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S. BOYD STREET ELECTED MAYOR

ELECTION HELD TUESDAY PASSES OFF VERY QUIETLY WITH LIGHT VOTE.

NEW ALDERMEN ELECTED

G. B. Johnson and Edgar Matthews are Chosen to Serve the City as Aldermen.

The city election Tuesday passed off very quietly, the total vote being only 140. Only one ticket was put out, carrying the following names:

For Mayor, S. Boyd Street, Alderman (first ward) G. B. Johnson.

Alderman (second ward) Edgar Matthews.

The retiring mayor and aldermen have served the city very faithfully and the people of Graham should appreciate the unselfish service they have given. The Reporter desires to extend the thanks of the people to these gentlemen for that service.

Mr. Street was not elected as mayor without an opponent, as Z. A. Hudson received 45 votes, while Mr. Street received 86. Two pretty good men running for the job that pays the enormous salary of \$1.00 a year, but we feel sure that the salary will cut no ice with the service to be rendered. In fact, we know that Mr. Street will make us a good, aggressive mayor, one who will work for the good of Graham without fear or favor.

Immediately after the result was known Tuesday a representative of The Reporter talked with Mr. Street and when asked how he thought he would like the job, said: "I would much rather some one else had been elected mayor, as it seems hard to do what a Mayor ought to do without making enemies. But I trust the people of Graham will be as fair to me as they have been to my predecessor and I am sure I will do the very best I can for the whole people. It isn't an easy job, by any means, but I would not shirk any duty placed upon me by the people."

Les Hiboux.

Mrs. Q. Street entertained the Les Hiboux with a lovely party Tuesday afternoon honoring her house guest, Mrs. Jot Montgomery of Memphis, Texas. Five games of bridge were played in which Miss Dot Graham won high score, and Mrs. Lester Ringgenberg the consolation. The guest prize, a cut glass nappi, was given to Mrs. Montgomery. Mrs. Wadsworth assisted Mrs. Street in serving delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake to members and guests. The out of town guests were Misses Ida Donovan of Weatherford, Root of Georgetown, Alice Stewart of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Lester Ringgenberg of Jacksboro and the honoree.

Methodist Protracted Meeting.

I desire to announce that there will be a protracted meeting begin at the Methodist church on the 4th Sunday in May. Please make your arrangements to attend as often as possible.

J. HALE BOWMAN,
Pastor in Charge.

Miss Corinne Gallaher, who has been spending the winter with her brother Tom in Amarillo, returned this week.

CONFEDERATE DAUGHTERS TO ERECT MONUMENT

Tag Day to be Held Next Big Monday in Graham.

On the occasion of next Big Monday the Daughters of the Confederacy will conduct a tag sale for the benefit of the fund they are raising to erect a monument in Graham in memory of the Confederate soldiers, and it is expected that about one thousand tags will be sold.

No price will be put upon the tags and everyone who buys one, two or more are left free to give just what they please for them.

This is a very worthy cause and it is the hope of the Daughters that at the close of next Big Monday their coffers will be richer by many dollars.

The Daughters have worked hard and faithful to secure the funds to erect this monument and it is our prediction that it will not be a great while longer before it will be accomplished.

Literary Club Entertained.

A charming social hour was spent by the ladies of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle at the home of Mrs. A. A. Morrison, on last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Morrison was assisted in entertaining by the three preceding hostesses of the Club, Mesdames Garrett, Rickman and H. L. Morrison.

A brief business session was held at which time Mrs. F. F. Parrish was elected delegate to represent this organization at the district convention of Women's Clubs to be held at Stephenville April 10-11. Mrs. H. L. Morrison was chosen alternate.

The afternoon's program was of art, selected from the interesting chapters of the fascinating study of "Mornings with Masters of Art." Prefacing the program, Mrs. Akin rendered a most enjoyable piano selection, and the roll-call was "Favorite Pictures," as varied in report as the range of taste of those present. The peaceful "Angelus" so wonderfully wrought by Millet proved to be the most popular favorite. Mrs. Hallam read a paper on "The New Science," dealing with the introduction of character into art, and Mrs. Rose gave a most lucid and entertaining treatment of "Leonard's" using copies of masterpieces to illustrate points in the lesson study. Miss Lucille Miller, who is a very popular reader in Graham, was heard with pleasure in "At the Seashore." The guests were served with delicious ice cream, devil's food and angel's food cake of excellent variety, with salted nuts. The table bore charming appointments of cut glass and embroidered linen, centered by artistically arranged clusters of violets. Violet buttoniers were given as favors.

Mesdames Widmayer, R. F. Short, Rubenkoenig and Miss Lucille Miller were invited guests.

Graham Wins.

In the election last Saturday to determine whether the county seat of Young county would be moved from Graham to Newcastle, Graham won by 165 majority. The total vote stood for Graham 1259, for Newcastle 1094.

The Graham Reporter got out a special edition announcing this fact which was received Monday morning at Jacksboro, which is going some for a newspaper out side of a big city. Jacksboro News.

MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED BY DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY IN MEMORY OF VETERANS.



Learning by Experience.

Agents of the department of agriculture who have interviewed farmers in thirteen states (the number of farmers interviewed is not given) report that in the opinion of 46 per cent of those interviewed the only way to learn farming is by farming. They told the agents that they took no stock in farmers' institutes, demonstration agents, farm papers or bulletins from the department of agriculture.

This statement, issued by the department of agriculture, is like too many coming from the same source. It is so incomplete as to be almost worthless. Before forming a conclusion about it we should know where these 46 per cent of farmers live, whether they are prosperous or otherwise, and, more to the point, whether the methods of farming they follow themselves are not pretty closely in line with the ideas advanced by the farmers' institutes, demonstration agents and other agencies referred to.

For it is a fact that a farmer cannot get along in farming solely from the knowledge acquired in his own experience. He does not live that long. He may boast of his independence, but the facts are that the methods he uses were mostly taught him by someone else—his father, or his neighbors, or men he has met. In these days a boy who was a deaf mute and was further denied the ability to read or to write could learn some of the principles of successful farming by merely using his eyes. Were he blind, the limit of his possibilities to learn farming would be reached.

No farmer farms wholly from his own experience and his own knowledge. Most of it—all of the foundation, in fact—is borrowed from somebody who went before.

So the man who scoffs at opportunities for increasing his knowledge is at least inconsistent. We do not particularly care whether a boy learns good farming from his father or from

department of agriculture literature, just so he learns it. True, no fund of theoretical knowledge acquired from reading will teach farming. One does not learn to swim by watching others from the bank.

But the wise man, learning swimming or farming, takes advantage of every opportunity offered him for increasing his knowledge. The knowledge we can get from others is a time-saver, and time is money. A man's experience in farming will protect him from doing unwise things when he hears them recommended. No doubt the unwise things which are frequently recommended by would-be teachers of farming are mostly responsible for prejudice against everything in that direction. But, on the other hand, good advice may save a farmer a whole year's work in making some experiment which others had previously proved not worth while.

To farm successfully needs both practice and knowledge. If, through the latter, we can save our energies in respect to the former, we are getting ahead. It is merely one way of making our heads save our hands.—Texas Farm Co-Operator.

For Miss Stewart.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Graham entertained most delightfully honoring Miss Alice Stewart of Ft. Worth. Bridge whist was the game of the evening, Mrs. Harry Wadsworth winning the lady's prize for high score; Mr. Paul Deats the gentleman's, while Miss Root of Georgetown was fortunate enough to carry away the guest's prize.

Nut ice cream and cake were served to the following guests: Misses Stewart of Fort Worth, Donovan of Weatherford, Root of Georgetown, Graham, Garrett and Mrs. Montgomery of Memphis. Messrs. Street, Deats, McClatchey and Arnold. Messrs. and Mesdames H. A. Wadsworth, H. B. Street, G. Q. Street and E. S. Graham.

MCCRACKEN OF OLNEY RE-ELECTED MAYOR

Receives 55 Votes Against 40 For Two Opponents.

The city election at Olney was fought out with pretty closely drawn lines, according to the report that came over the wires Tuesday night.

Mayor McCracken, who was such a loyal Graham supporter in the recent county seat race, stood for re-election and was opposed by two men who were supporters of Newcastle, and history repeated itself and the Graham man won.

The Olney ticket was as follows:

For Mayor:
M. P. McCracken..... 55
J. E. Harrell..... 33
A. H. Anderson..... 7

City Secretary:
R. E. Myers..... 56
W. D. Bolding..... 38

City Marshall:
S. J. Densmore..... 94
(no opponent)

Aldermen:
Bill Johnson
A. A. Cooper
C. W. Staley
(no opponents)

Mr. McCracken has made Olney a good Mayor and the recent county seat campaign brought out considerable opposition to him for mayor for this year but good judgment prevailed and the good people of Olney want him to serve them again. We believe they were wise in their choice and that Mr. McCracken will make them just as good a mayor in the future as he has been heretofore.

German Prosperity.

The Dresdener Bank, of Berlin, reviewing nearly forty-two years of successful experience, points out some evidences of German prosperity. For example, it gives a table that shows the yields of grain per hectare of eight great agricultural countries. Germany stands at the head of the list. The United States just manages to beat Russia and Argentina. Of wheat, the yield in Germany is twenty and a half bushels; in the United States, eight and a half. Germany gets over seventeen bushels of rye; the United States less than ten. The German output of Barley is just under twenty bushels; ours is just over eleven. In oats the respective yields are seventeen and three quarters, and eight and three quarters.

Germany's soil is comparatively poor; but she uses as much fertilizer as all the rest of the world—and gets results, as the above comparisons show.

In so-called natural resources the fatherland is poor compared with this country; but, thanks to those resources that lie in the trained brain and hand of man, its total national wealth is now reckoned as equal to three-fifths that of the United States.

About agriculture, certainly we have something to learn from Germany. For instance, the Dresdener Bank with evident satisfaction prints a list of the great transportation, industrial and financial concerns with which it is associated, and points with pride to the fact that it is represented on the directorates of no less than two hundred companies of various sorts. It takes pains to advertise that it is a money trust, and evidently expects Germany to be glad of it!—Saturday Evening Post.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING IS BEING APPLIED

YOUNG COUNTY BECOMING NOTED FOR OTHER THINGS BESIDES ITS COAL.

SMALL GRAINS ARE PAYING

People of West Texas Alert Because of Their Resources and Development of Transportation.

Olney, Texas, March 30.—Old-time cowmen in some sections of West Texas are in the habit of speaking with disdain of what they are pleased to term "Kafir-corn cowboys." The passing of time has increased their number, notwithstanding, and in this section, where every cowman is a farmer and every farmer a cowman, the Kafir cowboy is becoming a leading citizen.

Young county is becoming noted for other things besides coal, although the deposits of this mineral are extensive and very valuable. Like the adjoining county of Jack, Young has extensive live stock interests—live stock of the better kind. Times have even changed in this industry. Not many years ago there were no Kafir-corn cowboys. The real old-timer was here in all his glory—not as romantic as the movies depict him, but he delivered the goods and drove great herds of cattle from range to range and finally across the country to market. Today such ranchers as there are are limited in acreage and all fenced. Every rancher has a farm under cultivation, and he is making rapid progress in acquiring a scientific agricultural education. He grows a great acreage of feed and sells his crop on the hoof. This little city, as well as Graham, the county seat, and Newcastle, are important cattle shipping points.

The droughts of the last two years brought about the introduction of a larger acreage of Kafir-corn, maize and sorghum, drought-resisting feed-crops; but corn and other forage, including peanuts, have not been abandoned. Many farmers, however, not directly interested in the live stock industry are making a splendid success with wheat and winter oats. The Young county wheat crop of 1912 was one of the best in its history. The average production per acre was around twenty-four bushels, as against an average of less than fourteen for the United States. The product was of excellent quality and brought top prices. Encouraged by the success of last year, a much larger acreage was sowed last fall, and at this time the fields are in excellent condition.

Deeper plowing and crop rotation for the purpose of conserving moisture and preserving the soil is now being practiced by a large number, and these methods have placed them in the class known as "our most successful farmers." It has been demonstrated beyond a question that the average soil of this county, if properly handled, will produce abundant crops in seasons of less than normal rainfall and bumper crops in seasons in which the average farmer makes good.

Cotton is also a very important crop, the production varying according to season from 12,000 to 20,000 bales. In discussing this crop with a farmer at Olney, he stated that the majority of farmers were beginning to appreciate the value of seed selection and instead of selling all the seed

from the first ginnings and holding out of the last for the next crop, they are picking their earliest cotton, selecting the best bolls and holding the seed for the next year, and by so doing are securing earlier cotton, a better staple and a heavier yield. Success in seed selection with cotton has developed the same habit with reference to other crops, and Young county has increased the value of its agricultural production more by improving quality than it has by increasing production.

There is no fuel problem in this section. Many farmers secure their supply by digging away the outcroppings in the side hills of their own land. Those who are not fortunate enough to possess coal-bearing land themselves get fuel from their neighbors at a very small cost. Coal is found in nearly all sections of the country. A mine is being developed at Loving, on the Gulf, Texas and Western Railroad, but nowhere in this section is the industry as far advanced as it is at Newcastle. Here mining is a prominent industry. It is stated that the average shipments per day will run from ten to twelve car loads, and as the field is developed and proper methods of firing with this coal are better understood, it is believed by those interested that the consumption will be greatly increased.

As there is such a large area of lignite in Texas many persons make the mistake in calling the product of this section of Texas lignite also. The product of the mines of Newcastle, in Young county; Thurber, in Erath county; Strawn, in Palo Pinto county, and Bridgeport, in Wise county, is bituminous coal of excellent quality, although not a cooking coal. The seams are fairly uniform and dip at the approximate rate of ninety feet per mile.

Many of the seams are near the surface and outcroppings are frequently found on hillsides. It is well suited for steaming purposes if properly handled.

Thus far hard or coking coal has never been discovered in Texas. Recently reports were circulated to the effect that in boring a well in Young county a vein of coal was pierced which was of a fine coking variety. No tests having been made most people are inclined to wait further developments before giving the report credit.

Lying in direct line from the oil and gas fields of Clay and Wichita counties and in a coal-bearing region, oil men state that it is possible and even probable that oil and gas in paying quantities will be discovered in Young, Jack and Palo Pinto counties. Shallow wells in Jack county are producing a very heavy oil. Small quantities of oil have been secured in Young county, and several deep wells have been drilled and capped, the results being kept from the general public.

There are large quantities of brick clay and great deposits of limestone of a quality used in concrete and road work as well as for building purposes.

The citizens of this section, notwithstanding two adverse seasons, are satisfied that they are in the best part of Texas, and with the improvement of train service with Dallas and Fort Worth, look forward to advancement in all lines of endeavor. They feel that the transportation companies are beginning to appreciate the opportunities for the development of a large tonnage, and that the eyes of the State are turned in their direction, and therefore they are up and doing, improving their advantages and developing such of their resources as they have the means to do. The agricultural and livestock interests are of special importance and in these lines one may look for the greatest progress in the future.—Frank A. Briggs, in Dallas News.

How We Kept the County Seat

By A Man from the Solid Box.

Young county had an election,
And the reason that brought it about
Was that Newcastle wanted a Court House
And wanted it good and stout.

So the election then was ordered
And the fight at once began;
Newcastle's main dependence
Was the smutty, miner man.

They had any amount of town lots,
Which they were eager to sell,
Of course this interested deeply
Messrs. Perkins, Kemp and Kell.

On looking among the speakers
Which they had at their command,
They found themselves without
A man to take the stand.

So they sent off down to Plano
For a man of wide renown,
And for several hundred dollars
Got the service of Mr. Brown.

They first accused us of being thieves,
Who from Old Belknap bore
The Young county court house records,
In eighteen seventy-four.

Of course, they knew that this was false,
Or they made an awful blunder;
The whole fact in this case is,
They used it for campaign thunder.

They said our present court house
Was cracked from bottom to top,
And wouldn't stand much longer
Unless the thing was propped.

So the Dallas building inspector came
And examined it from top to bed;
The cracks were not found in the court house—
They were in the Newcastle people's head.

And so they fussed and roared and croaked,
Like bullfrogs in a pond;
And the next dope manufactured
Was the ten thousand dollar bond.

The attorney general's ruling was
That Graham was in the ring;
He said the ten thousand dollar bond
Wasn't worth a frazzlin' thing.

And thus they kept up a continual roar,
Like the howling winds of winter;
They said that Graham was away too far
From the geographical center.

And here's to you, Newcastleites,
We showed you one of our tricks,
Whenever we vote on the county seat
We turn out from the "sticks."

They fought it bravely to the last,
Though trembling with fear and doubt,
And at nine o'clock on Saturday night
We finished laying them out.

And now to you, Newcastle friends,
You may feel a little warm,
You'll find the county seat at Graham
When old Gabriel blows his horn.

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Smut and Blight Easily Remedied.

Smut and blight, which cause the greatest objection to kaffir corn and milo maize, may be prevented, according to H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island system who has devoted the entire March issue of "The Southwest Trail," a magazine gotten out by the agricultural department, to kaffir corn and milo.

The treatment as a preventive of smut is simple and inexpensive, as follows:

Just before planting, mix one pound of formaldehyde with thirty gallons of water and immediately soak the seed in this mixture for an hour, thoroughly dry the seed and plant at once. If the mixture is left over an hour or two the formaldehyde will evaporate and the treatment will do no good. In drug stores in small places there is little demand for formaldehyde and the stock on hand becomes worthless. Farmers should insist on fresh material.

Concerning blight, Mr. Cottrell says: "Kaffir and milo sometimes fail to produce seed, although otherwise the head is well formed. This trouble is called blight and is generally supposed to be caused by heavy rains washing off the pollen from the heads when in bloom, thereby preventing the flowers from fertilizing. The rains have nothing to do with causing blight. It is caused by an insect, the sorghum midge. This insect lives through the winter chiefly on Johnson grass and goes from that to the kaffir."

"The best remedy has been found to plant either early or late. In Texas, kaffir or milo planted in March or early in July usually escapes. In Oklahoma, plantings made about the middle of May and after July 1 are little affected, while kaffir planted late in May and during the first half of June is often badly damaged."

Farm Eugenics.

Seeding operations will become general within the next few weeks. It is to be feared that a large majority of the farmers will, as usual, give little or no attention to the selection of seed. Yet it has been demonstrated that a careful selection of seed would add hundreds of millions of dollars to the total value of crops.

Burbank has said that if a variety of wheat were developed capable of producing one more kernel to the head it would mean an addition of 15,000,000 bushels to our wheat crop. It is possible to do much more than that. At the Minnesota station a wheat selected for ten years, on the principle of Hallett, the English physiologist, yielded 25 per cent more than the parent variety. Applied to the crop of 1912, that increase would have amounted to 185,000,000 bushels, worth \$140,000,000. Again and again it has been shown that by hybridizing and seed selection varieties of wheat can be developed to meet local conditions of soil and climate; while the gluten content can be increased by the same means.

It has been officially stated that our average yield of corn could be easily doubled. Seed selection alone would accomplish wonders. After exhaustive tests the Department of Agriculture says that by merely testing the individual ears of seed corn and rejecting those of low vitality, an average gain of nearly 14 per cent could be secured. It is an easy matter to test seed corn; and last year that increase would have amounted to 437,000,000 bushels, with a farm value of \$213,000,000. What would it amount to if every farmer raised his seed corn with the same care and skill that is given the breeding of a trotting horse?

A strain of barley has been developed in Wisconsin that last year was 6 1/2 bushels ahead of the average yield. That increase on the entire acreage of last season would have been worth \$27,000,000. We plant 37,000,000 acres

to oats and get an average yield of less than thirty bushels, when more could be obtained. The 10-year average yield of potatoes is 92.7 bushels per acre. Maine has produced as high as 220 bushels. A potato will reproduce, not like itself, but like the hill it came from. Yet little attention is paid to selection which would increase production 50 per cent. When 3,500,000 acres are planted, what a shameful waste.

Cotton planters should know that their salvation lies in their power to increase the yield and improve the quality. The expert in charge of cotton breeding in

the Department of Agriculture says: "By a system of selection and breeding, both yield and quality could be greatly raised. As an estimate of the advantage to be gained annually, \$200,000,000 is not unreasonable."

There is no easier way for the farmers to add a billion dollars a year to their product than by a careful system of seed selection and breeding. Are our farmers forever to lag behind the rest of the country in scientific production?—Wall Street Journal.

G. W. Pratt of Eliasville was in Graham on business Saturday and called on The Reporter.



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I said I would have my fling,
And do what a young man may;
And I didn't believe a thing
That the parsons have to say.
I didn't believe in a God
That gives us blood-like fire,
Then flings us into hell because
We answer the call of desire.

And I said: "Religion is rot,
And the laws of the world are nil;
For the bad man is he who is caught
And can not foot the bill.
And there is no place called hell;
And heaven is only a truth,
When a man has his way with a maid,
In the fresh keen hour of youth.

"And money can buy us grace,
If it rings on the plate of the church;
And money can neatly erase
Each sign of a sinful smirch."
For I saw men everywhere,
Hotfooting the road of vice;
Women and preachers smiled on them
As long as they paid the price.

So I had my joy of life:
I went the pace of the town;
And then I took me a wife,
And started to settle down.
I had gold enough and to spare
For all the simple joys
That belong with a house and a home
And a brood of girls and boys.

I married a girl with health
And virtue and spotless fame,
I gave in exchange my wealth
And a proud old family name.
And I gave her the love of a heart
Grown sated and sick of sin!
My deal with the devil was cleaned up,
And the last bill handed in.

She was going to bring me a child,
And when in labor she cried,
With love and fear I was wild,
But now I wish she had died.
For the son she bore me was blind
And crippled and weak and sore;
And his mother was left a wreck,
It was so she settled my score.

I said I must have my fling,
And they knew the path I would go;
Yet no one told me a thing
Of what I needed to know.
Folks talk too much of a soul
From heavenly joys debarred,
And not enough of the babes unborn,
By the sins of their fathers scared.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Cosmopolitan.

J. A. Ferguson was in the city
Saturday and paid The Reporter
a pleasant visit.
Let Dr. Blevins castrate your
colt this spring.

The high school teams of Graham and Olney will play ball at the Graham ball park next Saturday. The boys are getting in fine fettle and unusually good game is expected. The price of admission will be 25c. Game to be called at 3:30.

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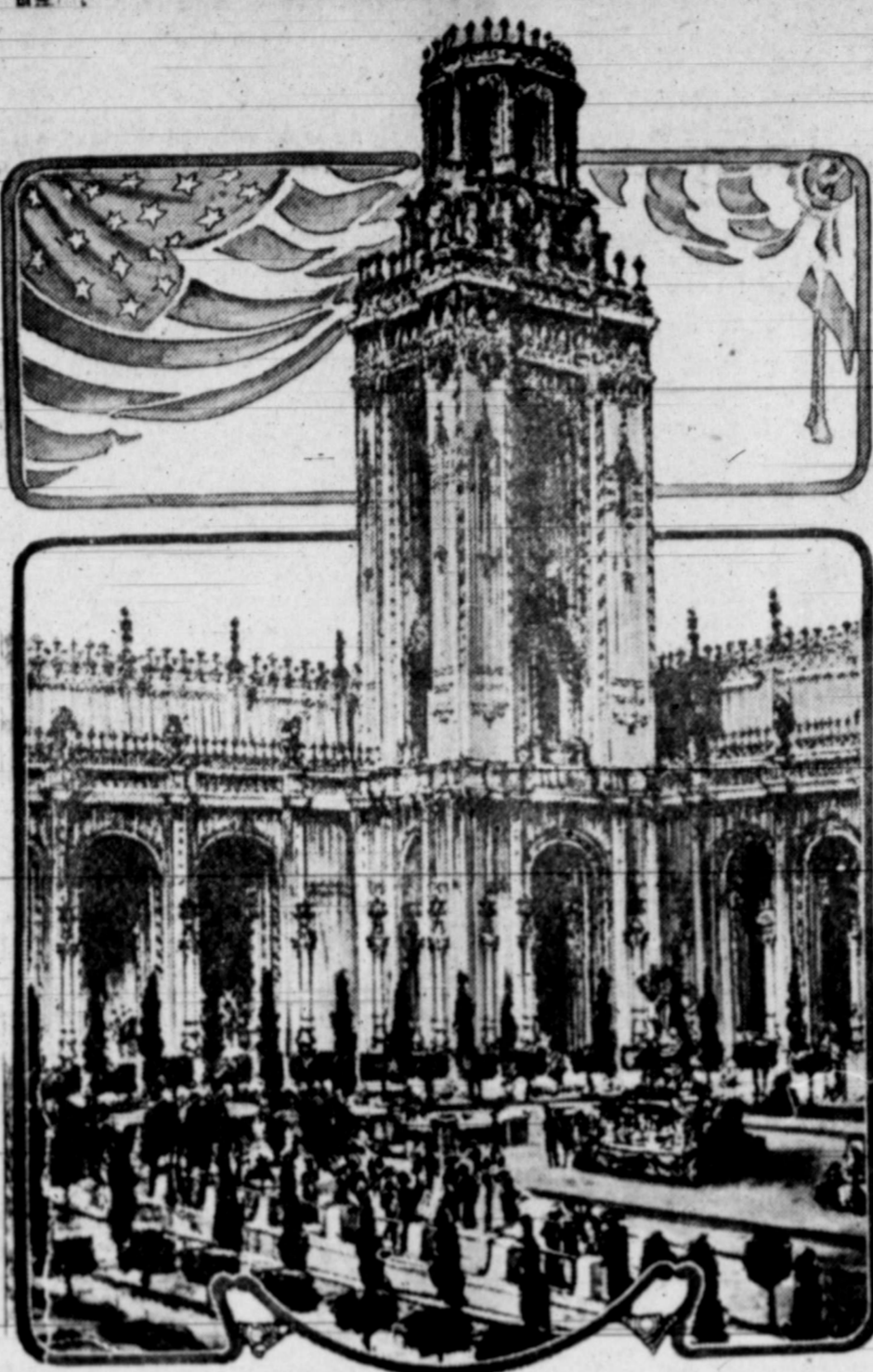
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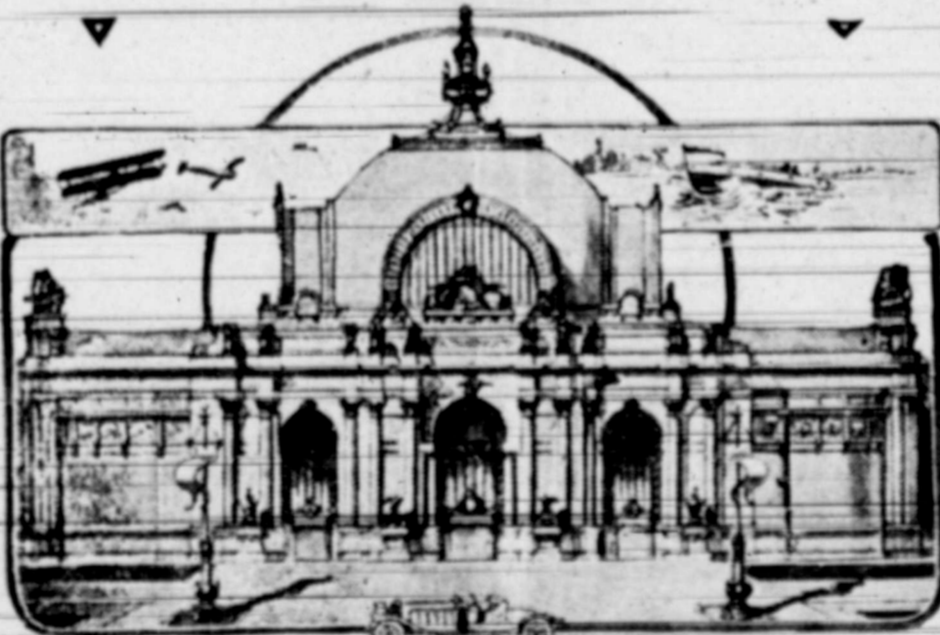
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A echo tower in the Festive or East Court. At night the East Court, with its pavements of gold, its great banks of flowers, and its lofty palms, will be flooded with light. Musical masterpieces of the world will be rendered by the chimes in the towers. Great saengerfests and choral festivals will assemble upon the floors of the court. In the Festive Court, the visitor will behold a vision surpassing the richest dreams of Oriental or Moorish architecture. The floors of this court will be in tessellated pavements of gold, dancing nymphs and satyrs. There will be great fountains upon which magic lights will play at night and at night this mystic court, as all others, will be flooded by a glow of indirect light which will resemble a bright moonlight. At the south end of the court will be a huge tower 270 feet in height in which will be a great organ with echo organs in smaller towers of the court. The Festive Court will be a court of music, of acting, and symphonic dancing. Here will assemble many of the great pageants of Oriental nations that will take part during the exposition; here too will come many of the processions from the amusement center, which will be designed to draw visitors from the more serious phases of the exposition.

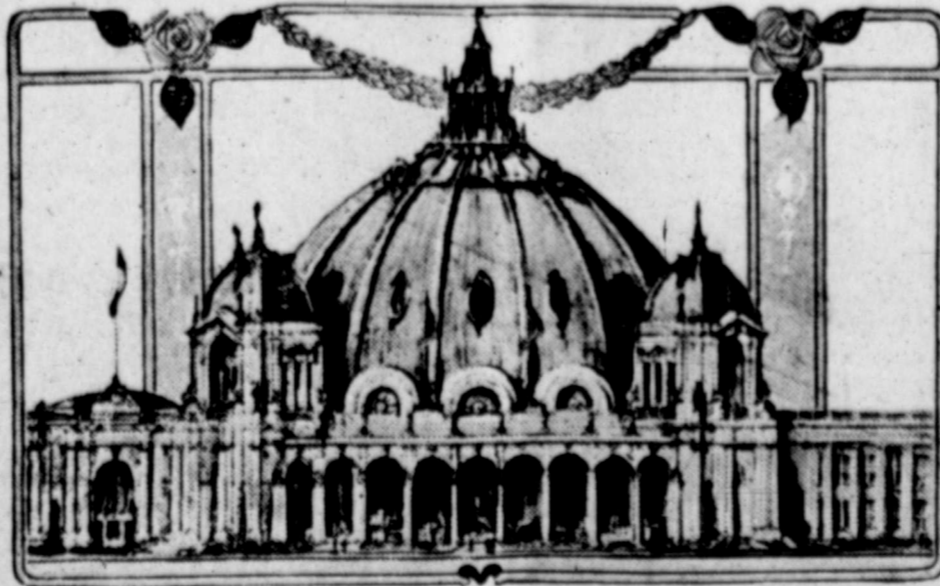
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DESIGN of the Motor Building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. This structure will be one of the largest of the exposition palaces, approximately 275 feet front by 800 feet deep, covering about 210,000 square feet, or more than five acres. The dome, which surmounts the center of the front portion of the building, is 130 feet high and surmounted with a turret composed of the prows of modern motor boats, each carrying a searchlight. This point will be used by Mr. Ryan, the chief of illumination of the exposition, for the purpose of lighting up the grounds and adjacent buildings. Other groups at the base of the building will convey, allegorically, the uses of electricity, gas and other mechanical devices which compose the motor. Its modernity is in harmony with the nature of the exhibits which it will house, and its triumphal character is emblematic of that triumph of modern transportation, the automobile. The groups of statuary surmounting the attic will be allegorically carried out to typify the triumph of the motor over the elements. The main group in front will be a sort of quadriga of automobiles typifying the conquest over the land. On the sides will be allegories of the motor boat and the aeroplane, respectively, typifying the victory over the sea and air. On either side of the entire length of the building there will be a frieze 10 feet high in bas relief, giving the history of transportation from the early log cart up to the most modern development of the automobile.

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The News from our County Correspondents

Elm Creek.

Lots of corn is planted, but I have not heard of any coming up yet, and many are waiting for seasonable weather to plant.

Farmers generally are well up with their work.

Early gardens are suffering from cold, cutworms and rabbits. The stuff grows just about fast enough to furnish dessert for the jackrabbits.

Mr. and Mrs. Ham Blanton moved to their new home in Newcastle this week.

Tom Adams has gone to visit his people in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reeves visited Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Scobie Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis spent Friday night at the Guy Reeves home.

Clarence and Guy Reeves helped Julius Webb with his breaking a day or two last week.

Julius and Guy are helping J. M. Webb grub. J. M. has the contract for clearing seventy-odd acres for Ed Terrell of Newcastle.

T. J. Dunlap, the Watkin man, was making his rounds in this community last week.

The singing class met with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blanton last Sunday eve. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webb, Mamie Lewis and Manley Buckler attended from this side.

J. O. Lewis has his barn filled with baled feed. Mr. Bellamy and son Burgess of Proffitt did the work for him.

Mr. Lewis is breaking new land for cotton.

Several children enjoyed an egg hunt at T. Tolston's Easter Sunday.

We had a good rain Tuesday night, with hail, wind, thunder and lightning.

The fruit supper at John Webb's Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

The "Middle Buster" surveying crew were surveying a railroad route through here Wednesday. Somehow, folks out this way don't seem to have much faith in the road—guess it is because they have been fooled so often.

Dr. Cagle of Proffitt says the other doctors forced him into buying an automobile. Doctor, you'll not regret it when you get used to the new machine.

I understand there was a railroad meeting at Proffitt Friday night.

Supt. King was visiting our school this week.

There is a movement on foot to consolidate the Proffitt with the Crib Station and Tankersley schools and grade it. I am in favor of building, but let it be nearer the children instead of farther away. The graded system would be all right if all could attend all the time, but when the pupils have to take what schooling they can get after cotton picking, they should have the school work arranged so they do not have to do the same work year after year because they did not attend enough to complete their grade in one year. The writer thinks if he were teaching he would let each child do what it could and all it could, whether it was in a certain grade or not, for that is about all the majority of country children get, anyway. This may be hearsay, but that is the way I feel about it. Schools should be arranged to do the greatest good to the greatest number.

REL. K. CUB.

Mount Pleasant.

Oh, my head! I have talked, read and heard talked about the county seat and the price of my eggs till the mainspring of my thinker is either sprung or slipped "out'er jint." But it is over now and the county seat will remain at Graham forever and we can eat our eggs. Oh, my stomach!

Yes, "everything is quiet along

the Potomac" now, and in the words of the immortal Lincoln, uttered at the close of the civil war, which with the words "nation" and "war" eliminated and "county" and "campaign" substituted, reads like this: "Now let's proceed to heal the county's wounds made by this cruel campaign." We must all be neighbors; we have just as good neighbors among those who voted for Newcastle as among those who voted for Graham. So let's all work together for better schools, better roads and better crops.

Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Anderson went to Graham last Sunday evening to meet Mr. Anderson's brother, A. J., and family of Cleburne.

We neglected to say last week that Andrew Smith and Henry Owens of Gooseneck came back to the "happy hunting grounds" recently and spent the night among the Belknaps. Andrew used to live among us and is a famous cat hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Moore went to W. E. Moore's in Briar Branch Saturday.

Why import a name for the proposed new county, Salemite? Have you forgotten so soon that imported goods are of inferior quality? Besides, they are good people up there and deserve a good name for their county. Why not call it Olney?

Misses Effie and Ada Harden and Lovela Jordan of Belknap visited the family of L. P. Brooks Saturday and Sunday.

J. A. Wright finished gathering corn last Monday. Who said corn wouldn't grow in Young county? But Mr. Wright has one of the best farms in the county.

Let's all go out to the school election next Saturday and do our duty. These elections are of more importance to us than was the general election last fall, or even the recent county seat election. Let's get busy and build up our schools so that our children may be educated without going away from home. Don't wait till your children get old enough to go to school, but go to work now and have a good school for them to start in.

Mrs. J. E. Martin and Miss Ethel Brown were in Graham Monday, taking advantage of the cheap sales now on as advertised in The Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hardue of Komo visited at Billy Pardue's Saturday and Sunday.

Say, did you notice how hot Steamboat Bill's letter was in the Leader last week? Yes, sir, it just blazed right out with the word which, according to the Bible, is the name of a place seven times hotter than anywhere else, and then had the audacity to take to task our own Western Girl for as beautiful a word as "Jeanetta" simply because he (Steamboat Bill) had never heard of her. Now, go 'way back and sit down, Bill, and let our girl alone.

It is feared that corn was damaged some by the recent frost.

PLOWBOY.

Murray

Health is very good with the exception of that of Mr. Rigsby, who has been suffering from a tumor or growth on his face, but is some better since the doctors performed the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowling and Grandma Butler visited at Mr. Golden's of the Crib Station community Sunday.

The Fish Creek school gave an entertainment and box supper last Friday night for the purpose of getting a library. The proceeds were \$28.00.

Miss Georgia Carmack got notice that the organ and library was at the station.

There was prayer meeting at the tabernacle Sunday evening. News is scarce, so

MORE ANON.

Hawkins Chapel.

Mrs. J. C. Cross returned home Sunday afternoon from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Hettie Baker, who lives in Parker county.

The Literary Friday night was a success. The Farmer string band furnished music.

Several in the community went to the Wells on the excursion last Wednesday.

Mrs. Helm is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Will Smith.

Mr. Jim Oatman and family visited his brother Mr. Jesse Oatman of Archer county last week.

Miss Lillie Drum was the guest of Miss Florence Baker Sunday.

Mr. Ward and family spent Sunday with Grandpa and Grandma Drum.

Miss Florence Carmack was the guest of Miss Blanche Bavousett Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Otis Stratten's father and mother visited her Sunday.

The Misses Woodrum took dinner with Miss Eva Baker Sunday.

Mr. John Barrett and family were guests of his brother, Mr. Ben Barrett Sunday.

Mrs. Rube Loftin and family returned to West Fork Sunday after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Laura Baker.

Miss Ola Herring was a guest of Miss Ruby Newman Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Baker has gone west again—the west seems to have a great attraction for him. It surely can't be the country, it must be the people.

Mr. Charlie Miller was out for a buggy ride Sunday afternoon but we can hardly believe that he had been to the town of "Loving," judging from the way he looked.

Mr. Frank Loftin and sister, Miss Lessie, attended the literary at Markley Saturday night.

Mr. Luther Drum of Loving spent Sunday night with his father and mother.

Barnie Baker returned home Sunday afternoon from the Fifth Sunday meeting held with the Camp Creek church.

The freeze last week damaged the fruit badly in this part of the woods.

VIOLET.

Gooseneck.

The Gander has returned from Newcastle and he says Gooseneck is good enough for him.

The health of the community is not so good; some are sick with colds and we understand that there are a few cases of measles.

Mrs. Leona Suttle and daughter visited friends in the Mountain Home community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaren visited Mrs. Clark Sunday.

Alfred Parsons has been quite sick with measles but is better today.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar James and little Mary Kate went horseback riding Sunday afternoon.

Roy Parsons and Luster Suttle went to Ming Bend Sunday.

Miss Cora Wiley attended the spelling match at Mountain Home Friday night.

The party at R. Mullenox's was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Elmer McLaren has gone to Wild Bend.

It has been rumored that Mr. Richardson of Bunger has sold his farm and will move. We are sorry to lose these good people and especially do the boys hate to see the girls leave.

We are glad that Dewey Wiley was the champion speller at Mt. Home Friday night.

Alta Driver is reported to be on the sick list.

There will be a grave yard working in Gooseneck Saturday April 5th.

Bob McLaren and his oldest son were out rustling rabbits Wednesday. Bob says they are fine baked with dressing and you don't have to use onions.

Jack frost came and bit most of the early gardens.

Willie called on Uncle Geo. Rose Sunday night.

Herman Johnson and Lona McLaren attended the singing at Mr. Owens' Sunday night.

G. W. Mahaney and family visited Mr. Tolitt's Sunday.

The Gander would be pleased to meet "Sallie," our last week's writer.

GANDER.

Bunger

Miss Goose and Mr. Gander were both absent last week; they had gone astray, but I guess they will come back.

Bunger was crowded today with business men from the south—looking out a location I guess.

We think that railroad is coming right through Bunger and if it does Bunger will be the fastest place this side of Grand Saline.

The W. O. W. boys had a light plant put in last week. Everything looks mighty light around Bunger.

Mrs. H. A. Driver says she has to call Henry to dinner; he will close up the doors and light the burners and just sit down and watch them burn.

Captain Smith bought a load of hay from R. L. McLaren last week.

The candy breaking was just fine last Saturday at Rufus's.

We had a big grinding at the Bunger Mill & Elevator Co. last Friday.

We have learned that the Graham business men are going to give Gooseneck and Connor Creek a big all day dinner pretty soon. If this is the truth the Goose wants to know it. Don't you Gander?

Isn't John Clark a hard kicker? He kicked his dog last Tuesday and the dog hasn't come back yet. Which way did you kick him John?

Bro. Wilson, you didn't know this land around Bunger was so high, did you? Mr. Richardson sold his place at \$37.00 per acre. This is a fine country old brother.

Two old bachelors from Tonk Valley visited Charlie Holt Sunday. They said those old maids run them out from over there. I will give their names: Marion Holt and Bine Wadley. Come back boys, we will treat you right.

Walter and John James of Ming Bend attended Sunday school at Gooseneck Sunday. Come often boys, glad to have you.

Oscar Gray is working in the shop with Mr. Upham at Bunger.

GOOSE.

Connor Creek.

The recent freeze and hail has done up the garden.

Farmers in this neighborhood were kept out of their fields on account of rain, and most of them only worked two days last week.

Walter Wagoner had a very sick baby Tuesday night but we hear it is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Shaban spent Saturday night with their daughter Mrs. Pasie Bowers.

Mrs. Eva Gilmore spent Saturday night with her father, Wm. Wright, who has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay and daughter Alice visited at Mr. Ratcliff's Sunday.

Anyone wanting a horse broke to drive single will do well to call on Louis Thomasberry as he has a rattling good rig for that purpose.

Mrs. Emma Chandler left Friday for East Texas to visit her son.

Fred W. Fay found a pair of tan baby shoes near the Union Wagon Yard. The wrapper was from R. L. Reed & Co. The owner can phone or write where they want them left.

Clay Anderson was in our neighborhood buying cattle this week.

On next Sunday there will be an all day's meeting at Connor Creek with dinner on the ground, it being Bro. Wisor's day. Everybody come and bring well filled baskets.

Edgar Choate and family called at Mr. Chandler's Sunday.

Gene Martin stopped to see Ted Fay Sunday while enroute to Henry Chapel. What is in the wind now, Gene?

Mrs. Pasie Bowers is quite sick at this writing.

Some of the young people attended a party at Clay Anderson's and report a jolly time.

Albert Fay, Calvin and Leonard Atwood went to Flat Rock to attend the Literary Friday night and say they are going back again.

CASEY JONES.

Oakland.

Edgar Craig and mother spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers near Flint Creek.

Virgler Willis of Rocky Mound was out driving early Sunday morning in his farm wagon, in our community.

Carl Findley was out riding on his wheel Saturday afternoon.

Curtis looked rather lonely but seemed to be enjoying himself just the same.

Gray Blount of the East who has been visiting his home—folks returned Sunday morning to begin his work after a jolly visit. We are glad to welcome Gray home again and sincerely hope he will make his next shorter than the last one.

Bird Padgett and family went to Graham Saturday.

Clarence Blount was in Bryson Saturday.

Lonnie Baty and wife were in town Thursday.

Jeff Whitfield and sisters report a jolly time attending the show several nights last week.

Bud Goldston was out Sunday morning real early trying to persuade some of his cattle to go home which had been gone a few days.

Henry Moore and family of near Loving were down visiting Mrs. Josh Moore, his father and his wife's people, Mrs. Lester. We believe Henry is glad to get back in his old home country.

Miss Amy Robertson who is in Graham was out visiting home folks Sunday. She was accompanied by Edgar McLendon's little daughter.

Edgar Craig has been very busy the last few days digging a hog tank. You are wise Edgar to prepare now to have water these long warm summer days and not have to haul it as others do.

W. E. Farris and family of Loving were visiting in this community Sunday. Mr. Farris was a former resident of this country.

Ausgie Claton and little daughter of Bryson were up to see J. D. Baty Sunday.

There was quite a nice crowd at singing Sunday and they had excellent singing. Everyone should come for we always have a nice time.

There will be preaching at the school house next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the literary at Oakland Saturday night; we are expecting to have a jolly good time.

There was a party at Mr. Hig-knight's last Friday night but for some reason they kept it rather quiet until it was over with. Anyway suppose all there had a fine time.

Best success to The Reporter.

A FRIEND.

Hunt.

Jim McIntire's house burned last Friday eve. They succeeded in saving a few things. A committee was making up money for them today.

Guthbert Vernon came home Saturday and was at Sunday school and singing Sunday night, returning to Jacksboro Monday, where he is attending school. We were glad to have him with us.

Mrs. Henderson gave an egg hunt Saturday. There was a large crowd present. The children hunted the eggs and then fruit and cake were served. All had a nice time.

Our boys went over Saturday and crossed bats with the Orth boys. They won 14 to 2.

W. E. Reeves and family spent Sunday with Grandma Clayton.

S. M. Clayton, wife and son spent Monday with W. E. Reeves and family.

Miss Maud Raburn spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Pearl and Emma Smith.

Most all the farmers have their corn planted.

Oats and wheat are looking fine.

ROSEBUD.

[Surely our correspondence section is getting to be a veritable flower garden and we are more than glad to welcome Rosebud.—Editor.]

Salem.

On the night of the 26th we received a knockout blow, first one for 1913. All, or nearly all the fruit on the low land along the river was killed by the freeze and heavy frost. The oats were not injured in the least.

Early planted corn is coming up; some fields are up to half a stand.

Bro. Pursley preached here Sunday morning and evening. His sermons were instructive and interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Howery spent the greater part of last week at the bedside of a sick relative in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams of Ming Bend attended church here Sunday.

Spring is surely here, because John Kisinger attended church Sunday, and beside that, a Weary Willie tramped through here peddling spectacles, the first "agent" of the season, not counting Bro. Watkins, for, of course, we all would die from from aches and pains if he should quit the road.

Mrs. Ida Brooks and family of the Eliasville country were visiting her sister, Mrs. Marion Henderson Saturday and Sunday.

During the past two weeks a number of yearling steers have changed hands here. They are selling high, higher, highest than ever before known here.

Sunday was a beautiful day, warm and spring-like. The hee-fly was abroad in the land and the mild-eyed cow threw a Grecian bend in her caudal appendage and fled to the jungle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Anderson were callers at John Kisinger's Wednesday.

Some of the boys use buggies and some use saddle horses in overcoming the distance that lies between them and the object of their affection, but Jim uses the phone and he gets there first every time—no, she has never even gladdened his vision yet, but Jim says he knows she is pretty, because her voice is so sweet.

F. Burch's new well, at a depth of 133 feet, on the farm he bought from N. A. Gordon, proved nothing more than a dust-er. He then built a large surface tank, and that is right, for the tank and cistern furnish the best water supply. SALEMITES.

Briar Branch.

We are enjoying the pretty weather. Fishing is all the go up here on Salt Creek and some are having good luck.

There was church Sunday. Bro. Cook preached an interesting sermon. Sunday school was also well attended.

Miss Pearl Gallaher spent the last of the week in Graham.

Archie Conder and Charlie Baugh left April 1 for Ft. Worth and other points.

A good crowd attended the singing at E. H. Rowe's Sunday night.

Mrs. H. H. Stevens and little daughter Mildred are visiting Carl Newman and wife on Duff Prairie.

We are glad to report Mrs. Sudie Crawford about well again. John Wadley and family visited L. F. Gallaher Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Rowe is on the sick list.

Jay Garvin and J. C. Gallaher and families of Graham visited our community Sunday.

Miss Hattie Conder spent the day Tuesday with Miss Clara Rowe.

Ed Rowe spent Saturday night with Carl Bishop in Graham.

Robt. Crawford made a trip to town Monday on his wheel.

Miss Esther Rowe visited Miss Elzie Slater Sunday.

Jeff and Frank Gallaher were fishing Monday and report fine luck.

Carl Bishop and Miss Ada Orrell of Graham attended singing Sunday night.

BEAUTIFUL DOLL.

Loving.

The last cold spell done up our fruit crop in good style. We do not think there is a peach left, and but few plums. They are killed notwithstanding the theory of the saving qualities of the light moon in March.

R. L. Reeves received a telegram last Wednesday that his son Harlan, who was working in Dallas, was dangerously sick and he left next morning to be with him. Saturday the family received a phone message stating that Harlan was doing very well, but had been very low. Mr. Reeves is still in Dallas.

Mrs. W. T. Hughes of Haskell came in Sunday eve and will visit her daughter, Mrs. Mary Wheat, for several months.

The G. T. & W. is running regular passenger trains over their road and gets into Loving at 10 a. m. westbound, and 4 p. m. eastbound. This is quite a treat to the traveling public tributary to the road, as they can go to Dallas via Mineral Wells.

There were 58 tickets sold here to excursionists to Mineral Wells. Many more would have gone, but the weather was too cold. The engine that pulled the Loving train went dead at Mineral Wells and the train did not arrive here till 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Mrs. B. F. Burton is reported on the sick list. Quite a lot of sickness is reported in this section, mostly colds and grip.

There will be a box supper at the Baptist church next Friday night, the money raised to be used to finish paying for a new organ for the church.

Bro. Nobles preached at the tabernacle Sunday and at night. This was his first service since his sick spell. A large crowd was out.

The weather has been good on wheat and oats the last few days and we have a fine prospect now for a good crop. A good season is in the ground and we hope to see an abundant crop of everything this year. COR.

Dakin.

As I write this the measles are most everywhere.

Miss Juanita Bryan, who has been sick with measles the past week, is improving fast.

Our school is pretty slim now on account of sickness.

The doctor was called to see Mrs. A. J. Bryan Tuesday night, she being real sick.

J. M. Garret and family spent Sunday with Bill Porter.

Eld. Clark and wife and little grandson, James Hall, are visiting Capt. A. C. White and wife today, also Joe Snodgrass and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Robertson of Center Ridge spent Saturday night and Sunday with W. C. Reed and wife.

Curtice Findley attended literary at Flat Rock Friday night and reports a fine time.

Misses Tressie and Eula Snodgrass and brother are spending the day with Mr. Keplinger and family.

Misses Myrtice and Lilla Belle Findley were out horseback riding Saturday eve and called to see Miss Juanita Bryan. They report a jolly good time.

Earl Brewton and L. J. Bryan were in Graham Saturday.

T. D. Findley was in Graham Saturday on business.

Earl Clark visited Henry Reed Sunday.

E. Bookout of near Graham spent Sunday with Mr. Keplinger.

Curtice Findley visited Saturday night and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. L. H. Chambers, at Bryson.

J. M. Whitfield and family went to town Saturday evening and stayed for the picture show.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Chambers and little son, Leonard Hugh, of Bryson spent Sunday night with T. D. Findley and family.

BLONDIE.

Indian Mound.

Miss Minnie Fisher is spending several days visiting her sister Mrs. Horace Busch of Tonk Valley.

Homer Bird and family of Olney visited Homer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bird, from Friday till Sunday. They visited our county seat Saturday and seemed highly pleased with our little city.

Ira Huckaby and wife of White Rose were visiting relatives here last Friday.

Mrs. B. W. Drum spent Saturday with Mrs. Austin Bird.

Quite a few of our people went to the city Saturday, among the number were W. W. Williamson, N. B. Nolan, Jesse and John Newman, G. M. James and son, Charles, C. H. and Austin Bird, and Misses Jimmie Bird, Lue and Grace James.

W. W. Williamson and wife spent Sunday at J. S. Fisher's.

Miss Lena Dollins ate dinner Sunday with Misses Lue and Grace James.

B. W. Drum returned Saturday night from Ft. Worth where he has been for several weeks having his eyes treated. We are glad indeed Mr. Drum's eyes are greatly improved and hope they will continue to grow better until they are entirely well.

Walter Taylor and T. F. Sparks of Jean attended Sunday school here Sunday. Glad to have visitors any time. Come again boys.

Lee Ledbetter was visiting old friends over here Saturday and Sunday. Lee was formerly an Indian Mound boy; now lives near True. We were glad to have him back again, and will give him a welcome any time.

We all enjoyed the singing at Uncle Joe Fisher's Sunday afternoon. It was the first of the season and naturally we enjoyed it immensely.

Miss Mary Beard visited Miss Lue James Sunday afternoon.

Belvin Dollins attended singing at Jean Sunday afternoon. There seems to be some attraction up north for Belvin for he persists in going that way.

Charles James was absent from school Monday on account of sickness. Hope Chas. will soon be at his place again, for we miss one of our regular attendants when they are absent.

What is the matter with some of our correspondents? There were Spinster Maid, the Gander, Buster and ever so many more absent last week. I don't think they should play on us just because spring time is here and they feel "kinder drowsy," possibly the rest of us have that feeling too. WESTERN GEM.

Flat Rock.

Oats are looking fine.

Miss Willie Hodges visited Miss Maggie Corley Sunday.

Mr. Graves has built a new house and moved his family here.

We welcome them among us.

Our literary was well attended Friday night.

Lona Corley stayed from Friday night till Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Lily Alford.

Mrs. Kincannon and Miss Lillian Cunningham will leave Graham tomorrow for Wichita Falls, where Mr. Kincannon has gone into business.

Mrs. E. E. Corley was able to sit up Sunday.

The young Rockers went kodaking after Sunday school and report a jolly time, but say they got awfully tired.

Corene Corley is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lily Alford.

Rex Cornish was a welcome visitor in this community Sunday evening.

A number of our people enjoyed a singing at the schoolhouse Sunday night.

Our school will last three more weeks and we will have another literary that night.

Mesdames Jno. Taylor, E. H. Corley and E. D. Burton visited Mrs. Robbins Sunday.

We had several visitors at Sunday school Sunday.

CANDY KID.

Lone Oak

We are pleased to report Mrs. Hawkins still improving.

Mont Hamm spent Saturday night with Tom Butler of Red Top.

Several of the young people from this community attended Sunday school at Red Top Sunday.

Jess Willis and Lawrence Orr ate dinner with Hugh and Luther Howard Sunday.

Rufus Alexander had the misfortune of getting his ankle sprained Friday. We hope the injury will not prove serious.

Some of the Lone Oak people attended the literary society at Hawkins Chapel Friday night.

The wedding bells have been ringing in the adjoining communities and we are listening for them in our community any time as Messrs. Leonard Graves and Ernest Blakney of Red Top are still frequent callers at Mr. Walker's.

Fred Moreland and Miss Bessie Allcorn called on Jim Shatto and wife Sunday afternoon.

J. C. Ramsey and family visited A. L. Ramsey and family Sunday.

Roy McBride spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. May Pratt.

Sam Ligon was absent from school last week on account of having lagrippe.

Hubert Stewart went to Mineral Wells Wednesday.

The G. F. and W. railway is completed to Mineral Wells. We have two passenger trains each day besides the mixed train which adds very much to the convenience of the travelling people.

What is the matter with Buster and Spinster Maid that they have been absent from our page? Come on all of you good writers, we enjoy reading your letters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McBride were trading in Graham Thursday.

Our school is still progressing nicely under the management of D. B. Wood.

D. B. Wood returned Monday morning from Graham after spending Saturday and Sunday with home folks. BRUNETTE.

Red Top.

As news is scarce I will try to bring a few items this week.

We can report Mrs. Mary Thigpen and Mrs. Mabel Slater who have been very sick with measles greatly improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workman and little son Floyd spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thigpen.

Mrs. H. A. Crawford and granddaughter, Miss Eureka Slater were shopping in Graham Saturday.

The singing at Mr. Underwood's was well attended and a good time reported by all present.

Bruce Burton and Jack Petty took dinner with A. R. Rutherford's Sunday.

A few couples from Loving attended the singing Sunday evening.

Mrs. Will Slater is on the sick list this week but we hope to report her better soon.

Uncle Taylor McBee must be preparing for the next winter to come from the looks of his woodpile.

B. W. Slater is cleaning some land on his place where Mr. Blakney lives.

John Brigham was a visitor in Graham Saturday.

Mrs. Petty and daughter, Rose, were shopping in Graham Saturday.

As it is getting late, I will ring off. SPINSTER MAID.

For Sale or Trade.

A twin-cylinder, 10-h. p., belt drive, Excelsior motorcycle, 1913 model. Used only a short time and is in perfect condition. Will sell for cash or trade for horses. ROLLIE VOULES, Graham.

Orth.

Jim McIntire's house burned down Friday night, with all his household goods.

The writer went to the literary at Orth the 28th. Everybody had a nice time, especially the boys. Jack and Tom Rux and Bluford Daring were there from True. Jud Madison and two sisters were there from Olney. Con Singleton, the teacher, took a trip to Wichita Falls and his brother took charge of the literary.

We have had rain, hail, sleet, snow and plenty of wind since I wrote last.

Henry Williams, Jr., was out warning the hands to work the road Friday. Dan Keith is our overseer. We need more men like Dan.

Mr. and Mrs. Colley were called to Archer City Tuesday to the deathbed of Mr. Colley's mother. We extend sympathy.

J. J. Miller is going to Newcastle to attend the Socialist meeting.

The ball game between Frog Hollow and Orth resulted in a victory of 14 to 2 in favor of Frog Hollow.

T. J. Routon has made a new tank and took in some new land and aims to irrigate a garden. It is talked around that he is going to put in a gin at Orth before next cotton season.

Protis Burton has been doing some work this week for J. Y. Morgan. UNO.

Rocky Mound.

We are all just about up with our farming in this part of the country. Oats are looking well, but corn is not doing so well on account of cold weather.

There is nothing as beautiful as spring-time, when the grass and trees are green and the birds' sweet song make one feel like life is worth living.

Mrs. H. Mowery returned last Friday after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. D. D. Parsons, in Megargel.

Dean Phillips left this morning for Ft. Worth, where he will visit his brother.

Miss Alice Goldston went to a party at Oakland Friday night and said she had a good time.

H. Mowery and family spent the day with Mr. Phillips Sunday.

T. H. Brown visited Mr. Phillips Sunday.

I'll tell you, Peck is surely wanting to go fishing. Red Wing expects he will have to go with him.

Robt. Bowers and wife of Graham were visiting in our community Sunday.

Hubert Walker and wife and sister Pearl spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Mayo at Gooseneck.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Dooling, at Flint Creek.

Miss Ruth Roberson spent Sunday with Misses Annie B. and Sallie May Ragland. RED WING.

Proffitt

Mr. and Mrs. Lang Griffin and George Wilhoit and Mr. Rogers went to Newcastle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pannell went to Olney Friday.

Walter Dent left Thursday for Dallas with a bunch of mules.

W. M. Gibbs and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhoit.

John Bridges who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Pannell, at Proffitt, returned Friday to his home in Oklahoma.

Miss Willie Campbell went to Newcastle Saturday.

Will Gibbs and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miller Gibbs and wife.

A railroad man from Houston spoke at Proffitt Friday night. He said we will have a railroad thru Proffitt in three years if not before. Hurrah for Proffitt, we are glad she is coming alive. SNOW FLAKE.

Tonk Valley.

Sunday school is doing nicely. There was a nice crowd out Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hand of Graham visited their son Walter Sunday.

Mr. Galt and family spent Sunday with John Knight.

Wonder if Walter Kemp don't want a wagon? Guess he will have to get one as four in a buggy are a whole lot.

Miss Elice Saddeberry visited Miss Ada Gossett Sunday.

Mr. Macy and family spent Sunday with W. D. Gossett.

T. J. Wipons and family, Charlie Helms and Ben Wipons took dinner with W. D. Gossett, it being the birthday of his two oldest sons, Arthur and Batie.

There was a horseless wagon at Mr. Gossett's Sunday. Wonder who the driver was? Maybe Miss Ada knows.

Tom Cherryhomes and Shirlee Baker visited W. D. Gossett Sunday evening.

A crowd of young folks from W. D. Gossett's went kodaking Sunday evening. SUNSHINE.

Ming Bend.

Andy Owen and Ben Beach went to the city Thursday.

Will Pickard and Willie Owen went to the city Saturday.

D. H. Creager visited home-folks from Friday till Sunday.

R. A. Kutch and wife visited Sam Williams Saturday.

Sam Williams and wife went to Graham Friday.

Willie Owen and wife and Ben Beach left Monday for Dallas.

A number of our people went to church at Salem Sunday.

Lock Ribble and family visited Mr. Newby's Saturday.

Andy Owen, Earl Pickard, Olaf Ribble, Margie Ribble, Doll Pickard, Mary Cunningham and Ben Beach visited Mr. Newby Sunday eve.

Claud Henderson and Jim Neal of Salem were with the young folks at Mr. Newby's Sunday.

A number of the boys went to the party in Stephens county Saturday night.

Chester Gibbs and Everett Newby went to Lucille Friday night and report a nice time. RAINY DAY.

Henry Chapel.

The hard freeze the past week has somewhat weakened our appetite for fruit the coming season. But the last few days have been much warmer. It seems to us that the fruit would stand as much freeze as the knats, and they got through without loss. So maybe we will have a little fruit yet.

S. W. Ratcliff has been suffering from a spell of grippe the past two weeks, but is much improved.

A. Bower is having a well put down on his place, but the work has been suspended on account of a broken bit, which parties have taken to Weatherford for repairs.

Misses Dora and Flora Bower were shopping in Graham last Monday.

Misses Nellie and Edna Jarnagin, Maggie and Amanda Moren and Mary Smith visited Graham last Saturday.

Ruel Young has been doing some carpentering for T. C. Criswell of Salem the past week.

J. L. Anderson of Olney drove 200 head of yearlings out of the neighborhood Thursday.

When you hear one speak of things being as high as a cat's back, you may know they refer to cattle.

Trustee election at the school house Saturday. Bring what's left of your poll tax receipt and vote.

Byron Wade, Dee Harkey, Gene Martin, Tom Glidewell and Bill Williamson came down the road from Graham Saturday and seeing some bushes adorned with new spring hats, bowed, tipped their hats, said "good evening, ladies," and passed on, not knowing it was only an early April Fool joke. That's right, boys, always be polite.

There will be no Sunday school at the Chapel next Sunday on account of there being dinner on the ground at Connor. Of course we expect some preaching along with it.

Success to The Reporter, best wishes to its readers. DAGO.

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Phone me or write and make arrangements.

C. N. KEEN

West Texas Reporter

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We bespeak for the Daughters of the Confederacy the support of both town and country people on next Big Monday in their efforts to raise funds for the building of a monument in Graham to the memory of the Confederates. No other cause should appeal to the people of the South as much as does that of her brave soldiers who fought and suffered for the "Lost Cause."

We should give our city officials all the co-operation necessary to make Graham the best town in this section of the state. It is not their business alone to work for the town, but that of every citizen who resides within its borders. If the city officials at some time do something that does not exactly accord with your own views, tell them about it, but don't knock, for if you were the same city official you might do something that did not exactly accord with their views. In other words, if you have cause to do so, swat the mayor and city council, then help them swat the evils they are trying to correct. They won't object to that kind of criticism.

We reproduce in this paper an article from the Dallas News, written by Frank A. Briggs, staff correspondent. The article has to do with the resources and hopes of the people of Young county and is reproduced more because of its origin than anything else. The Dallas News is the greatest paper in the South and is read by people in more sections of the United States possibly than any other paper published in the South, hence you can easily see the value of the free advertising given to Young county in The News. We extend our thanks to The News for its boost of our county and assure it that every statement made by the correspondent is true. Come to Young County.

Wallace Sloan is the possessor of a new Buick and he is getting his money's worth out of it, too. Wallace bought his car from John Bower, the local Buick agent.

Miss Eureka Slater and Mrs. H. A. Crawford of Red Top were shopping in Graham Saturday, and The Reporter enjoyed a very pleasant visit from them.

The many friends of Mrs. R. V. Tidwell will be happy to learn of her complete recovery from recent serious illness.

Ed Arnold, who has been engaged in engineering at Iude, Mexico, is at home for a visit to his parents, Judge and Mrs. R. F. Arnold. Ed passed through some exciting experiences during the revolution, some of which the mere recital makes the hair stand on end. No doubt Ed likes the good old U. S. A. a little better than Mexico.

SELLS HIS MASTER'S PAPERS

Dog That Was a Most Valuable Assistant for a Newsboy in Boston.

For several years a small, businesslike dog sold newspapers to hundreds of people in Boston every day. He was to be seen near the Park street subway entrance, trotting around with a paper in his mouth until a sale was made. The money must first be deposited in a small leather pocket attached to a collar with bells which the dog wore before the paper was to be had; then the dog would return to his master for another paper to sell, says Our Dumb Animals.

Silently yet persistently this dog of business approached the men, women and children with the latest news of the day. Patrons dropped their pennies in the pocket about the dog's neck and hurried away, more thoughtful and considerate of others because of this friendly morning greeting. Often the shopping people and children would linger for a friendly talk. It was not at all unusual to see from fifty to one hundred persons waiting their turn to buy and say a few kind words to the intelligent little worker.

IRON FROM LAKES' BOTTOM

Primitive Fashion of Fishing for the Ore in Some Parts of Sweden.

In Sweden the bottoms of many lakes are covered to a thickness of some six or eight inches with fragments of iron ore about the size of peas. The composition of this lake ore consists of ochre, or hydrated oxide of iron, with silicate and other impurities, and it is said to yield big iron of good quality.

Very primitive methods are employed to obtain the ore. In winter a hole is cut in the ice, a scraper attached on a long pole is inserted, and all ore within reach is collected.

This curious kind of mining is conducted in a similar manner in summer from rafts anchored in the lake. It is said that two miners can bring up about four tons of ore a day. Steam dredges have been installed in a few places.—Harper's Weekly.

JOURNALIST AS AN ADVISER

Day Is Almost Gone When He Is Made the Confidant of Rulers.

The recent appointment of Dr. J. E. Morrison, the well-known English newspaper correspondent, as adviser to the new Chinese government, is an exception which emphasizes the fact that the day is almost gone when the journalist is the confidant of rulers. Of course, one reason is the passing of master journalists of the type of Delane, Blowitz or Greeley. It is probable that none of those men could flourish today as they did in their time, for the reason that journalism itself has undergone a tremendous change.

When Henri de Blowitz got his famous "beat" on the Berlin treaty of 1878 it was the result of years of intimate contact and service to statesmanship. There were "leaks" in those days that spelled fame and fortune for the man who caught the leakage.

Such a relationship is well-nigh impossible now. Today, and especially in our own country, the whole machinery of government is press-agented; so to speak. Every great department of our national life has a man whose function is to disseminate to the public, and through the press, a knowledge of its activities. Rarely, indeed, does a great piece of exclusive news come out of Washington—or, for that matter, from the European capitals.

All which simply goes to show that news, like everything else, has come to be a matter of system.—Munsey's Magazine.

WHY HE SHED TEARS



Drummer—I attended a funeral in a little village the other day at which even the undertaker shed tears.

Gunner—Was he a relative?

Drummer—No; but the deceased was the only doctor in the town.

CHARM OF TURGENEV.

"Turgenev," says William Lyon Phelps in his essay on the novelist, "although an uncompromising realist, was at heart always a poet. In reading him we feel that what he says is true; it is life indeed; but we also feel an inexpressible charm. It is the mysterious charm of music that makes our hearts swell and our eyes swim. He saw life, as everyone must see it, through the medium of his own soul. As Joseph Conrad has said, no novelist describes the world; he simply describes his own world."

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT.

The Learned Counsel—Yes, the constitution certainly forbids cruel and unusual punishments.

The Plain Vag—Den how about dis rock pile sentence of mine? It sure is cruel to put me to work, 'cause work is de most unusual thing dat could happen to me.—New York Globe.

NOT HIS CLASS.

"Why should that author have an automobile?"

"Why shouldn't he?"

"Because he's a hack writer."

NO TIME WASTED.

"The dog you sent here this morning bit at us and then ran away."

"He evidently determined he would show a case of snap and go."

PALPABLE HINT.

"I think a woman ought to make her clothes match her means."

"Dear me! Are your means as narrow as that?"

NICE DISTINCTION.

"Hubby, am I as dear to you as when we were courting?"

"Not as dear, wifey, but more expensive."

HER WAYS.

"Nature has a queer way of doing."

"How so?"

"If you notice, it is after night falls that day breaks."

THE LOCALITY.

"Did this ruffian hit you in the interim?"

"No, sir. He hit me in the jaw."

SUITABLE HOUSING.

"What makes your friend look so cheery?"

"He's just bought a house with a swell front."

INDEFINITE.

"I ran across a man I knew the other day and cut him dead."

"What with your manner of your motor?"

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Changes in standing will be given in next week's paper.

Since the election is over the contest has taken on renewed interest and most of the candidates are busy securing subscriptions again, though some of them are not turning them in just now. We would advise you to turn in all the subscriptions that you receive at once as the subscriber may not understand why he does not get his paper.

With all the extra copies that were sent out during the election, The Reporter became pretty well known and it will be easy for you to get new subscribers. We get them at the office every day, some for candidates, others that do not place the votes.

We hope all the contestants will get busy now and bring in the new subscriptions as we are anxious to close the contest and don't forget, the person who gets the largest number of votes will set the piano, and it's a piano well worth having.

Now let's see how many you will bring in next week.

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Farm Markets and Credits.

By Peter Radford, President Farmers' Union, in Fort Worth Record.

I have received many letters from business men throughout the state commenting on my previous articles and suggesting that we need these heart-to-heart talks between industries. I am accustomed to farming with a hoe and not with a pen, and in my embarrassment, I hope I will not chop down any good intentions or trample on worthy efforts. I desire only to harrow the seedbeds of friendship and cultivate the plants of co-operation to a more vigorous growth and a more perfect fruition.

We can build abiding structures only upon solid foundations and we had as well strike rock bottom before going any further. I am not unmindful of the fact that my environs qualify me to perhaps give more fully the agricultural side of this great economic subject, but as 75 per cent of our population are farmers and the problem is ours, the barnyard viewpoint must be reckoned with by those who would deal with the subject. A panoramic view of the scenes transpiring in Texas during the past quarter of a century will help us, as no one can hope to understand the farmer until they understand his problems.

Those who have stood by the wayside have seen the farmers stagger year by year to market under the weight of 4,000,000 bales of cotton, goaded on our way by a crop indebtedness of approximately \$75,000,000 and have heard the crash of 2,400 farmers per annum as they fell from the owner to the tenant class. During the past quarter of a century they have seen the agricultural interests writhing in agony and exceptional cases burn cotton, have heard us bless the boll weevil and pray for a drought in our frenzied effort to study the market and balance supply with demand. They have seen us, demoted by despair, benumbed by adversity and fettered by necessity, hold out a palsied hand for relief and some of the business men who diagnosed our case concluded that what we needed was increased production and proceeded to help us get it.

Banquets were held in cities and agricultural associations promoted and the press has announced that a great movement for the betterment of agriculture is on and the farmer is told to fall in line, follow printed instructions and production will be doubled and we will all live happily ever after. He is then urged to enter a crop contest and the farmer who wins the prize usually loses a crop, gets his picture in the papers and a generous press claps its hands and shouts, "Ain't he smart! Ain't he smart!" The real farmer looks on and wonders what all the child's play means. Do the business men really believe they can solve our problems with toys, speeches and fancy farming? We hope not. To those not familiar with our problems, statements in this article may sound hysterical, but the foundation of our homes, the welfare of our families and the education of our children are involved in this problem and we have a right to "scream out" against our lives being played with in so haphazard a manner. Then the problem is ours. It is our property and our destiny you are dealing with and why should we not have a voice in its solution?

It would seem a hopeless task to harmonize our views were it not for the fact that good intentions are behind the action of all of us and its only misunderstanding and lack of information that keep us apart. We invite discussion and welcome organized effort to help us. It will require the combined effort of all forces to solve so gigantic a problem and no doubt the same amount

of study will land all at the same conclusion. The difference is largely one of theory and practice. The farmer has learned his lessons by experience. We have learned them as a child learns that fire will burn. Should we be expected to discard them for fads or fancies?

On behalf of the Farmers' Union, I want to say that our organization stands for all there is in farming from the most scientific methods of seed selection to the most systematic and profitable plans of marketing. We consider the work of the farm demonstrators valuable and we ask that governmental and commercial agencies seeking to assist us extend their influence into the marketing side of our farm problems. We realize that there are 100,000,000 acres of uncultivated land in Texas, that its development must necessarily mean an increase in production. We want more farmers, more manufacturers, more merchants, and all other industries, but can we hope to develop manufacturing by over production for the factory? Can we build up mercantile enterprises by the merchants loading their shelves with surplus goods? And can we develop agriculture by glutting the market? Farming is a business proposition, and why not apply business principles to its problems? We are as badly in need of more factories in Texas as we are more farms. The factory makes a market for farm products and factory employees are heavy consumers of the products of the farm.

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WITNESS D. D. CUSENBARY, Clerk of the County Court of Young County.

Given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Graham, this 17th [SEAL] day of March A. D. 1913.

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Misses Florra Root of Georgetown and Ida Donovan of Weatherford, who were the guests of Mrs. Dorothy Graham, left Tuesday morning for their homes. They were accompanied by Miss Dorothy, who will visit with them for some time.

Pure Tennessee Triumph Seed Potatoes. Only a limited amount, at our store. Mabry & Son.

Miss Lucille Miller will give a recital Friday night, April 11. The program will appear in next week's paper.

Let John Bower sell you a Buick automobile. They stand the test.

Alvin T. Donnell of Eliasville was a business visitor Friday.

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

H. Buckler, manager of Elm Creek Park, near Proffitt, was in the city yesterday on business.

Hughes & Kizer have the very best Anti-Rust Sanitary Closet Buckets.

J. L. Jordan of Jean was here on business Monday.

There is no pleasure like riding in a Buick. See John Bower for particulars about one.

The fire boys were out yesterday in a practice run, dressed in their new suits, recently presented to them by Mr. E. S. Graham. The boys are very proud of their suits and feel grateful to Mr. Graham for his useful and liberal gift.

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

Carl Harris and J. W. Daws of Proffitt were transacting business in the permanent county seat Monday.

Notice!

"Vick" will sell you anything you want, will trade for good young mules and horses, jersey cows or stock cattle. See him if you want to make any kind of a trade.

The high school teams of Graham and Olney will play ball at the Graham ball park next Saturday. The boys are getting in fine fettle and unusually good game is expected. The price of admission will be 25c. Game to be called at 3:30.

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Malcolm Woolfolk, who has been away for some time, is now at home.

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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.

Miss Hettie Thomas, Mrs. Frank Marlin and sisters of Throckmorton were shopping in Graham Monday.

Leave your orders for tuning of pianos and organs at Carroll's Studio.

R. L. Tankersley returned Sunday night from a business trip to Kansas City.

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

Mrs. E. H. Corley and daughter, Miss Lona, were shopping in Graham Tuesday, and called at The Reporter office.

See Hughes & Kizer before buying Windmills and Supplies.

Mesdames Z. A. Hudson and J. W. Akin left Tuesday morning for Ft. Worth to attend the Presbyterian Union.

A good variety of seed corn at our store. Mabry & Son.

Dry Goods and Notions.

I have just unpacked a large stock of spring and summer goods, lace trimmings of all kinds, everything nice, nobby and up-to-date. I would appreciate your looking at my new goods.

D. G. Vick.

Mrs. H. J. Martyn, Misses Alice Stewart and Dorothy Graham and Chas. Gay spent Sunday in Jermy.

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

Bert Walsh left Tuesday for Mexico.

6-Plow Case Cultivators.

We have 85 6-plow Case cultivators, 1912 and 1913 makes. We want to sell you your cultivator and will guarantee it to be the best, and will make the price right. Come and get one and try it.

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Men's Suits.

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Wilbur Weaver, who has held a position in Dallas for some time, is visiting homefolks.

Cultivators.

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Mrs. Jot Montgomery of Memphis, Texas, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn J. Street.

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

Misses Florra Root of Georgetown and Ida Donovan of Weatherford were visiting in the city this week, guests of Miss Dorothy Graham.

Furniture.

New stock of furniture, rugs, matting, etc. at

"Vick's."

B. A. McClain, one of Mt. Pleasant's good farmers, was in the city on business Saturday. Mr. McClain said the recent freeze bit down his corn, but he thought it would come out, so he did not replant.

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

Lola and Carson Wells of Jacksboro spent Sunday in Graham, guests of their sister, Mrs. Jno. Graves.

"Listen!"

Don't buy a cultivator until you see the latest 6-plow Case at

"Vick's."

Rev. W. M. (Uncle Billy) Higgins, Eld. J. H. Fisher and others have agreed to hold a memorial service at Medlin Chapel on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, also to work the graveyard. There will be dinner on the ground. Let all who can attend, especially those who have loved ones buried in the graveyard.

Please Return Borrowed Hose.

The person or persons who borrowed about 200 feet of hose belonging to the county court house will please return same promptly. E. W. Frv, County Judge.

J. M. Keen of Farmer spent Monday and Tuesday in the city on business. Mr. Keen called at The Reporter office and among other things, told us that he and Mrs. Keen would leave in a short time for an extended tour during the summer months.

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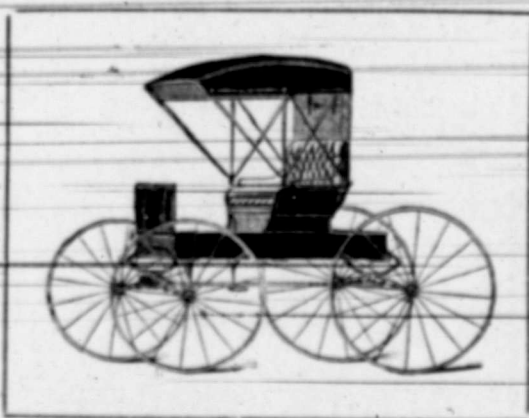
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