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The Corn Club, and How It Impressed Me.

The poor farmer gets more free advice and less real sympathy than any other occupation. But for common sense he would have been ruined by advice long ago. It is one thing to write and speak advice to the farmer and quite another thing—yes, a different business altogether to grip the handles of the foot-warmer, pull the bell-cord over old Beck and Mike and do real plowing—be a sure enough farmer.

To give advice to the farmer is getting to be a real fad, and what is more tiresome than the fadist? He is sure that he has the remedy, the cure-all for all human troubles. Here is a little fellow with a pen sticking over his ear, who is dead sure the salvation of the country is in schools and books—education. But if everybody was educated according to his idea humanity would perish from the earth, for none of them would work.

I attended the meeting of the farmers and their boys at Graham on the 13th inst., heard Mr. Nance's talk, which was very interesting. He said many good things which we clodhoppers would do well to appropriate and apply to our own farm operations. He advocated one thing, however, that is not practicable, at least in Young county. He advised the breaking of land ten inches deep in the fall and winter, and every farmer who is acquainted with this country knows that we seldom ever have a season deep enough to break ten inches deep in the fall and early winter, except in the deep sandy land.

I heard one old farmer ask another old-timer after the speaking what he thought about Mr. Nance's talk and the reply was: "Oh, well, he's in Young county now, and that deep breaking will not do here for cotton, because we know that cotton doesn't grow until the tap root reaches hard ground."

One other criticism I would offer on Mr. Nance's talk. He said in substance: "I was talking of renting some of my land to a man and he and his three sons and myself were looking over the land when one of the boys pulled up an old cotton stalk, the tap root of which ran straight down a few inches and then turned out horizontally. The boy asked me if I knew what was the matter with it. I told him I thought I did, and asked him if he knew, and he said, 'I think I do. This land was broken shallow.' And I said yes. Now, you see, this boy had already been studying along this line."

Then it was that Mr. Nance and I came to the "parting of the ways," at least on this particular point. I had 24 acres of cotton last year planted in the bottom of a lister furrow, right down in the hard ground, with a double row planter, and the tap root will average 15 or 18 inches deep straight down, not one or two, but at least 90 per cent of them. If Mr. Nance had said the boy pulled up quite a number of them and at least 75 per cent of the tap roots took a horizontal turn it would have been pretty strong evidence in favor of his theory, but he only mentioned one stalk.

In fact, are we not already producing more than we can get remunerative prices for? The 1912 cotton crop will bring the producers more money than did the larger crop of 1911.

I read a letter in a farm paper this morning from a contributor in Idaho, the writer of which says: "One farmer I visited has in his

cellar 2,500 sacks of, as fine potatoes as ever grew in any soil that he can not afford, at the price, to haul them to the nearest shipping station." Do those people need anyone to tell them how to raise more potatoes?

In the language of our own Judge Simpson, I say, "the farmer can produce the crops, what we want them to do is to tell us how to get the price." But the great trouble with most of our agricultural teachers is that they see only the producing side of farming, and naturally this is the side they speak and write upon. The reason such teachers see farming only from the producing side lies in the fact that those who do most of the writing, speaking and planning for agricultural improvement live in the cities and know the farmers and the conditions they are up against only as they look across the country from their city homes or from rapidly passing trains.

That our soil can be made to produce more than it does I do not doubt in the least, and we farmers will make it do it once we are assured the product will meet the demand at fairly profitable prices. We now supply all of our own people and thousands in foreign lands, but it is but little less than folly to come to us with such talk as comes from Washington unless it is accompanied with a market and remunerative prices.

Finally, under present conditions and circumstances, I am forced to believe that such articles originate with schemes designed to deceive the people and boost measures for the increased benefit of the few against the many—the mortgage bond scheme and other like propositions that go before the people in disguise, the effect of which will be to increase the power of the ruling few, give the money oligarchy a chance to further control the lands, sap out the life-blood of the independent homes and ultimately result in a landed as well as a moneyed aristocracy.

Will the people ever read and think for themselves?

A FARMER.

A Myth.

One of the myths current in this State is the notion that the State Department of Agriculture was brought into being by the people themselves, and that it is, accordingly, cherished by them as a thing of their own creation. The fact is the question of creating the State Department of Agriculture was submitted to the people of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1907, and that they answered "No" by a majority of more than three to one, the exact vote being, for the amendment, 19,736, and against, 60,733. The politicians, nevertheless, in obedience to the instinct which urges them to multiply offices and enlarge patronage, created the Department of Agriculture, notwithstanding the people of the State had very emphatically expressed the conviction that there was no need of it. Experience has justified their judgment; that is the service rendered by the Department of Agriculture has proved that they were correct in the opinion that the Agricultural and Mechanical College able and ready to supply information and knowledge to farmers, a State Department of Agriculture would be superfluous. Since then the farmers of Texas have looked more and more to the Agricultural and Mechanical College for guidance, and we have no doubt that, if they were

given another opportunity to express their opinion as to the need of the State Department of Agriculture, their vote would be against it, not in the ratio of three to one, but in the ratio of ten to one, if not twenty to one. We are still of the opinion that what the State Department of Agriculture asks for from this Legislature ought to be given to the Agricultural and Mechanical College. —Dallas News.

At the Temple of Learning.

The preceding week was perhaps the most strenuous that any of the pupils have seen during their school life. The entire week was consumed by the quarterly examinations. The ordeal began Monday afternoon at one o'clock, and continued through the week, with one examination per day. The examinations were given only in the afternoon with the exception of Friday, when it began in the morning. Nevertheless, there were some who did not finish at a late hour that evening. Tuesday evening saw several of the "examinees" pursuing their labors by the feeble light of the setting sun, and a few were compelled to desist on account of the scarcity of illumination. In the case of this quarter's examinations History has ignominiously failed to repeat itself. The idea of Mr. McLendon giving an examination that would require four hours for answering has hitherto been a joke, but now the students will not know what to expect. In direct contrast to what it was formerly, the third year Latin examination was too easy to be conceivable. A fifteen-page English paper has until now been considered a phenomenon.

Some very interesting, instructive and laughable answers were given to some of the questions. A seventh grade pupil gave in a declension of the noun "lady," the plural to be "women." Another discussed quite fluently the nature of an "indirect pronoun." One feature of the examinations was the care taken in the writing of the papers, as it is Mr. McLendon's intention to send a number of them to the State University in an effort to get an affiliation with that institution.

It was also remarkable that the pupils labored so faithfully in this work. The teachers had no occasion whatever for complaint in that direction.

We sincerely hope that all the pupils came out of the test with grades that exceeded their wildest hopes and that all will make a greater effort to pass in the exams that are to come.

Christian Endeavor Program.

The last meeting of the C. E. with the topic, "How can we better our prayer meetings," was such a success and so much interesting taken that it was decided to continue it for this Sunday, with the following program:

Leader, C. B. Jones.

Prayer.

Duet, Mesdames Rose and H. L. Morrison.

Scripture reading in answer to questions given out in advance.

Song.

Debate—"Are C. E. prayer meetings worth while?" Affirmative, J. W. Akin Jr., negative Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig.

Song.

Nine one-minute talks on "Hindrances to a good meeting and ways to overcome them."

Prayer.

Eight good suggestions by 8 members.

Prayer service, each prayer expressing a resolve.

Closing exercises.

Quarterly Conference Held.

Immediately after the service Sunday night the first Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church for the new year was held with practically all of the Stewards present.

The following financial report for the preceding twelve months, from December 1911 to December 1912; raised and paid out as follows:

For preacher in charge	\$1200.00
Presiding Elder	204.00
Bishop's fund	17.10
Conference Claimants	78.00
Foreign Missions	75.00
Domestic Missions	104.80
Special for Missions	50.00
Church Extension	53.82
Education	71.76
American Bible Society	8.58
General Conference Expenses	4.42
Superannuate Fund	12.00
Educational Extension	19.11
Orphanage	20.80
Senior League	25.00
Raised by Sunday School	457.00
Raised by Woman's Society	561.00
Expended on Church and Parsonage	198.02
Premium on Insurance	192.10
For other objects not reported	489.74

Total raised for cash \$3669.80

To this is to be added, to get results of year's work, a subscription for Southern Methodist University (already part paid) of \$2000.00, making a grand total for the year of \$5669.80.

Of amount raised by Sunday school \$100 was for Foreign Missions, and of the amount raised by Woman's Society a good part was for Missions and for Orphans' Home.

Bro. Wysor Buys a Mule.

Mr. Editor, since I find there is a great doubt as to the identity of the man that discovered America, have concluded that Bro. Clark was about right, as Bro. Brewton is just as liable to be the man as any man in Graham.

Say, Mr. Editor, Bro. Wysor was over on last Big Monday.

He saw a fellow leading a mule with a little mule following—an awful long-eared fellow; he asked the man what he would take for it. He said five dollars and Bro. Wysor said "I'll take him." He took him to Rev. Gaines B. Hall's for the night and he (the mule) called his mamma or the preachers all night long and nobody could sleep a wink. Bro. Wysor sold him back to the man the next day for one dollar. He said his idea for buying him was that he thought he would be so much company for his family in his absence—and he would be, too, and to all the rest of us in a mile of him. But like myself, I bought a sow for \$50 and sold her for \$30; we are not making much money but we are handling cash just the same.

Bro. Wysor told me a story the other day about an old man and his son traveling and they stopped one night where there was a revival meeting in progress, and during the services the old man went to sleep and at the close of preaching an old lady got happy and jumped up shouting. The old man grabbed her and commenced halloaing "Whoa, Nance, whoa! Get to the bits, John, and help me hold her. Look out! she'll get over the tongue. Hold her, John."

We are sorry to say that Tom Fletcher and wife and Miss Besie, his sister, have left us and gone to Brownwood for the balance of the winter. From there they expect to go to California in

the spring—to the land of gold, fritters and honey.

Miss Bertie Cook has been visiting in our midst and returned to her home at Craig Point Sunday eve. C. D. YANCEY.

New Building at Olney.

Stephens, Roach & Co. let the contract to C. H. Mothes this week for a 50x100-foot brick building on the corner where their store is now located. This will be quite an addition to the business houses of the town and will be a more comfortable home for this, one of the biggest business concerns of our city. It certainly speaks well for a town when its business men feel confidence enough in its future to tie up their money in substantial business houses. We understand that work is to begin at once and we are glad to note that a local contractor has the work in hand and are sure that it will be completed rapidly and well. Olney Enterprise.

One Banker's Example.

Colonel A. R. McCollum, the veteran editor of the Waco Tribune, has become a banker, and is now president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Waco.

It is gratifying to observe that Colonel McCollum's first act after becoming president was to put his bank at the head of a movement that within a few years will make McLennan one of the banner agricultural counties of the state. On motion of Colonel McCollum a committee of the bank's directors was appointed to raise a fund of \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year for three years to be expended in aiding McLennan county farmers to increase their yields and enlarge their profits. The organization to be thus endowed, will have for its purpose "the practical and personal instruction of the farmers, stock-raisers, truck and fruit growers of the county in modern and scientific care and treatment in the rearing and culturing of their respective products, together with proper treatment of the soil, and especially in the holding of schools of instruction and demonstration on the different farms of the county by competent instructors, in line with the ideas promulgated by the Texas Bankers' association."

It is planned to employ at least two high-class and high-salaried experts who will give all their time to this work, one to be an expert staple agriculturist and the other an expert truck farmer and horticulturist.

The execution of this plan will in effect, give McLennan county its own department of agriculture, and this in addition to this county's share in the work of the Agricultural and Mechanical college and the state and federal departments of agriculture ought to result in quickly bringing McLennan county farmers into the front rank of progressive and prosperous farmers.

The active interest of bankers in plans for rural betterment is one of the hopeful signs of the times. It indicates not merely a realization on the part of the bankers of the true community of interest which exists between farmers and people of all other callings, but a willingness to take the lead in promoting the common welfare.

Under the leadership of Colonel McCollum and his lieutenant, Mr. Abe Gross, the bankers of Waco are setting an example which deserves to be followed by the bankers in every city and county in the state.—Ft. Worth Record.

PRIZES OFFERED TO TEXAS FARMERS

Texas Industrial Congress Will Conduct the Third Annual Crop Contest.

\$10,000 IN GOLD FREE

Conditions Very Similar to Those of Last Year "Smaller Farms and Better Farming" is Slogan.

Ten thousand dollars in gold free to the farmers of Texas for model demonstration farms and best crop yields in 1913 becomes available with the third annual prize offer of the Texas Industrial Congress, the announcements of which have been prepared for immediate distribution throughout the State from the Dallas offices. For the third time since its organization under the leadership of Col. Henry Exall and a number of prominent Texas citizens, the congress has prepared a yearly budget, and will solicit the interest of the farmers of the State in the propaganda for "smaller farms and better farming" by offering substantial cash prizes for the largest yields, cost of production considered, of specific crops raised in Texas during 1913.

To quote from the language of the printed announcement: "The prizes offered are absolutely free and the competition is open without charge and without cost of any kind to every man, woman, boy or girl who will comply with the simple requirements necessary for conducting the contest fairly and honestly."

"The prize offer is made solely for the purpose of helping those engaged in agriculture to become more prosperous and happier, and because the necessity for soil conservation and the adoption of better cultural methods is so vital to the agricultural, commercial, industrial and all other interests that every possible effort should be made to induce scientific cultivation, better seed selection, rotation, diversification and conservation of the soil's fertility."

Five Classes of Prizes.

The announcement of the congress for 1913 differs in but few particulars from that of 1912. The prize offers are divided into five sections or "classes." Class A includes the various prizes for the most productive "model farm" to be cultivated according to specifications. Class B includes competition for the "Texas Corn Club," open only to boys and girls under 20 years of age. Class C embraces the offers for the "Texas Cotton Club," likewise open only to boys and girls. Class D covers the production of forage crops, open to all contestants. Class E provides for the competitive raising of forage crops by irrigation. A total of 159 separate prizes are offered, these ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$25.

The most radical change in the rules governing the contest for 1913 is to be found in Class A, the section dealing with the cultivation of model farms. Here the acreage limit has been reduced from ten to four, and the prizes offered decreased from \$5,000 to \$3,000. The \$2,000 thus deducted has been added to the offers in Classes B and C, which have been increased from \$1,500 to \$2,500 each. A special combination prize has also been provided for in addition to the \$10,000 budget in the offering of an extra \$500 to any contestant entered in both classes B and C who

shall win the first prize in each class.

Conditions of the Contests.

The detailed announcement of prizes and the conditions governing each class are as follows:

Class A—Four-Acre Model Farms.

Last year the congress offered \$5,000 in prizes in this class for ten-acre farms with the object of inducing their intelligent operation in every neighborhood in the State and proving by actual results the necessity for and the value of conservation, rotation and diversification by alternating specific crops in successive years and plowing under a leguminous crop on one-fourth (and a different fourth) of the land in cultivation each year.

By the plan once in every four years all of the land cultivated will have a splendid application of green manure that will supply the necessary humus and draw vast stores of nitrogen from the atmosphere. For the purpose of inducing more land owners, more tenant farmers and especially more boys, to enter the class, the amount of land to be cultivated has been reduced from ten to four acres and the prize offer in

1913 is for the largest combined yield of merchantable crops, cost of production considered, produced on four one-acre plots. The four plots must lie side by side and make one body or tract of land.

On the first plot corn is to be grown; on the second plot cowpeas; on the third plot either Kafir corn or milo maize, as the contestant prefers, and cotton on the fourth plot.

First prize \$1,000, second prize \$500, third prize \$250, fourth prize \$150, fifth prize \$100, and for the twenty next best results \$50 each, a total of twenty-five prizes in all, amounting to \$3,000.

Competition in this case is open to everybody. Women or girls are not required to do any manual labor in cultivating their crops, but are expected to supervise and manage them only.

The crops mentioned must be grown in the order named.

Competition by Schools.

The teacher and trustees of every public school district are invited to secure a four-acre tract of land to be entered in this class in the name of the school, and to be cultivated by the pupils, as a

most practical course in agriculture.

Contestants who were entered in this class last year are requested, as nearly as possible, to cultivate in this contest four of the ten acres on which the 1912 prize crops were grown, and corn should be grown where the cowpeas were cultivated.

All of the corn must be actually weighed in the shuck when it is fully matured and thoroughly dry, in the presence of two disinterested witnesses and no estimate of the yield will be accepted. This rule will be strictly adhered to in every case. A complete record by hours of the labor necessary to make this crop must be kept and reported on blanks to be furnished for that purpose.

At maturity and when thoroughly dry the Kafir corn or milo maize must be headed, leaving shanks not more than three inches long and all of the grain must be actually weighed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. No estimate of the yield will be accepted. This rule will be strictly adhered to in every case. A complete record

by hours of the labor necessary to make this crop must be kept and reported on blanks to be furnished for that purpose.

All the cotton must be weighed in the seed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses and no estimate of the yield will be accepted. This rule will be strictly adhered to in every case. A written statement of the gin weight of the lint cotton, signed by the ginner, must also be made and a complete record by hours of the labor necessary to make this crop must be kept and reported on blanks to be furnished for that purpose.

The cowpeas may be harvested but the weight of same, when thoroughly dry, must be reported and the yield must be determined by actually weighing the peas in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. No estimate will be accepted and this rule will be strictly adhered to in every case. The cowpea vines when thoroughly matured must be plowed under as a fertilizer for next year's crop. The ground rent, cost of preparing the soil, cost of seed and cost of cultivating this crop will be refunded to prize

winning contestants and every landlord is asked to co-operate with his tenants who enter the contest by remitting the rent, cost of preparation, cost of seed and cost of cultivation, as the land receives all of the benefit and its fertility is conserved and increased.

When the cowpea vines are at the best and ready to be plowed under, each contestant, in the presence of two disinterested witnesses shall cut and weigh the vines from a plot measuring ten feet each way (making one hundred square feet) that is a fair average of the vines of the entire acre. He and his witnesses shall make affidavits as to the number of pounds of hay produced on this average plot on blanks to be furnished for that purpose. The yield must be determined by actually weighing it as no estimate will be accepted. The number of pounds of peas from the entire plot and the number of pounds of hay, calculated from the weight of the vines of the average plot of one hundred square feet, will be included and considered in the total production on the four acres.

Texas Corn Club.

Class B—Texas Corn Club.

Competition in this class is open only to boys and girls 10 years of age or over, and under 20 on Jan. 1, 1913.

For the largest yield from one acre of merchantable corn to be weighed in the shuck at maturity and when thoroughly dry, cost of production considered: First prize \$500, second prize \$300, third prize \$250, fourth prize \$125, fifth prize \$75, and for the fifty next best results \$25 each, a total of fifty-five prizes in all, amounting to \$2,500.

Each contestant in this class must be 10 years of age or over and under 20 on Jan. 1, 1913. Contestants are not required to do all of the work themselves necessary to produce the crop, but must have control and exercise personal supervision over it, and this applies especially to girls.

All the corn must be actually weighed in the shuck, when it is fully matured and thoroughly dry, in the presence of two disinterested witnesses and no estimate of the yield will be accepted. This rule will be strictly adhered to in every case. A complete record by hours of the labor necessary to make this crop must be kept and reported on the blanks to be furnished for that purpose.

Texas Cotton Club.

Class C—Texas Cotton Club.

Competition in this class is open to boys and girls 10 years of age or over and under 20 on Jan. 1, 1913.

For the largest yield from one acre of middling cotton, to be weighed both in the seed and in the lint, cost of production considered: First prize \$500, second prize \$300, third prize \$250, fourth prize \$125, fifth prize \$75, and for the fifty next best results \$25 each, a total of fifty-three prizes in all, amounting to \$2,500.

Each contestant in this class must be 10 years of age or over and under 20 on Jan. 1, 1913. Contestants are not required to do all of the work themselves necessary to produce the crop, but must have control and exercise personal supervision over it, and this applies especially to girls.

All of the cotton must be weighed in the seed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses and no estimate of the yield will be accepted. This rule will be strictly adhered to in every case. A written statement of the gin weight of the lint cotton signed by the ginner must also be made and a complete record by hours of the labor necessary to make this crop must be kept and reported on blanks to be furnished for that purpose.

Special Combination Prize.

To any contestant entered in both Class B and Class C, who shall win the first prize in each class, a special prize of \$500 will be awarded.

Forage Crops.

Class D—Forage Crops.

For the largest yield of merchantable grain, to be weighed in the head at maturity and when thoroughly dry, cost of production considered, from two acres of either Kafir corn or milo maize (whichever the contestant prefers): First prize \$300, second prize \$200, and for the ten next best results \$50 each, a total of twelve prizes in all, amounting to \$1,000.

Competition in this class is open to everybody. Women or girls are not required to do any manual labor in cultivating the crop, but are expected to supervise and manage it only.

At maturity, and when thoroughly dry, the crop must be headed, leaving shanks not more than three inches long and all of the grain must be actually weighed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. No estimate of the yield will be accepted. This rule will be strictly adhered to in every case.

A complete record by hours of the labor necessary to make this crop must be kept and reported on blanks to be distributed for that purpose.

The crops in Classes A, B, C and D must be grown without irrigation.

Irrigated Forage Crops.

Class E—Irrigated Forage Crops.

For the largest yield of merchantable grain grown by irrigation to be weighed in the head at maturity, and when thoroughly dry, cost of production considered, from two acres of either Kafir corn or milo maize (whichever the contestant prefers): First prize \$300, second prize \$200, and for the ten next best results \$50 each, a total of twelve prizes in all, amounting to \$1,000.

Competition in this class is open to everybody. Women or girls are not required to do any manual labor in cultivating the crop, but are expected to supervise and manage it only.

At maturity, and when thoroughly dry, the crop must be headed, leaving shanks not more than three inches long and all of the grain must be actually weighed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. No estimate of the yield will be accepted. This rule will be strictly adhered to in every case.

A complete record by hours of the labor necessary to make this crop must be kept and reported on blanks to be furnished for that purpose.

General Governing Conditions.

The general conditions which will govern the contestants and the judges in awarding the prizes at the end of the year are as follows:

No application to enter the contest will be received after April 1, 1913.

Each contestant must so describe the location of his land that an inspector may easily find it, and he is requested to notify his county newspaper of the fact that he has entered the contest and will endeavor to win a prize.

Every contestant must agree not to appeal from the decision of the committee on awards, but to accept its judgement in every case as final.

Contestants may enter in any one or all of the classes for which they are qualified, and they may make as many entries in each class as they choose; for instance, a boy who is cultivating five acres in corn may make five separate entries in class B; he may also enter one or more acres cultivated in cotton in class C, if he desires, and if he chooses he can also enter class A, class D and class E. No one over 21 years of age, however, may enter class B or class C.

Contestants are not required to do all the work themselves necessary to produce their crops, but they must have control and exercise personal supervision over them. This rule permits both

Only a Few Days More

and the annual sale will be over. You cannot afford to allow this unusual opportunity to pass without providing your family with supplies for months ahead.

Big Stock Ladies, Mens and Childrens Shoes at Wonderful Reductions

- Men's gunmetal, tan and patent Shoes, button and lace, \$3.50 values **\$1.48**
- Men's, Boys' and Children's Sweaters, worth up to \$2.00, only **48c**
- William Simpson's very best Calico, short lengths, only **3½c**
- Ladies Sweater Coats, worth up to \$3.50, only **\$1.75**
- Ladies' Coats, only a few left. Two special \$20.00 coats cut to **\$10.00**
- A few Children's Coats, ranging from \$3.50 to \$10, cut to almost half price.
- Infants Coats from 1 to 6 years old, \$1.00 values, only **48c**
- Boys' and Misses' Union Suits, regular 35c values, only **19c**
- Boys' and Misses' Bleached Union Suits, 65c values, only **29c**
- Men's Heavy Fleeced Shirts, 50c values, only **29c**
- \$5.00 John B. Stetson only **\$3.48** — \$6.50 John B. Stetson Big 4 only **\$3.95**

Blankets going at big reductions.

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We have established a mail order department and will be glad to send anything in our Dry Goods line by prepaid Parcels Post and we assure you that you will be pleased with the selections and the promptness of filling your orders. Don't wait, but give us a trial order by Parcels Post.

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Two cars John Deere Implements to arrive soon.
Another Car of those up-to-date Buggies in transit.
Just received another car of the Famous Moline Wagons.

Groceries

Just in—A car Belle of Wichita Flour, every sack guaranteed. A car pure Ribbon cane Syrup. Quality guaranteed.
Try some of our Chase & Sanborn Coffee and Teas.
Kindly give us a trial order for groceries.

The John E. Morrison Co.

Low Price

GRAHAM, TEXAS

High Quality

Prizes Offered to Texas Farmers

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women and girls to enter the contest without having to do manual labor.

The crops in each class must be grown on a single plot or body of land of the required acreage, on the same farm, under the same management and without irrigation, except in class E.

The land upon which the prize crops are grown must be measured in such a way as to be reasonably correct and the measurement as well as the acreage yield by actual weight in each class must in all cases be proven by the affidavits of the contestant and two disinterested witnesses upon blanks to be furnished for that purpose.

Full and accurate crop reports on blanks to be furnished for that purpose must be sent to the Texas Industrial Congress at Dallas by each contestant on the first of each month, beginning March 1, and up to and including Oct. 1. Failure to make reports for two months in succession will be considered as notice that the contestant has withdrawn from the contest. Final reports of the yield of the prize crop or crops and the cost of production based on the actual number of hours of labor required must be made on or before Nov. 15, 1913.

Boys and girls who enter class B, the Texas Corn Club, or class C, the Texas Cotton Club, do not have to be members of a local, county or any other corn or cotton club, but if they are members of such clubs the same acre of corn or cotton entered in the local, county or other contest may be entered in the Texas Corn or Cotton Club.

The cost of production of the prize crop is as important as the yield and will be considered in determining the successful contestants. The rent of the land, the cost of breaking the ground and preparing the seed bed, the cost of the seed, the cost of planting, the cost of manure or com-

mercial fertilizers, if any are used; the cost of cultivation, the cost of gathering and weighing the crop and every other item of expense incurred in producing it must be reported. A careful record by hours must be kept of the amount of labor of each man and body and of each horse or mule required to make the crop. On or before Nov. 15, 1913, each contestant shall prepare a statement on blanks to be furnished for that purpose showing how his crop has been cultivated and giving, in detail the various items of expense as above stated.

The labor of each man or boy must be calculated at 10c per hour, the labor of each horse or mule used at 5c per hour, each two-horse load of stable manure must be calculated at \$2 per load, commercial fertilizers must be reported at actual cost. The ground rent in every case, whether the contestant owns his land or not, must be estimated at 85c per acre. The expense record must be kept in detail by each contestant.

Success is Predicted.

The success which attended the work of the Texas Industrial Congress last year has practically assured a far more profitable campaign for 1913. Last year approximately 4,000 contestants in every part of the State were entered in the various events, and the results obtained compelled Nation-wide recognition. Farmers generally have taken a keen interest in the work, and everywhere an increased sentiment in favor of intensive cultivation has been observed.

In addition to the promotion of scientific cultivation of the crops included in the prize-offer specifications, the congress is carrying on an active campaign for better methods of farming in all departments. "At least twice a month," says the announcement for 1913, "the congress will mail to every contestant a special bulletin containing suggestions on the best methods of land preparations, cultivation, seed selection, the use of fertilizers, etc. These lessons in scientific cultural methods are prepared for the congress

by an expert and are furnished free of charge. They will constitute a valuable feature of the work for 1913."

All who intend to enter the contest are urged to send in their applications direct to the congress at Dallas, at once, and not wait until later, as by delaying, through some mishap or error, they may fail to have their names enrolled. Positively no application will be received after April 1, 1913.

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The News from our County Correspondents

Connor Creek.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Ida Watson.

Some of our folks went to the Chapel Monday night to take a part in organizing a literary society.

Miss Birdie Smith has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Chandler, the past week.

Edgar Choate made a flying trip to Ft. Worth recently. His little girl who has infantile paralysis is improving some.

Mr. Wright purchased hogs from Mr. Fay last week. Mr. Wright is still very feeble.

Mrs. Shahan's father, Mr. Norris, has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Ratchiff visited Mrs. Shahan last week.

Mr. Fay's folks have moved back to their old place. Guess they feel like they have got home again.

We have another new mail carrier on our line. Seems like we change drivers pretty often.

Misses Dora and May Smith visited their sister last week.

Kirby Chandler and Will Campbell have been building a tank for Mrs. Cochran.

J. M. Scroggins of Mineral Wells has been visiting his brother George.

John Mauldin and Kirby Chandler attended a Woodman burial at Bryson Sunday.

Mr. Shahan is hauling lumber to build a new house. Ruel Young will build it.

Oak Gohston and W. M. Atwood went to Graham Saturday.

Fred Fay gathered his last cotton last week. We don't think there is any more cotton to pick on Connor now.

Clint Cody has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. T. E. Smith, the past week.

John Shahan and Jim Chandler gave the wolves another chase last week, but they can't catch.

THE GOPHER.

Flat Rock.

How are you all? The kid has had a cold but is some better at this writing.

There is still some sickness in our community but we had a good crowd at Sunday school and Bro. Bowman preached a fine sermon.

Mrs. Ahord visited her daughter, Mrs. Maye Martin last week.

Miss Deilah Robbins spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Taylor.

Some of the boys went to the box supper at Center Ridge last Saturday night.

Miss Lona Corley spent Thursday night and Friday with her sister, Mrs. Lillie Alford.

Mrs. Annie Robbins received a message last week that her father was very low.

Miss Jessie Alford visited her sister Mrs. Maye Martin the latter part of last week and attended the box supper at Center Ridge Saturday night.

Miss Bettie Robbins was shopping in Graham last Saturday.

We were very glad indeed to read another letter from Buster. Wonder if Jane and the little Busters have returned home yet?

A small crowd met and organized a literary society last Friday night. Gene Martin was elected president; Lud Martin, vice-president; Miss Bettie Robbins, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford, editor and assistant. We will meet Friday night, Feb. 7. Everybody invited to come.

Mr. Jesse Martin and Miss Jessie Alford attended the party at Mr. Chestnut's last Friday night and report a nice time.

Brit Alford is ahead of most of the farmers as he has commenced picking cotton already, and we think he will be through before anyone else plants their cotton.

CANDY KID.

Gooseneck.

Sunday was a day that was enjoyed by all. The Sunday school and preaching was O. K. and well attended.

R. M. Williams and wife of Ming Bend attended church Sunday.

The singing at Andrew Smith's was fine and the youngsters report a jolly good time.

Bob McLaren and wife are visiting in Ming Bend.

Hub Berry of Hood county is visiting homefolks.

Herman Johnson visited the Parson boys Saturday night.

Rob McLaren of Memphis, Texas, visited R. L. McLaren Saturday.

Mr. Clark and family of Tonk Valley visited John Clark Sunday.

The blue horse man was too late Sunday.

Herman Johnson and Miss Lono McLaren attended church at Mountain Home Sunday night.

John Clark is on the sick list, also Roy Parsons.

Miss Stella looked lonely Sunday.

Bob McLaren says he is ready to butcher the rabbits—he has a new knife.

Miss Nora McLaren visited Miss Cora Rose Sunday.

We understand that Deacon Brown and Bro. Molenox will soon establish a dry goods and shoe store near Bunger.

Mr. Conder and family are living on one of Mrs. Taylor's farms.

The little girl of Will Gibbs was buried last Thursday.

G. W. Wiley attended the union meeting at Ming Bend Saturday.

The school is getting along nicely with Miss Helen Davis as teacher. She seems to have the pupils under good control and has gained the love of all pupils.

Alfred Parsons talks of going to Olney. Ha, ha!

G. F. Parsons of Megargel visited relatives here Monday.

R. A. Parsons, Misses Stella Smith and Minnie Willard attended church at Mountain Home Sunday night.

GANDER.

Loving.

Farming for another crop has commenced in earnest now and some few are planting oats.

Quite a lot of land has been turned and several acres of new land are being taken in which will add to the large acreage of cotton and feed stuff this year.

Mr. Mask from Oakdale, Jack Co., has put in a good stock of groceries in the Marshall store in Loving and is doing a good business.

G. B. Underwood and wife and Gus Hickerson and wife took dinner with A. J. Wheat and family Sunday.

The young folks were given a social at G. M. McCluer's Saturday night. All report a good time.

Mr. Thomson, the Loving blacksmith has put in a trip-hammer and is well fixed now to do all the work in that line in the Loving country.

Rev. J. L. Roach will fill his appointment at the Baptist church next Sunday.

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. Drum last Saturday evening. They will meet with Mrs. D. F. Ford at their next meeting, one month from now.

Mrs. Jane Kelley, daughter of Grandma Humphries has been very low with pneumonia but is improving a little.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at Eld Holland's Sunday night.

G. B. Underwood turned his house "right about and faced the South and otherwise" which improved it.

A Literary Society has been organized at the Loving school and they had their first meeting with a crowded house last Friday night.

CORRESPONDENT.

Tonk Valley.

John Knight and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Gatland in Graham.

Mr. Coffman and family of Knox county spent last week visiting Jesse Rogers' family.

This community was made sad Thursday by the death of Mrs. Adeline Davis. She has gone to that bright and peaceful shore where she will rest among the angels forevermore.

Willie Gossett returned Sunday night from a visit to his sisters in Tarrant and Ellis counties.

Willie Wadley and wife were made happy by the arrival of a boy at their home.

Mrs. Lillie Knight and little daughter Belle took dinner with Mrs. Ida Cherryholmes Saturday.

Jake Jordan and Miss Baugh attended church Sunday.

Tom Cherryholmes visited W. D. Gossett Sunday night.

Virgil Gatland spent Saturday night with his cousin, Bruce Knight.

Mrs. Miller went to Knox county Saturday.

Mr. Hargraves and daughter attended church Sunday in the Valley.

David Hand went to Graham Monday.

W. D. Gossett and wife went to town Saturday.

Turner Higdon looked lonesome Sunday. Wonder why?

Misses Rudell Seddon and Lola Lowery looked as sweet as ever Sunday.

Bill Hudson was trading in Graham Saturday.

Red Top.

Bro. Noble filled his appointment Sunday morning.

Singing at Uncle Doc Slater's Sunday evening was well attended and a jolly good time reported.

Misses Ada Workman, Dora McBee and Mabel Graves visited Miss Eureka Slater Sunday.

Miss Johnnie Graves is visiting her mother.

Misses Alvie Reid and Irene Rutherford, Claude Rutherford and Charlie Osborne visited Miss Isla Rutherford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Sunday.

Bruce Burton visited the school Wednesday morning, also Misses Bessie and Rose Petty were visitors Friday evening.

Mrs. Fannie Rutherford and family visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Teague Littlejohn visited Mr. and Mrs. Petty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Lone Oak were visiting in this community Sunday.

Wilbert McBee Jr. was in our midst Sunday.

Claude Burgess took dinner with Ed Jordan Sunday.

Miss Mabel Graves was very lucky Sunday afternoon by getting to ride in a crippled-wheel buggy.

Rocky Mound.

As this is the close of another beautiful day I will try and report what I know.

Misses Alice Goldston and Adie Mowery spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Jewel Goldston at Oakland.

Several of the young people attended the box supper at Center Ridge, and some went to Briar Branch. All report a good time.

Elbert Mowery and Dean Phillips called at H. Hunter's Sunday evening.

Elbert Mowery and Miss Maud Hunter spent a few hours at Mr. Walker's Saturday night.

Guy Nored, Hughie Smith and Tate Phillips visited the oil well east of Graham Sunday.

Look out, girls, Guy has got him a horse. That means something.

Mrs. O. F. Miller and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Mowery.

O. F. Miller made a flying trip to Graham Sunday.

Red Wing would surely be pleased to meet that Beautiful Doll of Briar Branch.

REDWING.

Salem.

Health is good in this community; better than usual for the time of year.

The big cotton crop of 1912 is about all picked. The cotton picker has folded his ten-ounce ducking and silently stole away, with the promise to return next fall and help us gather the big crop we are going to make in the year with the unlucky number.

As it was too dry to sow fall grain more cotton will be planted than in the year just passed and much better seed will be used. There is a big demand for good seed. The mebane variety, owing to its large yield of lint, appears to be a favorite.

In the annual moving here only a few changes was made this year. Haywood Gordon has moved to J. A. McLaren's farm, vacated by J. J. McJilton.

L. H. Hatfield, after an absence of two years, is in our midst again; he bought a farm in Anadarko Bend and is going to plant fifteen acres in Spanish peanuts. He, like most all others, couldn't afford to stay away from here over two years. Right here, Mr. Editor, I will make a prophecy to the effect that in ten years' time the Spanish peanut will be one among the main crops grown in this county and that a very large percentage of the farms here will be put under hog proof fence in that time.

Mr. Gordon sold his farm to Mr. F. Burch and is now living on the Jim Alford place, vacated by George Gilmore. George has moved to the L. P. Gibson place up near the Gooseneck bridge.

Dee Howery is now a citizen of this community; he is living on Joe Kisinger's place.

Ell Gilmore has moved back from Henry Chapel to Salem community.

Marion Henderson finished picking cotton last Friday and not a tear was shed as the last sack of cotton was emptied.

Salem school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Lillian Hall, and a little later on a move will be made to continue the school until the first or the middle of July.

Mr. S. W. Ratchiff and family were visitors at the home of their son-in-law, Mr. Millard Hinson last Sunday.

Mr. Clay Anderson and family were visitors in this community last Sunday.

The early bird is sowing his oats now, but the main part of the oat crop will be sown in February.

I will ring off with a word as to who discovered America. During the winter of 1883 and 4 a debating society was organized in Gooseneck community, with the object in view of making plain any and all disputed or unsettled questions that came before it. The sages of Gooseneck were gathered there and among them was one Hiram Harmon, a man of deep research and of no mean ability as an orator. When the question in dispute came up for he proved beyond all cavil or doubt that Joshua discovered America and that Napoleon Bonaparte commanded the sun to stand still.

Now we had thought all along that this settled the question, however it may be that some enterprising citizen of the Clear Fork country did discover America. But down here on the main Brazos we still cling to Harmon's version of the affairs.

SALEMITE.

[Right glad are we to have "Salemite" give us the news from Salem and our readers will appreciate your efforts to keep them in touch with the doings of your community.—EDITOR.]

One Dollar Sale.

The greatest bargains you ever saw for a dollar will be offered during this sale. S. B. Street & Co.

Dakin.

W. H. Findley, who has been visiting his parents for some time has returned to Ft. Worth where he will take his same place at the Texas Brewing Co. Mr. Findley says he had a fine time while at home.

Henry Reed and Miss Juanita Bryan attended church at Oakland Sunday afternoon.

Robert Garrett and Leland J. Bryan attended church at Oakland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reed called on Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bryan last Sunday.

Willie Keplinger and Jim Miller were out horse-back riding Sunday and Willie had a terrible time keeping his hat on his head.

Most all of the young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Blount's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock of South Bend have moved into our community. We are glad to have them with us.

BLONDIE.

Jean.

As I promised in last week's letter to write regular until the "cat came back" will try to give a few news items from this part of this part of the vineyard.

We are sorry to report the death of C. Isabell who died here the 16th. Mr. Isabell had lately come from Jacksboro and opened up a general store in our little town. He had not been with us very long but had made a number of good friends in the short time. They shipped the body to Jacksboro for burial. Quite a number of friends accompanied the remains to Jacksboro.

Rev. Roach of Olney filled his regular appointments Saturday and Sunday. There was a large crowd out at the Sunday service.

Chas. Markham of Megargel has rented J. R. Connally's barber shop and is prepared to scrape all the chins that come this way, and by-the-way, Chas. is a good barber, too.

There is quite a number of lagrippe cases in our community. Everybody and their dogs took in Big Monday at Graham and Bro. Buchanan lost his dog while there. "It is an ill wind that don't blow some one good." So here's hoping a few more of our good people will take their dogs again.

W. C. Lynch has accepted a position with the Young County Lumber Co. as manager of their yard here. We are glad to have Mr. Lynch and family with us.

Jesse Webb and Gordon Elliott of Shinola were visitors at our singing Sunday evening. Come again, boys. Earl Haire was also down helping us out in singing. We are glad to have the boys all come out and be with us.

We hear that Bud Marsh has traded his farm here for land near Oakdale in Jack county. We are sorry for Bud as we thought he had served his full sentence out in Jack.

As the news is scarce and the hour is late, I make my bow and vacate.

BUSTER.

Lone Oak.

T. E. Carter has gone to Oklahoma for the benefit of his health. We hope he is much improved by this time.

Our school is getting along nicely. There are about thirty-five pupils since the new ones began coming in.

The school has organized a literary society. The meetings will be held every other Friday afternoon. The patrons are urged to visit the school and anyone else who desires to attend the literary will be gladly welcomed.

D. B. Wood spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks in Graham.

Ruby Boyle has been suffering with tonsillitis the past week, but she is now improving.

Mrs. Fannie Rutherford and family of Graham were in our community Sunday. Claude and Irene made a flying trip to Loving while Mrs. Rutherford was

a pleasant caller at C. C. McBride's.

Several of the Lone Oak people attended church at Red Top Sunday.

Grandpa Shatto has been seriously ill for several days. We hope he will soon recover.

J. V. Hamm has erected a new barn on his place which adds much to its appearance.

Mesdames J. V. Hamm and Ethel Buchanan and Miss Maggie Ligon were pleasant visitors at school Friday afternoon.

Miss Jennie Johnson attended church at Jean Sunday.

Messrs. Dossett, Watson and McBride visited Mr. Johnson Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Hawkins who was bitten by a spider several weeks ago, is reported in a serious condition.

Mrs. Lizzie Wall and sister, Miss Laura, were visiting in this community Saturday.

D. B. Wood had the misfortune to lose his overcoat on his way from Graham Sunday. We hope he will find it before another norther blows up.

We regret to report that the Sunday school has been discontinued on account of so little interest being taken. It is hoped that in the near future more interest will be taken and school reorganized.

Wishing The Reporter and all of its readers much success for the year 1913, I'll skiddo for the present.

Briar Branch.

Hi, there, Mr. Reporter, and all ye correspondents. How-do-you-do this week? We have enjoyed some pretty weather for mid-winter.

The box supper was a grand success. There was a large attendance and many nice boxes. Mr. Chambers proved himself to be a fine auctioneer for which we are very thankful. Miss Nona Cornelius in a contest with Miss Lillian Hall won the cake as being the prettiest girl. The total amount taken in was \$45.15 which will be used to furnish the school house some needful articles.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Crawford has been on the sick list also Mrs. Mays is quite sick, but both are improving.

Miss India Newman has been visiting her sister Mrs. H. H. Stevens the past week.

The young folks enjoyed a party at R. W. Gatewood's Tuesday night.

Uncle Jim Lakey has returned home from a month's visit in Oklahoma.

Miss Corrine Stevens visited Miss Pearl Gallaher Sunday.

Willie Crawford was a caller at the hill-side cottage Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rowe visited John Wadley's family Sunday evening.

Shortie and Bob seem to have it in for Green Brier. I am afraid he will get his think box cracked yet; better not be so green this cold weather, Mr. Brier.

Frank Oneil was visiting among the Briers Sunday.

George Slater called on Robt. Crawford Sunday; we wonder why George has taken such a liking to Robert of late?

Frank G. said he was "all drunk and dressed up" at the box supper. Anyway he seemed to enjoy himself.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Cornelius visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayes Sunday evening.

We learn that Miss Josie Andrews has been quite sick but hope she will soon recover.

It is now late and will soon be early. If I don't crawl in it will be time to arise before I sleep enough for one eye. With best wishes to The Reporter, I am the

BEAUTIFUL DOLL.

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

Mount Pleasant.

Well, Mr. Editor, last week's Reporter was like the old man's almanac, "mighty good readin'" and sentiment in favor of The Reporter is still growing.

Now, just a word to The Reporter's staff of country correspondents, of which the writer is one. I am informed by our editor that The Reporter has twenty-four correspondents enrolled who are scattered throughout the county. Now, wouldn't it be real nice to see twenty-four nice letters all printed in The Reporter next week? It would be a true "forum" of the entire county. The editor is very liberal with us and we should show our appreciation by giving him the news. Come on, every one of you, next week and let's have a correspondent's "reunion." Are you coming? I feel sure you will.

A number of our young people went to the box supper at Briar Branch Saturday night and they report a nice time.

Mrs. J. A. Zimmerman and Miss Bessie Brooks were shopping in Graham Friday.

J. A. Brown and son Albert carried cotton to Newcastle Saturday.

Charley Kelley, B. A. McLain, Frank Hamilton and F. A. Burnett all carried cotton to Newcastle Friday.

Newcastle can gin our "bolly" cotton, but she can't buy it. We have to haul it back to Graham to sell it. Graham is paying something like a cent a pound more for it than Newcastle.

Newcastle is too small for our county seat yet. "Zactly so, Mr. Johnsing!"

Misses Mittis Brown and Bertie Wilson spent the day with Mrs. F. A. Burnett Monday.

The young people report a good singing at Hollis Moore's Sunday.

A party at Mrs. W. T. Kelly's one night last week.

Mrs. Burnett has been quite sick for several days.

Mr. Brisco, Fred Brooks, William Brown and Roy Mote are grubbing and digging postholes on the right of way of our new section of road.

A number of our farmers are breaking and preparing land to sow oats. Among them are J. O. Wilson, J. E. Martin and Sam Fitzgerald.

B. A. McLain and family spent the day at F. A. Burnett's last Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and Mrs. J. E. Martin visited Mrs. Burnett Saturday, and very likely others have been to see her since she has been sick, because no better people ever lived than the Mount Pleasant people to look after the sick.

Miss Effie Fitzgerald returned from Seymour last Saturday.

JEWEL.

Indian Mound.

S. F. Bird of Ingleside visited his father D. Bird Wednesday and Thursday.

Belvin Dollins was visiting in the White Rose community Thursday and Friday.

W. R. Dollins was in Graham Saturday on business.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher spent Saturday afternoon with her daughter Mrs. Austin Bird.

Rev. Wilson filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday. He preached some interesting sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckaby of White Rose attended church here Sunday morning.

Carr Rutherford came over from the county road camp and visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Luc and Grace and Charley James were visitors at Mr. Taylor's Sunday afternoon.

Hillard Easterling ate Sunday dinner with his Uncle Reece Easterling.

Lloyd Hightower of White Rose attended preaching here Sunday morning.

Miss Jimmie Bird visited Miss-

es Ivy and Jean Bryan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Earnest Price and wife of Graham spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beard.

Will Haggard has been spending a few days visiting at G. M. James'.

J. S. Fisher, N. B. Nolan and the Messrs. Taylor were visitors at D. Bird's Sunday afternoon.

Riley Dollins came from the county road camp Saturday to visit his mother for a few days.

By the way, I'm wondering like Rose Bud, "boys, where did you get your money?" I have seen quite a lot of new jewelry among the girls since Christmas.

Miss Minnie Fisher was a caller at Mrs. Lizzie Bryan's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Carmack spent from Friday till Sunday with her mother at Graham.

Hurrah for Buster! He doesn't come regular but when he does come he makes it count, doesn't he? WESTERN GIRL.

Henry Chapel.

Quite a number of the neighbors have begun preparing the ground for another crop.

A. Bowers has been quite sick the past week but is up again.

L. P. Moren has moved to the place recently purchased from Mr. Shahan.

Several of our people met at the school house last Monday night and organized a literary society. A spelling match was held at the school house Saturday night.

J. L. McLaren has a new piano in his home. The musical entertainment given by them last Tuesday night was greatly enjoyed by all present. Robt. McLaren with the violin, Dee Harkney with the guitar and Miss Nellie Jarnagin at the piano certainly gave us music out of the ordinary. Let us have more music in our homes, it is good for the blues.

W. B. Hinson and family have all been down the past week with fever and influenza but are much improved now.

Archie Ratcliffe is still confined to his bed with fever.

Posey Bowers and wife returned from California Monday. Be it resolved, therefore, though he is ever so humble, there's no place like a home in Young Co.

With best wishes for The Reporter and its readers, I am the

DAGO.

Course in Practical Farming.

M. J. Freeman of Dallas, who is engaged in stock farming nine miles north of the city, has returned from College Station, where he took the farmers' short course at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Freeman was enthusiastic about the course. "The course in practical farming, as outlined for men actually engaged in farming, crowds a comprehensive agricultural course within the space of two weeks of rather strenuous class work," he said. "The students came from all parts of Texas and attended lectures from 8 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock, and from 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

"Besides being one of the finest courses I have ever seen for practical farmers, it would be of inestimable benefit to Texas business men and men who are not engaged in farming. Many men who are not farmers are more or less directly interested in the successful methods of farming. This course gave us the benefit of the well-versed faculty of A. & M. College on modern methods of farming. Such men as Dr. Francis, Dr. Marsteller, Prof. C. M. Evans, Prof. Ridgeway, Prof. Burns and others gave us their best thought.

"I consider this course one of the most beneficial services a State institution has recently conferred upon a class of its citizens. The only cost to us was a \$5 laboratory fee and the price of our meals, rooms being furnished to us."—Dallas News.

ONE DOLLAR SALE

For One Week Only

On Friday morning January 24th we will put on sale a lot of goods worth from \$1.50 to \$10.00 for only One Dollar.

This will be something new and the bargains offered will be the greatest you ever saw. Be sure to come to this Dollar Sale on the first day, if possible, because such unusual bargains offered will be sold quickly.

Two \$10.00 Men's Suits, each \$1.00. 10 Boys' Suits, worth \$2.50 to \$4 at \$1.00
 Special lot of Boys' Pants, sizes sufficient to insure a fit, your choice for only \$1.00
 Twenty pairs Men's Shoes, worth up to \$3.50 a pair, take away any pair for \$1.00
 Fifty pairs Women's Shoes, sizes 2 1-2 to 4 1-2, values \$1.75 to \$3.50, choice \$1.00
 One hundred pairs Shoes for Boys and Girls, regular prices as high as \$3.00 at \$1.00

Dress Goods

Woolen Dress Goods, worth up to 85c per yard at 21-2 yds for **\$1.00**
 Silks, special, two, two and a half and three yards for **\$1.00**
 Cotton Suitings worth up to 35c a yard, 5 yards for **\$1.00**
 Cotton Suitings, 12 1-2 and 15c values at 12 yards for **\$1.00**
 Ten pieces Dress Flannelette at 16 yards for **\$1.00**
 Kimona fleeced goods, 15c and 16 2-3c quality, 9 yards **\$1.00**
 Good Dress Gingham, our 10c and 12 1-2c sellers, 12 yards **\$1.00**
 Solid Blue Gingham, seventeen yards for only **\$1.00**
 Dress Percal, good colors 10c and 12 1-2c quality, 12 yards **\$1.00**
 Dress Percal, special at sixteen yards for only **\$1.00**
 Calico, special "dollar sale" price of 25 yards for **\$1.00**

Bargains for Men

One lot \$1.50 and \$1.75 Cluett Shirts, choice for only **\$1.00**
 Best \$1.25 Shirt and 15c Collar, both for **\$1.00**
 Men's Hats, former prices \$1.50 to \$3.00, choice for only **\$1.00**
 Five pairs of Socks, regular 25c values, for just **\$1.00**
 \$1.25 and \$1.50 Wool Underwear, you get them for **\$1.00**
 50c Undershirt, 50c Drawers and 25c Socks, all for **\$1.00**
 Men's \$1.25 and \$1.50 Gloves, choice for **\$1.00**
 75c Tie, 50c Tie and 25c Garters, all for **\$1.00**
 13 pairs of good canvas gloves can be bought for **\$1.00**
 13 pairs of good heavy socks, at the low price of **\$1.00**
 12 pairs of good black and tan socks, in this sale for **\$1.00**

Extra Specials

Ladies Silk and Messaline Waists, values \$2.00 to \$6.00, choice for **\$1.00**
 Ladies Dresses and Kimonas, worth up to \$3.50, choice while they last **\$1.00**
 Ladies Trimmed Hats and Untrimmed Shapes, \$2.00 to \$6.00, at only **\$1.00**
 One lot Children's Coats and Dresses, extra good bargains at **\$1.00**
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Cotton Goods

Domets and Outing Flannel, special at 12 yards for **\$1.00**
 Canton Flannel, special bargain price of 14 yards for **\$1.00**
 Extra heavy Canton Flannel, you may have 11 yards for **\$1.00**

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"Dollar Sale"

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West Texas Reporter

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Special attention is called to the Farmers Industrial Congress list of prizes published in this issue. Since the organization of the Boys' Corn Club and Farmers Institute in this county we are sure some of the members will get in line for some of the prizes offered by this Congress.

The Archer Dispatch has started 1913 in a manner supposed to give sufficient time for poor people to meet their monthly accounts, as the last issue of that paper was dated Jan. "71." No doubt the good people of Archer City will appreciate the addition of forty days to the month as it will make house rent come cheaper, and they will have fewer water bills to pay.

The Free Press is no prophet, nor are its editors sons of prophets, but we will risk the criticism of those whose delight it is to criticize, in saying that Haskell county will be blessed with another good crop this year. Fact is, it is our opinion that West Texas is on the eve of another wave of prosperity, and that those who have stayed with the country under the trying conditions that have been our lot the past several years will reap their reward, and many of those whose faith was not as large as a grain of mustard may be seen wending their way back to the land of peace and plenty and a citizenship that can not be surpassed. Haskell Free Press.

No, don't pose as a prophet, for someone might ask you how long you have lived in West Texas. But you have the true optimist's spirit. Look for the best and if old West Texas does her best this year there won't be enough land to go 'round for the newcomers.

We don't agree altogether with "A Farmer" who writes in this issue concerning corn clubs and institutes. Most newspapers and magazines that publish articles in regard to farming have either selected such articles whose theories have been proven by actual test or whose editors have had more or less experience in farming and are endeavoring to give their farmer friends the benefit of the knowledge thus acquired. Don't be too hard on the "paper" farmer, for without him modern machinery and equipment for farms would still be one of the things desired instead of being obtainable as at present, and most every paper we know of is constantly endeavoring to get higher prices for the farmers' products. Texas' newspapers put the bucket shops out of commission and are trying now to have all forms of cotton gambling stopped so that farmers may get the full price from spinners.

Buy Mazda Lamps.

Buy the best lamp made, the wire drawn Mazda, 1/4 watt per candle power hour. We are making them at the following prices: 25 watt 50c; 40 watt 60c; 60 watt 75c; 100 watt \$1.00. If light is what you want see us. All night service.
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Alfalfa, Baled Oats and Johnson Grass Hay at Graves & Ward.

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One horse, buggy and harness. Address Box 201, Graham, Tex.

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Special Prices on Canned Goods. Graves & Ward.

Can You Name Graham's Next Postmaster?

If You Do, You Will Be Given a Three Days' Free Trip to the Fat Stock Show at Ft. Worth or to the Dallas Fair.

Question: Who should be the postmaster at Graham, Texas?

Answer: Someone who has all the qualifications necessary to make an acceptable postmaster to all the patrons of the office.

Question: What are a few of the prime requisites necessary to make a desirable postmaster?

Answer: 1st. An education sufficient to render one intellectually able to personally keep the accounts and records of the office and to supervise the work of any and all helpers and assistants.

2nd. A manner that is naturally gracious, kind and accommodating, with sufficient force of character to compel the confidence and respect of all.

3rd. A personality that is mentally, morally, intellectually and physically able to direct the affairs of the office to the entire satisfaction of the postoffice department, and to the comfort and convenience of the patrons of the Graham postoffice.

Question: Who can legitimately aspire to secure the appointment?

Answer: Anyone who possesses the qualifications enumerated above.

Question: Who should have preference when the appointment is made?

Answer: Without fear of contradiction, it is safe to say that the majority of the patrons of the Graham postoffice will agree that the one who should have preference, the proper one for the place, would be the one who has shown by daily contact with the public that all of the above enumerated qualifications are abundantly possessed by the aspirant.

Question: Who should have some voice in helping select the one who shall be appointed postmaster at Graham?

Answer: Anyone, man, woman, boy or girl who receives mail at the Graham postoffice in their own name.

The following are the names of those whom the writer has heard mentioned as candidates for the office of postmaster. Should there be any aspirants for the place whose names are not included in the list, the omission of such a name or names is due entirely to the writer's failure to know of such, and if any appear who are not aspirants it is because the writer was misinformed.

- Mrs. M. L. Manning.
- Mrs. Jonas Ely.
- F. M. Burkett.
- B. B. Garrett.
- Frank Herron.
- Prof. W. T. McPerrin.
- E. E. Hall.
- Jim Vaughan.
- L. P. Brooks.
- Blakey Gallaher.
- Henry G. Arnold.
- N. S. Farmer.
- R. Lindsey.

Everybody knows that there are a few POLITICAL WIRE PULLERS

in every community who put on a very wise look and try to carry the idea that they are in very close touch with the leading men of the party, and that they should, and can, and will name the proper one to be made postmaster when the time arrives. The majority of the American people resent such an assumption.

In order to get an expression from all the patrons of the Graham postoffice, men, women, boys and girls, whether in town, in the country or on the rural routes, the following proposition is made:

Each and every person who receives mail at or through the Graham postoffice is solicited to express their choice for postmaster, either from the above list or the name of any other person who may be an aspirant.

As an inducement for all the patrons of the Graham postoffice to voice their sentiments, the following offer is made:

A free trip of three days to the Fat Stock Show at Ft. Worth or to the Dallas Fair will be given to the person who writes the best letter, setting forth why his or her choice for postmaster is superior to all other aspirants. Regardless of who may receive the appointment as postmaster, the person who casts a vote for some candidate, and who writes a letter setting forth the greatest number of good reasons why his or her candidate should receive the appointment, will, in the event their choice of candidates is appointed, be given the free trip. The expense account of said trip to include railway transportation and three days' hotel bill, either at the Westbrook Hotel in Ft. Worth or the Southland in Dallas, according to which trip is made.

The winner in this contest is to decide which trip will be made, provided the postmaster at Graham shall have been appointed before the date of the Fat Stock Show. Should such an appointment not be made in time for the Fat Stock Show, then the trip to the Dallas Fair will be awarded.

Your votes may be deposited in a ballot box at either the office of the West Texas Reporter or The Graham Leader. The results shall be printed in both the above papers. A committee of three will count the votes and decide who shall get the free trip. The committee will be selected by the editors of the Graham papers.

Should you not have a copy of The West Texas Reporter or The Graham Leader from which to cut a blank ballot, you may secure same at the office of either paper.

Remember, anyone who receives mail in their own name at or through the Graham postoffice is entitled to a vote in this contest.

VOTING BLANK

My Choice for Postmaster is.....
My Name is.....
My Address is.....
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- 9 12 and 14 in. Rock Island Sulkys . \$29.50
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These goods are all new and our regular stock. We bought too heavy and offer these prices to get the cash out of these implements.

D. G. Vick

Bids for School Funds Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that on the first day of the regular term of the Commissioners' Court of Young County, Texas, to-wit: on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1913, bids will be received from any banking corporation, association, individual banker or any individual in this county to act as county depository of school funds of said county of Young. Said bids will be sealed, and shall state the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association, individual banker, or individual offers to pay on the school funds of the county of Young from the date of said bid until the time required by law to again select a county depository of school funds. Said bids shall be accompanied with a certified check for not less than the sum of \$150.00.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court, at Graham, Young County, Texas, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1913.

E. W. Fry,
Co. Judge, Young Co., Texas.

Dollar Sale.

160-acre claim, 16-room hotel in New Mexico, 20 miles west of Tucumcari. Write or apply to Oscar Clem, Graham, Texas, in care of Union Wagon Yard.

Dollar Sale Starts Friday.

Read ad in this paper quoting bargains you can buy for \$1.00, S. B. Street & Co.

Cotton Seed Notice.

Parties having Cotton Seed to sell will please bring them in before February 5th.

We expect to finish our crush about that time and after this date they will be of lower value and we will have to keep them until next season.

Graham Cotton Oil Co.

A Dollar will buy lots of goods at Street's Dollar Sale.

Notice!

January 31st is the last day for paying city taxes, without a penalty of ten per cent being added to amount due. Please pay yours now and avoid this penalty.

Respectfully,
T. E. WALLACE, City Sec'y.

Attend that Dollar Sale.

We want chickens, butter and eggs and will pay you the highest market price—Cash or trade—for them.
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Old Soldiers Entertained.

On last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the U. B. C. tendered a reception to the Confederate soldiers, their wives and widows, this day being the anniversary of Robt. E. Lee.

The program previously prepared was well rendered, the first number being Doxology and invocation by Rev. Hall.

The second number was a well prepared program by Rev. J. H. Bowman in a most pleasing eulogy of Robt. E. Lee.

Prof. and Mrs. Crabb rendered a beautiful piano and violin solo as only these talented musicians are capable.

Miss Miller delighted the audience in giving "All quiet along the Potomac tonight," and little Miss Juanita Adair's rendition of "Those who wore the gray" brought tears to the soldiers' eyes and was greeted with much applause. After this the U. D. C. sang "The Veteran's Cross of Honor" and the benediction was then pronounced by Rev. B. F. Stallings.

After the program the soldiers and their wives were taken to the home of Mr. T. J. Price where a delightful reception was given them.

The home was beautifully decorated in the Chapter colors and Mr. and Mrs. Price proved themselves most charming host and hostess. While some were talking over war times others were being served in the dining room to a delicious menu consisting of various kinds of salads, chicken and dressing, pickles, cake and coffee.

During the afternoon Mrs. Jim Matthews conducted a cake cutting in which all the soldiers took part in cutting for the dime. The cake was beautifully decorated in the Chapter colors with the date of Robt. E. Lee's birth in the center. In this Mr. A. O. Norris was the fortunate contestant.

At a late hour we bade them good bye, hoping that on this next anniversary we would all meet again without one having answered the "last roll call."

The following is a list of soldiers who attended and their ages:

- T. W. Woodward, 66.
- W. M. Johnson, 70.
- O. E. Allen, 72.
- J. A. Allen, 67.
- J. M. Harris, 64.
- W. M. Matthews, 67.
- Henry Campbell, 72.
- R. E. Mabry, 68.
- R. W. Gatewood, 70.
- W. D. Yarborough, 78.
- D. McCullah, 73.
- W. J. Hughes, 71.
- Frank Herron, 64.
- J. W. Horner, 68.
- A. O. Norris, 66.
- W. A. Stewart, 79.
- W. M. Graves, 79.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between D. G. Vick, W. M. Matthews, J. M. Matthews, Doak Matthews, T. E. Matthews, J. E. Norris, Miss Pearl Matthews and Geo. F. Parsons under the firm name of D. G. Vick & Company has this day been dissolved, W. M. Matthews, J. M. Matthews, Doak Matthews, T. E. Matthews, J. E. Norris, Miss Pearl Matthews and Geo. F. Parsons retiring from said firm and D. G. Vick retaining all Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Furniture and fixtures belonging to said firm, excepting the Undertaking Goods and Fixtures thereto.

The said D. G. Vick assumes all legitimate indebtedness of the old firm and retains and collects all of said firm's outstanding notes, accounts and judgements.

This 18th day of January 1913.
D. G. Vick,
T. E. Matthews,
W. M. Matthews,
Doak Matthews,
J. M. Matthews,
J. E. Norris,
Miss Pearl Matthews,
Geo. F. Parsons.

A Death at Jean.

On last Thursday, Jan. 19, our Heavenly Father called from among us Mr. Claude Isbell. He moved here with his family from Jacksboro, was a merchant and had been here only a short time.

Mr. Isbell was a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church and his presence will be missed from among us.

There was a large crowd followed the remains to the depot to take the last look at the train that bore him to Jacksboro, where he was interred.

Mr. Isbell was also a member of the W. O. W. and I. O. O. F.

We regret very much to give him up, but everything is for the best. May not his quickened spirit yet hover around you to speak loving words of encouragement and whisper to stricken hearts the promise, "Peace, be still; for I am with thee always."

Dear friends, think not that the spirit world is distant. Our loved ones, though lost to mortal sight, may yet be with us in spiritual existence. Then let their loving presence be to us a perpetual inspiration calling us to a higher moral and spiritual life. May it be the means of drawing you closer to heaven, hopefully looking to a joyful reunion with him in that land where separations are known no more forever. M. G. W. N.

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