as security for loans in localities where warehouse facilities are inadequate. The letter said that while there was not sufficient warehouse space in the South to take care of the entire cotton crop there probably was ample facility for the proper storage of all cotton likely to be pledged for loans.

"It should be made plain," the board warned, "that compliance with the essential features of the plan herein outlined modified as circumstances may demand will be necessary for the normal marketing of this year's crop and for the proper protection of those who are interested in its movement, whether banks producers or manufacturers."

"While there seems to be no reason that the world's present and potential supply of cotton is out of proportion to requirements during the next 12 months, it is nevertheless important because of our lack of adequate shipping facilities as well as restriction brought about by the war upon free exports to all countries, that ample means be provided for the proper handling and effective marketing of cotton."

Similar means may be taken in financing other agricultural products wherever there was available a system of warehouses, elevators and certifying.

Camping at Set Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Anderson are entertaining a few friends with a "camp" at the Set Ranch this week. It is indeed a lively camp, all of the sports of the season being indulged in. Personnel of the party and Mrs. J. L. Anderson and Mrs. McKinney Leona Anderson of Theola Yates of W. Co. Miss Lucile Miller of Leonard Hill, Seymour B. Hamilton, Olney, and E. Hinson, Graham.

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Weather for August.

1st to 2nd, hot and sultry; 3rd to 5th, rain; 6th to 8th, cooler; 9th to 12th, cloudy, rain; 13th to 14th, cooler; 15th to 17th, rain; 18th to 21st, pleasant; 22nd, cyclone from Gulf moving north; 23rd to 26th, rain, cooler; 27th to 31st, warm and pleasant.

Need of a Warehouse.

We are not growing any cotton this season, neither are we nursing the money with which to make cotton loans or purchases. This gives us more leisure than those who are so busied, and this leisure enables us to plan for their benefit.

There was much discussion about this time last year as to the proper steps to take for protecting the cotton grower, and for enabling him to get a fair price for his cotton. Many plans were proposed from which much good doubtless resulted, and now we have the benefit of last year's experience. Shall we profit by it?

From last year's experience, we conclude that the basis of any marketing plan is a suitable cotton warehouse. Without such a place, the average farmer either has to hold his cotton out in the weather, where it is constantly depreciating, and where it is not first class security; or else he has to let it go for what it will bring; and of course, the more cotton there is forced on the market, the less it will bring.

On the other hand, with an adequate warehouse at the market the cotton can be cheaply insured and used as gilt-edge security for loans at a very reasonable rate. If there are enough warehouses, and cotton is marketed slowly, the farmer can borrow on his cotton as much as it will otherwise bring and he will more than likely make, or save, \$10 a bale thereby.

The conclusion is this, and we will put it out here by itself where it can not be overlooked, to-wit:

Any cotton market that has no bonded warehouse and is making no provision to store cotton and to use the new Reserve Bank money is a back number and is not entitled to the business of a cotton grower who can get to a market with these features.

One interested should get Miss Sadlow. Fortunately, we Bend is spending in Graham on a well the city with it, the material for an len and Zada Bwarehouse, in the old rehouse. This old one Land Abstr constructed that the shop notice, could not easily be put or taken out, and the roof

\$16,500,000,000 Cost of European War for One Year.

The first year of the war has cost the belligerent governments about \$16,500,000,000 in direct expenditures for military purposes. Experts agree fairly well on these figures. The Berlin Vorwaerts finds the total \$16,676,130,000; the French economist, Edmond Thery, \$17,400,000,000, and the statistician, William Michaelis of Berlin, \$15,240,000,000.

This is the expense of putting about 9,000,000 men into the field for the Central Powers, and about 14,000,000 for the Allies.

It does not include, however, the far greater amount lost through the destruction of towns and villages, the razing of the countryside, the wrecking of bridges and railroads, and the wholesale sinking of ships, and the economic loss through the diminution in productive industry, the killing of the strongest men in the community and the creation of a class of cripples and madmen.

The war is now costing about \$45,000,000 a day, \$2,000,000 an hour and \$300,000 a minute. The cost is mounting steadily.

Casualties in One Year of War Over 10,000,000.

Only approximately accurate tables of the killed, wounded and missing in the first year of the war are possible, because France and Russia and Austria-Hungary do not give out their figures, while Germany has changed her policy recently to one of secrecy. Great Britain still tells her losses from month to month.

The following estimates are believed to give a fairly correct idea of the casualties:

estimated roughly at 947,000,000 and of the countries at peace at 797,000,000. The population of the entente nations is perhaps five times as great as that of their opponents. The number of men under arms has been estimated variously, usually in the neighborhood of 20,000,000. William Michaelis, writing recently in a Berlin magazine, put the number of soldiers at war at 21,770,000; for the allies 12,820,000, for Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey 8,950,000.

No previous war has approached the present one in wholesale destruction of life. This is due not only to the number of men involved, but to the extensive use of artillery and terrible efficiency of modern weapons. Trench warfare on a great scale, with its deadly charges, mining operations and hand grenades, has contributed to this end. Whereas in the past it has been calculated that the proportion of killed to total casualties runs one to eight or one to ten, the proportion in trench warfare, as indicated by official British statistics, is about one to five.

The Teutonic Allies.

Germany	2,300,000
Austria-Hungary	1,900,000
Turkey	230,000
Total	4,430,000

The Entente Allies.

France	1,700,000
Russia, (includes prisoners, 1,750,000)	3,500,000
Great Britain	480,000
Belgium	260,000
Servia	240,000
Japan	2210
Italy, (no report of losses)	75,000
Portugal (fighting in colonies)	Minor
Montenegro	30,000
Total	6,286,210

HAWKINS CHAPEL

Mr. Ward and daughter, Miss Ola Herring, are in from Bowie on a visit to friends and relatives at this writing.

Mrs. Robert Miller and Miss Viney Miller visited J. C. Miller and family at Westfork Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. R. Loftin and Russel Dean of Graham are visiting relatives in the community.

Miss Judith Carmack is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. S. Newman.

T. F. Harman and children, C. F. and Miss Eula Carmon, attended the picnic at Perrin the last of the past week.

Misses Ella, Nora and Maudie Oatman are visiting at Newcastle at this writing.

Messrs. Jesse and Jim Oatman were helping Elzie Tedrow in his cotton patch the past week.

Part of the Chapel people have been attending the meeting which is in progress at Lovings. There is a shower of rain falling today (Monday).

Master Elmer Stephens of Indian Mound came over Friday of the past week.

Jim Oatman and family were the guests of her parents Sunday.

Miss Annie Holt has applied for the Chapel school.

Walter Baker was in Lovings Sunday.

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WESTOVER

Health is good in this community and every one is working and sweating, just like they used to do in the good old summer time.

Westover is getting to be an up-to-date place here of late. The elevator which the Graham Mill and Elevator Co., built here is now completed.

Mrs. Boyd of Dimmitt, Texas and her daughter, Mrs. Williams of Olton, Texas, were the guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Warn, the past week.

There is still some cotton to chop in this community.

Misses Fay and Delmiah Warn are chopping cotton for Carter McWhorter this week.

Messrs. Waters, Miller, Wilson and Wright went to the river Sunday fishing. They say they caught all they could eat for their dinner, but they never said what kind so it might have been crawfish, who knows?

Yes, Trixie, I think I know you.

Threshing still seems to be the order of the day in this part of the world.

Rupert Miller went to Megargel Tuesday on business.

Mr. Esterage was in Westover seeing about his property Wednesday.

A crowd from here went to Round Timbers one day last week and sure brought back some fine peaches.

Come on Gray-eyed Girl with the Mountain Home news. Oh! pardon me, I forgot you was getting old and feeble and could not hardly see how to write. But come on with another good letter.

Mr. McWhorter will move from Westover real soon. We hate to see this good family leave, but our loss will be some other's gain. We wish them good luck in their new home.

Yes, Gray-eyed Girl, I guess that little black pony will have a smile all over its face while it is biting at those fine ears of corn.

A number of the young folks enjoyed eating ice cream at Mr. McWhorter's Tuesday night.

Mr. Editor, I received my list of Correspondents all o. k. Many thanks.

Misses Fay and Delmiah Warn and brother, Guy, went to Megargel Wednesday.

Mrs. Emma Waters and children left Tuesday for Mineral Wells, Weatherford and other points.

Misses Lily Lee and Pearl Campbell called on Mrs. R. D. Miller Wednesday afternoon.

Many thanks, Gray-eyed Girl, for your pencil. Dirt Dobber.

HUFFSTUTTLE

It is still hot and dry. We had a little sprinkle or rain this morning. Hope we will get a good rain before long.

Wash Robinson is threshing grain in this neighborhood this week. He is threshing at A. M. Jones' today. Hope they will get all the grain threshed before we have much rain. Much of the grain was ruined last year by the rains.

The boll weevils are not working on the cotton so much and the cotton is beginning to bloom nicely.

F. A. Otts was sick last week but is able to attend the old settlers' reunion at Breckenridge this week.

J. J. Bragg of Rochester, Haskell county, visited his daughter, Mrs. Ab. Campbell, last Sunday and Monday. He was on his way to Breckenridge to attend the old settlers' reunion. He says crops are very good in Haskell county but are late on account of being killed by sand storms and having to be planted over.

Several people from this community attended an ice cream and box supper at Crystal Falls last Saturday night.

We understand that Joe and Roy Taylor, and Lloyd Jones have taken up land near Dunlap, New Mexico. We hope they will prosper in their new home.

F. A. Otts and wife visited at Ab. Campbell's last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bud McGuire visited her father, F. J. Peacock, Tuesday. Mrs. John Otts visited Mrs. F. A. Otts one day last week.

We understand that a Mr. Mobley, who was working with the thrasher was overcome with heat and fainted day before yesterday.

Several families from this neighborhood are attending the old settlers' reunion at Breckenridge, and several more would have gone if the thrasher had not been in the neighborhood.

I will quit and let some of the good writers take my place.

GEDAR CREEK

Well, as this is Monday and I am so lonesome I can't hardly stay at home I thought I would step in and chat with the Correspondents a while.

Health is not very good in this part of the country at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bunger of Mountain Home passed through here Saturday afternoon. They went to see Mrs. Bunger's sister, Miss Vina Hughes, who has been quite sick for some time.

Mrs. I. W. Steele visited Mrs. I. H. Steele and Mrs. J. M. Hunt Friday.

Most all the men and boys are working with the thrasher this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wesley took Grandpa Hunt to the train at Graham Friday. He left Saturday morning for Tulsa, Ark., to stay with his daughters, Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Gann.

Henry Steele and wife went to Graham last Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Hunt is spending a few days with Mrs. I. H. Steele while their husbands are working with the thrasher.

Homeite, you ought to have come a little sooner yesterday and spent the day with me. I had quite a jolly crowd to get dinner for. I guess you saw that, and we had fried chicken and watermelon. Don't you wish you had been here?

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Steele visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Upham Sunday.

I. W. Steele made a flying trip to South Bend Friday.

We are needing rain here now. I wish some of you scribes who are in the habit of sending rains around over the country would send the Cedar Creek people one.

The boll weevils are about to die down here or something is happening to them, for they are not as bad as they were.

George Gibson, whose home is near Abilene, died near Breckenridge Tuesday night. He had started to visit his nephew, John Farro, and got that far when he died. He was laid to rest in the Cedar Creek cemetery. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Will hand my pencil to a better writer and go. June Roses.

ROCK CREEK

Hello to one and all. We are having some dry, hot weather. Corn is firing up badly but cotton looks well so far.

Most everybody has a good supply of tomatoes now, but will not have very long without it rains pretty soon.

Come down Mr. Editor and I will load you up with tomatoes. I'm sure as nice an editor as you are is fond of tomatoes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Olree have moved to Grafrod to spend the summer. Mr. Olree has a lasting job in the harvest fields. We hope them success.

Mrs. Bob Cook has returned from Chillicothe, where she has

been visiting friends. Mr. Cook is out there working in the harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Towns and Jack Cook have gone west to work in the harvest.

Candy Kid, I have had the pleasure of going to one more ice cream supper. And, I am sure, I went over as rough a road as there is in Jack county. I also had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Yank.

Several of the Rock Creekers attended the ice cream supper at Ellis King's in the Union Ridge community Wednesday night. All reported a jolly, good time.

Miss Hattie Shuck visited her sister, Mrs. Malvin Clendenon, of the Keyser community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burk are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy who arrived the 27th.

J. J. Foster made a business trip to Graham Saturday.

Johnnie Shuck was a business caller in Bryson Saturday.

Orton Bennett and son, William, attended the election Saturday.

Walter Field and Roy McAdams dined at D. W. Burk's Sunday.

Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for the list of Correspondents. I was glad indeed to get it, but missed Old Pa's name.

Mr. Harmon went to Graham Monday.

Mr. Harmon called out the road hands last week and they finished their work for 1915.

E. H. Burk helped J. J. Foster strip cane Tuesday.

J. J. Foster and Orton Bennett are going to make sorghum syrup this week.

Jolly Girl, how do you like making plum jelly? I was in the peaches up to my eyes just before your mama passed, and it was then 12:30. I had just started to get dinner for dad.

Well, I will quit and go gather the tomatoes. Here's hoping the editor and Correspondents good luck.

Tempest and Sunshine, take my pencil. Daisy Flat.

KEYSER

My! aren't we having some hot and dry weather?

Ed Saunders and wife of Jermyrn spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Keyser.

Mrs. Doshie Thompson is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sampley.

Blue Eyes attended church at Bryson Saturday night. Trixie, I didn't see you while at church but I passed you coming home.

Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for the list of Correspondents' names. I sure do appreciate them.

Mrs. Rhodes has been on the sick list this week.

Grandma Ballow has been nearly blind but glad to report her some better.

Lee Keyser, wife and children and Miss Nora Henry spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Keyser.

Several from this community have been attending church at Bryson.

Miss Minnie Rhodes and little brother, Romie, called on Mrs. Hila Keyser and Mrs. Alice Robinson Saturday evening.

Miss Hattie Shuck has returned to her home at Rock Creek. She had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Kitty Belle Clendenon, of Keyser.

Mrs. Alice Robinson and little grandson, Gilbert Robinson, spent Wednesday with F. N. Ballow and family.

Blue Eyes.**Iron Crosses.**

The war is becoming more horrible than we had even dared to believe. Herman Emil Zoch has been awarded the iron cross for playing a piano at the front.

MURRAY

Everyone is feeling better since the nice showers we have been having, although it has interfered with the threshing to some extent.

Mrs. J. H. Megginson has been suffering with one of her eyes. The cause is not known.

Osmer Kramer returned from Mineral Wells Saturday, where he has been attending the normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Moreland of Ardmore, Oklahoma, came in Sunday night to visit their son, J. E. Moreland, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowling returned Sunday night from a two weeks' visit with relatives near Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wootton spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Lacy Mayes left Monday for Abilene to see about moving his family out there to get the benefit of the school.

Bryan Ardis returned from Fort Worth last week, where he has been at work for the past two months.

Spence McCan of West Texas I think, is visiting his brother, J. H. McCan, of this place.

Mrs. B. H. Richard returned Friday from a two weeks' stay in Mineral Wells. Bluebell.

OAK GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Peters, Frank Peters and children, Miss Hattie and Frank Peters, Jr., left this morning (Monday) for Dickens county to visit relatives there.

Archie Peters and Jack Joplin made a business trip to Olney Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Mathers and son, Frank, are visiting Mrs. Mathers' mother, Mrs. Peters, and other relatives here.

Whitt Gipson, who has been for some time in Dickens county, returned home Wednesday night.

Joe Peters has been sick most of the past week.

Sydney and Edgar Self have returned home from Windthorst.

Miss Annie Keen left last Monday for Cardwell, Montana, to make her home with her grandfather.

Mrs. J. W. Keen left Tuesday for Hopkins county to visit her mother.

Little Leonard Harwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bodz Harwell, died Saturday morning and was laid to rest in the Farmer cemetery Sunday morning. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs. Jim Walker was reported to be sick last week.

Mrs. Robert Miller of Hawkins Chapel and Miss Miller of Cisco, are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. C. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and family of Wise county have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Waddell and family the past week.

C. C. Crowder left this morning for Wichita Falls to be with his wife, who is sick at the home of a daughter there.

Spot.**LONE OAK**

Dear Editor and Correspondents, after an absence of several weeks I will send in a few items. You all may think I have just been playing hooky, but I haven't, for I have been away all the while.

Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for the list of Correspondents' names.

We received a nice rain this (Monday) morning, which was badly needed.

Threshing is a thing of the past in this community. The farmers seem to be well pleased with the yield of their grain.

Rev. Collins of Oklahoma, will begin a protracted meeting here the 15th instant. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

T. N. Bryant has added to

the appearance of his place by building a new room to his house.

W. C. Harris and Dave Watson were business visitors to the metropolis last Saturday.

Noah Cantwell and family were guests of relatives at Jean Sunday.

Mrs. May Pratt visited at C. C. McBride's Sunday.

J. V. Hamm was transacting business in Graham last Friday.

Quite a number of the Lone Oak people are attending the meeting at Red Top this week.

Albert McBee and family spent Sunday with relatives at Red Top.

Miss Lula Jackson is spending a while with Mrs. J. W. Pratt.

Herschel Orr had the misfortune of falling out of a hack one day last week and breaking one of his arms. We sincerely hope he may soon recover.

Miss Maggie Ligon of Morgan is visiting home folks in this community.

Miss Teddy Bell and uncle from Loving called at the Ligon home last Thursday.

Mrs. Fannie Davis and children contemplate visiting relatives at Childress, Texas in the near future.

Misses Maude and Lula Willis from near Olney are the guests of Jesse Willis and wife.

J. W. Pratt made a business trip to Olney Saturday.

Mrs. Nora Watson and children were the guests of Messrs. Harris and Harvey last Sunday.

Lawrence Orr called on Lum

McBride Sunday morning.

Friday afternoon the west-bound freight on the G. T. & W. had a wreck just west of the crossing on the Graham and Farmer road. The track was damaged considerably. Two box cars were thrown from the track.

I'll be going as I haven't any more news. Brunette.

His Definition.

A witty Judge of the Municipal Court of Boston stoutly declared that "a patriot was a man who refused to button his wife's lingerie waist."

"A martyr," he went on, "is one who attempts and fails while a hero tries and succeeds."

"Then what is a coward?" asked a curious bystander.

"Oh, a coward," replied the Judge, "is a man who remains single so he won't have to try."

Youth's Companion.**Preparing to Retaliate.**

A long-haired chap who walked into the general store at Arvada asked, "Do you sell stale eggs?"

"No," said the grocer with a smile, "but I've got some."

"Well, give me all you've got," said the stranger.

The grocer, as he bundled up the eggs, laughed and said, "I guess you're going to see Hamlet tonight at the opera house."

"No," said the stranger grimly, "I'm going to play Hamlet tonight at the opera house." Field and Farm.

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INDIAN MOUND

Sunday school was good Sunday. After Sunday school Rev. O. L. Orr preached for us.

Rev. O. L. Orr has been here visiting his uncles, S. P. Taylor of Loving and R. G. Taylor of this place. He left Monday for Fort Worth, where he expects to locate. His home is in Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. Austin Bird spent two days with her sister, Mrs. Lizzy Bryan, last week.

Several from here were in Graham Monday.

Miss Myrtle Wallace visited Misses Correne and Ruth Stephens the first of the week. Miss Correne returned home with her and visited the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Dee James spent a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douglass, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Borchardt went to Newcastle Saturday to have the doctor treat Mrs. Borchardt.

Mrs. W. R. Dollins is still on the sick list.

Mrs. D. W. Beard and children visited at the home of R. G. Taylor Friday.

Hope Newman of Hawkins Chapel is helping thresh here.

Misses Ella, Nora and Maude Oatman visited at the home of H. H. Stephens from Friday till Sunday, and attended church here.

H. H. Stephens and wife went to Graham one day last week.

R. G. Taylor, wife and little tots, Misses Ivy and Jean Bryan, Mary and Glenn Beard all went over to Jack Petty's after peaches Monday.

Mrs. Bryan and daughters visited at the home of Austin Bird Monday.

Wesley Taylor went over to the Loving community Saturday afternoon.

We had a shower which was greatly appreciated Monday.

Some of the men are going to haul wheat to Graham today (Tuesday).

Geo. Douglass is working for W. W. Hoggard.

W. W. Hoggard went to Newcastle today (Tuesday).

The thresher is still here. Kid.

WHITE ROSE

We had a nice little shower of rain this (Monday) morning. Mrs. W. C. McCombs is spending several days with relatives at Jean.

J. A. Gachter was in Graham Monday.

Mr. Armstrong has moved to Graham and is working for J. B. Norris.

Mrs. P. C. Walker of Graham is spending several days with her mother, Mrs. W. C. McCombs.

Mrs. J. B. Harrison of Dallas is spending the summer with relatives in Young county.

Mrs. W. C. McCombs of this community and Mrs. J. B. Harrison and daughter, Mrs. English, of Newcastle spent several days in the Indian Mound community.

Mrs. J. O. Striplin called on Mrs. Ellen Wood Tuesday afternoon.

Two of Mrs. Wood's brothers from Hill county, spent several days with her this week. They came through in a car and it only took one day to make the trip. They ate dinner in Fort Worth and supper with their sister here, over one hundred miles away. Will we ever go back to the ox wagon as a means of transportation?

Mrs. Hightower visited Mrs. Ellen Wood Tuesday afternoon.

Well, my dear Plow Boy, it seems to me that it is the readers as a whole who ought to decide whether I am weakening or not. My or your opinion as to who is getting the better of this argument doesn't count.

No, you do not get my Irish

YANCEYVILLE

You Correspondents please move just a little bit and make room for me. Yes, listen! I will promise not to mention boll weevils, for I'll have to admit that the Dago has me bedded on boll weevils.

We are sorry to report Miss Vina Hughes still very sick. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Barron moved to Graham Thursday to spend the winter and to place Johnnie and the girls in school. We are sorry to see them go but wish them success.

This community was cast under a cloud of sadness Wednesday when the sad news came over the wire announcing the death of Mr. Geo. Gipson.

Mr. Gipson moved from this country several years ago and has since made his home in the western country. Mr. Gipson, in company with his brother-in-law, was coming through in a wagon to visit their son and nephew, John Farrar, of the Fox Hollow community, and when only about eight miles this side of Breckenridge, about 11 o'clock at night he passed away, heart trouble being the cause of his death. Mr. Farrar summoned help and a doctor at once and phoned his son, John, who went that night to meet them.

Mr. Gipson was laid to rest in the Veals Creek Cemetery by the side of his sister. Mr. Gipson was a man who was honored and respected by all who knew him. The sorrowing relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

Miss Valerie Bunger of Bunger spent the week with the Hughes family in this vicinity.

Miss Lila Ritchey visited Mrs. Cross Barron and children on Duff Prairie Friday.

Thanks, Yank, for your kind invitation to eat peaches, plums and grapes with you. Silver Bell sure would enjoy visiting the fruit orchard all right, but as I'm so far away guess I'll have to give my invitation to some scribe who is not so far away. I thank you just the same for your kindness.

Well, Jolly Girl, as the editor wouldn't accept that invitation you accept it and come on, and we will see if we can't add a few more dishes to the menu, and make the editor feel sorry that he acted so unsocially toward one of his Correspondents. But, Jolly Girl, I think the trouble is, he doesn't like the loud ringing of those bells, they kind of deafen him at times you know.

Most of the ladies in this community are baching this week. Nearly all the men are working with the thresher on Duff Prairie.

We never knew until recently that Geo. Wyatt was a mule trainer. However, he is breaking a mule for Mr. West that can climb into a wagon and get out again as well as a person can. We do not know whether Mr. West is having the mule trained for the European war or not, but we do know that Mr. Wyatt has the mules well trained to climb.

Really, Johnnie Dolittle, I can not say whether I would like to make my home at Littlefield or not. Of course, I would like to be with you, but "sposen" we just stay here.

Salemite, as much as I value Old Pa's advice I do not think that the silken folds of "old glory" will furnish shelter and rest for the tired and poor, the orphan and the widow. And, Salemite, when the U. S. declares war on Europe, then, you will see the protection "old glory" gives to those who followed it. Pardon, Salemite, but take just a little dose of sound advice and "don't" commence thumping pebbles at this old bell, like you have at Roseite and Gringo, for the Silver Bells

are just as good as new and can still make the same "tremendous racket" as usual, so please don't "make" it necessary for them to ring unusually loud.

Mr. Hughes went to Ivan Saturday.

John Wright, wife and daughter, and Will Corbett of Ivan attended the funeral of Mr. Gipson here Wednesday afternoon.

The syrup makers are getting along fine with their syrup making. When they break down they do not become discouraged but go to work with a will and then make a new mill. They are bound to succeed.

Mr. West was riding early Saturday morning trying to find some one to help him hold the election. We hope he succeeded, though we can't see who would vote as the men are all off with the thresher. However, Mr. West informed Silver Bell if the amendments carried she could help hold the election next time.

Yanceyville is on a boom now, as we have our postoffice established. Silver Bell and June Roses will not have to be absent so much.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, very much for the nice little book containing the names and addresses of the Correspondents. I assure you that I value it very much.

Dago, your substitute did fine but we would sure hate for the Dago to bid us farewell, and not write the Henry Chapel news each week.

We have always been told that if a person in Texas committed a crime that was not quite bad enough to send them to the gallows and too bad to send them to the penitentiary that they were sentenced to "Arkansas for life," but B. P. Gann says that the Arkansas people send their convicts to Hades, New Mexico and Palo Pinto County, when their crimes are unpardonable. So we are very glad that we live in Texas.

Grandpa Hunt left Saturday for Tulip, Arkansas. We never learned what he was sentenced for.

Yes, Salemite, Mr. West's hogs have quit chilling. You see they have gotten used to eating cucumbers and can now eat the serpentine variety without any bad results.

Mr. West has his new silo completed.

B. P. Ritchey and nephew, Dewey, called at the I. W. Steele home Sunday morning.

Dick Barron, George Slay and George Wyatt called at the Ritchey home Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Wyatt and daughter were trading in South Bend Saturday.

Mr. Starnes of Dallas county is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Rachel Wyatt.

I'll have to give my place to some one else as I have used up my pencil. Aren't you all glad to hear that?

Silver Bell.

(Beg pardon, Silver Bell, but if we are not mistaken we did accept your invitation, and the only reason we haven't been down there is that we couldn't walk so far. You know our wife has been gone for about a month, and to mention such a menu as that, after we have been living on chili and a few other dishes usually obtained in the modern beanery, makes us almost forget that we ever had had anything to eat?—Editor.)

NORTH MIDWAY

A very nice shower has been in progress since I began this letter, which will be appreciated very much.

P. G. Cunningham is on the sick list at this writing. It is feared he has the smallpox.

Ruel Proffitt returned home Monday from Hereford, where he had been working on a ranch.

Frelon Wiley, wife and baby

have been visiting relatives here since Thursday.

Norman Cunningham is well of the smallpox now.

John Trimble has been visiting relatives here the past two weeks.

George Evitt worked with A. Jones' hay baier last week.

Miss Georgia Shoemate of Bunger has been visiting Miss Mae Wiley the past few days.

Merritt Cunningham spent Saturday night with J. B. Terrell.

Dewey Wiley, Tom and John Trimble, and Misses Faye and Grace Trimble attended church at California Sunday afternoon.

Merritt Cunningham and Miss Sophia Quisenberry attended the Christian services at Newcastle Sunday night.

Misses Ethel and Faye Cunningham and Carrie Boynton spent last Sunday afternoon with Misses Wiley.

J. B. Evitt and son, Eddie, hauled wheat from the Proffitt vicinity last week.

Misses Grace and Faye Trimble went to town last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Terrell and niece, Miss Roxie Williams, returned home from Graham Sunday afternoon, where they had been at the bedside of Mrs. Terrell's sister for over a month.

Thomas Vaughn and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland Sunday.

Miss Annie Lee Norris went to Graham Sunday to spend a week.

Dewey Wiley and Misses Roxie Williams, Faye Trimble and Cora Wiley attended the Christian services at Newcastle Sunday night.

The ice cream supper at Mr. Helton's Monday night was a grand affair. Eight gallons of cream were consumed.

Our Correspondents list of names lacks some of being complete, as I suppose some failed to send in their names.

Welcome, Liberty Bell, to our staff of Correspondents. You will have to pardon me for trespassing on your territory. I promise to keep my distance now as much as possible.

Thank you, Pansy, for the use of your pencil. I will give it back to you now and ask you to write another good letter. Azure Skies.

PADGETT

Padgett was blessed with a nice shower of rain Saturday evening and another one this (Monday) morning.

Everything looks good, even to the farmers' faces. Well, now our faces may not look so good, but we are all smiles. These August showers makes us think of 1906. That year there was an abundance of whiskey drummers, but we were short on cotton "gins." We now have plenty of gins to handle the crop of cotton.

The whiskey drummer has gone to parts unknown. Surely we are making some progress. Let us thank God and take courage.

Plow Boy, I like the description of the meeting at Mt. Pleasant. But, you say the churches over your way are man made, governed by human creeds. Do you expect us to believe all this? If your report of that meeting is correct you sure have found the old Jerusalem church, the one our Lord loved and washed in His own blood. Don't keep us in the dark. If you have found the strait and narrow way show it to the rest of us. You promised you would. You didn't ask any of those folks to join the church after they were born into the kingdom did you?

Some time back you said the Kingdom of God was in the child of God. You now say souls were born into the Kingdom of God. Did you ever read James 2:5, "We are heirs of God's Kingdom," therefore the kingdom is yet in the future.

Read Matt. 13:38, "God's children are the seed of the kingdom." You have never seen a crop raised from this seed, but if you are faithful and persevere in the strait and narrow way and have part in the first resurrection, you will then, at the resurrection, witness the first and only crop. Then the saints will shine forth in the kingdom of their Father. Then it is that Christ will sit upon the throne of His kingdom. If you had come and plowed out my crop I think I could have straitened you. Uncle Zeke.

MONUMENT

Here I come again, Yank, almost too lazy to write. News is as scarce as hen's teeth.

Some of the people down here are threshing, some cutting maize and some still chopping cotton.

Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for the book of Correspondents' names you sent me. I think it is so nice.

Don't all you Correspondents thing we ought to, in some way, show the Editor we appreciate the gift he gave us? I think we ought to return the favor. There are so many of us that it cost him time if not money.

Lawrence Alberts, accompanied by his uncle, John Kruse, came home Saturday night, after a two weeks' visit in Collin county. Mr. Kruse says he likes the looks of Young county fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan of the Indian Mound community spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hewitt.

Oran Hewitt spent last week in the Indian Mound community. Miss Golda Barnett spent Sunday with Misses Una and Mable Reeves.

Misses Gladys and Vida Barnett spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Will Tiffin, of Loving.

Several of our young folks called on Mrs. Barnett Sunday evening.

Called on Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrison Alberts Sunday night.

J. H. Cearley and Claude Foster spent Sunday in the Rock Creek community.

Walter Sanders was on the puny list last week.

Say, Kid, if my memory serves me right Mr. H. told me he picked cotton up there last fall. You had better be careful what you say about him now. He is a very large man you know and is up there very close doing some painting for Mr. Nolan. Kids are to be seen and not heard. One as small as you anyway.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weems of Loving spent Saturday night and Sunday with W. H. Long and family.

G. W. Alberts and John Kruse were business visitors in Graham Tuesday.

Tempest and Sunshine.

Asks a Service.

The Reporter does not often ask a gratuitous service, but we have a request to make to our farmer friends that will be of great help to us.

Next Monday is Big Monday, and hundreds of people will be in the city. Most of the readers of The Reporter have friends and neighbors who borrow the paper, and we are grateful to you for your kindness in letting them read it.

But since money is a little more plentiful, won't you ask your neighbor or friend who is not a subscriber, to come in and plank down HIS dollar, like you did, and get the paper for a full year? We believe he will enjoy HIS OWN paper more than a borrowed one, then you will be able to keep yours or send it to a far away friend. Suggest it to him, and we'll thank you.

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