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SERMON BY REV. G. B. HALL

Preached to the Graduates of Graham High School and Congregation Last Sunday Morning.

TEXT—Rev. 2:10, "Be faithful unto death." Colossians 2:10, "Ye are complete in Him."

Beneath the city of Rome lay a succession of long subterranean streets, carved from the different strata of rock. These catacombs were the burying places of the martyrs. When John wrote the words of our text the martyrs were literally being poured into these burying places. The outlook everywhere for the followers of Jesus was martyrdom. Some say that the words of our text were addressed to Polycarp, while others insist that they are the prophecy of the death of Aurelian. However that may be the fact expressed here is that expressed everywhere, that the cross precedes the crown, so that if you would be a wearer of the crown you must be a bearer of the cross beforehand.

A complete character is a goal for which every young man and young woman should strive. Faithfulness is the greatest factor in achieving that desired goal. "Be faithful unto death." In the study of this subject we see that faithfulness does not depend upon environment. The lily out yonder by the stagnant pool will bless the world with its beauty and fragrance in spite of its surroundings. A Grecian general, Epaminondus, when elected to some menial office replied that if the office did not reflect honor upon him he would reflect honor upon the office.

In the city of Philadelphia, a young man twenty-one years old, gathered some children together for the study of God's word, under circumstances not very favorable for a Sunday school. If you should visit that place today you would learn of a Sunday school with five thousand enrolled and be told that all the while John Wanamaker was postmaster general he never missed a sabbath from this Sunday school which he had personally superintended from its organization. Young ladies and young gentlemen, you may be called upon to help your fellowmen; excuses will readily suggest themselves. You may say: "If I could sing like Melba I would gladly help in the praises of God's house." Do you use faithfully the voice that God has given you? You may say: "If I had millions of wealth I would endow a college or build an orphan's home." What of the trusts committed to you? Are you using a part of all God gives for the advancement of His Kingdom? Are we faithful in the use of our talents? Yonder in Caanan 12 Disciples, having had their leader crucified, started out amid circumstances most adverse to establish the church of Jesus Christ. Today his followers encircle the globe.

Again faithfulness does not depend upon talent. Consecrated talent can do much I know toward success but it is not essential to faithfulness. William Carey, the shoemaker, missionary and authority on foreign languages among the people he served, said he owed his position in life to plodding along. He did well the task in hand until God gave him greater opportunity. The disciples, though under the prince of teachers, were at first not educated men.

Again faithfulness does not depend upon success. I am glad our text did not say be successful else some might have missed

their crown. The General of the Russian army at Port Arthur stood to his post like a man who went down in defeat. Our own immortal Lee and Jackson are honored the world over, yet their cause was lost. They were faithful to the last. Upon what then does faithfulness depend? I answer upon the character of the individual. Fidelity to duty is the crown and flower of character. The strong wind is but nature's cultivation for the trees. The adverse wind makes the kite go higher. Under adverse circumstances, in unfavorable environment, and yet against opposition the character that has grown stronger in the school of endurance, is the one men depend upon. Men do not dream character. With the hammer of a consecrated will, under the light of divine revelation, from the furnace of adversity, on the anvil of opportunity, men forge characters that are strong and enduring. It is the well rounded character that is so much in demand today. The Secretary of the Memphis Y. M. C. A. said in my presence one day: "Letters of enquiry are continually coming to me asking me to recommend a young man for some responsible position of trust." They say: "All things else being equal we prefer a christian young man so that in the hour of temptation he shall have all possible strength to withstand and our business be safe in his hands." The world is crying for men and women four square to the world that they may meet the issues of life from every angle. They demand a strong symmetrical body that may be healthy and have endurance. The mental aspect of the native is to be duly cultivated and that is what you have been especially engaged in these past years. How well you have succeeded, we, your friends and neighbors, are proud to learn at this happy time. The social aspect of your nature is also to be developed for we must know how to meet our fellowmen. We are social beings and enjoy companionship. If young people are not provided with pleasures that are wholesome they will seek those that are not. Then there is that other aspect of our nature which should not be neglected, the spiritual. Men and women created in the image of God should grow more and more in the likeness of their Creator.

Society is calling for young men and young women who are pure and true, and noble and unselfish; who keep within the bounds of right and dare to shun the wrong. The state is crying for young men who love honor rather than fame, right rather than riches, who can not be bought, nor tainted, nor swerved from the path of uprightness. The home needs those who will scatter the sunshine, use their talent to increase genuine love, bring sympathy and helpfulness in the daily toil and conflict of life. The church is appealing for young men and young women possessing strong bodies, minds, and hearts who will not leave the battle for aged men, and brave women but who, in the strength of their youth, will go out and help win the battle for Prince Immanuel.

But if character be so important how shall we obtain it? Is it through some process of education that a dead heart is changed into a child of God? "Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone, can change the leper's spots and melt a heart of stone." If you

want to build for eternity start on the bed rock. Let your moral life be founded on Jesus and you may build as high and as broad as you please; no storm can shake it, no fire can burn it up. "Ye are complete in Him." If you would have that fullness and richness of character that will bless humanity, and bring treasure in heaven, be sure you let Jesus have his way in your building. I bring you a message for life, a message for eternity. Be true to yourselves and cultivate the four aspects of your God given nature. Be true to your fellowmen and serve them with the increased capacity that your enlarged opportunity shall afford you. Be faithful to your obligation to God, knowing that to Him you must give an account for the way you have used your talents, also remembering that from Him you shall expect to hear the welcome plaudit: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." What ever your calling or vocation in life may be the call of humanity and the voice of God inspire you to use all the faculties of your being for the glory of God and the uplifting of your fellowmen.

"Press on, press on, no doubt nor fear. Through every age these words may cheer. What ere may die and be forgot, Work done for God, it dieth not." "Be faithful unto death."

On account of the very limited time we had to print the paper this week we were unable to give a write-up of the commencement exercises, besides being forced to omit several articles handed in.

Protracted Meeting.

Next Sunday morning will be held the first of a series of services to be held at the Methodist church. Don't fail to come to the first service. Rev. R. J. Tooley will make you laugh when it is time to laugh, and cry when it is time to cry; and lead you into a better life. Be on hand; don't fail to come.

The place—Methodist church. The time—Next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Everybody who can are asked to co-operate in the meeting.

J. HALL BOWMAN.

Complimentary Picnic.

Promptly at 2 o'clock last Saturday a merry crowd of happy girls and boys, chaperoned by Mesdames Miller and Rickman and Miss Pearl Matthews, mounted the float driven by Mr. Carlton, destined for the picnic grounds northwest of Graham. A pleasant time was spent in going to the grounds.

The first thing in order was a picture made by one of the party, each one getting as near as possible to the wagon in which we rode. Then the happy hours were spent in kodaking, promenading and a good time in general. An appetizing lunch was spread which had been prepared by the girls and the chaperones. As the sun was sinking behind the mountains and the birds were singing their good-night songs, we bade adieu to the picnic grounds, declaring we had spent a lovely afternoon.

A CHAPERON.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Morrison returned Thursday from the Shriners convention at Dallas.

THE FIRST RACE FOR POSTMASTER

Late Entries Lessened Chances of Favorites, But Play Was Strong on Popular Candidates.

LARGEST VOTE POLLED IN LOCAL ELECTION

Thirteen Candidates in the Year 1913 Will Prove a Hoodoo for About Twelve of the Aspirants. Second Man in Race Withdraws.

For the first time in the history of Graham a real race for public office has been pulled off. Announcement was made a short time ago that Congressman Stephens would sanction a preferential primary for the office of postmaster and would recommend for appointment the winner in this race, provided he was a democrat and otherwise fitted to fill the position.

Entries for the position came in readily and even up to a few days before the election they were still putting their names on the board, their strength being estimated as high as twenty to one.

Early Saturday morning the people from the country, those who really make a race interesting, began to come in and at 8 o'clock the signal was given and the race was on. Local politicians made strenuous efforts to queer the jockeys and it appears that in many instances they succeeded well, but each candidate had strong supporters and the result of the race could hardly be forecasted.

The last voter went under the wire a short time before the time for closing the polls and the election judges gave out the following:

N. S. Farmer, 151;
E. E. Hall, 77;
F. M. Burkett, 70;
Jim Vaughan, 61;
F. Herron, 32;
J. Blakey Gallaber, 27;
L. P. Brooks, 24;
D. B. Wood, 21;
Mrs. Manning, 9;
B. B. Garrett, 9;
Homer Mayes, 8;
Mrs. Ely, 7;
Mrs. Schuster, 6.

E. E. HALL WITHDRAWS.

Late yesterday afternoon E. E. Hall, who was second in the race, handed in the following resignation to the county chairman and to the newspapers:

"Under existing circumstances I hereby withdraw from further participation in the preferential primary for the selection of postmaster at Graham, Texas. I thank most kindly all who supported me last Saturday. Respectfully, E. E. Hall."

Further than this Mr. Hall would make no statement, and it is not known exactly why he withdrew. County Chairman A. W. Kay, when seen soon after learning of Mr. Hall's withdrawal, said that he considered Mr. N. S. Farmer the nominee for the place and that he would recommend him to Hon. John H. Stephens for recommendation to the postmaster general. In reaching the above conclusion Mr. Kay says he is governed by the action of the Democratic Executive Committee of Young county in 1910, who ordered a first and second primary, and after the first primary was over, the following week all the candidates who held second place withdrew from the race and no second primary was held, and the leading candidates in the first primary were declared the regular nominees for the places to which they aspired.

On Compulsory School Attendance.

Come, let's all go out to Utah. They have a law in that state giving a woman \$10 a month on one child and \$5 on every child over. So we see there are no paupers in Utah—at all, or else they are, all paupers, therefore they are ready for a compulsory school attendance law—and laying all jokes aside, Texas is not ready for it by a jug full, and it is high time the people were getting their eyes open to the facts about this all important question.

The next legislature, if not the coming extra session next July, will most certainly pass a compulsory school attendance law, and with such a law on our statute books, and without the repeal of the present law on grading our schools; the fact will develop that from 25 to 40 and maybe 50 per cent of the school patrons of Texas are paupers. As the law now is a pupil cannot advance above the seventh grade in the intermediate schools, so if we had compulsory school attendance and happened to live in a school district of the intermediate class and our children were advanced to the 8th grade, if we were not able to send them away to a higher school we would have to walk up and take the pauper's oath and let the state send them and we would be disfranchised—see? Besides, think how humiliating it would be to a child to go to school and be snubbed a pauper. I for one would rather see mine grow up in illiteracy while they retained the free spirit of American manhood and womanhood, than educate them as paupers.

If we need compulsion at all in our public school system it is compulsory consolidation of rural schools, so the country people may have the advantage of graded high schools. Let's first prepare schools for the children to go to and then talk about compelling them to attend. It may take a compulsory school law to get the people to act—if so, I say let it come, we must have better rural schools.

Our county superintendent, B. W. King informs me that the County Board met recently and ruled that before the grade of intermediate schools shall be raised there must be \$450 to pay the teacher for a six months' school, and as many as four pupils ready for the eighth or ninth grade, or both. At first this seems a little high, but after due consideration I believe it would be better to raise the number of pupils going into the eighth grade to as many as one third of the number of scholastics previously enrolled, simply because, if, say there are forty in attendance at a school and four of them are in the eighth grade this four would necessarily get one-third of the teacher's time, whereas they would only be entitled to one-tenth of the time.

The only remedy is to combine two or more small rural schools, and establish rural county high schools with two or more teachers.

Yes, I know it will cost a little something to get the children to school five or six miles, but what other people are doing we can do. It will not cost as much nor be as inconvenient to keep a horse and buggy for them to go five or six miles as it will to send them away from home and pay board or have them go as paupers.

Let all the farmers who can, hear the discussions at the court house on the 29th by the Messrs. Burkett, Hallam, Stewart and King.

A FARMER SCHOOL TRUSTER.

FREE WANT ADS

The Reporter desires to be of as much assistance as possible to its many readers, and to help them dispose of whatever property is lying idle on their hands.

This is addressed, primarily, to our farmer friends, who may have a surplus of plows, planters, harrows, wagons, or other farm equipment, that they may want to dispose of, and for the sale of country produce, live stock or seed.

Our Free Offer

We will publish, free of charge, for two consecutive issues, a want ad, not to exceed thirty words, for any farmer in Young or adjoining counties, advertising the sale or trade of anything you may have in your possession and desire to dispose of.

You may have a plow that is too small for your present needs and can dispose of it to some one who needs just such a plow; you may want a new wagon and would dispose of your old one at a bargain, and some man may want your old one; you may have some blooded chickens or horses, cows or other live stock that another man would want a part of.

There is no better way than to let the public know through the columns of The Reporter, what you have for trade or sale. Try it for two weeks, free, and see if it doesn't bring results. If you find it satisfactory and want to continue longer, the rate will be one cent per word for each insertion.

The News from our County Correspondents

Gooseneck.

After a week's absence here comes the Gander, well rested and full of news.

The rain was fine Sunday eve. We had some hail, but not enough to damage crops. Wheat, oats, rye and cockleburrs look fine.

Mrs. Jim Price and children visited Mr. Lisle Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Holt spent Saturday eve with Mrs. G. Parsons.

Our school closed Friday. Miss Helen taught us a good school.

Miss Lona McLaren visited her cousin, Mary Cunningham, Monday. Mary is quite sick with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar James visited relatives in Ming Bend Monday.

Charlie McLaren and son Royce visited Mr. Rose Sunday.

Mesdames Day and Dalrymple visited Mrs. Kelley Saturday.

Bob Williams and family attended church here Sunday.

Mr. Conder says if you want a plow to run good, grease it with cooking oil.

What has become of John Clark and his graphophone? We can't hear from either anymore.

An old bachelor who lives in a little blue house, with beautiful surroundings, such as gardens, chickens, etc., and a good-looking bachelor, too, says he has a new buggy and aims to try to marry one of those old maids.

Good luck to you.

Mr. Berry says he does not know what he has done so very wrong, but he can't go to his lot without the bees stinging him.

Bob McLaren got lost in his corn patch and took up with bad company. He rode old Satan all over the patch, but came out victorious and his corn looks fine.

Verbie and Elma Suttle visited friends in Ming Bend recently.

Mac Rose says he is getting along nicely, as the old man furnished him the buggy, mules, girl and the old lady to go to preaching.

Don't forget prayer meeting every Thursday night.

GANDER.

Hawkins Chapel.

Mr. Drum and family visited Grandpa and Grandma Drum last Sunday.

Miss Lessie Loftin is visiting friends in Graham.

Mr. Arthur Ward and his best girl were out driving Sunday afternoon.

Misses Lillie and Hettie Drum attended preaching at Farmer Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Baker, who has been at Loving, attending the sick, returned home a few days ago.

Mr. Stennett and family of Markley spent a few days last week visiting relatives in our community.

Mr. Loftin and wife took their little boy to the doctor at Loving Saturday.

Mr. Lonnie Ward is working for Mr. Bass Drum of Indian Mound again this week.

Prayer meeting was conducted Sunday night by Mr. Barnie Baker; he read the eighth Psalm. The meeting was very good.

The Sunday school was in session at the usual hour Sunday and those present are manifesting a great interest in the work.

Mrs. Stratton and daughters visited Mr. Otis Stratton and family one day the last part of the week.

The Hawkins Chapel nine met the Markley nine Saturday at Markley and a hot game followed, resulting 10 to 7 in favor of the Chapel nine.

Some of the people in our community went into their storm lately, but the worst storms we have are sand storms as a rule in this part of the county. VIOLRT.

Indian Mound.

We had another good rain here last Thursday which will be a big help to the grain crops.

Mrs. D. E. Myers returned to her home in Olney Wednesday after a few weeks' visit here. Her niece, Mrs. Carr Rutherford, accompanied her to spend a week.

D. Bird visited his children in the Ingleside community Thursday and Friday. His daughter, Mrs. M. G. Herring returned home with him for a few days.

D. E. Myers who is connected with the Olney meat market was in our community Friday.

Quite a few of our young people attended an ice cream supper Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steadham at White Rose. They report a most pleasant time.

Charlie James and sisters, Misses Lue and Grace visited at S. D. Baugh's at Briar Branch Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Wilson of Newcastle Saturday and Sunday. The attendance was good at each service.

Edd Steadham and family of White Rose visited at the Dollins home Saturday and Sunday.

Lamar Smith attended church at Red Top Sunday.

W. P. Fisher and wife took dinner with Mrs. Mollie Dollins Sunday.

G. M. James was a visitor at Austin Bird's Sunday.

Mary Beard is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Price of Graham.

Ira Huckaby and wife of White Rose attended church here Saturday and Sunday.

Eli Slaughter and family visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

N. M. Newman and wife took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Frazier.

Miss Minnie Fisher and nieces visited Misses Stella and Zeta Dollins Sunday.

Yes, Blondie, it would be real nice to have one of those prizes but we school girls didn't have time for anything like that, did we? I was kept rather busy getting my lessons without getting subscriptions to our excellent paper. The latter would have been a much more pleasant job as well as a great deal easier. I couldn't use the piano, but I sure can use a buggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry Williamson made a trip to Graham Monday.

Mrs. Lizzie Bryan and daughters spent the day Monday with Mrs. Austin Bird.

WESTERN GIRL.

Ming Bend.

Our people are still busy planting cotton.

Nearly everyone is about to get over the measles. Misses Mary and Ethel Cunningham have them but are doing nicely.

Rev. Purselley filled his appointment at Ming Bend. A good crowd was present and all heard an interesting sermon.

Several of the Mt. Home people attended church in the Bend Sunday.

Mrs. Lark Ribble and family took dinner at Mr. Newby's Sunday.

Mrs. Newby was called to Graham Monday to assist Dr. Duncan in an operation.

Mr. Roark has about finished his new house.

Quite a number of the young folks enjoyed a cream supper at Mr. Pichard's Friday night.

Some of the young folks attended church at Gooseneck Sunday night.

Mr. Sims has purchased a new hack.

And Owen has a new buggy and wagon. He says if he breaks his buggy he has a wagon to ride in. Earl says he thinks he will get a new buggy and see if he don't have better luck.

RAINY DAY.

Bunger

We had a fine rain in the valley today; just right for wheat and oats. Farmers are all smiles over recent rains and prospects for a big crop.

Odel Johnson of Wild Bend and Jim Ferguson of Ming Bend was in Bunger Saturday.

I guess we are sure to get the railroad through here; if we do Bunger will be almost as big as Graham in a few years. I hear some talk of a soap factory and compress when the road comes.

Miss Mary Cunningham is quite sick with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams from Ming Bend were at church in Gooseneck Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Parsons and Mrs. Virgie McLaren were in Bunger Thursday.

Gene Lassiter is having a well dug.

The Gooseneck Baptist church will build a church in Bunger in the near future, I think.

I think Mr. Berry has plenty of sense by this time, as he took the census of the community Friday.

The White Sox and Ming Bend Reds met Saturday, the White Sox winning 7 to 4. The White Sox is the best club west of Dallas.

Sam Sparks has bought a new buggy. Look out girls, he is one of the young bachelors.

Some of the correspondents may think strange things about the Gander and Goose; they got married and were on their bridal tour, maybe.

Silver Bell, you say you are not going to milk; maybe you don't know how. I'll tell you; get a good clothes wringer and tie onto them.

John Clark has taught me how to bed ground and plant at the same time. He hooks his team to the cultivator and trails the planter behind. GOOSE.

Tonk Valley.

There was a large crowd at church Sunday.

The hail done some damage to crops and gardens.

Miss Katie Higdon visited Mrs. Hand in Graham last week.

Albert Parrish spent Sunday with the Gossett boys.

Mrs. H. Busch visited Mrs. Gossett Monday eve.

Carl Knight went to town Monday.

W. D. Gossett and family visited Cal. Masey Sunday.

L. L. Higdon and son Turner went to town Tuesday.

Willie Gossett spent Saturday night with Albert Parrish in White Rose.

Carl Knight and Arthur Gossett visited singing school Monday night.

Messrs. Ackers and Henderson of Graham visited T. J. Wixom Sunday evening.

Miss Ruth Knight is expected home Saturday from school.

T. G. Cherryholmes and Chas. Baker visited Mr. Nickles Sunday.

SUNSHINE.

Rocky Mound.

As I was absent last week, I will write what news we have.

Bro. Cook filled his appointed at the school house Sunday morning with a large crowd present, but the rain prevented Sunday school in the evening.

Misses Myrtice and Lilla Belle Findley and Juanita Bryan attended church Sunday.

School closed May 16 and we had a picnic and a program in the afternoon. All seemed to have a nice time.

Ray Bryan spent Sunday with Joe Mowery.

Edgar Craig and mother spent Sunday with H. L. Ragland.

Mr. Chambers returned to Bryson Sunday.

Several youngsters attended the dance at Mr. Lane's Friday night and report a good time.

Barney and Tressie Snodgrass spent Sunday with Mr. Ragland. BLUEBELL.

Murray

Bro. Chunn filled his appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night.

There was a ball game Saturday between the Murray and Sunshine teams. We don't know which side won, but suppose they both did. Anyway, Murray gave an ice cream supper in honor of the occasion.

Graham and vicinity got the rain Sunday evening, we suppose from the looks of the cloud in the east, but ours came Monday night. Let them come; we had rather see weeds growing than crops suffering.

Our sick folks are recovering. Live Oak school has been trying to find out how many scholastics she has this week.

G. W. Carmack and family attended commencement exercises in Graham Monday night. Two of our boys are graduates, Lee Carmack and Osmer Kramer.

MORE ANON.

Cedar Creek.

Last Tuesday I was accorded the privilege of visiting the Reporter office and for the first time met our kind editor and was shown through the office and had the pleasure of seeing for myself the machinery by which The Reporter is printed. Have you ever thought just how much we owe to printers ink?

What the power of the press has been in the past in shaping public opinion, correcting public morals, rebuking social and political abuses and instructing the people is too well known to be repeated here. However, show me an enterprise of man that the newspaper has not developed and strengthened and I will show you an enterprise that the dark ages would be ashamed to encourage. All honor to our editor and press as a power for good.

Farm work is the order of the day—planting cotton, feed stuff, plowing and chopping corn.

Grandpa Hunt of Cotton Plant is here visiting his daughters, Mrs. B. P. Gann and Mrs. J. H. Wesley.

Melvin Gann left here today to join his brothers at Pickwick. We think it would be advisable for Mr. Gann to move to Pickwick as his boys would stay at home there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunt of Cotton Plant visited friends and relatives at this place the first of the week.

We are very sorry to say that Miss Roxie Burgess is still very sick.

I thought I heard the editor say you have overstepped the limit and I know I heard dad say step toward the kitchen so to avoid trouble I'll hand my pencil to the Gander end go fishing.

SILVER BELL.

Markley.

Our crop prospect is above an average. Oats are good, but need another rain. Corn is small for the time of year, but is a good stand and with a few showers we will make a good crop. A large forage crop is planted, which is a move in the right direction. The cotton acreage will be about 85% of a normal crop. Fruit was hard hit this spring; think we will not have more than 1/4 of a crop of peaches, no pears or plums, but the grape crop is excellent. Gardens are excellent although needing rain. Grass is better than for years.

Some cattle are changing hands at fancy prices.

Markley and Hawkins Chapel boys crossed bats on the Markley diamond. The score stood 10 to 7 in favor of the Chapel boys.

Our oil excitement is off for the present and maybe for good. We hoped to see more test wells put down, but I suppose not this time.

Miss Pearl Harbour of Charley, Texas, is visiting in our neighborhood.

Mrs. Jake Brown is with us for a short time. BONO.

Jean.

For several weeks the farmers have been busy battling with Gen. Green and planting cotton. Wheat and oats were never better at this time and with a good season and plenty of work we farmers are busy and happy. Providence has smiled on old Young county thus far in 1913.

Our neighborhood has had a scourge of mumps; both old and young have been up against it.

Emmet Willis returned Saturday from Bowie, where he is attending business college. A case of mumps brought him home.

Monta Mattison is home from the Bowie business college with his diploma, ready to sling ink on a set of books when opportunity offers.

Dr. Weems was called to Olney Saturday morning to assist in an operation. We did not learn the nature of the case.

Married, at the residence of J. G. Carroll, Sunday evening at 7:30, Mr. Sam Andrews and Miss Ada Carroll, in the presence of a few friends, Rev. J. L. Roach officiating. Sam and his bride number their friends by their acquaintances and we wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

Miss Dema Waters is home after attending school in Graham.

Mr. Moses gave the young folks a musical Friday night that was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Allie Thompson is visiting her sister in Jermy.

Miss Myrtle Wallace of Markley visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. J. R. Connally and little sons are spending a few days in Mineral Wells.

Mac Robison is having an addition built to his residence and other improvements made which adds to the attractiveness of his home.

Mr. Cope has finished his residence and has a cozy little home, good to dwell within and pleasing to the eye of the passer-by. BUSTER.

Mount Pleasant.

Hurray for Happy Girl and Little Boy! We are certainly glad to welcome you on the Reporter's staff of Correspondents, and assure you that no better company can be found. I would caution you though—refrain from singing spring time songs, or writing poetry—our editor hates both as bad as the average husband (who is not a hot-headed prohibitionist or a Socialist) hates woman suffrage.

I shook hands with Dago the other day. He is above the average dago, in looks, height and manners.

What has become of Salemite? Guess General Greene has sent him to the jungles in much the same predicament that Salmite said the heel-fly sent the cow to the jungles some time back.

And Buster, guess he has emigrated, or else Newcastle has arrested him and put him under a peace bond till the contest is over.

Preserve the "Holy Bible;" it may be an interesting relic some day. Only last week the Rev. Joe R. Mayes preached for us at the school house, and he made the statement himself (so don't blame Plow Boy) that he was using a "Baptist" Bible, and this week newspaper dispatches from London tell us that missing verses of the Gospels were found in Egypt six years ago and are now being published. Next!

Quite a number of our people attended services at the "Apostolic" or "Tongues" tabernacle Saturday night.

Say, did you all notice what a beautiful cargo "Steamboat" unloaded at Indian Mound last week? "Rosaline." Many thanks Bill, bye bye.

Joel Blackwood spent last Saturday night with William Brown. A good rain Thursday night and another one Sunday.

William, Roy and Lum all had an extra appointment Sunday.

Maggie Steadham spent the day with Mittis and Ethel Brown last Thursday.

Tobe Fitzgerald is "busting" some bronchs for Joe Wright.

Mittis and Ethel Brown spent the afternoon with Miss Lillian McClain a few days since.

The rain and hail last Sunday was hard on little chickens, and young cotton, corn and oats. Corn, however, will grow out. Quite a good deal of cotton will be to plant over, some for the second time, so the bulk of the cotton crop will necessarily be late.

I would like to say a few more words to my fellow correspondents, not that I think myself any smarter than the rest of you, but simply because I have no better sense than to say what I know and think. What I want to say is this: don't try to conceal your identity from your neighbors. I have learned by experience that my neighbors and friends appreciate my efforts as a community correspondent more, and like me better and think better of the paper I represent, when I tell them I want the news and ask them to help me get it. And then we will learn better how to sympathize with our editor, because they will soon be giving us hints as to what they would like to have printed. Try this plan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martin of Salem was in our community the first of the week.

We understand that Mrs. Guy Burnett of Mineral Wells is visiting in our community this week.

Talk about contests, running races, etc., but Will Nesbitt and Finis Burnett have been having a cotton planting contest. Will says he would have beaten Finis half his length, dead easy if Finis hadn't called on his landlord for help.

Mrs. J. E. Martin happened to a very painful accident last Monday while helping Mr. Martin take some pieces from an old binder. She removed a key from a spring on the platform elevator, releasing the spring, which caught her hand, lacerating it and dislocating one finger. Plow Boy.

Red Top.

As Spinster Maid did not see her letter appear last week she will try to bring a little news this week.

Miss Mabel Graves spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Nolie Howrie.

Several of the young people of this community were present at the unveiling at Graham Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Nobles filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Misses Ada Workman and Emmie Walker, Mr. Leonard Graves and Jack Petty took dinner at Mr. John Brigham's Sunday.

Mr. Will Slater and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Slater Sunday.

W. A. McBee and family of Lone Oak spent Sunday with W. K. McBee and family.

The party at Teague Littlejohn's was well attended and a fine time reported by all present.

Mr. B. W. Slater, mother and father, and Messrs. E. T. and G. W. Slater made a flying trip to Graham Saturday.

Mr. Teague Littlejohn was visiting in Graham Saturday.

Most of the farmers are busy replanting cotton. SPINSTER MAID.

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Miller Bend.

Another good rain fell Sunday accompanied by hail, but no damage was done.

R. E. Griffin is the most popular man in the Bend lately; he has had Cox' army in his crop all the week but Dick says the Johnson grass grows just the same.

Replanting cotton is the order of the day. Don't guess it is any disgrace as everybody is doing it.

Bill Cole says since the rains he can't find his cotton patch for the cockleburrs and sunflowers.

D. G. Ratliff made a trip to Newcastle last Monday.

Mrs. D. G. Ratliff spent last Monday with Mrs. E. H. Ratliff.

Mrs. Oma Cole spent last Tuesday evening with Mrs. R. E. Griffin.

Mrs. Ida Dozier is spending several days with her mother, Mrs. R. E. Griffin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright May 16 a girl weighing 11 1/2 pounds. Joe stepped high all day, finally spraining his ankle and is nearly past walking.

Bill Cole made a trip to Graham Saturday.

Griffin made a flying trip to Graham Saturday.

Uncle Andy McCas came in from Cedar Hill, Dallas county, last Friday.

Tray Mitchum of Ivan spent Saturday night with J. W. Cole.

J. W. Wright, G. D. Ratliff and J. W. Cole, with their families spent Sunday with Mesdames Ratliff and Wright.

G. W. McAlister made a trip to Graham Saturday.

Miss Ethel Griffin visited Mrs. Wright Saturday. LITTLE BOY.

Flat Rock.

We were glad to see the rain that fell Sunday but the hail was not so welcome as it damaged the crops some.

We are glad to report the sick of our community some better.

Mrs. Emma Cook and children visited Mrs. Ruth Corley Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Robbins' eye is improving nicely.

Misses Delilah Robbins and Lona Corley visited the Misses Carey last Wednesday.

Miss Maggie Moren of Henry Chapel community visited Mrs. Brit Alford last week.

Lona Corley and brothers dined with Mrs. Hunter in Graham Sunday.

A number of our people went to town Sunday to attend the unveiling but were disappointed on account of the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges visited their daughter Mrs. Charlie Parsons west of town Monday.

Dan Burk and wife of Rock Creek visited J. H. Robbins and family Sunday.

Miss Maggie Taylor was shopping in Graham Tuesday.

Lona Corley visited Verda Martin of Graham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alford of Cedar Creek visited J. H. Alford and family Friday night.

Quite a few of our people took in Second Monday and stayed for the show.

Mrs. Brit Alford and Miss Maggie Moren visited E. H. Corley and family Friday.

There wasn't any Sunday school and church here.

Lona Corley visited her sister, Mrs. Brit Alford Friday night.

Miss Georgia Burton visited Miss Maggie Corley last week.

Tom Cook and family of Graham visited C. J. Cook and family last Friday.

Miss Maggie Taylor attended Sunday school at the Presbyterian. CANDY KID.

Briar Branch.

Hello! You dear, happy band of correspondents, I am with you this week. My name is Ruben Hayseed and I live out in the sticks on Salt Creek, but I take the dear old Reporter and I sure enjoy reading the good letters.

Wheat and oats are looking fine.

Where is that fellow that said it didn't rain in Young county?

Will Alcorn and Miss Bell Moreland were visiting in Briar Branch Sunday.

George Slater says he would like to have a candy breaking every night.

Some of our people had to replant their cotton on account of the hard rain.

Mr. Slater and family went to the Stovall plantation Sunday.

Some of the Briar Branch boys were in Graham Saturday and attended the picture show that night.

John Waddel went to Lower Tonk Valley Sunday returning Monday.

Miss Ollie Singleton of Jacksboro visited Miss Clara Rowe from Thursday till Sunday. She was accompanied home by Miss Clara.

Misses Nona and Minnie Cornelius were shopping in Graham Saturday.

As Beautiful Doll wasn't at hand when her name was called I have tried to write in her stead. RUBEN HAYSEED.

Lower Tonk.

Crops are looking fine; everybody has plenty to do.

Miss Minnie Moore returned home last Friday from Mullin.

Mrs. Timmons and daughter, Sallie, visited Mrs. Moore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Timmons spent Sunday with Lee Jones.

We had another good rain Sunday.

Vernon George got his buggy top torn up Sunday; he is having more bad luck than anyone.

The singing school is getting along fine.

Wonder if it will rain again, it looks like it.

Good luck to the editor and correspondents. HAPPY GIRL.

Farmer.

Mrs. Carrie Patton who has been visiting relatives here returned to her home at Garland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garvey and family went to Graham Thursday returning Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Casey went to Graham Friday.

Decoration day here Saturday was a success. We had a good crowd, good work and best of all a good dinner.

Our Ball team went to Olney Saturday to play their team. They returned in high spirits as the game went 4 to 5 in favor of Farmer.

Bro. Dixon preached to a large crowd here Sunday.

Mrs. F. P. Brazelton entertained a crowd of young people Sunday.

L. C. Roy went to Loving Saturday.

Cliff Garvey and family went to Markley Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. G. L. Joiner who has been sick is reported better.

A. C. Casey is sporting a new buggy.

Madam rumor says we are to have several new cars in our community soon.

Milt Graham left Saturday for Cundiff where he will make a three weeks' visit with relatives. CUPID.

Orth.

We had another fine rain last Thursday. Everybody is busy plowing.

Mr. Hamilton, Sanford Hamilton and Willie Bishop have been chopping cotton for Protis Burton this week.

Orth school was out Friday.

There was a picnic at George Leberman's tank. Everybody reports a nice time.

The Orth and Newcastle nines played ball on the Orth diamond Friday. The score was 10 to 7 in favor of Orth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibb's daughter came in from California Thursday.

Mrs. Clint Burse of Newcastle came up Thursday to meet her sister from California.

Doc Coop, Mr. Hustage, Mr. Burse and several more went to Newcastle Saturday.

The ball game, between Orth and Newcastle Saturday resulted in the score of 11 to 0 in favor of Orth.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton went to Graham Saturday.

Protis Burton and wife visited at Mr. Burton's Saturday night.

As news is scarce I will close with best wishes to the Reporter and its many good writers. UNO.

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Decoration Day Program.

Following is the program to be given the first Sunday in June at 2:30 p. m., in the court house, in memory of our departed Confederate soldiers:

Invocation, Rev. J. Hall Bowman.

Song, High School Quartette. Address: "Our Inheritance of Glory from the Men Who Wore the Gray."—Judge R. F. Arnold.

Reading, Miss Lucille Miller. Music, Band.

March to cemetery and place flowers on graves of U. C. Vs.

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News reached the city yesterday of the death of Mr. J. Schlittler, for many years a resident of this county and one of its most honored citizens. No details could be learned but it was stated that he must have died instantly as he was found dead a few minutes after leaving the house enroute to the mail box. The remains will be brought to Graham today and the funeral will be held from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Rubenkoenig. Several children and other relatives survive him.

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Scripture reading: Acts 18:1-6.

C. P. Hutchison.

Prayer.

Talk on Industrial Missions—Leader.

Song No. 48.

Selection from "The Toiling of Felix"—Mrs. Rose.

Prayer.

Missionary Example—2 Thess. 3:6-15—Mrs. Rose.

The Story of Judston's Bible—C. B. Jones.

Song No. 25.

Special music.

General participation.

Song No. 236.

Mizpah.

Graham enjoyed a visit last Friday from about forty members of the Breckenridge Commercial Club, who came over in autos, arriving here about 11:30.

The gentlemen were escorted to different homes for dinner, after which they were shown through the city and the schools. At night they were entertained with a home talent play given by the U. D. C. and a band concert by the Fireman's Band. In the afternoon the fire boys made a practice run, wearing the new suits presented them by Mr. E. S. Graham. A trash pile was set fire on the public square and in a surprisingly short time after the alarm was given nothing was left of the pile but blacked boards.

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W. C. T. U.

Items for this column are furnished by local Union.

The Gold Medal Declamatory Contest given by the W. C. T. U. under the direction of Miss Lucille Miller, local superintendent, and Mrs. J. W. Akin, local president, May 16, in the High School Auditorium, was pronounced a splendid success. A large audience greeted the class of talented young boys and girls who so willingly volunteered in this service and are now receiving the commendations of friends and the visitors whom we had from Breckenridge and Jacksboro.

Mrs. Akin presided. Rev. Bowman read the scripture and offered prayer. Miss Sallie Chism as directress, Miss James and her pupils, Misses Beulah Bell and Pauline McJimsey, as pianists, and Eline Henry in the chorus, formed a valuable part of the program.

Each contestant, previous to their appearance on the platform, signed the temperance pledge and pinned on the white ribbon bow, thus forming a strong nucleus for temperance in our community. The medal was won by Miss Winnie Tankersley, and everyone was pleased with the judges' decision. Rev. G. B. Hall presented the medal, commending the class for the admirable manner in which selections were rendered and urging them to higher achievements. He also praised the efforts of the W. C. T. U. The contestants sang together "Wind the White Ribbon Round the Nations." The boys' quartette, also the girls', were selections from the Temperance Songster and were well rendered and heartily encored, the boys responding with "Once There Were Three Wandering Jews," the girls with "Take a Pill, Take a Pill, Take a Weary Pilgrim Home," causing much amusement.

A liberal offering of \$13.05 was taken, temperance leaflets distributed and an appeal for members made by the president while the judges were out. Dr. Gallaher kindly acted as referee, and the judges were Mesdames Mallard and Guthrie of Jacksboro and Ed Arnold. 'Twas the general verdict that each deserved a medal. The Silver Medal Contest for a Junior class was announced by Rev. B. F. Stallings and benediction pronounced.

We are reproducing for the public this week the very admirable original speech delivered at the contest by John W. Fisher, which is as follows:

The Twentieth Century Chimaera.

There are three themes, three elements, three ideals, that captivate and retain the interest and devotion of the human race. There are three standpoints from which the all-involving question of the suppression of the use of intoxicating liquor may be regarded. All humanity looks for uplifting influence; all civilization for advancement, to our Country, our Mother, our God. We are enabled—nay, compelled to view the question of temperance from the three standpoints derived therefrom: the political, the sympathetic, and the moral.

"What constitutes a state?" is the question asked in the opening line of that matchless ode

by Sir William Jones. Pursuing further this poetical discourse on the advantages of an honorable citizenship, we find the answer, "Men, high-minded men." We can daily perceive the deterioration of man's ideals caused by a continued use of strong drink. We can see the stain on the nation's escutcheon broadened and deepened by its terrific ravages on that mass of humanity, individually and collectively, that constitutes our state. What is it that calls from the nations of the world that respect that is to be valued more than authority? What is it that enables a body of people to boast of the equal station that Jefferson has said that "Nature and Nature's God entitle them"? Is it a feeling of awe produced by a display of implements of war and subjugation? Or is it some achievement performed by feats of strength or skill in diplomacy? No! It is an honorable citizenship that consists of men of the highest ideals and character.

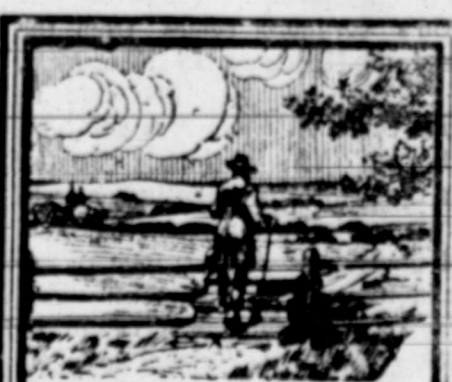
Can a nation whose citizens are slaves to drink boast of an honorable citizenship? Is a raving maniac or a sodden brute an honorable citizen? Are we proud of a citizen who will leave his family in want for the sake of his appetite? The Declaration of Independence enumerates among our inalienable rights the pursuit of happiness. The person who is addicted to the use of alcohol prefers to construe this as meaning his own happiness, but there is not the slightest doubt that Jefferson intended this to mean the happiness of all with whom we sustain relations. Is a person who will willfully and maliciously antagonize society adhering to this doctrine? On the contrary, he is committing the most flagrant breach of the teachings of that creed that our nations follow. The other privileges that are named are life and liberty. Through the physical effects of alcohol, a man takes his own life, and by the effect upon his mental faculties, he is often constrained to take the lives of his fellow-men. The drunkard is a slave—a man without the semblance of liberty. He is shackled, as it were, by that tremendous restraining power that liquor places on all his faculties. Are we to lose our station among the nations of the world through a wholesale sacrifice of honor on the part of our citizens? There is one course and only one that we can take to obliterate this stain on the nation's honor. By a statutory, state-wide, nation-wide, world-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic, we can effectually remove the greatest curse that has ever blighted the prospects of a nation. A curse that is more destructive than war, more ravaging than pestilence, more wasting than famine.

Who out of all the human race, except the partaker himself, suffers more from the awful evil of intemperance than the mothers of the land? And who is more influential? How beautifully this thought has been expressed in the lines, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." And yet, how this imperial influence has been and continues to be profaned by the destructive use of intoxicating liquor. Can we entertain a greater sympathy than for the mother when she sees her son take the successive steps toward a slavery to drink, and finally beholds him bereft of all his sense of honor and regard for fellow-men? Our greatest hope is that we will see an end to this shame that continues to be brought upon the motherhood of our land.

Does it seem possible, knowing the power of the Almighty, that God could come into the sphere of influence of intemperance?

The soul of every individual is the property of God, but the individual is responsible for his soul. He has absolute directing power of his soul—direction with which God can but comply. Man must have respect for himself before he can entertain a wholesome fear of God. Self-respect is chief among the forfeits that are paid to intemperance. The strongest egotism cannot prevail over the destruction that is wrought up in man's self-respect by strong drink. Is not God entitled to the greatest consideration in our campaign against the liquor traffic? Should not our greatest aim be made toward this step in the uplifting of christianity? Surely humanity will perceive how the salvation of souls is hindered by the effects of intemperance, and extensive efforts will be made to relieve our people of this destruction to their well-fare in the world-to-come.

The life of man is too short for any very great task to be performed in a lifetime. Perseverance on the part of the succeeding generations can accomplish the removal of the curse which we of this day are suffering. Work, earnest work, conscientious work, on the part of those interested in the betterment of mankind, is the means by which an ameliorated citizenship can be obtained. Concerted work is the secret of success in any great undertaking. And is not the suppression of the drink evil a great undertaking? Can we conceive of a more gigantic task than the removal of an institution that has hadages in which to take root in the human race? The drink habit is not a novelty. Neither is statutory suppression of intemperance an innovation. Julius Caesar tells us that the ancient Gauls, known as the Belgae, kept strict laws in force regulating the importation of liquor into their territory. For this reason he tells us that the Belgae were the most successful tribe in all Gaul in war and diplomacy. We have seen the deteriorating influence of intemperance upon the English court during the ministry of Walpole, and how a continued use of alcoholic liquor has ruined many a sovereign of France and Spain. Our own United States is threatened by this prince of vices, unless through a concerted effort of young, middle-aged and old America, the demon alcohol is forever excluded from the land where the Star Spangled Banner is an object of devotion, and where tyranny and usurpation are never known.



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Owing to various other entertainments, dinners, etc. there were not many club members present at the regular meeting this week, which was held with Mrs. C. P. Hutchison. This was to have been a business meeting to elect a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. C. Fisher. No election was held as there must be at least half the members present to elect a new member.

The next meeting will be held

with Mrs. Z. A. Hudson. Mrs. Hutchison had as guests, besides the Priscillas, Mesdames B. B. Garrett, A. A. Morrison, H. A. Wadsworth, G. O. Street, J. C. Rickman and C. B. Jones.

The hostess served iced grape-juice and wafers, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Fowler. Louise Graham and Helen Widmayer gave several pretty piano numbers.

Honoring Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. J. C. Vaughan gave a four-course dinner on Tuesday as

a surprise to Mrs. J. C. Fisher, who leaves the first of June to make her home in Cleburne. Mrs. Vaughan was assisted in serving by Little Miss Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Ellen Burkett.

During the afternoon Mrs. Vaughan served to her guests iced strawberries and devil's food and white cake. Those fortunate enough to be guests on this occasion were Mesdames R. G. Graham, A. B. Eddleman, F. M. Burkett, and M. H. Chism, besides the honoree.

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Closing Recital Program

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Friday Evening, May 23rd at Opera House

1. Chorus "Welcome, Bright and Sunny Spring." E. J. Labbett
Piano Class
2. Duett (2 pianos) Symphonie III, Op. 55...L. Van Beethoven
1st Piano Beulah M. Bell 2nd Piano Neil Graham
(Lovella Eddleman) (Miss Lucille Miller)
3. Piano Solo, "The Flatterers".....Chaminade
Mary Ellen Burkett
4. Piano Solo, "Reverie-Appassionée".....Radolf Frlml
Grace Bowen
5. Reading, "The Ride of Jennie McNeil".....
Juanita Adair
6. Piano Solo, Moonlight Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2, L. Van Beethoven
Beulah M. Bell
7. Piano Solo, (2 pianos) La Baladine (Caprice) Op. 51, Lysberg
Lovella Eddleman and Pauline McJimsey.
8. Piano Solo, Galop de Concert, Op. 121.....E. Ketterer
Miss Lucille Miller.
9. Duett (2 pianos) Concert Polonaise.....H. Engelman
1st Piano Adele Crawford Jeffery 2nd Piano Jewell Steen
(Mary Ellen Burkett) (Ethel Birdwell)
10. Piano Solo, Pierrette (Air de Ballet).....C. Chaminade
Lovella Eddleman.
11. Piano Solo, Valse, Op. 70, No. 1.....Chopin
Miss Ethel Birdwell.
12. Reading, "Boontown Station at the Noon Hour".....
Bessie Finch
13. Piano Solo, Valse, Op. 64, No. 2.....Chopin
Miss Pauline McJimsey
14. Piano Solo, (2 pianos) Charge of the Hussars.....F. Spindler
Misses Ethel Birdwell and Jewel Steen

Miss Lucille Miller's Recital.

The following program will be rendered by the pupils of Miss Lucille Miller, at the opera house, Thursday night, May 22, at 8:15.

1. Duett.....Selected
Bernee Miller and Louise Norris
2. (a) I'm Good.....Mrs. F. Pender
(b) I'm Bad.....Mrs. F. Pender
Annie Lucile Morrison
3. A Dreadful Mistake.....Stanley Schell
Mildred Tidwell
4. So Was I.....Smiley
Lucile High
5. An Old Sweetheart of Mine.....J. W. Riley
Miss Fannie Stoffers
6. Her Daring Protector.....M. K. Dallas
Adele Jeffery
7. The Happy Little Cripple.....J. W. Riley
Bessie Finch
8. Piano Solo.....Selected
Miss Lovella Eddleman
9. Aunty's Experience.....Anon
Fay Martin
10. Little Christle.....Mary F. Bradley
Ruby Snoddy
11. Billy's Accident.....Frances Calhoun
Lois Morrison
12. Legend of the Organ Builder.....Dorr
Miss Buford Snoddy
13. Vocal Solo, "Forgotten".....
J. W. Akin
14. The Colonel's Experiment.....Lisenbee
Hardy Price
15. Monologue, "A Telephone Romance".....Phelps
Miss Beulah Allen
16. My Uncle.....Written for Henry Irving
Robert L. Morrison
17. Higher Culture in Dixie.....Dorothy Dix
Juanita Adair

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VARIETY OF WEDDING CUSTOM

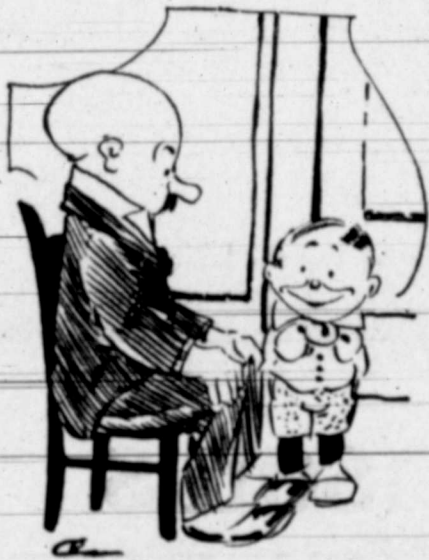
Bridal Costume of White is One of the Oldest, Though Other Colors Have Been Worn.

The many countries of the world all have different wedding customs. The custom of brides wearing white is an old one. White has always been the symbol of purity, and this is the main reason why it has been used in all ages and in all civilized countries as the color of the bridal gown. In old days the Hebrew and Roman brides often wore pale yellow veils, and among the so-called "barbarian" nations—such as the early Saxons, Goths and Norsemen—the bride allowed her hair to hang loose as a symbol of her freedom, until entering her husband's house, when it was bound up upon her head as a sign of her future submission.

This idea was held by the Anglo-Saxons until a recent date. A great many flowers were always used at the early weddings and each kind of flower had some special meaning.

Among the Greeks and Italians the myrtle and olive were intertwined with white and purple flowers, the white standing for the bride's purity and the purple, for Christ's blood. Roses, myrtle and rosemary were worn among the English. Pansies were also often used. The rose meant love and secrecy. One old marriage custom consisted in each guest dipping his spray of rosemary into his cup of wine before he drank the health and happiness of the bridal couple.

HIS PA'S IN CONGRESS



"That is an odd name your brother has."
"Yes; pa calls him 'Appropriation Bill' because he's stealin' pie and preserves all the time."

ANIMALS USED TO TEST DRUGS

Use is made by chemical manufacturers of various animals, such as chickens, dogs, cats and frogs, to test the efficacy of drugs. Ergotine, for instance, is tested on chickens in an extremely simple way. Should it fail to turn a chicken's comb black it is at once known by the experimenter that the drug is worthless. Dogs are employed to test hashish. This is manufactured from female buds of hemp, the male buds having no particular medicinal value. Hashish administered to dogs induces a peculiar pathological condition, and, if the drug is correctly prepared, which is seen in no other animal save man himself. Digitalis, the heart stimulant, is best tested on frogs. Injecting a drop of the drug into the stomach of the frog, the chemist, by means of the kymograph, or heart recording machine, studies the changes of the frog's heart action, thus obtaining accurate knowledge as to the effect of that particular kind of digitalis.

UNCOVERED BURIED CITY.

Prof. Hiram Bingham, head of the Yale Peruvian expedition, has returned to this country, having conducted extensive exploration work chiefly at Manchu Picchu, the Inca city discovered on a previous exploration journey. The jungle was cleared away and more than one hundred caves were discovered. Ruins of baths, houses and palaces were also laid bare, and practically the entire city uncovered. Owing to opposition on the part of President Billinghurst and his congress, Professor Bingham declares he does not intend to return to Peru in the near future.

WANT MORE TO BREAK.

Church—What are those English suffragettes after, anyway?
Gotham—Oh, they want to help make the laws.
"Why, they break the laws we have now!"
"I know it; but there are not enough laws to break. They want to make some more."

JUST THE WAY OF A BOY

Most Mothers Have Had Some Such Experience as Is Portrayed Here by "Bob" Burdette.

You send your boy on an errand. There are three women in the parlor. You have waited as long as you can, in all courtesy, for them to go. They have developed alarming symptoms of staying to tea. And you know there aren't half enough strawberries to go round. It is only a three minutes' walk to the grocery, however, and Tom sets off like a rocket, and you are so pleased with his celerity and ready good nature that you want to run after him and kiss him. He is a long time, however. Ten minutes become fifteen, fifteen grow into twenty, the twenty swell into half an hour, and your guests exchange very significant glances as the half becomes three-quarters. Your boy returns at last. Apprehension in his downcast eyes, humility in his laggard step, penitence in the appealing slouch of his battered hat, and a pound and a half of shingle nails in his hands.

"Mother," he says, "what was it you told me to get besides the nails?"
And while you are counting your scanty store of berries to make them go round without a fraction, you hear Tom out in the back yard, whistling and hammering away, building a dog house with the nails you never told him to get.—From Robert J. Burdette's "Rise and Fall of the Mustache."

QUITE PROBABLY HE WOULD

Little One's Answer to Teacher's Question Really Not Such a Great Deal Out of the Way.

During a moment of relaxation Senator Warren of Wyoming told of the attempt of a school teacher to explain the functions of an American consulate.

For several minutes the teacher worked untiringly, the senator said, but the youngsters were slow in grasping the subject. Finally she tried a new tack.

"Suppose," she remarked, "that somebody took a man up in an aeroplane and after a wild, exciting flight of several days, dropped him thousands of miles from home in a foreign country, what place would he seek first of all?"

"I know, Miss Mary! I know now!" cried one of the small pupils, violently wriggling his upraised hand.

"Well, Harry," encouragingly said the teacher, "what place would he seek?"

"The hospital, Miss Mary," was the prompt reply of the happy little Harry.

CHINESE REPUBLICANISM.

Although the practice of making plaintiff and defendant kneel down before the judge in the course of a lawsuit and the application of corporal punishment to extract confessions from the suspected offender have been prohibited by law, still in some rural districts and cities the authorities of the court have not yet completely abandoned these practices. President Yuan, wishing the authorities to respect the rights of the people and thereby to show them the real significance of a republican form of government, has telegraphed instructions to the Tutuhs to investigate the practice of the local courts.—Peking Daily News.

CHINESE PAPER MONEY.

Paper money is said to have had its origin in China in the year 806, when the government issued it to relieve a financial stringency, receiving coin in return, which enabled it to pay off outstanding obligations. In the museum of St. John's college in Shanghai is a paper bill worth 1,000 cash, the equivalent of 50 cents, American money, which was issued by the first Ming emperor (Hung-wo, A. D. 1368-1399). It is nearly two feet long and one foot wide, printed on mulberry bark paper, and is a dark slate color.—Argonaut.

THE REASON.

Mother (reprovingly)—When I was young girls never thought of doing the things they do today.
Daughter—Well, that's why they didn't do them.—Pittsburgh Post.

LOGICAL RESULT.

"Binks, who failed at ballooning, was very caustic about Jinks' aviation trial."
"Naturally; it was a soar sight to him."

Mrs. B. P. Gann and Miss Lila Ritchey of Ivan paid The Reporter a pleasant call Tuesday.

Oscar Wilkinson, sister and mother of Proffitt were in Graham Tuesday.

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Mrs. H. M. Yates and little daughter, Edith, of Olney have been visiting in Graham the past week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hinson.

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Miss Lorena Deats of, Albany is in the city visiting her brother P. L. Deats, and the family of R. E. Lynch.

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The date for the beginning of the protracted meeting at the Christian church has been changed to June 12, and the preaching services will be conducted by Dr. Cradford of Sherman. Mr. Theo. Moody of Dallas will have charge of the singing.

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H. G. Brickhouse, district commercial manager of the Southwestern Telephone Co. was in the city on business last Friday.

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The picnic for the Presbyterian Sunday school has been postponed on account of the recent rains and another date will be announced later.

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Births.

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We desire to thank the people of Graham and the ladies of the Woodmen Circle for their kindness and assistance shown us during the illness and after the death of Mrs. Evelyn Susan Wood, who died at our home in Olney, May 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Yates.

The play given by the local chapter of the U. D. C. at the opera house last Friday night was a complete success and the Daughters are receiving the congratulations of those who attended, for the splendid performance. All the cast played their parts well and the public was given a good show. The door receipts were \$106.50. Mrs. Bowman, who was on the committee for this month requests us to extend the thanks of the Daughters to all who attended and assisted in making the show a success.

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Woman's Missionary Society.

The Presbyterian ladies held their regular meeting with Mrs. T. J. Price this week in spite of rain and mud. Eight members responded to roll call. The foreign mission lesson brought out many interesting facts, chief among them being the outlook for changing China. Two members of the present cabinet are pronounced christians and everything indicates a complete change in the attitude of the higher classes towards christianity. Members of the society are requested to give the home mission department a thorough reading. The vice-president will prepare the questions. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Walter Price June 5th.

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