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Proceedings of Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday of last week and continued throughout the week. Quite a lot of business was attended to, the most important of which was the inspection and acceptance of the five new bridges recently built.

The bid of the Graham National Bank for County Depository was accepted.

The bid of F. M. Burkett for County Depository of School Funds was accepted.

The resignation of Hon. E. E. Hall as Justice of the Peace was accepted and Watt Mayes was appointed in his stead.

The janitor service for the court house was ordered discontinued.

W. W. Rhodes was appointed constable of the Olney precinct.

The contract heretofore existing between the Register Publishing Company and the county for stationery was declared void. This contract was made when Messrs. Hubbard & Warren were proprietors and was not made with the present owners.

A petition was presented to the Court by a number of Newcastle citizens for an election to determine whether or not the county seat should be moved to Newcastle or remain in Graham. The election was ordered to be held on Saturday, March 22, 1913. The following election judges were appointed for this election and to serve for the next two years:

Graham—F. M. Burkett, H. C. Fields, Chas. Long, Walter Burns.

Gooseneck—T. L. Lisle, R. B. Whittenberg.

South Bend—L. M. Pratt, Edd McCleskey.

Eliasville—W. P. Stinson, G. L. Donnell.

Fish Creek—C. E. Donnell, C. E. Grubbs.

Miller Bend—G. W. McCalaster, R. F. Arnold, Jr.

Newcastle—Charley Daniels, H. S. Thomas, C. M. Proffitt, P. J. Cochran.

Proffitt—G. R. Thomas, R. T. Wells.

Farmer—Chas. N. Keen, G. L. Joiner.

Indian Mound—W. W. Williamson, Harry Kindley.

Olney—W. H. Keen, W. F. Keathley, C. West, John Bloodworth.

Markley—W. W. Gregg, J. M. Wallace.

True—Lee Hardy, M. M. Burris.

Bitter Creek—J. J. Gray, H. Barry.

Rabbit Creek—C. M. Webb, A. M. Eddleman.

Loving—A. J. Wheat, G. McCluer, W. H. Simmons, Frank Beard.

Red Top—Will McGee, Geo. Slater.

Huffstuttle—W. W. Fauks, A. M. Jones.

Camp Creek—D. K. Lyons, Edgar Tandy.

Jean—J. L. Duncan, C. C. Carpenter.

Conner—J. A. Chandler, F. W. Fay.

Lone Oak—J. V. Hamm, J. G. Hawkins.

N. E. Cantwell of Farmer was a business visitor in Graham Monday. He paid the Reporter a pleasant call while here.

Mrs. A. M. Graham and H. B. Street and family left yesterday for Mineral Wells for an extended visit.

J. W. Davis, of Farmer was in the city Tuesday.

Commissioner Casey Hurt

Last Saturday, while the members of the Commissioners Court were out in automobiles on a tour of inspection of the new bridges built by the county, one of them backed off a high dump near Newcastle, on what is known as the Woolfolk hill, and Commissioner Allen Casey, who was in the front seat was thrown out against a fence post and sustained painful, though not serious injuries.

Besides Mr. Casey and the driver there were in the car Commissioners A. H. Jones and J. T. Hunt. These last named gentlemen were in the rear seat and were thrown out also but only received a severe shaking up.

The accident was caused by the motor going dead just as the car reached the top of the hill, and it seems that the brakes would not hold, allowing the car to back down the hill at a terrific speed, just before reaching the bottom it toppled over on one side, throwing all the occupants out.

Immediately following this car was Mr. Sebe Newton, County Judge E. W. Fry and the balance of the Court, in Mr. Newton's car. As soon as Mr. Newton discovered the car ahead of him was backing up he stopped his car, but rushed to the assistance of the overturned car as soon as it happened.

Judge Fry did not wait to stop, but jumped out when it was going almost 20 miles an hour and running to where the accident occurred, pulled Mr. Casey out from beneath the wreck. The car was pretty badly torn up, and only by the narrowest margin were the occupants saved.

Les Hibeaux.

Les Hibeaux Club enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. W. D. Norman Saturday afternoon. The reception rooms were attractively decorated with red and white carnations and ferns, while a profusion of red hearts, cupids and arrows amongst the decorations were suggestive of Valentine Day.

Musical numbers by Mrs. Will Loving and Mrs. Wadsworth preceded the regular bridge game in which four tables competed, the progressions being marked by a little cupid or heart on Valentine score cards. As Mesdames Parrish, Clark and Wadsworth each captured the same number of hearts, the cut resulted in the beautiful souvenir spoon going to Mrs. Clark. Mrs. R. G. Graham received the guests prize, while the consolation fell to Mrs. Fowler, and each guest received a souvenir valentine.

A dainty salad course was served with coffee, saratoga flakes and stuffed dates.

Members present: Mesdames Frank Parrish, Bruce Street, R. Fowler, John Gay, C. Hutchison, Luther Clark, Will Loving, Harry Wadsworth, M. K. Graham, Misses Vera Norman, Pauline McJimsey, Dot Graham, Allye Logan, with Mrs. R. G. Graham and Mrs. C. E. Stovall as guests.

Death of Mrs. C. C. Mayes

The entire citizenship of Graham mourns with Mr. C. C. Mayes and family on account of the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Cordia E. Mayes, whose demise occurred at an early hour last Friday morning, at her home near this city.

Mrs. Mayes was 42 years old at the time of her death. She leaves eight children, four boys and four girls, the youngest of

Nominations in Piano Contest

The following nominations in The Reporter Piano Contest have been received up to the present time. Look over the list and select the candidate you want to support and help her out. This piano is a valuable prize and one that will grace the home of any lady.

Mrs. H. W. McGowan, Graham	48,000
Miss Stella McBride, Lone Oak	27,000
Miss Bessie Hinson, Salem	22,000
Mrs. Ella Carter, Graham	17,500
Miss Ramelle Cooper, Graham	7,000
Miss Myrtle Sensibaugh, Spring Creek	7,000
Mrs. Brit Alford, Flat Rock	6,000
Mrs. Lillie May Gregg, Markley	5,000
Miss Clara Rowe, Briar Branch	4,000
Mrs. Rhema Campbell, Proffitt	4,000
Miss Lila Ritchey, Cedar Creek	3,000
Miss Stella Stephenson, Bryson	3,000

Nearly all the contestants have shown marked improvement since our last issue and those who have only secured a few subscriptions are likely held back by their school duties. To them we would advise using the telephone ask your friends to take The Reporter and they can pay you on Saturday or any other time.

It should be very easy to get subscribers now as everyone in the county is interested in the county seat proposition and they can be assured of keeping up with everything concerning it by reading The Reporter. The fight has just started and will get warmer each week until the close and there is not a man in the county who would not be willing to pay a dollar to keep up with what is going on.

All you have to do to get subscribers for The Reporter is to ask people to take it; very few will say no. And the presents we are going to give for this little work will more than repay you for the trouble. Work hard and see who will be ahead next week.

which is two years old, besides her husband to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Mayes has for a number of years been a member of the Presbyterian church and was one of that congregation's most cherished members.

The remains were interred in the Oak Grave cemetery Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Gaines B. Hall, pastor of the church of which she was a member.

The Reporter extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

At the Temple of Learning.

President Short issued a call for a meeting of the Junior class Tuesday morning. The class responded and the president presided over the meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer rendered his report which was also approved. The committee on motto made its report and "Adhuc facientes; adhuc sequentes" was adopted for the class motto. Purple and gold were selected for class colors.

The committee on class flower was not prepared to report, and were given till the next meeting to make their selection. The office of Administrator was then created and Henry Schlittler was elected to that position. There being no further business to come before the class, a motion for adjournment was made, seconded and carried.

Goodman Holbert did not attend school Thursday morning. Nell Graham missed a half-day Friday.

Osmer Kramer, Lee Carmack, Oscar Finley and Gus Spivey remained away from school Friday evening.

The seniors held their regular weekly meeting Wednesday afternoon with Osmer Kramer presiding. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and approved, the matter of committees was brought up; they were soon appointed and received the admonition "get busy" from the president. There are many arrangements to be made in or-

der to clearly show the high standing in all lines of this year's seniors when compared to past or future classes. All other minor business having been attended to the class adjourned until its next regular meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Darby of Midlothian, Texas are visiting in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Herron. Mr. Darby is a former business man of Midlothian and is looking around for a new home. We trust Mr. Herron will be able to convince them that Graham is the only stopping place.

Resolutions of Respect.

To the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of Young County Lodge No 485, A. F. & A. M.

We, your committee heretofore appointed for the purpose, do hereby fraternally submit the following resolutions of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, W. S. Timmons.

Whereas the Grand Master of the Universe, in his wisdom, has seen fit to call from Earthly labor to the Celestial Lodge above our brother, W. S. Timmons; Therefore, Be it resolved, that in the untimely death of our brother, Young County Lodge has lost one of its most faithful members, and the membership a most trustful friend.

That in the death of our brother, the family of the deceased has lost a devoted husband and a kind and loving father.

That our county has lost an honest and upright citizen, a man who was a credit to the state and an honor to the Masonic Lodge.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, a copy be given to the family of the deceased, and a copy furnished The Graham Leader and West Texas Reporter for publication.

Fraternally submitted,
W. M. TERRELL,
A. B. EDDLEMAN,
D. G. VICK,
Committee.

Announcement Party.

On Last Monday afternoon, Mrs. H. P. Rose charmingly complimented Miss Roberta Akin with a delightful social affair, announcing the latter's betrothal to Mr. Grady Fletcher, of Waco. Some forty of Miss Akin's friends enjoyed this pre-nuptial event. The home was very beautifully decorated with hearts and cupids, these little love gods being especially appropriate for this occasion, while the attractive program of fourteen numbers all savored of happy courtships, love, romance, and marriage. The personnel of the program follows: Musical numbers, by Mesdames Crabb, H. L. and A. A. Morrison, Rose, Akin, Mabry, Duncan, Misses Akin, Garrett and Elsie Rubenkoenig; Readings by Miss Morrison and Mrs. Hallam.

The announcement of this engagement was made in a unique manner, in an original poem, by Mrs. R. G. Hallam, which follows:

"Were I an artist with power divine
To direct this hand of mine,
I'd use his technique and his skill,
His Power, his genius, all until
I had told in colors grave and gay,
Of a fair girl's wedding day.

"Were I a poet for one brief hour,
With his wonderful words and his
magic power,
I'd invoke the muse from Olynias
height
To rhyme of 'love' the poets del-
light,
Of love, and of mating, and 'of
nostalgia for two'."

As the Spring time poets always
do,
"Were I a prophet, some wise old
seer,
With visions bright of the coming
year,
I'd sing of happy days galore
In a vine-clad cot of an open door,
On a sunny ranch where dwelt the
pair,
A young man dark and this maid-
en fair.

"An artist, a poet, a prophet or seer,
On this gala day—O, would that I
were!

"I'd paint, and I'd sing, and I'd
speak to you,
Of a happy event—Almost in view,
For of all happy days, the happiest
I've seen,
Is March the twelfth, nineteen
thirteen.

"On this day of all days in the
early Spring
Mid sighing trees and birds on
wing,
Like Hiawatha brave and bold
Who traced a path through the
forest old
To win his lovely, tawny bride,
So comes the hero, if naught be-
side,
"O, Hymen's bells, swing soft and
slow,
For Grady Fletcher of Waco,
The fiancée: the bride-to-be,
Roberta Akin; Ring merrily!
Ring happy bells, for the joyous
scene
Of March the twelfth, nineteen
thirteen.

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Dolman House Destroyed By Fire

Last Thursday morning about 1 o'clock fire broke out in the upper story of the Dolman House and the flames had gained such headway before an alarm was given that the efforts of the fire company to extinguish the flames before serious damage was done, proved futile.

No one seems to know the exact cause of the fire, but it is known to have started in the upper story as all the fire was in that portion of the building when the fire company arrived.

The hotel was full of guests and all those up stairs were forced to abandon the most of their belongings in order to get out before the fire reached them. Most of the furniture down stairs was saved but practically everything in the upper story was completely destroyed.

Only by the heroic work of some of the citizens of the town was it possible to keep the flames from spreading to other buildings. There were only a few of the regular firemen that responded to the alarm; these did valiant service and with the assistance of outside parties the flames were put under control in about an hour after the alarm was turned in. It is to be regretted that Graham's fire department is not better organized than at present. The chief of the department was sick and unable to go to the fire and as there is no assistant no one was present who could actually take charge and direct matters as they should have been done, and it is a well known fact that at a time when everyone else seems to be excited there should be sufficient cool heads, who have had ample training, at their posts. We say this in all kindness to the fire boys and do not mean to cast any reflection upon them, except the fact that more of them should have been present at the fire.

The city has spent considerable money to buy equipment and there should be plenty of patriotic spirit among our citizens to have a fire department that could cope with any blaze. There should be regular, stated periods at which the boys could practice and each man ought to have his particular duty to perform.

We trust there will not be another occasion in the near future for the firemen to be called out, should the occasion arise they ought to be prepared. If a fire were to gain as much headway in one of our business blocks as it did in this last one, it would be practically impossible to check the flames.

Why not call a meeting of the fire company and have a reorganization and prepare for the future?

W. E. Crick, one of our good friends north of town lost a valuable mule last Friday night and came in Monday to put an ad in the paper asking the people to look out for it. Ten minutes after we wrote the ad he found the mule. You see, it pays to advertise.

Five New Bridges Accepted.

The five new bridges recently built by the Newton Construction Company were examined by the Commissioners Court Saturday and all were accepted. These are some of the best bridges that the county has had built and the people whom they are calculated to benefit will be pleased to know that they have been completed and accepted.

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The Aim in Education and School Management

By Miss Louvenia McFerran

As we go thru life we often pause to ask ourselves this question: "For what purpose am I living?" or "What is my aim in life?" It matters not how commonplace an individual may be, he will sometime in life be confronted with that question. It is at such times that high and noble resolves are made. Ambition springs up anew. Henceforth, so we tell ourselves, we will have a definite aim in every undertaking. And it should ever be thus. Life is too short, to be spent in aimless drifting. Life itself should be an aim, an aim for the betterment of ourselves and, if possible, all humanity. Education is by far the greatest factor in the accomplishment of this aim. Then, what is the aim in education?

Education, in a degree, is as old as man. Ancient Greece and Rome had systems of education. They had an aim in education—the youth of Modern America. But let us go more fully into the aim of education in ancient times.

Education in ancient Greece and Rome was mostly of a military nature, however their educational systems included philosophy, art and science. At that time territorial conquests were the favorite pastimes of every king. Every ruler sought to enhance his fame by adding a few more crowns to his already large collection. Wise rulers of those days saw the necessity of training their youthful male subjects in the arts of war if they ever hoped to secure the fame that was so dear to every monarch. Therefore, the greatest aim in their education was to foster a military spirit, a love of conquest. However, in justice to such great scholars as Plato, Cicero, Epictetus, and others, too numerous to mention, we must make mention of the fact that there were others than purely military aims in the education of our ancient forefathers. They wanted to make men of ability, men who would be educators, leaders and rulers. So much for that. Now let us discuss our own aims in education.

The educational system of to day are, notwithstanding there is plenty of room for improvement, better than ever before. Every branch of study that is of any worth to the student is embodied in the courses offered by high schools, colleges and universities everywhere. Never before have educational facilities been so great or so easily accessible to the youth who has an ambition to attain superior intellectual development. As we look backward over the lives of our forefathers we are glad that kind Providence saw fit to place us in a modern age. There is a higher, nobler aim in education now than the people of past years ever dreamed of. "Why do we educate our boys and girls, and what is the aim of it all?" some are prone to ask. Without a moment's hesitation I answer: "To make better men and women of them." Could there be a higher aim? America needs men and women of ability, of high ideals, of noble character; a race that the shackles of ignorance and prejudice do not bind; an enlightened, educated citizenship. This, then is, or should be, our first aim in education. The boy or girl, man or woman, who is trying to acquire an education should work with this thought in mind: "I am educating myself for no selfish motive, but rather to reach the high plane of human development that education places one on. I am striving for my own and the world's betterment." That aim should be uppermost in the mind of every student. Education, if

used as it should be, is a blessing. An educated citizenship even though it be dangerous to the power of the exploiter, is the greatest safeguard to the peace and prosperity of any nation. This none can deny. Briefly stated, the aim of an education is to establish better governments, develop the best in man, to create a perfect race, a race that will some day enjoy happiness, peace and prosperity.

It requires years of patient study for one to become thoroughly educated. A person never grows too old to learn something new. When life ceases, education ceases. In or out of school, we constantly gather new ideas. It is necessary, of course, to establish and maintain institutions of learning, places where the educational aim can be accomplished. Social institutions are by far the greatest forces leading to the accomplishment of the aims that have been mentioned. The school is the greatest benefactor of the human race. To it belongs the greater portion of the credit for all that is accomplished in education. The school is moulding character, shaping mind and body to grapple with present day and future problems. To the church, too, belongs great credit for its part in the accomplishment in the aim in education. Moral and spiritual education should go hand in hand with mental development.

With all that has been said about the school and its important part in the accomplishment of the educational aim, there yet remains an important part of the subject to be discussed. That is school management. This is a very essential part of every school. Good results in school can be accomplished only by good management. It is in school management as in other things, we must have a definite aim. What should this aim be? The principal aim in school management is largely determined by the aim in education. If we are to accomplish our great aim in education, see our fondest hopes realized, we must put forth our greatest efforts, our very education itself, in managing our respective schools. We have school management because it is an absolute necessity. Think of what any nation would be without government. The same is true of the school. In our most sanguine imagination we have never half way guessed what a school would be like if every pupil were free to act as best pleased his individual taste. It takes experience for us to learn what a school of this kind is like. To have good schools, it requires the best management that can be had. It has been said the aim in school management is determined by the aim in education, a "why" must be given. The aim in school management is determined by the aim in education because the greater part of our education is acquired in the school. It is in the well managed school that the educational aim is easily accomplished; and through the aim to establish better schools and give the pupil superior educational advantages, we have school management.

We are often told that there are some exceptions to all rules. It is evident, of course, that this is not true in every case; but all will admit the truth of the saying when it is applied to the subject of school management. Every teacher knows that the aim of school management is boldly disregarded in numerous ways. Some teachers make the mistake of being too strict in their management by punishing severely for mere trifles. While this is being done other teachers go to

the opposite extreme by not punishing for any offense, great or small. In either case, it is a disregard of the aim in school management. Many other ways in which the aim is disregarded could be mentioned; but it isn't necessary. Every teacher knows without being told. Then as teachers, it is our duty, we owe it to humanity, to do our very best at all times.

"Work with the thought, I dare do all that becomes a man; he that dares do more is none."

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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.

Tarrant Co. Farm to Trade.

Fifty-seven acres of improved land, good house, well and out-houses, 30 acres in cultivation, 12 miles from Ft. Worth, 1/2-mile from railroad station. Will trade for land in Young or adjoining counties.—Young Co. Abstract Company.

Notice.

The stockholders of Farmers Union Gin Co. are hereby notified that a meeting of the stockholders will be held in Graham on Saturday, February 22, at the court house.

A. H. JONES, Manager.

We Want your Frying Chickens.

Bring all your frying size chickens to the Mountainside Hotel. Will pay from 15c to 20c a pound for all you will bring.

Beecher M. Baker, Proprietor.

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GRAHAM COUNTY SEAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A FEW FACTS

From One Of Your County Commissioners

Where was the first county seat of Young County? At Belknap, 3 miles southwest of the center of the county.

When was it removed? In 1874.

How? By regular election. Where? To Graham.

By what vote? Belknap 4, Center 24, Graham 101.

Was a bonus given for the removal in 1874? Yes, 320 acres of land and 100 town lots in Graham were given on condition that Graham be voted the permanent county seat.

Has there been an election since then to remove the county seat?

Yes, in 1884. Was it successful? No.

Was there a new court house built after the second election? Yes, in 1884.

What did it cost in 1884? \$32,937.00.

How was it paid for? 6 per cent 20-year bond issue for \$28,000.00 and \$4,937.00 cash.

What tax was levied to pay for it? 20 cents per \$100.00.

When was the court house finally paid for? The last bond was paid in 1904, the total cost to that date being \$68,766.00.

Was it substantially built? Yes.

Is it safe now? Perfectly so.

Does it need repairs? No more than any other building of similar construction.

Is it large enough? Entirely so.

What kind of a jail has Young County? A substantial two-story stone building.

How many prisoners were confined there in 1911? Largest number at any one time, six; smallest number, none. In 1912? Largest number, four; smallest number, none.

Is it large enough? Entirely so.

Where is the center of the county? On T. E. & L. Co. Sur. No. 443.

How far from the center is Graham? $7\frac{1}{4}$ miles southeast.

How far from the center is Newcastle? 3 miles northwest.

Is all of Young County prairie land? No, the northwest half is prairie, the southeast half is hilly post oak.

Would it take longer for a juror to go to the center of the county from the southeast corner of the county than it would from the northwest corner of the county? It would.

Would it take a juror longer to go to Newcastle from the southeast corner of the county than it would take a juror to go to Graham from the northwest corner of the county? It would.

In hours of travel, then, isn't Graham nearer the center of the county than Newcastle? It is.

Where is the present center of population? About 4 miles east of Newcastle, 7 miles northwest of Graham and 1 mile northeast of the center of the county.

Where is the future center of population likely to be? No one knows. Why not? Because so many factors enter, such as natural advantages, of water, fuel, railroad transportation, tillable and irrigable land, enterprises, etc.

Is it a foregone conclusion that the center of population will move toward the geographical center of the county? No; it may move in any direction. Wichita Falls, county seat of Wichita county, is 7 miles from the southeast corner and 32 miles from the northwest corner of the county.

What would a new court house and jail cost at Newcastle? \$100,000 to \$150,000.

What would it take to cover interest and sinking fund on this amount? \$15,000 annually.

What would this amount to in 40 years? \$600,000.

Would this be all the cost? No; new roads would have to be opened, as the law requires a first-class cardinal road in each direction from the county seat and many other necessary expenses.

Who owns the Newcastle townsite? A company owned principally by non-residents.

Is this a desirable condition? A resident ownership is much more to be desired.

If this election is decided in favor of Graham, does it locate the county seat permanently? No.

When can another election be held? In five years.

Can a majority move it then? Yes.

Why is it better not to move it now? So that, as the county grows and becomes settled, the needs of the greatest number of citizens can be considered and properly provided for.

Should it be moved to Newcastle, when could it be removed? After five years.

Would it require more than a majority vote to move it from Newcastle? Yes, it would take to move it more than 5 miles from center a two-thirds majority.

Should Newcastle win now, and it be found desirable to move it from Newcastle in five years, would not the investment there make such a removal impracticable? It would, as the county would be heavily in debt and the new improvements would not only be a loss, but the county probably could not raise the funds to build more elsewhere.

I submit the above questions, which are facts, together with my answers, and invite comments. Can you figure it out any other way?

Yours truly,

A. H. JONES.

Some Questions Asked by an Eliasville Farmer on the Court House Proposition:

1. If you had a good, substantial stone house, paid for and located where you have every convenience, would you tear it down and rebuild it on credit, on a coal mine, because some irresponsible person said it was unsafe and that you had to do it anyway? Who owns the court house? Who says you will have to do anything, anyhow?
2. Did you know that \$150,000 at 5 per cent compound interest would amount to almost \$400,000 in twenty years? Who says you will have to spend this, anyhow? Who is going to give you value received for your money? How could this possibly benefit you?
3. Who says you must bind your children for twenty or forty years and make them pay for something they may not want when you have to inconvenience and impoverish many of your friends and countrymen and put money in the pockets of non-resident town lot owners to do it? If the farmers of Young county owe \$6,000,000

on their homes, and the county already owes \$64,000, why do you want to add \$300,000 or \$400,000 more to the burden your children will have to bear? Because it will make two or three men rich doesn't answer it.

4. If four men started from the four corners of Young county and traveled toward each other at their best speed, considering the country, where would they likely meet? Isn't this "center of the county in hours of travel" the real center of this county? Isn't the "real center" of this county the proper place for the county seat? Since Graham is the most convenient to everybody, isn't it the "real center" of the county? Isn't it the best policy to "never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you?"

Yours truly,

C. D. YANCEY.

It is Better to be Safe than Sorry.

VOTE FOR GRAHAM!

The News from our County Correspondents

Cedar Creek.

We people here on the Creek are enjoying the warm, sunny days. The weather seems almost like spring was here already.

S. M. Gann of the Pickwick community was visiting friends and relatives at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Barron, Misses Emily Harris, Nettie Cretsingler, and Jesse Wyatt, Messrs J. M. Hunt, John Gann, Jesse Upham and Henry Steele, all visited Miss Carrie Norton and pupils at school, Friday evening.

Miss Vera Reed of the Fox Hollow community visited Miss Nettie Cretsingler of this place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Come again girlie we now know that you can always get away to come.

Melvin Gann and John Steele are having bad luck with their bikes, they started to Ivan Saturday, their bikes took a notion to balk, and no amount of talking, crying, nor begging would get them to go on, so the boys had to lead them in and go horse back to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Gann planted garden Friday, they said Feb. 14th was the right day to garden, and the writer is wondering if they will raise heart-shaped Valentines.

J. M. Hunt broke all past records for fast driving Friday; he said that he drove from this place to Ivan, in forty minutes, Henry how in the world did you stay in the buggy with such a reckless driver?

Bertie Stringer of Copeland Flat community, is very often seen in this vicinity lately. Wonder what it is that is attracting attention to this place. Come forward Agnes and help us solve the mystery.

Willie Copeland of Bee Branch was in this community Sunday.

B. P. Ritchey made a trip to the thriving little city of Ivan Friday.

Well Roses, Silver Belle is not getting along very well, the other day she was asking questions, just like a correspondent will, you know, and came so near getting her think box slapped, that she has had a headache ever since, but Silver Belle hopes that Rose can go to town next time and not have to plow. Did your papa give you a nickel to buy a top with?

Lewis V. has been attracted to this place since Mr. Harris moved down here, of course Lewis likes to spend Sunday evenings with Tom.

One of our home boys has told us of a place where a post office is needed, so all who don't agree with him say I.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Gann and children spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Lewis Barron.

Mrs. Joe West and Mrs. Lewis Rickles have our thanks this week for their kindness in bringing the mail from Ivan. We sure do need a post office in this community very badly.

In fancy I can see a frown upon the brow of our good Editor, and hear him say, "Silver Belle you surely wound up your head last night and have just now turned the alarm loose, you'll do us a favor by handing your pencil to some better writer." So some of you good writers please take my pencil and finish my speech. I've just got to the fourth verse, and there are four more verses left. Now try and do justice to that unsaid speech and I'll skip.

SILVER BELL.

Murray

Old Grippe seems to be hanging on.

The little twin boys (Fred and Frank) of W. L. Walsh have been quite sick.

The baby boy of Dale Duncan,

is sick but is reported better.

W. D. Bowling, Lacy Mayes, Bryan Ardis, Mr. Kramer, Sam Weotten and possibly others, went to Graham the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. A. Mays spent the week visiting her daughter Mrs. W. L. Walsh of Live Oak community.

Miss Georgia Cafnick is preparing to have an entertainment and pie supper on the night of the 22nd at Live Oak school house for the purpose of getting an organ. Hurrah! for Miss Georgia. What will be next?

Bro. Crum will fill his appointment at the Methodist church every third Sunday.

Well, when the county site question is settled and a new Post Master installed at Graham wonder what will harass the people.

MORE AXON.

Connor Creek.

Mrs. Cochran has moved and Pacie Bowers has moved to her place.

Mrs. S. W. Ratcliff visited Mrs. J. A. Chandler and Grandma Chandler last week.

Bro. Joe Mayes preached for us at the school house last Sunday.

The young folks had a POUND party at Cliff Carson's Friday night and everybody report a good time.

J. A. Chandler visited his sister's family on Clear Fork last week.

Archie Ratcliff stuck a nail in his foot Friday evening which pained him very much Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff visited the family of Mr. Fay last Sunday evening.

Miller Ratcliff and wife visited Mr. Ratcliff's parents near Olney last Friday.

Hurrah for Graham for the county seat! Can all the correspondents halloo for Graham? I for one can. I think you could do that much; we must not go back on old Graham when she and her business men have been the life of the county. Some say they are going to vote against Graham because they dislike some of the business men of that place. Now that same fellow will go to John E. Morrison Co. for everything he and his family eat all the year and when at the end of the year he can't pay for it they will carry him over for about three years, and then he says I am voting against Graham because I don't like John E. Morrison. You can't hurt John E. Morrison by voting for Newcastle for he has a store and other property at Newcastle and other places in the county, but you can hurt some fellow that just has a house and lot in the town. I can't see how a man with a bright mind could cast his vote against Graham when S. R. Crawford bought chops and feed stuff for the people for the last three years and if you could not pay for it he carried you. Say, boys, let's not go back on him at this time. I want to know how you people will be benefited by moving the court house to Newcastle? I mean the people of Jean, Farmer, Loving and Olney? If Newcastle wants a jail we will build her one. We have a court house that will last for fifty years and let's not let a little prejudice cause us to vote wrong. Now, let us think before we cast our votes. If we are going to spend our money let it be on our public roads, and for building better schools. That will be more beneficial to the people than a court house for Newcastle, don't you think so yourself? Let's hear from all the correspondents. Say, suppose all the correspondents meet at Graham on the second Monday in March. GOPHER.

Loving.

Prof. Bradshaw with his scholars all went to Jean Friday afternoon and the Loving school boys played ball with the Jean boys, resulting in a victory for the Loving school team of 7 to 13. The Jean school boys will come over to play the Loving school boys on Friday evening of the 28th.

Supt. B. W. King and wife of Graham were visiting friends at Loving Saturday night and Sunday.

The young folks enjoyed a social at Mr. R. L. McKinney's Saturday.

Miss Sallie Williams and Miss Ford from Newcastle were visiting Miss Jewell Tillmon at Loving last week.

G. B. Underwood was re-elected Supt. of the Baptist Sunday school today. Mr. Underwood has been superintendent for the past six years and has built it up to about the best school in the county. Gus Hickerson was elected Asst. Supt. and Mrs. Verna Wheat, secretary; and Miss Drue Dickenson, treasurer.

T. L. Oliver, has bought two automobiles lately and now takes a swift ride when he chooses.

Roy Wheat will move into his new house this week.

Charley Mitchell from the Hawkins Chapel community was in this section to see Dr. Blevins to have some veterinary work done.

R. L. Reeves bought the fifty-acre McCoy farm last week.

Grady Millican has taken charge of the Morrison-Smith Lumber yard.

Mrs. B. M. Cochran returned from Westover last week where she attended the funeral of her brother who died just a few minutes before her arrival.

James Barnett and Will Shepherd went to Weatherford in Mr. Barnett's auto Sunday evening after Mr. Shepherds mother.

The little boy of Mr. S. F. Wallace fell and hurt himself very painfully, but not serious last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Holt have a very sick child, and Dr. Bolen was called in to see it Friday.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at Mr. D. Dickenson's Saturday night. COR.

Salem.

Miss Lillian Hall visited home folks in Graham Saturday and Sunday.

T. K. Criswell and family were pleasant callers at the home of Horace Ribble Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. B. Nelson of Flat Rock visited Mrs. Maggie Gilmore Saturday and Sunday.

G. D. Hinson was assessing taxes among us this week.

Miss Johnnie Graves of Graham visited her sister, Mrs. Dee Howery the past week.

Levi Gordon has invested in a new buggy, look out girls.

H. L. Harris made a flying trip to Graham last Saturday and while in the city played the leading role in a fierce badger fight. The badger bounced high but proved an easy winner in the first round.

A. N. Gordon has treated himself and family to a nice, new organ.

Mrs. Fannie Hinson is visiting her father, John Kisinger, this week.

Bro. Higgins filled his appointment at 11 o'clock Sunday. Sunday school was held at 3 o'clock and Bro. Joe Mayes preached an interesting sermon at night.

We regret to hear of Horace Ribble's misfortune in getting his leg broken while working with a stump puller.

Geo. Hinson and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Gordon Sunday.

We will close by asking Rainy Day to come again for we are getting dry here. SALEMITE.

Bring me your produce. I am located in the Finch building. D. J. Brandon

Proffitt

Well, Mr. Editor I will come again this bright sunny morning.

We have had some more cold weather since I wrote last.

Health in the community is very good.

Mr. Weatherbee is on the sick list but is improving.

The young folks engaged in a party at Mr. Robert Weatherbee's Saturday night.

Mr. Walter Dent and Joe Gibbs got lost one day this week, they found them at Mr. George Will-hit's playing 42.

Mr. Strather from Proffitt made a flying trip to Graham Monday to meet his daughter Miss Ola, who has been visiting relatives in Hopkins county since Christmas.

Mr. Will Gibbs has purchased a new grubbing hoe but says it isn't any good unless he had some one to use it.

Mrs. Pannell is visiting friends in Newcastle this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford Feb. 9, a fine girl.

Joe Gibbs and sister Bettie, made a trip to Graham Sunday and returned Monday.

Mr. Walter Dent made a trip to Graham this week.

Miss Ivy Hester and little May Pannell and Pauline Proffitt visited Mrs. Mattie Gibbs, Sunday.

Mr. Jack Humphrey says he would like to tie his horse at Mr. Hester's gate these days.

Mr. Gibbs and son Joe must be mad at the tree from the way they are tearing them up.

John Crawford went to Newcastle today.

Miss Ivy Hester spent Sunday night with her brother, Charlie and wife.

Mr. John Rogers went to Newcastle one day this week and brought back a surry.

Mrs. Sarah Willhite has purchased a new pair of spectacles.

Mr. T. J. Hudson has been on the sick list but is able to haul wood. Guess he is looking for a norther.

Well, I will ring off hoping the Editor success. SNOW FLAKE

Rocky Mound.

As this is the close of a beautiful day and I have been absent for a week I will try and report what little I know.

The farmers are all busy breaking land for our next big crop.

Our school teacher, Mr. Chambers spent Saturday and Sunday in Bryson.

Rev. Cook filled his appointment at Rocky Mound Sunday morning with a good crowd present.

Emmett Blount and family spent the day at H. K. Ragland's Sunday.

A crowd of young people had a storm party at Mr. Mowery's Saturday night and all seemed to have a good time.

Misses Gussie and Retta Ragland spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

We noticed Proctor Walker driving old yellow around the Mound Sunday. Look out old boy.

H. Mowery and wife spent Sunday evening with H. Hunter and family.

John Smith and family attended meeting at the Mound Sunday, and spent the remaining part of the day at Mr. Ragland's.

I. O. Jiant seems to be looking bad since his girl has left, but cheer up old boy she will be back soon.

A number of boys, including Guy Norred, Earl Clark and Jess and Oscar Taylor spent the day at Mr. Phillips' Sunday.

C. D. Brewton and wife attended meeting at the Mound Sunday and visited Jim Taylor.

W. G. Goldston and wife spent the day with their son, Bud Goldston of Oakland.

Mr. Redwing and wife certainly are proud of the wedding present Mr. Reporter sent them and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. We wish them prosperity, and happiness throughout their lives.

RED WING.

Jean.

Old Sol has hid his bright face behind the Western horizon and the dark shadows creep silently over the great brown earth. At this time I take up my pencil to have a chat with our good Editor and readers and more especially the country correspondents. I am sure proud to be numbered with such a noble band of writers. Our page is certainly attracting attention for I often hear it commented on by other readers. I had the pleasure of shaking hands with "Gopher" and also Bro. Gander Big Monday it was just like meeting old-time acquaintances, tho I have only known them since the memorable dinner at Mr. Reporter's. I sure would like to meet all the correspondents and make their acquaintance.

The Loving school boys crossed bats with our Jean school lads Friday afternoon and defeated them 13 to 7.

We are glad to report Earl Pool improving. He has been confined to his bed several weeks with pneumonia, having a back-set has retarded his restoration to health.

Mrs. J. E. Alcorn died at her home three miles east of Jean, the 15th. She leaves a husband and several grown children to mourn their loss. Mrs. Alcorn was a quiet unassuming christian lady who will be sadly missed by her family and neighbors. The remains were buried in the Jean cemetery Sunday at three o'clock. Brother Noble of Loving conducted the funeral services.

Bro. Roach filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday and did some good preaching. Brother Killpatrick, of Jean, preached Sunday night to a large and attentive congregation. We are glad to have Brother Killpatrick with us.

Mr. Compton and family of Shinola attended church here Sunday.

Walter Terrell of Salt Creek was on our streets Saturday cussing and discussing the county seat election. There will be lots of cussing and discussing on this matter the next few weeks.

W. W. Cope and family were shopping in Jean Saturday.

Mrs. St. John was buying garden seed Saturday; said these warm days looked like time to plant some garden. BUSTER

Briar Branch.

Sunday School and church was well attended here Sunday. Also singing at the school house Sunday evening was enjoyed by all.

A gloom of sadness spread over our community, Friday morning, when the death angel called away our friend and neighbor, Mrs. C. C. Mays. Long will she be remembered by the people of this community.

Edward Rowe and Robert Crawford attended the funeral of Mrs. Alcorn near Jean Sunday.

Uncle Charlie Newhouse is reported to be very low.

L. F. Gallaher and family spent Saturday night and Sunday in Graham.

We are glad to report Miss Noma Cornelius able to be up and about again.

Archer Conder and Charlie Baugh spent Saturday night with Frank and Jeff Gallaher.

Edward Rowe and Miss Pearl Gallaher, Archie Conder and Miss Clara Rowe from this place attended the show at Graham Saturday night.

E. H. Rowe and family visited J. W. Conder's Sunday.

Mrs. Jay Garvin of Graham is visiting homefolks a few days this week.

A few couples of young folks were entertained at the home of Miss Clara Rowe Sunday night.

A crowd of the Branch boy's attended the show Saturday night. BEAUTIFUL DOLL.

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Mount Pleasant.

While over at the metropolis the other day I dropped in at the metropolitan (Reporter) printing office. Say, did you know that is a busy place? Just full of business, hardly room for a "greeny" to stand without getting printed, but they look after a fellow and make him feel welcome, even a country correspondent. Try them. They are do a land office business just now. While I was there The Reporter man said "excuse me, Mr. Badger, I just must go and enter up about twenty-five subscriptions." I said "certainly, under those circumstances you are excusable."

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore of Briar Bend are visiting their sons Wylie and Hollis this week.

Frank says he doesn't believe that old clock was right and he will stay as long as he wants to next time if it strikes 20 times.

J. A. Brown is suffering from a severe attack of the whoop-empoo-ems. Now we don't pretend to know what that ailment is, we read it the other day. It is a new name and as Mr. Brown is worked differently to anybody we ever saw we just supposed he had 'em.

Last Saturday was gardening day with the Badger family, a day that I always dread because Mrs. Badger and I always disagree when we go to make garden. For instance, I had one of the boys to harrow a plot of ground to plant onions in, the plot that was generally understood (with myself) as the place to plant them but as soon as the madam stepped into the garden I saw something was wrong. She said "gracious goodness, Badger, what did you let the horses in here for?" I said "the horses haven't been in here, my dear."

"Why of course they have been here. See there, they have rolled on this fresh plowed ground."

"Now, Mrs. Badger, I am surprised at you for not knowing your husband's tracks any better than that." "Well, the onions are not going to be planted here, it is too cloddy," she said. "Come on this way, we will plant them here," pointing to a certain part of the garden and putting her little number six foot down pretty solidly. "Yes, we planted them right where she said to plant them."

B. A. McClain has the Arkansas fever bad. They say he is studying the language of that country now.

The young people report a real nice time at the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Timmons Saturday night. Misses Eppie, Jewell and Eunice Moore, Sallie Timmons of Tonk Valley, Maria Watson of Graham and Walter Kemp of Briar Bend were present.

Mrs. J. O. Wilson spent Sunday with Mrs. W. S. Timmons.

F. A. Burnett and family visited at B. A. McClain's Sunday.

Miss Maria Watson of the Graham High School faculty visited Mrs. Wylie Moore from Friday evening till Sunday.

Harry Blackwood of Graham was among our young people Sunday. BADGER.

Ming Bend.

Farming is going on nicely. Rainy Day has been busy trying to keep the scholars going to school and out of meanness.

Mrs. Ainsworth and Bird Stringer visited relatives at Loving this week.

Misses Rueby Newby and Mae Cunningham started to school this week.

Rueby received a post card reporting one of her friends sick. Hope that she is now better.

Andy has gotten over his spell of heart trouble but Earl says he has it. We think we have the cure. Chester has the same thing and Margie says she can cure him.

Earl and Andy have been to Gooseneck again. We think they are about to fall in love with some of the goslings.

RAINY DAY.

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Oakland.

Well, we sure are having some beautiful weather the last few days, and everyone seem's to enjoy it. The Farmers are busy preparing for another crop; while the women are thinking about gardening and raising Spring chickens. Everyone is well in this community, except some have bad colds, but we hope they will soon be over with it. Mr. Blount made a flying trip to Graham on his wheel last Saturday. Josh Moore is having to haul water, guess he wishes it would rain and fill his cistern. So do the rest of us, Uncle Josh; for your cistern is not the only dry one. Mrs Jennie Craig was shopping in Graham the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Keptlinger and son Willie went to Graham Saturday. Mr. Keptlinger purchased a cultivator. Guess he means for Willie to plow cotton and corn when school is closed. Mr. Lonnie Baty and wife and sister were in Graham Saturday. Our school is doing nicely; and Mr. Groner seem's to take great pains in teaching the little folks. It is such a pretty day, suppose every one will be out at church this afternoon. I must now go for this time, for it is near time for dinner. I am sure, as I hear mother putting two steps in one. And I think it right to help her. For we can only have one mother this wide world over. No other will be so true and kind to us, for all her love and kindness, she ask's for nothing in return and if all this world deserts us, to dear old mother we can turn, we have but one mother and none else can take her place, you cant tell how you will need her, till you miss her loving face; and we know not how soon we must part with her, so let her know you love her dearly cheer and comfort her everyday. For you can never get another when she has passed away. So every time you leave her or when e're we come and go let's give her a kind word and a kiss. 'Tis what she craves I know. Best wishes to the dear old Reporter and its many readers, both far and near. - A FRIEND.

Elm Creek.

S. W. Turner's mother from Kent county, is making him a visit. Walter Johnson started to school at Proffitt last week. Johnnie Holeer has gone to Jones county to work. J. O. Lewis returned Sunday from a business trip to Eastland county. Guyban Hemert lost one of his work horses last week. Elza Lisle and wife spent Sunday at parental Reeves home. Mamie Sheridan returned Wednesday from a four week's visit with friends at Graham and Tonk Valley. T. J. Connor's entertained the Guy Wilkerson family Sunday. Ruth and Mattie Reeves called on Emma Webb Thursday. Tuesday, Oscar Wilkerson made a business call on Harvey Buckler. John Webb took a load of cotton to Orth Saturday. They say "Jim Bob" George is sure making the ducks suffer as he has shot over fifty this winter. If anyone can beat that let him speak out. Clarence Reeves and wife and J. L. Webb and wife visited with kinfolks over the river Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford are the proud parents of a baby girl. A. Weilenman and family made the H. Buckler family a visit Sunday. J. M. Helton came home Thursday from the Baptist Sanitarium at Dallas where he had been for treatment for neuralgi. He is reported as doing well although his face is pretty sore and he suffers from weakness yet. We are all glad to know he is on the road to recovery. REL. K. CUR.

Bryson.

Several of the members of the Masonic Lodge of this town attended the funeral of Ward Risley Sunday evening at Jacksboro. Dr. Tom McCloud of Jermyn spent several days with his home folks here last week. Born to James Hayes and wife Wednesday an 8-pound boy. Miss Fannie Newsome, teacher of the Long Hollow school visited her mother Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Ros Graves of Graham is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCloud of this place. Miss Della Smith, teacher in the Antelope school came home to see her folks Saturday and Sunday. Joe Clayton and wife gave the young folks a social Saturday night. An enjoyable time was reported by all who attended. Eustace Box must have had good luck last Sunday going west as he went back again Sunday and took Earl Bailey with him. Louis Moore says he likes to play jokes, but would like to have a say in where he was going afterwards. Will McCloud went to Graham on business Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Kuykendall gave the young folks a Valentine party Friday night. All reported a nice time. Miss Rebye Stewart who is teaching in the Jermyn school attended the party Friday night at Mr. Kuykendall's. Don't forget the entertainment at the Bryson high school the 22nd, and try to be present. Thull Helvey was all smiles Saturday and Sunday. We asked him why and he said he would be that way all the time when school closed at Antelope. Worth Shanafelt and wife and Cy Clayton and wife attended the funeral of Mr. Risley at Jacksboro Sunday. Jno. Padgett is having a new home built on his farm north of town. Moore and Moore have the contract. With best wishes to the editor and his many subscribers we will sign off. BLABB MOUTH.

Hawkins Chapel.

J. C. Miller and family of West Fork were the guests of Mrs. Lindsey Friday night. Miss Lila Cunningham has recovered from the measles. Mr. Ben Barrett and family took dinner with Mrs. Laura Baker Sunday. We notice that Charlie Miller has a new buggy fresh from the factory. Will Smith has been hauling wood to Loving for the past few days. Several of the young people of Hawkins Chapel attended the literary at Markley Saturday night. Mrs. Lindsey is suffering from an attack of neuralgia. She has been very sick. Rube Loftin and family who have been visiting relatives and friends of this community returned home Sunday afternoon. Misses Hettie and Lillie Drum were the guests of Miss Lessie Loftin Sunday. Mr. Stennett and family of Markley are spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Lindsey. Miss Lila Cunningham was the guest of Miss Florence Baker Sunday. Charlie Baker is working for Rube Loftin this week. H. H. Stephens and family of Briar Branch spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Newman. The literary was a success Friday night. The subject for debate was "Woman Suffrage" and the judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Markley was well represented at the literary Friday night. There must be something attractive about the literary for West Fork was well represented too.

Prayer meeting Sunday night was good. The subject was "Temptation," the meeting being led by Mr. Ward. Bro. Mayes, Missionary of Young Co. Association preached for us last Wednesday night. Tom Lindsey and family were pleasant visitors in our community Friday night. The warm weather makes one think of spring. Several have sowed oats. Everybody is busy. Girls, don't you think it is about time we were shouldering our rakes and making for the garden. VIOLET.

Gooseneck.

The Badger has given us his plan on writing items and we think it will be all right. Sunday was another good day for us, the weather was fine, and we had church Sunday school and singing. Bro. F. E. Suttle preached for the Mountain Home people Sunday night. Deacon Brown was swapping yarns with Joe Parsons Friday. Several of the gooseneckers attended church at Mountain Home Sunday night. R. M. Williams and wife of Ming Bend attended church here Saturday, also Bro. James. Mrs. Virgie McLaren visited her brother Oscar James Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Suttle visited the Parsons Sunday. The Valentine party at Mr. Wiley's was a success and enjoyed by all. Our Bend seems to be filling up with old bachelors. Charlie and Elma McLaren are baching on the Jim Lawrence place. The young folks enjoyed a good singing at Mr. Richardsons Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bain took dinner with Mrs. Marshal Sunday. The old bachelors of this bend wish to advertise through the Reporter, for six old maids. We would be glad to hear from any correspondent that can help them out. Mr. Day say's If you want to keep a boy on the go, feed him on fried chickens, we think that is mighty good. Mr. Day. Herman Johnson and Lona McLaren took dinner with Miss Rose Sunday, also Alfred Parsons and Nora McLaren. F. M. Berry made a trip to Salem last week. We suppose the cat came back as Buster did not write last week. Guess the little Busters were glad to see the old cat. Guess he will write next week. Dr. McLaren has his hard boiled hat now, and he really favors a Doctor. He visited Joe Parsons Sunday. We dont know whether Joe was sick or not. GANDER.

Bunger

I will try a few lines to see what they will look like in print if it misses the waste basket. A few days ago they were pretty rocky in this neighborhood. Jim Price took sick all at once and said he had meningitis or something worse and, his wife thought so to I guess, but in the place of serum his wife used the shingle and he was all right the next day. George Rose caught it from Jim I guess, I heard some loud groaning down there last evening. Some say Joe Parsons is on the stool-of-do-nothing. I saw him today and he was sitting on his anvil looking south east down the river; he must have been thinking of going fishing. John Clark is all OK. He predicted a dry spell this year or next. Charlie Hall said let her come, I have wheat in the granary corn in the bin, lard in the larder and hogs in the pen. If this hits the type I may come again. GOOSE. [If the "Goose" and the "Gander" get together down there some one is liable to lose a mate, but here's hoping Gander will not look with too longing eyes at the "Goose." - Editor.]

Indian Mound.

We certainly are having some beautiful days after having had so much bad weather. The farmers are all taking advantage of the fine weather by preparing their land for the coming crops. Mrs. J. S. Fisher visited her daughter, Mrs. Horace Busch of Tonk Valley, several days last week. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Smith died last Monday, and was buried Tuesday afternoon in the Indian Mound cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents in their time of sorrow. Rev. Wilson filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday. He preached some interesting sermons. Mrs. Earnest Price of Graham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beard from Friday till Saturday. Miss Maude Carmack visited homefolks at Graham Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford of White Rose attended church here Sunday. Misses Jimmie Bird and Mamie Keefe visited at Ingleside from Friday till Sunday. Mrs. Andrew Bryan, of Dakin is spending several days visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Cox of Newcastle attended church here Sunday morning and took dinner at E. G. Williamson's. Mrs. G. W. McCommas of Graham was visiting in our community Saturday and Sunday. Charlie and Lou James were visiting at W. R. Dollins Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carr Rutherford and Loretta Grubbs visited at the A. R. Rutherford home at Red Top Sunday. Ira Huckaby and wife of White Rose attended church and Sunday school here Sunday. Some of our people took in Big Monday at Newcastle. Suppose they looked out a place to build the new court house while they were there. No, I reckon I'll not vote this time, but to let you see how I would vote, I'll tell you I'm yelling for Graham. Mesdames J. S. Fisher, Austin Bird, Lizzie Bryan, Andrew Bryan, E. G. and W. W. Williamson were all visitors at W. P. Fisher's Monday. WESTERN GIRL.

Lone Star.

Jim Price and wife of Eliasville visited John Akers and wife Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter visited Bud Kirkland and wife Sunday. Misses Nannie Coon and Willie Pratt visited Misses Meda and Vela Poindexter and Minnie Dooley Sunday. Mrs. Walter Fawks is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaughan, this week. Henry Lewis and wife visited their uncle, H. C. Wilson, near Graham Sunday. Miss Viola Allred who is attending school at Graham visited home folks from Friday till Sunday. Bill Thornton visited Eugene Dickey Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cunningham and little daughter, Edna, visited Mr. and Mrs. Spain Sunday. Mrs. Langford visited Mrs. Ball Saturday. Bill Timmons and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. John Akers Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend and daughter of Komo visited Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley Saturday. Joe Vaughan and wife went to Graham Saturday on business. SLICK FRED. Take a look at that excellent buggy The Reporter is going to give away at the close of the contest. It's a dandy, and any man or lady would be proud to own it. You can see it any time at D. G. Vick's store.

Henry Chapel.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs F. D. Craig got its shoulder thrown out of place last Thursday evening while playing. But with advice of a doctor Mr. Craig performed the operation successfully and the little one is doing fine. Jno. McCasland and wife of Graham spent Saturday night with O. L. Campbell and family. H. L. Ribble happened to a very serious and painful accident last Thursday evening, while working with the stump puller, the double trees broke letting the lever fly back and the brace rod struck him breaking the leg just above the knee. Drs. Gallaher and Duncan were called and attended the broken limb. So far he is getting along nicely, he and his family have the sympathy of the entire community. O. L. Campbell and family will leave this week for Fort Worth. We regret to lose them, but wish for them the best of life and when they are tired of city living we welcome them back to the Chapel. The young folks enjoyed a fruit supper at Mr. Carson's last Friday night. All report a great time. W. I. Gilmore and wife of Salem visited J. L. McLaren and family Saturday. Will Moren got his hand badly hurt last week while working a young mule. Eddie Ribble of the clearfork, spent Tuesday night with his brother H. L. Ribble. Fred Moren took a bale of cotton to the gin Saturday, and still has another bale to pick. What do you know about a man that can pick cotton, sow oats, and plant corn all at the same time. Rhome Wade purchased a span of mules last Monday. Tax assessor Hinson spent Tuesday among the Chapelites to see what we had left after a four years drouth. Good luck to The Reporter. DAGO.

Flat Rock.

The Kid wasn't much in the writing business last week, can't tell what the reason was but think she surely must have been eating too much snow-cream the week before. We were certainly glad to see so many letters from the correspondents last week. E. H. Corley, is on the sick list also Willie Carey. Bro. Bowman preached us a very interesting sermon Sunday. "How was literary?" Did I hear some one ask? Well, If you had come I'm quite sure you would have said, "That does well for Flat Rock." We had two real lively dialogues, six recitations one good monologue and a paper full of funny things we will meet again three weeks from last Friday night. We are glad to report Mrs. Robbins able to attend church Sunday. Ira Jiant and Miss Myrtice Findley were visitors at Flat Rock Sunday. We have received our new organ and are proud of it we will have better singing and hope to have larger crowds than in the past. Mr. and Mrs. Finch attended the services at this place Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lud Martin were taking kodak pictures in our community Sunday afternoon, we suppose they intended to raise a good garden this year by them coming to Flat Rock to take pictures. Misses Dora and May Smith attended our Literary Friday night. Romie Martin spent Saturday night with Bob Corley. Miss Birdie Smith visited our Sunday School Sunday. Pearl Adkins from near Breckenridge is visiting at Mr. Robbins. Mrs. Clatie Patton, and children and Miss Jessie Alford are

still visiting in Cedar Creek community. Delilah Robbins spent Saturday night with Maggie Taylor. Nuby Corley is working for Mr. Hodges. Miss Lona Corley visited the School Monday. Walter Hunter and Billy Martin are pulling bolls for W. A. Cook. Mrs. Taylor and daughter Maggie visited at Mr. Robbins Sunday. Mrs. Pritchard is expecting her daughter and grand daughter, Mrs. Lord Kincannon and Miss Lillian Cunningham to visit her soon. A number of the Rockers attended services at the Baptist church at Graham Sunday night. L. A. Corley and family of Rock Creek visited Mrs. E. E. Corley in this community Sunday. CANDY KID.

Red Top.

We are glad we can report Miss Allye Reid getting along fine. Miss Dora McBee, Ada Workman and Mabel Graves visited Miss Allye Reid Friday afternoon and then went to Dora McBee's where they spent the night. Miss Blanche Casey is visiting her Aunt Miss Mabel Graves. The singing at Mr. J. M. Parker's Sunday afternoon was well attended and a good time reported by all present. Leonard Graves visited at Lone Oak Sunday. Miss Vera Dowdy, Tom Butler and Miss Isly Rutherford and Mr. Dee Osborne took dinner with Miss Bettie Pettie Sunday and reported a high heel time. Uncle Dock Slater and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Slater visited Mr. A. R. Rutherford's Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carr Rutherford and Miss Louette Grubbs were visiting A. R. Rutherford Sunday. Miss Annie Mary Slater has started to school at Red Top. We are glad to have Mary with us again. Miss Vera Dowdy has been looking mighty pleasant for the last two weeks, what is the matter? Guess Tom Butler knows. Ernest Blakney took dinner with Harris Cunningham Sunday. B. W. Slater and wife visited E. T. Slater and wife Sunday. SPINSTER MAID. Mexico and Catholicism. From "The Liberator": Four hundred years of Catholic rule in Mexico brought a clash that resulted in the separation of church and state. We think of Mexico as a Catholic country but politically it is far from it. They run all nuns and Friars out of Mexico. I have lived in Mexico nearly seven years and if I have ever saw a sister of charity I did not know it. They have opened every convent door so that any girl can walk out when she wishes. They would put a priest in jail should he have a secret confessional. He can have a confessional but it must be when every body can hear and see. They would put a Priest in jail should he walk the streets with his priestly robe on. He cannot hold a religious service outside of a Cathedral not even a funeral service at the cemetery. I can and do but by a special permit. I asked our Jeffie (Judge) why he let me hold religious services out in the open and would not let a Catholic Priest do the same and he said, "You are a friend to our government and the Priest is a sworn enemy to it." The Priest charged \$40 and up for marrying people and as a result it forced the poor people to live together without marrying so that a large per cent of the masses have never been married legally. The Priest has no legal right to marry people now and it only costs about \$2.50 to get married by law. But among the poorer class for a girl to get married by law would be to say that "my mother was never married and I am an illegitimate child." So it is hard to change an established custom. - W. H. KUYKENDALL.

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The Reporter invites comments from its readers on the county seat question. If you are of the opinion that it should not be moved, we want to know why and if you are of the opinion that it should be moved, we want to know why. We want you to feel free to express your opinions in The Reporter.

The accident to the car in which members of the Commissioners Court were riding Saturday proves the necessity of repairing roads in Young county in order to make them safe for travel. This can only be done, however, with the county in good financial shape. Thousands of dollars might be well spent in this way that would be of direct benefit to every citizen in the county. Good roads have always been a help to any country and the people of Young county should not forget this fact when matters pertaining to the spending of enormous sums comes before them.

Last week there was sent out to the people of Graham and adjacent territory, a letter from E. S. Graham, trustee of Oak Grove cemetery fund, asking for a stated subscription to help keep the cemetery in good condition. Some time ago the funds ran out and since that time there has been nothing done towards keeping the place in its usual good condition. We trust those who received a letter will respond with a goodly amount, and if there are those who did not receive a copy of this letter and are interested in the cemetery we urge you to send your donation to Mr. Graham as early as possible. We cannot afford to have it said that the city of Graham does not do its utmost to supply a respectable place for its dead.

Moving Pictures.

It is now claimed that the moving picture shows have decreased the receipts, and in some instances the number of saloons, in the cities because they afford a cheap and agreeable entertainment which has a tendency to wean the head of the family from the saloon and to share his pleasures with his family. The movies serve an excellent purpose in the way of cheap and wholesome amusements under proper regulations.—San Antonio Express.

That is about the best of the many good things that have been said in favor of the moving pictures. At first this entertainment was looked upon with extreme doubt and many misgivings as the new is always regarded. But as time passed and the photo-plays got their balance it was found that they certainly opened a new empire of amusement to amusement-loving mankind. Also it was soon seen by the operators that in motion pictures as in every other entertainment decency paid the best revenue. From the first timorous openings better and better times have come over the picture theaters. Clean and honorable business men have gone into these enterprises, large capital has been devoted to them, and what at one brief time seemed like a menace to public morality has been transformed into an agency for the social uplift.—Dallas Morning News.

We Want your Frying Chickens.

Bring all your frying size chickens to the Mountainside Hotel. Will pay from 15c to 20c a pound for all you will bring.
Beecher M. Baker, Proprietor

Physical Development of Child and Man.

In his sermon at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning, Rev. Gaines B. Hall advocated the physical development of our people as well as the spiritual. He stated that the advocacy of the spiritual life to the neglect of the physical, hampered the development of the highest spiritual possibilities. No man, said he, could be a bright happy christian if his soul was housed in a body where care and pain were uppermost. Rev. Hall pleaded for healthy development of our children, so that the future years might see them taking an active part in both the social and spiritual life of the world.

He took occasion to speak of newspapers both secular and religious and asked the members of his church to supply the home with a religious paper as well as the country weekly and the dailies, stating the weekly and dailies were not sufficient reading for a good home education, their tendency, he said, being to print that which was of a low order and of excitable nature.

It is possible, that he meant this last remark more for the dailies than the weekly papers, but the statement made would lead one to believe that all were included. On this point we want to disagree with him, as it is a tendency of nearly all country papers to set the highest possible moral standard for its readers. While it is true that some country papers do not do this, it will apply with the great majority.

Editors of country papers could publish the disgusting sprees of drunkards, the fights of those of more or less prominent standing and many other things that would be read with interest by some people, but these things he excludes from his columns as being unworthy the notice of a respectable journal and intelligent people. A rightly conducted newspaper is often as much force in keeping a community clean and wholesome as are the efforts of its ministers. We too, would like to see every home supplied with a religious paper; the constant reading of a paper might awaken even the parents to a higher sense of responsibility to their children. It might give them some idea of what should be done for the entertainment of their children, rather than let them find enjoyment for themselves. If parents look more after the playful nature of their children it would be much easier for Sunday school teacher and the preacher to teach them the ways of christianity.

Raise the Flags.

Drivers on the rural routes and star routes from Graham inform the editor that the patrons on the routes could secure better service if they would take the trouble to raise the flags on their boxes when they place mail in them to be taken up. It often occurs that no mail is to be left in a box and when a carrier sees no flag raised they see no necessity for stopping at the box and drive by without looking in, so mail is often overlooked. Help the carrier to give you good service.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the firemen and citizens of Graham for their excellent and timely assistance when the Dolman House was destroyed by fire. It is our wish that you may never experience a like disaster.
Sincerely yours,
C. W. DAV.

Groceries.

Full and complete line of Groceries, Feed, Seed Oats, etc. at

Vick's.

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While subscriptions to The Reporter are coming in very rapidly we are not satisfied with the results thus far obtained, so as a special inducement to get subscriptions quickly we are going to give away, **absolutely free**, a fine \$450.00 Piano, a \$125.00 buggy and several other valuable presents to ladies to solicit subscriptions for us. Any lady in West Texas, either married or single, is eligible for this contest. No red tape, just get the subscriptions, turn them in to us and receive the votes. The lady securing the largest number of votes will be given the fine Piano; the lady that secures the next largest number of votes will be given the \$125.00 buggy, and so on down the line until all the prizes have been awarded.

Every contestant must be nominated on one of the regular nomination blanks below, but you will be allowed to **NOMINATE YOURSELF**. Don't wait until some one nominates you if you want to enter this contest. Just start right out getting subscribers and bring or send in your nomination later. The main thing is go after the subscriptions and get them.

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WHAT SAM THOUGHT

By BILLY BACHELOR.

"Well, what do you think of this Billy?" Sam Martin exclaimed, as he handed me the evening paper, pointing to a paragraph under the heading, "Social Gleanings," which read: "Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton announce the marriage of their daughter, Ethel, and Oscar Newman, at Grace church, Oakburn, Tuesday, October 1."

"What do you think of it, Sam?" I inquired as I tossed the paper back to him.

"It's an outrage, a blanked outrage! What right has Os Newman to marry anybody but Beatrice Price? Don't all her friends, all his friends, know he is wildly in love with her? Haven't they known it for ever a year? Hasn't he followed Beatrice about like a hungry dog chasing a bone ever since he first met her? I repeat, what right has he to marry Ethel Hamilton? Why, she's a child, a silly little butterfly of fashion. Os never can love that type of woman, and you know it, Bill."

"Yes, I know it. What do you suppose poor old Oscar did it for?"

Sam hitched his chair up closer to mine, lighted his pipe and took a few slow inhalations before he replied by shaking his head slowly and pronouncing the one word, "Pique."

"It looks like it, I must admit," said I. "And yet I gave Oscar credit for too much common sense to ever let him do a fool trick like that."

"Beatrice turned him down, and he swore he would get even—"

"Well, of all the—! It's a mighty queer thing, Sam, how men—and women—try to prove how little they really care for the person they once professed to love so deeply by turning around and marrying some one else. How the proving of themselves fickle-minded should give them one moment's pleasure, or how, under such circumstances, they can hope for happiness passes my understanding."

"It just goes to show, I think, that the love such people have is very small, not the grand passion, the overpowering devotion of a great soul, as they like to imagine it is. Hurt vainly, smarting pride and the fiendish desire to hurt in return are more responsible for the marriage-from-pique than any 'heart wounds' either man or woman may feel."

"The man who has tried his best to win the one woman in the world and failed; the woman who has given her best to a man who proves himself false, will not be in any hurry to bind themselves by marriage vows to another person."

"Such fatal steps—and they nearly always are fatal—show suffering self conceit rather than a broken heart—an error into which those who are only half in love ever fall."

"The man squares up his shoulders and says, 'Well, maybe I won't show that girl a thing or two!' The girl tosses her pretty head, pins on a saucy little bow of ribbon or dons a new frock and fares forth, vowing that she'll just show that man how little she really cared."

"This is far more dangerous for a man, especially a man of Oscar's temperament, than for a woman. The woman may come to love her husband if he is kind and good to her, but, as you know, Sam, no man ever gives his heart to a woman after marriage."

"You are right about that, old man! It hurts, though, to think that Oscar could display so much innate meanness. I can't understand how any honorable man could allow himself to commit such a fraud. It is a fraud, a lie, a cheat! Do you suppose even silly little Ethel Hamilton would consent to marry a man who frankly admitted he only asked her to be his wife in order to 'get even' with another woman?"

"Os has committed not only one of the greatest pieces of folly in his life, but has acted in a shameful manner toward the girl who is now his wife. By George! I feel like—"

"But here I laid a detaining hand on Sam's arm and told him it didn't matter what he felt like doing, he must not do anything. "If Oscar has been fool enough to marry out of pique, then his life will be punishment enough, without any one else butting in and making things more miserable for the girl."

"You're right, old man! Well, so long; it's about time to turn in, and I'm tired."

"Good night, Sam. Don't worry about other people's troubles. We all have enough of our own."

Explosion of a Flower.
Sometimes the floral spathe of a great palm tree will fly open with a sound like a detonation in a mine. Such an event occurred in the botanical garden in Algiers recently. The spathe, nearly three feet long, was projected to a great distance, and for some moments the head of the palm tree was wreathed with golden dust formed of the debris of the flower. The sun's heat had roasted the flower to the color of rust. The director of the garden explained the explosion as being due to a fermentation in the flower caused by the extraordinary dryness of the air. A violet strococo had just passed. In Algeria ostrich eggs explode in the same way and from a like cause.—Harper's Weekly.

Trying His Own Hand.
"John," said the minister of a Scotch parish, "I fear you are growing remiss in your religious duties. I have not seen you in the kirk these three Sundays." "No," answered John, "it's no that I'm growin' remiss; I'm just tinkerin' away wi' my soul mase!"—Methodist Recorder.

CYNTHIA'S ADVENTURE

By F. FOGARTY.

Tears gathered in the eyes of Cynthia Thomas as she gazed down at the little garden in the back yard of the house adjoining that in which she occupied the smallest room on the top floor.

Cynthia was going away—although she knew of no place to go. She had eaten nothing for two days, and was hungry.

A recent interview with her landlady had not been a pleasant one—the shame of it was responsible for her tears. Landladies cannot wait more than four weeks for their room rent, and Cynthia had not paid hers for five. Even now there seemed no possibility of its being paid for five more weeks.

So she said goodby to the little garden and looked about her room in vain for something she could pawn. There was nothing left—nothing but her clothes, and those she must keep so that she might look respectable even if the river had to be the solution of her problem.

During the first few weeks after she had lost her position on the News Cynthia had rather enjoyed the experience of "hard luck." It had broadened her, developed her insight into life, she thought. But the endless round of visits to city editors, asking for a job, then the search for any kind of work ended fruitlessly, her money gone, and that curious gnawing sensation, with a light-headed faintness, was an entirely different matter.

Blindly she walked down Broadway, stumbling as she crossed the intersecting streets. Presently she met the eyes of a handsome, well-dressed young man, a stranger, who lifted his hat with a smiling "Good evening."

"Good evening," said Cynthia, before she was really aware what had occurred.

"May I ask where you are going?" politely inquired the stranger.

"I'm going to dinner," she announced firmly, with her head held proudly erect.

"May I beg that you will take pity on me—and dine with me?" asked the man as he stood in front of her, hat in hand. "I am a stranger in the city—and lonely. I ask you to grant my request, as a beggar would ask for alms. Won't you give me the pleasure of your company for an hour while we dine?"

Cynthia looked him squarely in the eyes—eyes that met hers with frank straightforwardness. "Thank you," she said with quiet dignity. "I will dine with you with pleasure. I have not dined for two days."

He looked at her with a start and his eyes read the truth in the face before him. Quickly he guided her to a quiet restaurant not very far away, where they found a table for two near an open window.

For two hours they chatted pleasantly, lingering over the dinner. Cynthia liked the man. They were congenial companions. If only she had met him in another way. She could not continue an acquaintance formed thus.

"What shall we do next?" he inquired cheerfully. "It's too hot for the theater. Shall we take a drive by the river side? It's early—and we can be back by ten if you wish."

This proposition fitted in with her half-formed plan; so she agreed.

"I will wait in the reception room while you order the taxi," she murmured; but as soon as she saw him disappear down the corridor she hastily scribbled a note at the writing table and gave it to the maid, with instructions to hand it to the gentleman when he returned.

"You have probably saved my life. Thank you—and goodby," it read.

The next minute pedestrians on Thirty-fifth street were amazed at the sight of a stylishly gowned young woman running swiftly along that quiet thoroughfare.

Was it fate that sent her directly into the arms of Mrs. Forbes, the society editor on the Star, and the one woman in all New York that she knew at all well?

"Cynthia, child, whatever is the trouble?" asked that kind soul, as she caught the excited girl by the arm and faced her about in the direction she was going.

"Oh, Mrs. Forbes, they told me you were out of town."

"I was. Just got back an hour ago." Then between little gasps of laughter and tears, Cynthia told her story to the sympathetic woman by her side.

"You are to stay with me tonight, Cynthia; and tomorrow I'll introduce you to our managing editor. He is looking for some one to report women club news, and I'm sure you can land the job. At any rate, we'll try."

"Now you must get to bed. You are all worn out and nervous," continued the motherly little woman, as she led the way up the steps of an apartment house where her own rooms were the daintiest and coziest in the building. In her dreams Cynthia saw the gray eyes of her dinner companion and wondered if ever again she would look into their kindly depths.

What Was the Text?
"I select my text," began the young layman, "from the Book of Nature. It is inscribed on every leaf, which clings to every tree, in the library of the forest—the latter clause of the fourth branch, and the third twig."—Judge's Library.

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Local and Personal Mention

See Owen & Young for Early Triumph Seed Potatoes.

R. L. McLaren of Bunker was a business visitor to the city Monday.

Let Jno. C. Bower sell you a Buick. He will save you money.

Lanham Ballard left last week for the Anderson Ranch in Archer county.

See Owen & Young for baled oats, alfalfa and Johnson grass hay.

Roy Wheat of Loving was in the city on business Monday.

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

Mrs. Fannie Wheeler of Bridgeport spent Sunday in the city, guest of her sister, Mrs. H. W. McGowan.

Early Triumph Seed Potatoes at Owen & Young.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keegan have a child sick with the measles.

Large bulk Queen olives.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

A. F. Rogers of South Bend was in the city on business yesterday.

If your coffee hasn't the right flavor, buy a can of "Golden Gate," at our store. Mabry & Son.

Rev. B. F. Stallings visited in Ft. Worth this week.

Let Dr. Blevins cut that wart off of your mule. Guaranteed to stay off.

G. W. Dalrymple of Elbert was in the city on business Tuesday.

Vegetables received fresh the first and last of each week.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

J. W. Miller of Elbert was a business visitor in Graham Tuesday.

For cheap money on land with or without partial payments apply to C. W. Hinson, Graham, Texas.

J. W. Horner of Goosecreek was in the city Tuesday.

If you need a windmill, pump or tank call on Hughes & Kizer, northeast corner of square, Graham, Texas.

The Graham Barber Shop, has moved into new quarters on the west side and have fixed up the shop in fine shape.

Bloody Butcher, Hickory King and Strawberry Seed Corn at our store.

Mabry & Son.

J. M. Askew of Bunker was here on business Tuesday.

Let Dr. Blevins castrate your colt this spring.

Judge J. E. Simpson, representative from this district spent two days at home this week. The Judge looks hale and hearty and it is quite evident that being the people's representative agrees with him.

Attractive prices on can goods this week at our store. Mabry & Son.

C. D. Yancey, president of the Sons of Rest was resting in Graham several days this week.

Dust-No-More Floor Sweep.

For sale in 30 lb. pails and 100 lb. barrels. The Graham Printing Co.

Mrs. L. T. Elliott who has been visiting her son, Webb, in Corsicana for several months returned to Graham last week and is now with her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Rose.

Just Received: A car of pure soft Missouri Flour, meal, bran and chops. Graves & Ward.

J. W. Gibbs of Proffitt passed through Graham yesterday enroute to Pickwick to assist Sam Gibbs in moving his household effects to Burkburnett.

Let Jno. C. Bower sell you a Buick automobile, Pope Excelsior motorcycle and Rambler bicycle.

Mr. Samuel Kaye of Jacksboro was in the city last week.

Fresh vegetables every day at our store. Mabry & Son.

Joe Bob McClusky of South Bend, one of the best farmers in section, was transacting business in Graham Monday.

We pay top prices in cash for Butter, eggs, chickens, and Turkeys. Graves & Ward.

W. E. McClendon of Sanger, California was in the city the past week and called on the Reporter while here. Mr McClendon has sold out in California and will move to Acme, Texas.

Second car of Red Rust Proof seed oats just received.

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Pure ribbon cane syrup in barrels, 60 cents a gallon. Bring your jugs. Owen & Young.

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Have just put in a full stock of field seed, such as corn, oats, sorghum, kafir-corn, maize and millet. This is all first-class stuff and it will pay you to give me a call before you buy. Feed in connection. Either wholesale or retail. In Pinch building, northwest corner of square.

W. L. Howry.

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To The Patrons of The Graham Postoffice.

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Respectfully,
Henry Asley.

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Notice to Praetorians

Special business to come before the council tomorrow night. All members are urged to be present.
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Try a sack of Majesty Flour, none better, few as good—Graves & Ward.

Of What Use is the Memorial Fund?

The sum of two dollars from each local union to be raised in the way that seems best to the individual union, whether each member contributes her dime or helps in an uplifting, educative entertainment, medal contests for example, is to be contributed on this date of the heavenly home-going of Francis Willard. Since 1880 superintendents of departments of the various activities of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have taken the place of standing committees and money necessary to run the home missionary work among foreign populations, Indians and colored people instead of being taken from the general receipts has been supplied by free will offerings to the memory of one of the greatest women.

Conditions today are such as to call forth extra effort on the part of all loyal members of the W. C. T. U. as well as of all patriotic women. More than twenty ports are admitting newcomers and instead of 457,257 immigrants of 1880 we have the 1,285,349 of 1907. In place of Germans, Scandinavians, English, Irish and Scotch, we have Italians, Hungarians, Russians, Poles, Bohemians, Croations and Greeks. The necessity for helpers who can speak to these people in their own tongue is great, especially at ports of entry where



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There are many calls for Mrs. Amanda Peterson to work among the Scandinavian people, and for Dr. Lake to labor among Italians. After a talk in Philadelphia last February an Italian pastor remarked: "That is the first time any American has ever spoken to my people in their own tongue. It is the first time they ever heard the story of Scientific Temperance." It is the first time they have been taught and not scolded. They have heard about many things but this is the first time they have been told about temperance.

What an arraignment! Can we expect returns from a people to whom we give nothing in return?

To the Union raising the largest memorial fund in a contest a prize of ten dollars (\$10.00) is offered. May we not hope to be the successful ones?

The Matron's Medal Contest under the efficient management of Miss Lucille Miller is progressing nicely and it is assured nothing will be left undone to make this one of the most interesting programs ever rendered along the line of temperance work. We ask the co-operation and support of all our W. C. T. U. members and temperance people of our town and country. Come to the High School Auditorium Feb. 21, 8 o'clock; only 15c admission. The medals for both the silver and gold contest will soon be on display. Let's talk this up among our friends and make a marked success of this most interesting feature of W. C. T. U. work.

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