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GRAND JURY FINDS FEW INDICTMENTS

SAYS COUNTY IS REMARKABLY FREE FROM CRIME.

PRaises COUNTY ATTORNEY

Asks for Finance Committee to Examine and Report Condition of County.

March 7, 1914
To the Honorable District Court of Young County, Texas:

Now comes the Grand Jury and begs leave to make the following report:

We have been in session six days and have made diligent search and inquiry into all matters of a criminal nature to which our attention has been called.

We have found five felony bills and six misdemeanor bills. We have examined 116 witnesses, and the county in general is remarkably free from crime. The officers have been vigilant in their work. Official reports of officers required by law to report have been filed by the county and district officers, with the exception of two justice of the peace; and examined and approved.

We have examined the county jail and find that it is well kept and as clean as the building will allow. There is no complaint from the prisoners as to food or treatment.

We recommend that a finance committee be appointed to look into and report at the next term of this court the financial condition of Young County.

Our most efficient and courteous County Attorney, C. F. Marshall, had charge of the Grand Jury most of the week, and we want to say that the State's interests did not suffer while in his hands. And we want to thank him for the way in which he has cared for the County's business in general, and for his efficient work before us while attending the Grand Jury, acting as District Attorney.

We wish to especially thank our sheriff, O. H. Brown, and Esquire E. E. Hall for their good work in enforcing the penal statutes in Young county.

Thanking the Court, Judge Edgar Scurry, for his kindness and assistance to us during our session, we beg that we be discharged.
W. T. FINCH,
Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Baptist Missionary Society.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met on Thursday, March 5th, with Mrs. Jason Mayes.

There were sixteen adults and eight children present. Roll call was answered with a scripture verse containing the word "truth."

The meeting was opened by singing "At the Cross," followed by a prayer by Mrs. N. S. Farmer, after which a very interesting lesson taken from the first and second Corinthians was led by Mrs. Crawford.

Prayer—Mrs. Phillips.

Song—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Prayer—Mrs. R. V. Tidwell.

Collection \$6.10.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. McLendon.

Leader—Mrs. Stewart. Key Word "Joy."

For County Commissioner. JOHN A. BROWN

In offering myself as a candidate for county commissioner of Precinct No. 1, I believe I do so with a fair understanding of the duties of that office, and if elected I will to the very best of my ability, without fear or favor, honestly and conscientiously discharge the duties incumbent upon me in that office. And as I may not be able to see all the voters of the precinct I deem it but fair to set forth herein some of my principles.

I believe the people are entitled to know how their money is being spent, and what it is being spent for; therefore I promise that if you entrust this office to me that I will endeavor to give you "a look at the books" four times a year. By this I mean that I would stand statement of the expenditures of your money quarterly thru one of the county papers, to the end that you may "know" how I am serving you.

I would stand for building and maintaining good roads, and would endeavor to see that each road and section of road should get the money and work to which it may be entitled.

I realize that there are other duties to be performed and other questions to be dealt with by the commissioners court, but the road question seems to be the question paramount in the minds of the people. It is one question which concerns every man, woman and child in the county, and must be dealt with, and that continually.

Respectfully,
John A. Brown.

For Commissioner Precinct 1.

H. BRASHEARS

We announce this week the candidacy of Mr. H. Brashears for the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25.

Mr. Brashears has been a resident of this precinct for the past thirteen years, living in the Rocky Mound community. He is familiar with the duties of a commissioner and has his own ideas about road work and the methods of keeping up the roads. He respectfully solicits your support for this office.

A Good Crop.

Louis Bower was in Graham Big Monday, and when Louis comes to town he usually brings something to sell. Louis has a lot of German blood in him, and it is a habit with Germans to be good financiers.

He brought in a wagon load of baled peanuts that sold readily at \$1.00 per bale, and stated to a representative of The Reporter that he made twenty-three bales per acre last year, which wasn't such a good year either. There isn't much expense to harvesting and baling peanuts, and you always have this consolation—if the price goes down you can feed the peanuts to the hogs, and the hay to the cows and horses, and livestock generally always brings a good price.

A flue fire at the residence of Mr. Nat Price Sunday morning created quite a bit of excitement for a few moments, but a serious blaze was averted by Dr. Chism, who discovered the fire. No damage was done.

WILL CLEAN TOWN WITHOUT CONTEST

MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION FOR CLEAN UP MARCH 21.

NEW CITY HEALTH OFFICER?

Co-operation of All Citizens is Asked in This Spring Cleaning.

Graham should be a clean city, and can be. The mayor wants it to be clean, the aldermen want it to be clean, the city health officer wants it to be clean—we ALL want it to be clean, and in order that we may have concerted action to bring this about Mayor S. Boyd Street has issued a proclamation setting forth Saturday, March 21 as a general clean up day.

The Mayor's Proclamation.

March 21 is hereby set for a general clean up in the City of Graham. All citizens are earnestly requested to clean up their business and residence property, the sidewalks and alleys, and to place trash in receptacles or in piles in the alleys, so that wagons furnished by the city can get such trash conveniently.

The streets, sidewalks and alleys of the city should not be obstructed by wagons, buggies, wood, boxes or anything else, and all owners are directed to remove same.

Let everyone assist in this Spring Clean Up.
S. BOYD STREET,
Mayor.

March 10, 1914.

Dr. J. L. Williamson has given much time and thought to the duties of City Health Officer. He has not pleased all the people of Graham in the discharge of his duty. No health officer could. But Dr. Williamson has tried to keep the city clean. He has succeeded in a large measure. Many have cooperated with him. He has appreciated that co-operation, and now as the time is close for the election of new aldermen Dr. Williamson expects to retire from the office of City Health Officer but before retiring he wants to help give the city another general cleaning.

Dr. Williamson Retires.

Graham, Tex., March 10, '14
To the Citizens of Graham:
The Mayor has set March 21, 1914 as clean up day and has requested all the people to do their very best to make this day worth while.

As your health officer I am in hearty accord with his efforts and I desire to add my very earnest request that you do this work well, as you have always done, in the past. It is getting near fly-time and they carry disease. Let us stay the progress of this great enemy as efficiently as may be in our power. Let us feel proud of the fact that our school has been free from contagious diseases this term, a thing that never has occurred before in its history. Let us make even a better record for our little city. I do not need to say more I am sure. I feel I can trust you to do the work and to do it well, thank you.

Wagons will gather up all trash that may be placed in the

alleys on this day before 5 o'clock p. m. Place trash in large piles or heaps or in convenient receptacles.

I have saved the best information for the last. It is this: I have issued this my last official act. When you read it may I not expect you to forget any unkindness you may feel because of my work and now I thank you one and all. Let our motto be "a cleaner and better town."

I am sincerely,
J. L. WILLIAMSON,
City Health Officer.

There are many things in the alleys and vacant lots of Graham that could well be disposed of, things that are eye-sores to those who like cleanliness and order. These are a few of the things the city authorities want to get rid of. They also want every property owner and householder in the city to clean up the premises in which they live, put the trash in barrels, boxes or other receptacles in order that the wagons furnished free by the city may haul it away.

It is not asking much of you to do this. It means only a few hours work, and each hour you put in will not only be beneficial to yourself, but to your neighbor and the entire city as well.

And those old buggies and things that are in the alley behind your place—in case you don't want them hauled off it is possible that you had better put a tag on them, for the wagon man might think you intended for him to take them away too. Don't forget to tag any trash you want to keep.

If you have any suggestions about cleaning up the city or any criticism of the methods to be used, write The Reporter a letter this week and we will be glad to give your suggestions or criticisms full publicity. But by all means get in the game, help clean up.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

The Ladies' Aid held an enthusiastic meeting with Mrs. John E. Morrison on Thursday. Our pastor came for the opening exercises and gave good suggestions for the coming year. A card was received stating that our society had been selected to conduct the devotional at the Presbytery, which meets at Weatherford, April 7 and 8.

Mrs. T. J. Price and Mrs. J. W. Akin were elected as representatives.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Duncan; first vice president, Mrs. Hudson; second vice president, Mrs. Rehders; secretary, Mrs. A. A. Morrison; treasurer, Mrs. Rubenkoenig; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. B. Jones; reporter, Mrs. Hallam.

The society voted to follow the assembly plan and the secretary has sent up a splendid report.

The foreign mission lesson with review of home missions is given for the next meeting to be held with Mrs. John Norman.

The members of the W. C. T. U. wish to express their thanks to those who bought candy from their little salespeople Monday and to Messrs. S. B. Street & Co., together with all those who so liberally donated to the cause. About six dollars was realized from the candy sale.

NEW RAILROAD IS UNDER WAY

MONEY HAS BEEN RAISED TO BUILD ROAD. TO START AT ONCE.

GRAHAM TO BE BENEFITTED

Name to be Changed from Q. S. D. & R. to Central Railway of Texas.

A dispatch to the Dallas News from Belton, dated March 8, says:

The directors of the Quanah, Seymour and Gulf Railroad met here Friday evening, at which meeting it was announced that the road had been financed, and that the work on the same would be continued to completion as soon as the right of way and bonuses were secured in one or two points that had not yet acted, along the line proposed. It was also determined to amend the charter, changing the name of the road to Central Railway of Texas. The capitalization will be \$550,000. The incorporators are Judge L. E. Walker, Austin; Charles G. Johnson, Rockport; J. T. Weiser, Hico; W. S. Hunter, Dr. Pitt S. Turner, George W. Tyler, Dr. M. P. McElhannon and R. Y. Walker, Belton, and E. Couperthwaite, London, England. The charter amendment will be filed on Monday and all work pertaining to the construction of the road will progress as rapidly as possible.

This is the road surveyed through Graham several months ago, and for some time its promoter, Judge L. E. Walker, of Austin, Texas, has been in Europe securing capital with which to build the road.

While it will likely be some time before the actual construction reaches Graham, yet it is safe to say that Graham will soon have another railroad, giving us an outlet to the north and west.

Graham has long been handicapped on account of the fact that we had no freight facilities except through Ft. Worth, necessitating everything being billed through that roundabout way. With the completion of this new road freight can be shipped from the north in less time, people will be enabled to come to Graham without going around half the state, and it is our prediction that Graham will take on an unprecedented growth when cars are running over the Central Railway of Texas lines.

Towns along the route should give the promoters of this new road every encouragement as it will mean much to every town through which it passes. New territory will be opened up, new enterprises will spring up along the route, more men will be given employment and the completed road will mean more prosperous times, especially for those towns which have been handicapped like Graham in railroad facilities.

C. D. Yancey of Eliasville spent several days in the city this week. Mr. Yancey was very much interested in the moving picture shows, having one of his own, of the pocket variety, that proved refreshing to many. In Mr. Yancey's machine the picture doesn't move but the looker does.

GRAHAM HIGH WINS SERIES WITH OLNEY.

In the second game, played with Olney High School on the local grounds Monday, Graham High was again victorious, winning by a score of 10 to 1. For the first few innings the game was very close, but in the seventh and eighth the Graham boys pounded Kennon, of Olney High unmercifully, scoring four runs. The lone score by Olney was the result of errors by Holt and Durham, in fact the whole game was a comedy of errors by both teams.



A Comedy of Errors.

Casey led in hits with a total of three, while Norman led in runs, with two to his credit. Kennon struck out three men; Johnson struck out eight. There were few long hits, but Durham hit 'em right on the beak and made a home run. Norman got a two-bagger.



He Hit 'Em Right on the Beak.

This is the second and last game between Graham and Olney High, as Monday's game gave the series to Graham. The Olney boys are all good fellows, but Graham High has them outclassed when it comes to baseball. The spirit shown during this and the game at Olney is very much to be commended. Both teams play perfectly clean ball.

No arrangements have been made for any games in the future, but Manager McLendon is in correspondence with other schools at present and hopes to complete the season's schedule in a short time.

Likes Chickens.

Finis Burnett was in the city last week on business, and something was said to him about chickens. Whenever you mention chickens to Finis you mention a subject he delights to talk about. Finis recently bought an incubator of 275-egg capacity and intends to raise lots of "fryers" this year. He has fifty-five Brown Leghorn hens that from January 1st to March 1st laid enough eggs for home use and eighty-four dozen to sell. For those he sold \$16.30 was realized. Of course we wouldn't swear that Finis tends to the chickens—that duty may fall on Mrs. Burnett, but then Finis gets the credit for having some mighty good chickens.

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Weather for February.

1st to 4th, Pleasant; 5th to 8th, Cloudy; 9th to 13th, Cold; 14th to 18th, Snows; 19th to 23, Stormy weather; 24th to 28th, Snow period. Low Temperature; Rainfall above normal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Judge
J. W. AKIN.
EDGAR SCURRY

For Representative, 99th Dist.:
E. W. FRY

For County Judge:
W. P. STINSON
J. W. JACKSON

For Sheriff:
A. H. JONES
MAL M. WALLACE
W. J. (Will) JENNINGS
O. H. BROWN
J. S. MUNSEY

For County Clerk:
C. W. (Lum) HINSON
W. A. (Pick) CAMPBELL
J. L. GRAVES

For Tax Collector:
W. E. CRIM
HENRY G. FRIE
HENRY GROVES
J. E. PARSONS

For Tax Assessor:
J. C. OWEN
M. P. McCracken
L. H. (Bud) HARRIS
W. A. FRASER
C. RUTLEDGE RUTHERFORD

For County Treasurer:
A. F. STEWART
J. C. CASBURN
R. (Rube) LOFTIN
FRANK BURKETT
I. B. PADGETT

For County Attorney:
A. L. BRANTLEY
C. FAY MARSHALL

For County Superintendent:
B. W. KING

For District Clerk:
J. L. VAUGHAN
WILLIE RIGGS

For Public Weigher:
S. W. RATCLIFFE
JOE T. CARTER
G. W. LANIER

For Commissioner, Precinct 1.
G. D. (Dillard) HINSON
F. M. BERRY.
JOHN A. BROWN
H. BRASHEARS.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4:
J. M. BARNETT
W. C. McGEE
J. L. DUNCAN.

Weather for March.

1 to 3, Stormy; 4 to 8 Pleasant 9 to 13, Cold and Clear; 14 to 17 Wind Period; 18 to 21, Blustery Wave; 22 to 26, Cold Wave; 27 to 31, Pleasant Weather. Rain fall and Temperature average.

Judge F. O. McKinsey of Weatherford, Texas is holding District Court this week, acting as Special Judge in place of Judge Edgar Scurry, disqualified in the Baker case.

Mrs. S. C. Davis and daughter, Mrs. T. W. Gullede of Ft. Worth arrived in the city last night to spend a few days visiting J. W. Akin and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rose.

ARGUMENTS CONCLUDED IN B. M. BAKER CASE

All the testimony and the arguments were completed yesterday at 6 o'clock in the case of B. M. Baker, charged with rape. The case has occupied the attention of the Court since last Monday.

Immediately at the conclusion of Judge P. A. Martin's speech for the prosecution the Court was adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning, at which hour Judge F. O. McKinsey, of Weatherford, Texas, acting in the place of Judge Edgar Scurry, disqualified, will give his charge to the jury.

The court room was packed to its full capacity during the whole week, and during the arguments every seat was filled and many were forced to stand.

Following is a list of the jurors who will decide the case:

- J. E. Martin, Mt. Pleasant,
- W. F. Babb, Graham,
- L. H. Gibbs, Padgett,
- Ben Hunt, Olney,
- A. W. Alexander, Olney,
- T. B. Woods, Olney,
- Cherry Roach, Olney,
- Andrew Gibbs, Orth,
- W. K. Haygood, Olney,
- J. H. Morgan, Olney,
- D. H. Rogers, Olney,
- W. C. Cardwell, Olney.

NOTICE!

State of Texas, County of Young:

Notice is hereby given that there will be an election held in the City of Graham, Texas, at the court house situated therein on the first Tuesday in April, 1914, the same being the 7th day of April, 1914, for the purpose of electing an alderman from each of the two wards of said city, for the purpose of electing a Secretary and Treasurer of said city to serve for two years from the date of their qualification.

All persons who are legal voters in the County of Young and State of Texas, and who are resident citizens of the City of Graham, Texas are entitled to a vote at said election. William Johnson is hereby appointed as presiding Judge of said election.

S. BOYD STREET,

Mayor City of Graham, Texas. Correct Attest:

(Signed) T. E. WALLACE, City Secretary, Graham, Texas.

Mrs. S. R. Crawford has been indisposed for several days.

Chas. Widmayer made a business trip to Seymour, Archer and Wichita Falls this week. He brought back a new Ford touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morrison returned home this week from St. Louis and points in Mississippi.

The men of the Christian church will give a reception and luncheon to their wives at the W. O. W. Hall tomorrow (Friday) night.

Double Row Planters

I have 13 Double Row Case Planters I am offering at \$32.50 as long as they last. D. G. VICK.

Miss Theo Richardson of Holloway, N. M. is visiting in the city, guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. L. Manning and uncle, R. E. Lynch.

Messrs. J. R. Jameson and R. F. Fowler spent Sunday in the city with their families.

Mrs. C. D. Yancey of Eliasville is in the city visiting the family of W. W. Wilkins.

R. L. Tankersley, after spending a week at home left Tuesday morning for Colorado. Mrs. Tankersley and Miss Winnie accompanied him as far as Fort Worth.

There was no meeting of the U. D. C.'s this week. The next regular meeting will be held with Mrs. M. L. Manning on next Thursday night, March 19.

Mr. Aaron Nickols and Miss Georgia Weldon of Pickwick, Mr. Jim Barron and Miss Bessie Storm of Graford, were in the city Monday to enjoy the sights and happenings of the big day. They made The Reporter a pleasant call while here.

Double Row Case Planters for \$32.50. VICK.

J. W. Burgess and son Will of South Bend were in the city Monday.

Mrs. W. M. Matthews is reported sick this week.

White Orpington eggs, 15 for \$1.00. W. D. Spivey.

Col. J. N. Adair of Jean is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Finch.

The city is doing quite a bit of work on the streets at this time, some on South Plum and some at the crossing east of the Baptist church.

8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

Mr. Rubenkoenig and son, John and family have returned from New Orleans where they spent last week taking in Mardi Gras.

Josh Burgess of South Bend was transacting business in the city Monday.

8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

Married.

Mr. M. R. Davis and Miss Rachel DeLong of Eliasville were married in this city Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the residence of Rev. W. D. Boswell, Rev. Boswell officiating.

The Reporter joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

20 per cent. Discount On all Brown's Crackers and Cakes. MORRISON.

PRISCILLA CLUB

The Priscilla Club met with a large attendance Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Lynch on South Elm Street.

Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Mesdames Crabb, Bowman, Norman, Duncan and Miss Dow. Mrs. Will Norman and Miss Manning gave a program on the player piano during the afternoon.

Some time was pleasantly spent with needle work, several completed pieces being exhibited. One piece especially admired was a waist of punch work, and embroidery from the Philippine Islands.

The hostess, assisted by Misses Dow, Manning, and Kramer, served delicious cake and chocolate to members and the following guests: Mesdames Kramer, King, Stewart, Hallam, Vick; Misses Manning, Kramer, Dow of Oran, and Miss Richardson of Holloway N. M.

Mrs. W. A. Morris will be hostess March 17th.

Paper Napkins, 15 designs will give you the very latest, and patterns at Graham Printing Co.

POETS AND PLAGUES.

There is one time, at least, in our lives when we are seized with a feverish desire to write poetry. Should the attack come when we are young there is usually a "girl (or boy) in the case."

We have the idea that the only way to win the object of our affections is to write sonnets to her eyes and hair, and rave about the beauty of her complexion, when any girl could secure one equally as good at any drug store for 25c a box. Should we fail to win the lady we may continue to lament (in rhyme) on the cruelty of fate. But if we marry her, the poetry is all knocked out of us.

If we have an attack later in life it may be attributed to "Spring fever" or ego. We sing of the beauties of this old world and what a grand country it is that we live in. In the meanwhile we are "cussing" the politician, taking pot shots at the preachers, and grumbling at our wives for not getting up a first-rate meal, with only half enough green mesquite wood to cook it.

Turning the near paradise of which we so fondly sing into a veritable Gehenna.

A man who will rave about the beauties and joys of this life, and then do his level best to make it a hell, should be married to some dough faced English suffragette, and compelled to stay home and mind the children while his wife attends the street rallies.

Not so many years ago an instructor in one of the greatest schools in America became imbued with the idea that he could write poetry. According to his way of thinking he could have given Milton pointers and the Eard of Avon was a back number. This is his first spasm:

"The meowy cat, the squeaky mouse,

The howly dog that sits by the house,

The lazy bat that stays in bed 'til noon,

All come out by the light of the moon."

Isn't it a beaut? It very forcibly reminds us of Plow Boy in his lamentations on the cruelty of "our editor" when he sidetracked his "spring peroration." If I was not personally acquainted with Plow Boy I might be tempted to think he was the Prof. or even Walt Mason masquerading under a new pseudonym. His muse has the same care free gait, that keeps him off his theme more of the time than on it.

By grace of his position and pull the "Prof." got his "dope" printed in some of the leading papers of this country. While reams of better verse was given to the waste basket.

Poets are born not made, and unless you have the gift of expressing your thoughts in rhyme, you are merely wasting your time and also putting a "raw edge" on the temper of the editor on whom you attempt to unload your drivel. After viewing the efforts of a highly educated man, is it any wonder the editor gently deposits our doggerel in the waste basket? But cheer up. There are other lines of endeavor, such as digging ditches, raising cotton, etc., which are just as fashionable and far more remunerative than "writing" and also remember that you are never famous until dead.

When we are confronted with this fact the majority of us lose all desire for fame. Still there are others who, like Nero, "had rather be damned to everlasting fame than entirely forgotten."

Auf Widersehen, Gringo.

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Announcement

Drs. T. J. Wixom and W. E. Henderson, Masseurs, together with Mr. C. V. Conner, will on March 5th, 1914, open the Belmont Hotel in Graham, Texas, as a Drugless Sanitarium.

Rates at the Sanitarium will be \$2.00 per day. Treatments will be given all patients in the Sanitarium desiring same for which no charge whatever will be made.

Have cured the following diseases: Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Kidney Trouble, Heart Troubles, Liver, Stomach, Bowels, Nervous Troubles, Female Troubles and other complaints.

Wonderful cures have been effected by these Masseurs without the use of drugs and by the most scientific treatment known to mankind.

If you are sick or suffering—COME. If medicine has failed to cure you—COME. Come to the Belmont, at Graham, Texas, and be CURED.

Early Arrivals New Spring Goods

The season's accepted modes in Ladies' Suits, Dresses and Skirts, Muslin Underwear, White Goods, Silks, Novelty Hand Bags, Ladies' and Misses' Slippers, New Gingham, House Dresses and Ready Made Aprons.

New Dress Goods—Japanese Crepes, Rice Cloth, Fancy Crepes, Madenia Silks in assorted colors.

MILLINERY—Of new and accepted modes for Spring. We are showing all the New Colors and Shapes in Styles that you will appreciate. They are authentic and individual; purchased from the largest millinery establishment in the world.

Will Appreciate Your Call

Men's Spring Hats

In Straws and Felts and the New Nobby Styles - \$3.00 and \$3.50

Men's Spring Oxfords

In Walkover's and Edwin Clapp's Prices - \$3.50 to \$7.00

New Ties For Spring Wear

John E. Morrison Co.
Graham, Texas

ELOPEMENT OF ELLEN DRAWS GOOD CROWD

On last Friday night at the Opera House the Woman's Mission Society of the Methodist church gave "The Elopement of Ellen" to a well filled house.

The play was a portrayal of the difficulties of a new bride in keeping a cook and housemaid who was pretty. The bride's brother, his chum and the rector were all victims of her feminine wiles.

Those who took part in the play are to be congratulated upon their portrayal of the characters represented. Mr. Wright McClatchy being especially good as the devoted young husband, and Mr. D. D. Cusenbary as the rector, Wesley Johnson as Max Ten Eyck had worlds of trouble in deciding which was the right girl, and played the bothered suitor splendidly. P. K. Deats as Mollie's brother made an excellent lover for the new cook, the cook's part being played by Miss Lillian Manning, who, as June Haverhill, was making special investigations for economic courses, and applying for the position of cook found herself "up against it" by discovering two old suitors and a disagreeable job. Miss Manning made a very pleasing portrayal of the part.

Miss Appoline Dow as Dorothy March found herself wooed by Max Ten Eyck because of certain conditions in a will left by a rich uncle, and the rector, who was deeply smitten, but had to use a guide book for his declarations of love. This scene provoked much laughter and the excellent manner in which Miss Dow carried out her part made it especially strong.

Mrs. W. D. Norman as the wife of Richard Ford was truly a perplexed bride, and like all brides was accused of being a match-maker, but she helped to bring order out of chaos and left all the suitors happy. Mrs. Norman was fine as a bride.

Between the first and second acts Mrs. Bowman sang as a specialty "The Language of the Flowers." Mrs. Bowman is an exceptionally good soloist and was greeted with a hearty encore, but on account of limited time did not respond.

The Graham High School Quartette, composed of Johnston, Mabry, Wootton and Holl, gave two excellent numbers between the second and third acts.

Music for the occasion was furnished by an orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb, Wesley Johnson, Joe Mabry and Joe Hall Morrison.

The Society realized about \$60.00 from the play.

LITERARY CLUB

Mrs. Gaines B. Hall was hostess to the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle last Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Z. A. Hudson presided, directing a program of unusual interest.

Roll call disclosed a wide acquaintance with current news of the world, among which items were facts political, religious, medical, and scientific.

Mrs. R. G. Hallam led the lesson on "Excursions in Attica," chosen from "Rambles in Greece," a popular text book of the Club.

An interesting review of the famous battle of Marathon was an especially prominent feature of the lesson.

Mrs. J. T. Rickman read a timely article on the "Evils of Chewing Gum," selected from The Literary Digest.

In a business session, Mrs. Griffin was elected to membership, supplying the vacancy recently made by Mrs. J. W. Galaher.

Mrs. Fred Arnold read the critic's report.

W. C. T. U.

Items for this column are furnished by local Union.

W. C. T. U. Meets With W. H. M. Society at Methodist Church

A very pleasant and profitable hour was spent, many interesting facts being brought out in papers read by Mrs. Burkett, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Vick concerning the nature and effects of alcohol on body, brain and nerve, also effect in destroying the spread of the gospel, it being a fact that we are in need of evangelization above any other nation of the earth, concerning the use of alcohol and opiates.

How to teach the quarterly temperance Sunday school lesson was ably handled by Mrs. Bowman. She also gave the history of writing of the song "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight" and sang it very effectively as a solo.

Mrs. E. S. Graham gave a beautiful rendition of "My Mother's Prayer" as a solo.

In a short business session of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Jeffery presiding, at Mrs. C. W. Johnson's request, many good points were brought out.

Patterson's peroration on "Liquor, Liquor, How I hate it," read by Mrs. Jeffery.

Earnest prayers by Mother Short and Mrs. Crawford opened and closed this session.

Entertained by Mrs. Jeffery.

Again at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jeffery a delightful social hour and impromptu program was enjoyed by many W. C. T. U. members and their friends. Before the program piano numbers by Mrs. Akin and a beautiful voice number by Mrs. Duncan were given.

At a signal from the president, Mrs. Jeffery, all the company rose and sang beautifully "Revive Us Again." An earnest prayer by Bro. Stallings of the Christian church was next offered. Reading of 24th Psalm by Bro. Bowman of the Methodist church was a veritable praise and thanksgiving message. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was then sung by all.

Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Phillips sang by special request, "Unanswered Yet." "Twas a beautiful rendition of the song.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the double quartet of beautiful young girls, who, in dainty white costumes and "blue bonnets with the white ribbons on it" sang the "Crusade Song" to the tune of "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet With the Blue Ribbon on it," accompanied by Adele Jeffery pianist, in costume. The words were composed for the occasion and having the nomination of Tom Ball (author and words given below) They responded to a hearty encore with "All for Texas and Texas for All, but we are all for Tom Ball." The reading, "Poor House Nan," by Mrs. Akin was well received, the assistance of the quartette, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips singing softly, "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight" added much to the effectiveness of the reading.

The ministers were called upon in turn to speak for the cause of temperance, Bro. Stallings having been particularly favored in helping to make two states dry, those of Kansas and Oklahoma, and he expressed his intention of stay with Texas till she goes dry in 1915. Bro. Bowman gave a most interesting story of his conversion to the pro side. He spoke of the poverty, crime and misery following in the wake of the drinker of alcoholics and gave a pathetic story that had come under his own personal observation of the destruction of a fine little family through the saloon.

Bro. Snoddy was next called upon to make himself "useful" as well as "ornamental. Although he preferred to be ornamental he made a good talk and gave a fine record of the Snoddy Family Tree, in which not one had ever filled a drunkard's grave and in which all had been found serving the Lord. He spoke in proudest terms of his good old Scotch Presbyterian Ancestry, although himself a Methodist.

A beautiful and pleasing rendition of "Sweet and Low" by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Rose was next enjoyed and heartily encored; they responded with the laughable number, "Spreading a Rumor."

A delicious repast of cheese sandwiches, a variety of cakes with coffee, chocolate and excellent whipped cream was served by the "Blue Bonnet Maids."

Entertaining and instructive addresses were made by Drs. Duncan and Griffin on the evils of Patent Medicines, speaking of Peruna, Swamp Root, Hood's Sarsaparilla as some of the frauds sold as life giving, health producing agents. Cases were given and on record where delirium tremens had resulted from the use of Peruna, (and there are doubtless thousands of cases that are not recorded.)

A welcome was given the new members, a circle being formed about them and a band of white ribbon wound about them, while the chorus "Wind the Ribbons Round the Nations" was sung. Mrs. J. T. Rickman at the piano. Pledge cards were passed the following, whose signatures were secured: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and Dr. Griffin. Mrs. Duncan read by special request, "Higher Culture in Dixie," and the delight of her audience knew no bounds. She responded to the rounds of applause with a most pleasing number.

The guests departed a late hour with many sincere expressions of their enjoyment and appreciation for the genial hospitality for which the hostess, Mrs. Jeffery, is noted.

Composed by Mrs. R. G. Hallam
In eighteen eighty seven and again in 1911,

We wanted Texas dry.
But the cities said "Oh never,
Texas men are far too clever,
We must have our beer and rye.
But now we've tears of gladness
No they are not tears of sadness
'Tis three days today since we
have heard the call,

And how our eyes have brightened
And our eager hearts have lightened
Since we have chosen Thomas Ball.

Chorus

The Crusaders blue bonnet
Has a white ribbon on it,
A becoming bonnet we all say;
Subscribe for just a quarter,
Don't you think you ought-er
On your governor's election day?

In the land of the blue bonnet,
With the white ribbon on it,
Yes, we have heard the call,
We don't want to play at jiltin,
We don't want Horace Chilton,
But for us we want Tom Ball
The birds are sweetly singing
And for us the bells are ringing,
Since four thousand pros have heard the call,

With white banners gayly streaming,
With white ribbons brightly gleaming,
From now on till July "play Ball."

Announces for Commissioner.

The formal announcement of Mr. John A. Brown of the Mt. Pleasant community for the office of county commissioner of Precinct No. 1 will be found in another column of this issue. Mr. Brown is making the race strictly on what merits he may possess and asks your support in the July primary on that basis.

The following splendid paper was read by Mrs. John E. Morrison during the week of Prayer and Praise meetings at Presbyterian church:

AFRICA.

Africa is second in size of the five principle continents of the Globe. Its greatest length from north to south is five thousand (5000) miles and its greatest width is four thousand six hundred (4600) miles.

Africa is a continent of which the wealth is unknown, and is now divided up by other nations, the only portion under the control of the black man is Liberia.

The most interesting thing in Africa is the native himself, it was only yesterday that this broad land was veiled in mystery, but now the veil has been lifted.

Since the Chattanooga Convention our African Mission has been so prominently before the church that it may be considered as having had its presentation in advance.

Our Pioneer Missionaries to this field, went twelve hundred miles from the coast, and eight hundred miles from the nearest foreign settlement of any importance, to establish their first station. Peril from savages, the danger of being left without supplies, and the impossibility of obtaining proper help in time of sickness, but looking to the Master from the standpoint of Providence, what Lapsley and Sheppard did was to find a place so hidden from observation, that they were able to lay the foundation for future work.

One can journey through its vast domains, and see how God has opened up this country to the world. In studying it you see it is God's plan, it is God's call.

We now have four stations, two churches, thirty-seven missionaries, four hundred and seventy-five workers and nine thousand, two hundred and fifteen communicants.

There were eight hundred and twenty-nine additions last year. Twelve thousand Sunday school pupils. Native contributions for past year were \$395.00

This mission was founded by Samuel N. Lapsley and William H. Sheppard, D. D., who sailed February 26, A. D. 1890, and reached Luebo April 18, 1891.

Now after a lapse of twenty-one years there is a church membership of over nine thousand. The four stations are lo-

cated at Luebo, Ibanche, forty miles north, Mutoto, two hundred miles east, and Lusambo.

A steamer, the first "Samuel N. Lapsley" was built by the contributions of the children, and sent out in 1902. It was wrecked in 1903. A second steamer costing \$42,000.00 was sent out in 1906.

About four hundred native helpers are employed, most of whom are self supporting. There are eighty-six schools of all grades with seven thousand pupils.

As to the medical work in our Congo missions, and it is a sad fact, during the twenty odd years of the history of that mission that only one well qualified doctor has been in the field, and his active service on the field covers a period of less than four years, second only to that of the Gospel Minister is the opportunity which the Christian Physician has to be a winner of souls.

Mrs. Mattie Martin tells of her personal connection with the new reinforcements out in Congo, "because of ill health I was ordered by the mission to leave for my furlough nearly a year before my husband was given his. He expected to join me at the earliest possible moment after his arrival in America. Two of our family were dangerously ill at the time I wired him to let nothing delay his coming, however it was necessary to give first place to God's work. I did not see my husband for several weeks; he had given his promise to the missionaries and native workers, whom he had left fasting and praying in Congo, to deliver their message to the church at home immediately upon his return, even before seeing his wife. And how wonderfully it was answered by God, was shown at the Laymens Convention in Chattanooga, when twenty-nine volunteers came forward in a body to join our mission force.

With hearts thrilling we returned to Luebo to tell the glad news, now help has come, on the 28th of October the Lapsley whistled a long glad cry, heralding we believe a new and great era of light to thousands of poor blind souls who are waiting to see.

"Our hearts were bounding with joy when they reached the bank. The mission has so long needed them. One of our missionaries (not in any sense

a complaint) writes: No one at home can realize the nervous strain, the drafts that are made on our mental and spiritual energies, the wrenching of our sympathies, that come without let-up, day in and day out, as we try to live the Christ life among these people, and lift them to a higher life, but for your prayers at home, we would utterly fail. Pray for us."

Church Notice.

The Methodist people were much gratified at the attendance on the services at their church last Sunday. Let us all be on hand promptly at the next services.

Quite a number of visitors in the absence of Bro. Stallings favored us with their presence. Invitation is cordially extended to these to come again when possible. Remember "Go to Church" is still the slogan. Come to Sunday school.

J. Hall Bowman,
Pastor.

No. 5897.
Report of the Condition of the
GRAHAM NATIONAL BANK
at Graham, in the State of Texas, at
the close of business, March 4, 1914.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$103,203.02
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....2,199.47
U. S. Bonds to secure cir. 12,500.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.....3,445.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....8,669.34
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....21,417.05
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers Trust Companies and Savings Banks.....334.22
Due from Approved Reserve Agents.....11,920.10
Checks and other Cash Items.....496.99
Notes of other Nat'l. Banks and Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents.....39.45
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie.....\$1,184.00
Legal-tender notes 5,515.00
Red. fund with U. S. Treas (5 per cent circulation) 625.00
Total.....\$172,143.64

LIABILITIES.
Capital Stock paid in...\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund.....10,000.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid...2,386.99
National Bank Notes outstanding.....12,500.00
Due to other Nat'l. Banks 381.69
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers.....100.47
Ind. dep. subject to check 96,534.15
Bills of Exchange.....240.34
Total.....\$172,143.64

State of Texas, County of Young, ss: I, Chas. Gay, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. GAY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1914.
ELIZABETH HALL,
Notary Public.

Correct Attest:
J. W. AKIN
F. P. BURCH
R. J. JOHNSON
Directors.

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Our Spring Stock of Hats and Millinery Goods, including all the Newest and Best Styles of the Season has been received and is now on display.

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Prices very reasonable.

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Live News from our Correspondents

M... Pleasant.

Well Kid as no one else tried to answer your question as to the meaning of Luke 12:10 I will give you a bible answer. I will not quote the scripture as it might turn the stomach of my esteemed friend, Salemite, but will give you the references and let you read them. I am at a loss why you passed over Matthew 12:22-37 inclusive. Note particularly the 31st to 37th verses. Then turn to Mark 3:22-35 and note particularly the last four verses. Now I repeat Kid, that I don't understand why you would pass over this scripture and take Luke 12:10 for a text in which you find only a "mystery." It is a custom with some people when they find scripture running counter to their own belief or church doctrine to call it a "mystery." I am not charging the Kid with doing this because "I am persuaded better things of him."

Rev. J. L. McCord visited our school last Friday and made the children a good talk. He also preached at the school house Friday night.

I hope you all have noticed that I have announced for commissioner under the assumed name of John A. Brown. I mention this so when I come around to electioneer with you that I will not be a "stranger in a strange land."

Yes Kid I am perfectly satisfied with the way you fixed that name business up. Thank you.

Elder Fisher filled his regular appointment at the chapel.

Claude Brandon and Miss Josie Andrus of Graham attended church at the Chapel Sunday.

Harry Cornelius of Briar Branch attended Sunday school here Sunday. Harry is seen pretty regular on this side lately. Look out boys some of you will lose your hitching post.

Oh! say! Did you notice how warm our editor's heart is getting? Now who would have thought he could sing like that? Of course it is the most beautiful poem we ever saw, isn't it? Contains our nom de plumes doesn't it? That's why it's so pretty; and listen:

I shall put it in a frame of gold
And show my grandchildren
when I am old

The height to which their sire's name
Did reach on the ladder of literary fame.

John A. Brown was swapping yarns with W. I. Blackwood of Pleasant Hill one day last week.

Most of the volunteer oats were killed out in this part of the country by the late freezes.

Corn planting is the order of the day at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Holden of the Stovall irrigated farm, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Moore of Briar Branch spent last week with her brothers, Wylie and Hollis Moore.

Plow Boy.

Briar Branch.

This is beautiful spring weather we are having now, after so much cold weather lately.

As this is such a noted place and has not been represented in some time I will try and mark down a few items, as Beautiful Doll has sailed out on the sea of matrimony and moved to Graham.

Health in this community is very good with the exception of bad colds.

Sunday school was good Sunday with a fair sized audience. Everybody come next Sunday who can and let's make a large crowd, for if there is anything

a community needs it is a good Sunday school.

My! there is sure lots of correspondents and I would like to get acquainted with everyone of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Garvin of Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gallaher Sunday.

Mr. Sam Jordan and Miss Logan of Belknap were pleasant visitors at our Sunday school Sunday. Come again.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carter and little son, and Miss Pearl Gallaher went to Newcastle Saturday.

Guy Wignal made a flying trip to Graham Saturday.

The young people and a few of us older ones enjoyed a singing at F. R. Cornelius' Sunday night.

Bill and Bob Crawford went to Graham Saturday.

Miss Nona Cornelius, who has been visiting at Jean, returned home Sunday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fraser.

Edd Rowe went to Graham Sunday. I am afraid we are going to lose Edd if we don't get some kind of attraction around here for him.

Misses Minnie and Lyda Watson visited Mrs. Carrie Carter one day last week.

Ward Spivey of Graham spent Saturday night with Frank and Jeff Gallaher.

Lon Stephens is putting in some new land.

Several of the farmers have planted corn and others intend to start this week.

Big Monday was fine. Nearly everybody and their folks were in town.

Mrs. Lon Stephens and Miss Minnie Cornelius were the guests of Mrs. Belle Gallaher Tuesday.

Jake Jordan of Belknap, W. B. Blackwood and J. J. Lakey called on R. W. Gatewood Sunday afternoon.

If this escapes the waste basket I will try and come again.

Mignonette.

Hunt.

The sick people of this community are all improving. We have had a good deal of sickness lately.

W. O. Rayburn and family spent the day with G. R. Smith and family Sunday.

Bro. J. L. Roach filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Howard visited their son, Cross Howard, of Orth Sunday. Miss Gerushia Howard spent Sunday and Sunday night with the Misses Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross Howard's baby was very sick Sunday.

Bro. Roach, Mr. Keethey and Miss Gracie Rushian dined at G. R. Smith's Sunday.

Quite a number of our people went to Olney Big Monday.

W. E. Reeves of this community climbed the greased pole and got the watch.

W. A. Rushian and family spent the afternoon with Chas. Willis and family Wednesday.

Messrs. Vernon have been tanking some lately.

B. T. Burton and family passed through this community en route to Jean Saturday.

The musical at Mr. Matthews Wednesday night was well attended and all reported a big time.

S. M. Clayton and family have returned from Arkansas.

Will pass my pencil to some one and bid you all adieu.

Rosebud.

\$5 to \$10 saved on Farm Implements at "VICK'S."

Keyser.

Hello! Mr. Editor! As I have seen nothing from this community I thought I would send in a few items.

How are you correspondents enjoying the March wind? I don't enjoy it much. Spring is almost here, I hope.

Most of the farmers are thinking of planting corn in a few days.

S. J. N. Martin and son, Jim, hauled hay from Mr. Martin's farm near Graham the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sanders attended church at Bryson Sunday.

Virgel Ross spent Saturday night with Nelson and George Martin.

Oh! say, Jolly Girl the Prof. attended the debate at our school house Saturday night. Why didn't you come with him? I didn't see him casting eyes.

The debate was very interesting. "Resolved that Socialism is not the only Means to Reduce the High Cost of Living." The affirmative speakers were S. J. N. Martin and Virgel Ross. The negative speakers were Jim Allen and Clarence Dennings of Union Ridge. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Messrs. Martin and Ross received congratulations from Bryson and other places.

Mr. S. J. N. Martin and wife, and J. R. Martin and wife visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keyser Sunday afternoon.

The young folks enjoyed a spelling match Saturday night.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Mrs. Alla Bass.

Lost Willie where have you gone? Silver Moon why don't you shine? I know you.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Rhodes health is improving so fast, she visited her son Floyd near Bryson Sunday.

As this is my first time to write I'll ring off.

John's Honey.

(We are glad to get the news from Keyser—and did you ever see a paper grow as fast as The Reporter? We are certainly coming up to our name now—reporting the happenings of West Texas. Come again John's Honey, you'll find a warm welcome from all our correspondents.—Editor.)

Mountain Home.

We are having some pretty weather. Wasn't that rain last Tuesday all right?

Mrs. Gracie Rickles spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. W. C. Bunker while Mr. Rickles was gone to Graham. He had to stay all night in town on account of the rain.

Mr. Henry Owen spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Ada Sullivan, in Palo Pinto county.

We have decided not to have the literary any more on Friday evening. I will let you all know in next week's paper when we will have it.

There were several of the neighbors visited the school last Friday afternoon.

There was a crowd of Mountain Home people who attended the Fox Hollow literary Saturday night. Among those present were Mr. W. C. Bunker and family, and Mr. Bunker's sister, Prof. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Mr. Stringer and family and Mr. Emmett Lisle. All had a nice time.

Everyone reported a nice time at the party at Mr. Will Owen's Saturday night.

Mrs. Jones, Veler and Curtis Jones spent from Monday until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Askew of Loving.

We are very sorry to hear of Miss Della Owen being sick, and hope her a speedy recovery.

Miss Stella Smith of Ming Bend spent last week with Mrs. Will Owen.

Well, Silver Bell I will let you have my pencil. Homeite.

Bunger

The Goose has been absent one week. Some think she is sitting but she isn't. She has been going half bent and in a trot trying to set some hens.

Mr. Day says millet is the best feed for hens in the world. He says all of his hens are laying and the roosters are threatened.

Mr. John Lassater visited J. A. Ferguson Saturday night.

Herman Johnson and Mr. Day killed hogs Saturday.

Mr. Rhoades, who lives near Bunker, is reported better this morning. He has pneumonia.

During the recent campaign there were some politicians in Texas who straddled the fence until the top buttons on their pantaloons wasn't two inches below their chins. Some of them even economized by utilizing it for a collar button. Oh shut up about the election and go to work.

Mr. Oscar James wants to know where the cheapest place is to order trousers pockets.

One of Mr. Braner Caudill's little boys was right sick last week.

Mr. Archie Condor was in Bunker last evening telling stories and smoking his pipe.

The W. O. W. unveiling will be on the third Sunday in May at the Gooseneck Cemetery. Everybody invited.

I guess winter is over. The Gander has gone north after cotton seed and hogs.

I am too much like a goat to be much of a poet.

The old men and boys are getting up a rabbit club. It takes two bushels of corn to get into the club and the one getting the most scalps gets the prize.

Mr. J. K. Ferguson has matched a ball game this (Monday) morning. He is the father of two fine girls. Don't you know he will have some fun singing to them.

Goose.

Spring Creek.

We have been having some sandy and windy weather lately.

March 4th, we had a right nice shower. All the farmers were glad to see the rain.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Wood and Miss Georgia Ellis.

Salemite I wish you could only see some of these dancers dance a set. You would feel like getting up and going around and around yourself.

They certainly have some nice dances up here. Instead of singing and parties, here they have dances. Everyone seems as if they would rather have the dances than the singings and parties. But, I am just the other way. I'd rather go to a singing twice than to a dance once. One need not think I'm just running the community down, for it isn't any of my business what other people do. I suppose it is all right if anyone wants to dance, but you know I don't like to dance. I never danced a set in my life. I have danced at home, but not away from home.

Mrs. Herring and Mrs. Mose Whittaker visited Mrs. Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Ray went to Megargel Tuesday.

Misses Amy Smith and Pearl Gilmore made a trip to Megargel Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Crutcher went to Olney Monday.

Messrs. Homer and Claude Wilborn made a call at Mr. Broms Sunday afternoon. Look out Homer, you will get left.

Mr. and Mrs. Dariik visited Mr. Brom and family Sunday.

Miss Hermina Brom visited Miss Jennie Roberts Sunday.

Misses Cora Vines and Lillian McNutt, Mrs. Ida Vines and babies took a pleasure trip to Megargel Sunday afternoon.

Someone said they had a jolly time and I believe they did, as well as anyone else.

W. T. Vines went to Graham on a business trip Thursday and returned Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lizzie Whittaker spent the night with her sister and family Sunday.

Mr. Jack Faucett spent the night with Neal Vines Friday.

Mr. Geo. F. Parsons of Megargel was out in the Spring Creek community Monday.

Mr. Jack Faucett, Neal Vines, Frank Sykora, and quite a number of others whose names I do not know, made a pleasant call at Misses Albina and Hermina Brom's Sunday.

Miss Flora Gibbs visited Miss Elizabeth Whittaker Sunday.

Miss Jennie Roberts is visiting Mr. E. P. Ellis and wife.

Mr. Roberts made a trip to Megargel Sunday afternoon to meet the train.

Herman Whittaker visited Paul Roberts Sunday afternoon. The debate at Spring Creek

was well attended Monday and Tuesday night.

Mr. Gus Whittaker visited home folks near Spring Creek Tuesday.

Mr. John Bavousette's brother from Scurry county is visiting him this week.

Mr. Mose Whittaker visited Mr. Roberts Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John Bavousette and brother are visiting relatives at Farmer this week.

The writer went to Megargel Friday.

We are sorry to report that little Gladys Vines is on the sick list again.

Mr. Neal Wilborn has purchased a new auto.

Miss Audie Burgess of Megargel visited Mrs. Ollie Hayter Tuesday.

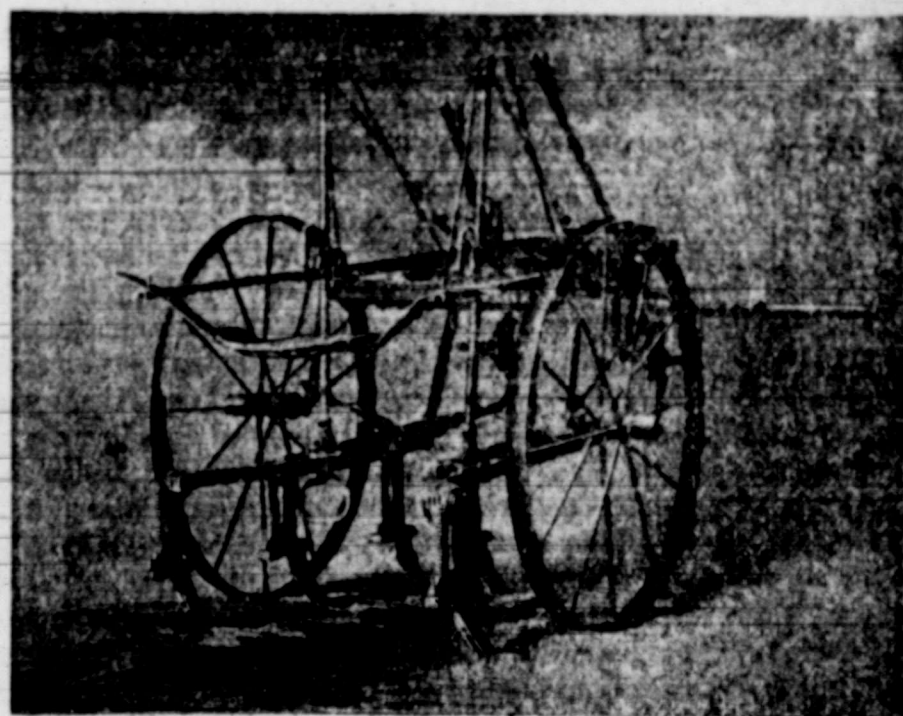
As I am getting tired and somewhat sleepy I guess some other correspondent can take my place.

Hollyhock.

Toilet Paper Rolls at
Graham Printing Co.

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The Famous Ohio Six Plow Cultivator



Notice the three ply beams, the concave tires; and the main feature is the wheel is held on to the axle with a washer and key in the nut.

If you are needing a Cultivator, See this one on our floor before you buy.

Norris-Johnson Hardware Company

Lower Tonk.

What a jolly band of Correspondents we have for our paper now.

A nice rain fell over the Valley last Tuesday.

It was fine on the wheat and oats. The people were glad to see it for the ground was getting dry.

Misses Eppie, Jewell and Nora Moore were out calling in the Valley Monday.

Sylvester Gowens spent Tuesday night with Walter and Carrell Robbins.

The people have been busy breaking their ground to plant corn.

Mesdames Sam and Lee Jones visited Mrs. G. W. Gowens Wednesday.

Mrs. W. E. Moore and daughter, Eppie and Misses Alma George and Lillie Gray went to Graham Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers called at Mr. Bill Wadley's on Friday.

Mrs. McClanahan and little Della have been sick with bad colds.

Mrs. Barnett's father and mother visited her Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Clark visited with Grandma George Friday.

Mrs. J. T. Rogers and Mrs. Bill Wadley visited Mrs. Renick Saturday.

There was preaching at the church on Saturday, Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night by Rev. Newsome.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones took dinner with Bill Timmons and family Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Rogers and Mrs. Renick are on the sick list this week.

Mr. T. F. Clark and family visited Wallace Timmons Sunday.

Mr. Pinkston of Gooseneck visited Mr. John Youngblood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones took dinner with G. W. Gowens Sunday.

Miss Sallie Timmons and Miss Eppie Moore were the guests of Miss Lillie Gray Sunday.

Miss Mary Seddon visited Miss Eunice Moore Sunday.

Miss Anna Belle Wadley went to Graham Saturday.

Mr. John Timmons went to A. H. Jones' Sunday night.

James and Sylvester Gowens called on Murry and Lee Moore Sunday.

Lee Moore took dinner with Sylvester Gowens Sunday.

Floyd Jones went to see Kemp Moore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones spent Sunday night with A. H. Jones.

Several of the Valley folks attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday. X. Y. Z.

Orth

We had a side show at Orth this morning, the 3rd. Andrew Gibbs and Oscar Powell were hauling wood and their team became frightened and ran away. They run about a mile before they were stopped. No damage was done to either wagon or mules.

There has not been much garden stuff planted and no corn that I am aware of.

Misses Pearl Gadberry and Annie Farmer visited the school Monday afternoon.

Little Boy and Big Boy Isham were in Orth the 3rd.

Messrs. D. L. Keith and G. E. Leberman made a flying trip to Graham Monday.

Believe me we had some wind the night of the 3rd also some rain.

I understand that Dr. Coop lost his pill bag coming from Olney. The finder will please notify the Doctor at Orth.

Ol. Brown was in Orth Thursday.

Messrs. Bill Hustage, Oscar Powell and M. E. Clark made a flying trip to Newcastle Friday. Mesdames Chandler and Wells

and Dick Leberman, and Mr. and Mrs. Burse were in Orth Friday.

The sick of this community are improving.

Dr. Coop started to a forty-two game Thursday night; filled his car with coal oil through mistake. He got as far as W. S. Hustage's and his car went wrong. He could not run it any way but backwards. It would have made you laugh to have seen him and he hasn't gotten the coal oil out of his car yet.

Jno. Roscoe came in from Louisiana a few days ago.

Mr. John Gibson's nephew came in from Oklahoma last week.

Mr. Homer Boss of Padgett was in Orth Friday and said he had sold out everything and intends to move to Arizona or some of those northern (?) states, I have forgotten which. Plow Boy you ain't in it when it comes to writing poetry. I suppose you will ring off since you read the editor's poem.

I make a move we cut out the prohibition question out of our good paper. We don't want it mixed up in our paper at all. It is bad enough to have Catholicism in our letters.

Plow Boy, I knew you would keep on till you got into trouble.

Well Kid, if I ever saw you but once since the reunion I never knew it, so you will have to excuse me and I will excuse you for not letting yourself be known.

I hope to see some of the correspondents at Big Monday as I will be there if not hindered.

The Orth basket ball team is going to Frog Hollow this afternoon to play the latter's team. Uno.

Salem.

Master H. L. Ribble and sister, Fatine, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Pearl Kisinger.

Mrs. Maggie Gilmore and niece, Miss Lena, left Saturday for a week's visit with the former's son, Marvin, of Spring Creek.

Miller Ratchiff of Henry Chapel was here buying corn one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hinson came out in their new car and visited relatives here last Sunday.

Rob Henderson and sister, Miss Nannie, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Martin.

We are going to see that the young Ganders keep up a good fire for the Old Gander while he is writing the Gooseneck news, for the Gander is a good news gatherer and should be given a fair chance.

Miss Ruth McLaren of Henry Chapel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Grace Gibson.

Mrs. Q. B. Nelson spent a few days with relatives here last week.

Owing to continued cool weather only a few have planted corn here, however, if the present week is favorable quite a lot will be planted.

We know of no spring oats here that were far enough advanced to be much damaged by the freeze.

Sorry to inform Plow Boy that we didn't get to go to the corn show, so can't report on the fourteen-inch ear of corn.

We endorse Buster's "say" on the present campaign for governor of this state, because such work causes thought and investigation. We have noticed for some time that there appears to be a move on foot to discredit Mr. Radford with the farmers of this state, and if this be true, and wins out, then what will the farmers do without a leader? In my opinion Messrs. Radford and Lewis are the greatest leaders and best friends the farmers have ever had and their speeches and writings have had a wider circulation

than those of any other leader. I am for the man who runs on the platform of the Hon. Peter Radford for governor of this state; for it would appear to me that he has already done enough for the farmers to deserve one term as governor.

The question is, can the farmers be induced at a critical moment to turn and rend their own leader and best friend? And all on account of the question of prohibition. I think not, for prohibition is a reform that at the present time is far in advance of other much needed reforms in this state.

We can well afford to let it rest a little until some of the others even up with it.

A large number of Salemites mingled with the Big Monday crowd in Graham. Salemite.

Lone Oak

We were grieved to learn of the death of Mr. L. G. Alexander, who passed away Sunday at 5 o'clock a. m. in the Olney Sanitarium, where he was operated on Friday morning. Interment was had in the Loving cemetery Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. Deceased leaves a wife and three children to mourn his death. Their many friends extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in their great hour of sadness.

School is still progressing nicely.

The patrons of the school met at Lone Oak last Friday night to decide whether the school building should be erected on the old ground or moved to the center of the district. There were fifteen in favor of building at the center and sixteen for building where the other house stood. Another meeting was held Monday and it was decided that the school house should be erected on the line between the farms of Messrs. Hawkins and Walker. Mr. Walker gave half the school ground off the northeast corner of his place and Mr. Hawkins gave the other half off the southeast corner of his farm. This is a very nice location for a school building and we hope that we may soon have everything arranged to continue our Sunday school and literary work with convenience.

Goodness, the editor is some poet too, isn't he? I thought his poem was just fine. Come on Plow Boy if you think you can beat him. I believe Plow Boy will keep silent now since he has found there are other poets than himself. I could not write a poem at all. Oh! I might make a little rhyme but not a lengthy one. No Spinster Maid, I don't practice what I preach for I don't preach as I don't think it becoming to a lady. That is the mens' job. I have only one motto and that is "do right."

Kid I think you'll have to explain to Spinster Maid, I don't think she knows what you and I were speaking about.

I wonder why Plow Boy did not write last week. I suppose he was too busy rocking John A. Plow Boy, Jr., and didn't have the time.

We are glad to report Miss Norma Hamm still improving.

Hubert Stewart spent Friday with his sister, Mrs. Bee Martin.

Several men from Lone Oak were in Graham Monday.

Mrs. A. J. Beard and children of Loving visited at J. V. Hamm's the first of the week.

Messrs. J. D. McBride and Bill Rockenbow of Lone Oak, Archer county, were in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Hawkins visited Miss Emily McBee Sunday.

Several of the Lone Oak people attended literary at Jean Friday night. I thought it was just dandy, especially the music and debate.

Ex-Happy Lucille has been looking real sad the last few days. I wonder what is the mat-

ter. Wilbert McBee visited at Red Top Monday.

Mr. Jim Clifton and family are domiciled at the Carter home.

Mrs. A. J. Lowe returned from Limestone county last Wednesday.

Mr. Walker and family called at J. V. Hamm's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. T. Marshall is in this community doing some carpenter work.

Fred Marshall was in this part of the country Friday.

Mrs. M. R. Arnold and family have moved to the Red Top community.

Grandpa Boyle, who is working at Jean, spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Sallie Hawkins of Loving visited her son, J. G. Hawkins, last week.

Lum McBride is keeping bachelor quarters now.

Yes, the candidates are very plentiful now.

Mr. Jennings of Jean was canvassing here last week.

Mrs. May Pratt visited Mrs. Minnie Clifton one day last week.

This is all the news so I will "chust" quit. Brunette.

Tonk Valley.

Sunday was another fine day with us. The attendance at Sunday school was large and everyone seemed to be deeply interested. Rev. Hall preached us a fine sermon. He took the first eighteen verses of the 5th chapter of Matthew for his talk. We had one addition to the church, Miss Beulah Freeman.

Rev. Hall will be with us again next Sunday. Let all who can be present. I can assure you that you will hear a good sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Tidwell and little daughter, Mildred, of Graham were welcome visitors at Tonk Valley Sunday.

Mr. Rogers and Miss McBrayer of South Bend were at Tonk Valley Sunday. We are always glad to welcome visitors.

Mr. R. W. J. Parsons of the Flat Rock community dined at Mr. Robbins Sunday.

It seems that everybody is going to town today (Monday.) I have counted twenty wagons, twenty-three buggies, three automobiles and I couldn't keep up with the horse-backers, but don't think there were less than one hundred and fifty, and 'tis only 10 o'clock now. The merchants can look out for a large sale today.

Mr. W. E. Simpson and Miss Delilah Robbins visited Mr. and

Mrs. Brummitt in Lower Tonk Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. M. Taylor of the Flat Rock community visited at Mr. Robbins Saturday night.

A large crowd of the Upper Tonk people attended church at Lower Tonk Sunday night. Rev. Newsome occupied the pulpit.

Carroll and Walter Robbins visited Geoffery Cherryhomes Sunday. Carroll and Geoffery were late for Sunday school. When we asked them why they were late they said: "We had to shave." "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" boys.

Mr. Editor, your poetry was excellent. Couldn't be beat. We would like to hear from you again.

Hasn't this month been windy? Sounds like dry weather to me.

Mrs. Alma George visited Mrs. John George Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Rocky Mound visited their daughter, Mrs. Garrett Robertson Friday night.

Miss Zula George visited Misses Allye and Ray Thomas last Thursday night.

A crowd of us "Tonks" attended the play in town Friday night.

Mr. O. K. Freeman visited Mr. I. V. Freeman Sunday.

Sorry to report Miss Katherine Higdon on the puny list.

I saw Miss Bluebird Sunday. Am always glad to meet some of our Correspondents.

Guess I had better go before I make my call a stay.

Jolly Girl.

If you have a loan expiring see me at once. E. C. Stovall.

Cedar Creek.

We had a good rain here last Tuesday and now have a good season in the ground for planting corn. Some have planted corn already and in a few days planting will be begun in earnest.

Quite a number of our people attended the literary at Fox Hollow last Saturday night. All report a good time and exercises very interesting.

Several persons of this community are attending Trades Day at Graham today. (Monday.)

B. P. Ritchey and daughter, Miss Lila, of the Fox Hollow community were visiting friends at this place one day last week.

J. M. Hunt, Sr., who resides in Gooseneck bend spent last week visiting relatives here.

Will and Quincy Corbett passed through here one day last week with a nice bunch of Hereford cattle which they purchased in Sand Valley.

Good health prevails in this community at present.

Iambus.

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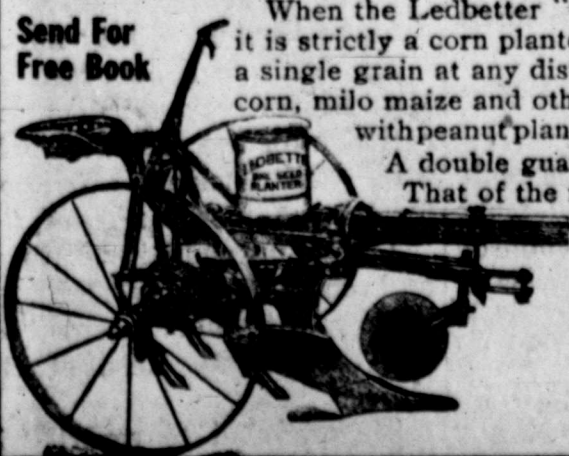
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Live News from our Correspondents

Indian Mound.

Most of those who have been suffering with cold and la grippe are well except Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williamson. They have been confined to their beds for some days. Mr. Williamson was in bed when we wrote last week but we failed to know it.

Sunday school was very well attended here Sunday.

G. W. McCommas spent the past week in Graham doing jury service.

Ed. Davis, from Graham, spent the past week at the McCommas ranch riding bronchos.

D. Byrd from Ingleside came down last Friday to visit his son, Austin. He visited Graham while here. Mr. Byrd was one of our Indian Mound citizens up until a few months ago and has a host of friends who are always glad to see him back.

Ira Huckaby and wife were here Sunday and took dinner with W. R. Dollins and family.

Austin Byrd and family ate Sunday dinner with B. W. Drum and wife.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher and daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Bryan, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williamson.

Mrs. R. G. Taylor visited Mrs. W. W. Williamson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight from Graham and G. W. McCommas and wife of this city visited E. G. Williamson and wife Sunday.

R. G. Taylor and son, Hilliard, went to Graham Sunday.

D. Byrd returned to his home at Ingleside Sunday.

Miss Nellie Hightower and brother, Choc, from White Rose were here Sunday.

Saturday morning D. Byrd and Bob Taylor fixed up a trip to Graham over the phone and when they met each of them were afoot. The last the neighbors saw of them they were hoofing it in the direction of Graham.

Miss Jolly Girl you correspondents can boast of Plow Boy's poetry all you want to. I am boosting the editor's poetry.

E. H. Stockings of Red Top was here Sunday.

Lamar Smith, Charlie and Belvin Dollins, Miss Zeda Dollins, Mrs. J. W. Douglass and sons, Richard and Virgel, R. G. Taylor and wife and two babies, Mrs. Lizzie Bryan and daughter, Miss Ivy, Mr. Thomas, N. M. Newman and son, Jess, G. W. McCommas and sons, Floyd and John, W. P. and W. N. Fisher, Reece East-erling, G. M. James, F. E. Burchardt, Austin Byrd and wife, J. S. Frazier and son, Coy, were present at Big Monday.

The Kid had the pleasure of spending Monday afternoon at Big Monday.

Misses Ivy and Jean Bryan took dinner Saturday with Miss Minnie Fisher.

Misses Grace James and Virgie Burchardt took Sunday dinner with Miss Lena Dollins.

G. W. McCommas and wife visited the home of G. M. James Sunday night.

Profs. Floyd McCommas and W. E. Simpson visited at H. H. Stevens Saturday night.

John McCommas went to Graham Sunday.

While at Big Monday I had the pleasure of talking with Salemite, X. Y. Z., Gander, Buster, and I think I saw the Candy Kid. I also saw John A. Plow Boy. Uno and the Kid wanted to help the Johnnie — Boy get started off right in the campaign for commissioner so they tried to give him some good advice on this line but the first thing he did was to balk on us.

Mr. Editor, can't we never get Mr. C. D. Yancey back on duty. Only a short time ago I heard one of his old lady friends say that she wished Mr. Yancey would come around and tell us about those good old-time camp meetings, like he used to. Now Bro. Yancey we are going to look for your letter in the paper next week for sure.

Plow Boy wants to know now many of the correspondents are Catholics. He thinks they all are, so he says, because they never boost him for what he says about the Catholics, and in order to relieve his mind of a great burden will say I am no Catholic. When that bumble bee that Plow Boy told us he had in his beard stings him on the front end of his chin he can't tell us correspondents in two minutes time whether he is a Catholic or any other kind of a "lic."

As it is growing late I will have to close for this time.

Kid.

Fish Creek.

More Anon I did not say that the Roman Catholics were the only good nurses or that they maintained the only good hospitals. I do say their nurses rank higher in both number and efficiency. As to number of hospitals they are far ahead. Did you know that there was only one protestant sanitarium in Texas, and it is owned and supported by the Baptists? As to their educational resources in the United States they support 3920 parish schools; they have 65 institutions of higher learning; with 625 teachers; 5500 students and endowments aggregating \$1,125,000. If they don't teach any grades higher than the eighth, please tell me what those higher institutions are for? Of course they employ Catholic teachers because they teach Catholic doctrine. I am neither a Catholic nor a Catholic sympathizer and I do not believe in misrepresenting any class or clan of people.

Mr. Bradford of Van Alstine is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Megginson.

Misses Ada and Mary Kramer visited Miss Jessie Mayes Monday.

Jolly Girl the girls up here usually act as janitress after school hours, for talking, and the benches are all stationary. I believe I would rather write figures than sweep.

Mrs. Mayben and Miss Delya Smith spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. R. D. Tyra.

Miss Myrtle Moreland visited at the Wootton home Sunday.

Mesdames Holloway and Megginson spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. Braddock and helped her do some quilting.

Most all our farmers are busy planting corn. We are glad to note that they do not depend on Oklahoma or Kansas for seed as the majority of them have plenty at home.

There was preaching at the Nazarene tabernacle Sunday.

Mr. Cusenbary and daughter, Miss Zephyr, went to Graham Wednesday.

Miss Luna Wootton visited Miss Allye Fawks Sunday.

Our literary meets Friday night. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

School Boy.

Fritz.

A 3 year old, 16 hands high, weight 1290 pounds, will make the season at the old Johnson place at Bunger. Fritz is a combination Percheron, German coach and English Pilgrim stallion. Fees to insure \$12.50.

J. L. Rhoades.

Ming Bend.

We have had some cold weather the last few days. The rain was fine.

Some are planting corn and the farmers are all quite busy. Health is pretty good at this writing. Glad to report the sick folks all better.

Several of the people from this community attended the literary at Fox Hollow Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Mr. Will Owen and family visited relatives in Stephens county Saturday night and Sunday and attended the literary at Fox Hollow.

Misses Mary and Ethel Cunningham visited at Mr. Roark's Sunday.

Mr. Lon Newby and family were called to the bedside of his sick daughter, Mrs. Mattie Gibbs, who lives near Proffitt Saturday.

Miss Ruby Newby visited her sister, Mrs. Dora Ribble, Saturday night.

The singing at Mr. Roark's Sunday was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. R. A. Kutch went to Graham Thursday after his niece, Miss Willie Pinkston, who is visiting a few days in this community.

Miss Mary Cunningham returned home Monday after a three weeks' visit to relatives near Newcastle.

Mr. Grant Weldon of Sand Valley passed through here last Sunday en route to Big Monday.

Mr. Will Pickard and family attended the literary at Fox Hollow Saturday night.

Mr. Jesse Owen and wife visited relatives at Mountain Home from Friday until Sunday.

Silver Bell I saw you at the literary the other night. How did you like it? I thought it was fine.

As it is getting late and pa says I have to get up early in the morning I will ring off and come again next week.

Rainy Day.

County Line.

Dear correspondents, again I enter the office and ask for my same old place among you. Will some one please hand me my pencil? I haven't anything of interest to write.

I'll let my letter be the record of the "fancies and mood of the hour." Comrades do we ever stop to think what our letters may bring forth in after years? We little dream how much our letters may influence some one's future, of how much they may give of hope and happiness to the one reading them. How much they may be examined, thought of, laughed over and commented on; and when we suppose they have long been destroyed they may be again brought forth and once more placed in type, and published, broadcast to millions of readers, who do not read them now. If in after years should this be the case will there be a word or expression in them that we would blush to see. We should write in the spirit of cheerfulness and good humor. It is unkind to the editor and our host of readers to fill our letters with petty complaining, though there is occasions when the heart, filled with grief may confide all its troubles and sorrows to some near friend, but never to the world at large.

There is a right smart of sickness in this vicinity now.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Browner Caudill has been real sick for the past week; also little Carl Nicklas. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

J. M. Hunt and wife of Goose-neck spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reed of this place.

We are glad to report Miss

Lura May Dendey able to be up and about again.

J. W. Gann of Pickwick spent Saturday night with his uncle and cousin B. P. Ritchey and daughter.

We Fox Hollowites had our annual literary Saturday night, and wish to thank Prof. Chambers, Mrs. Maggie Stringer, and Mr. Charley Nicklas for helping out in our program. We certainly appreciated their help, and enjoyed hearing them speak.

Mr. Oscar James and family and Miss Cora Rose of Ming Bend visited Mrs. J. A. Caudill and Miss Mary, Saturday and Sunday.

Cheer up Smith, you may not be too late next time, and for goodness sake don't be so slow.

Yes Homeite; I'm coming to see you some time, but did you ever happen to think that the Prof. might be joking? However, I will take your word for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newby are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl at their home.

Mr. Everett Newby and sister, Mrs. Dora Ribble, Saturday night.

Any girl wanting to know what a good cook John — Worth is will do well to call on Prof. McMillan, as the Prof. can tell them about the biscuit and the hog.

Miss Jessie Alford and Miss Katie Newby of Graham visited at the Rob Newby home Saturday night and Sunday.

We are very sorry to report the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barron dangerously ill. The doctor has been called to see her twice but she doesn't seem to be improving. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith has been real sick for several days. We are glad to say the child is much better at this writing.

Mr. Editor make the Plow Boy divide the prize with you, for you certainly deserve it. But if you are not careful you will have all us scribes trying to write poetry and you know that would never do.

B. P. Ritchey and Lila visited at the home of Uncle Jimmie Creagh at Cedar Creek Thursday.

Miss Mary Caudill made a flying trip to the city of Pickwick Saturday.

Well Dreamy Eyes, really I can't find anything in my think box that tells me what R. R. R. means, but will accept your meaning all right and tell your father I do not know what he wanted you to say about me in the paper, but it will be all right for this kid thinks Silver Bell looks mighty pretty in print.

Here Brunette you may take my pencil but listen! Please don't lend it to Plow Boy or the Editor for you know they might use it up since they have begun writing poetry, and then there would not be any pencil left for Silver Bell.

Duff Prairie.

Nothing of a serious nature has happened since my last letter.

Some of this is a little old, but will send it this time if no one objects.

One of Mr. Crabtree's son-in-laws, of Bosque county, visited them the first of last week.

Mr. Jim Stone and family spent the day last Sunday with Mr. Walter Corbett and family.

Mr. Will Martin and family with Claude Ingram and family, Messrs Rogers, Martin and Fickling were in town Big Monday.

Mr. Henry Rogers and wife and two children visited his brother, Joe, on the Brazos Thursday.

Misses Lilly Crabtree and Lillian Kraft visited Miss Mina Copeland and Mrs. Buena Copeland last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Copeland attended the literary at Fox Hollow Saturday night. Mrs. Copeland's father and family returned home with them Saturday night and Sunday afternoon they visited Mr. Wils Copeland and family.

Mr. Wils Copeland has purchased a nice graphophone. Am afraid Mr. Copeland will get tired of his neighbors since he got it as most of them enjoy music.

Mr. Will Martin and family Bob Carroll and family visited Mr. Wils Copeland and family a while Saturday night.

We have had another pretty Sunday. The March wind just cannot keep from blowing a little looks like. We won't complain though, if it won't blow any harder than it did today.

Mr. W. E. Braddock and wife of Fish Creek spent the day Saturday with John Groene and family.

Several have been puny in our neighborhood but think all are better at this writing.

Mr. Crabtree and daughter visited Mr. Jim Stone and family this (Sunday) afternoon.

Mr. Barney Crabtree went to South Bend and back this (Sunday) afternoon. Wonder what his rush was.

Mr. John Groene and family spent a pleasant afternoon at the home of Wils Copeland Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Corbett and daughter visited Mrs. Will Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bob Carroll and family took in Big Monday.

Say, what did you folks think of the poetry "our editor" wrote? I thought it was fine. Give us another sometime Mr. Editor.

Say Honeysuckle 2nd, I didn't know there was anything the matter with our Prof. He thinks though that he could teach a better school if it were closer to Mr. McCluskey's.

This letter is a little like Plow Boy's or the Kid's—in quantity—but not quality. Guess I have taken up enough space for this time. Will give some one else more room next time. Here some good writer take my pen I'm off to dreamland.

Sorrel Top.

Sorghum Flat.

"March, march, march along! Keeping step to a merry song With faces turned to the dawning light,

Sure that the world will come out all right."

Rough he is, this March of ours, and sometimes he storms and blusters more than would seem necessary; but he is glorious just the same. He throws off the coat of winter and opens the way for his sister, April.

March. That means to go forward. Nobody ever heard the order, "backward march," but as I got headed in the wrong direction I will have to take backward tracks.

Mrs. Conger and little boys, Miss Emily Harris and brother, went up in the pasture last Sunday to haul John a load of feed and also see John feed the cattle; but it being late in the day the cattle were all gone and Breckie said they didn't get to see anything but lots of rough road and a mule-eared rabbit.

Mrs. Joe West and Mrs. Louis Rickles are having a new yard fence built around their house.

Mrs. Creigh has been suffering with a severe cough the past week and is not any better at this writing.

Mrs. Hughes has been suffering with a bad case of rheumatism in her shoulder all winter but is some better now.

Mr. Eugene West went to Graham Thursday and came home with the la grippe.

Several of the people in the Flat are talking of taking in the literary at Fox Hollow, the writer being one of them.

Miss Vina Hughes says: "If crooked rows are the signs of a good crop she will have a good garden this year."

Well Silver Bell I didn't intend to say anything about you in this letter but couldn't keep from it to save my life. Some- one said you didn't have any barrel staves to make chicken coops and I got kinder uneasy for fear one of Dago's pole cats might come and catch all your chickens and you wouldn't have any chickens to fry for Deacon Jones when he came over, so thought I'd tell you to come up as we have about fourteen old barrels, and that is more than I can make use of so you can just take off a load.

Say Nettie fourteen quilts or more sound kind of suspicious doesn't it? Come give an account of yourself.

Since the nice little rain the farmers have started plowing again.

Some of the farmers are talking of replanting their oats which were killed by the freeze!

Don't talk about there not being any money in chickens. Mrs. Maggie Dooley and Mrs. Joe West had the pleasure of selling several dozen hens at the fancy price of forty cents each. I know you all have the money, so you just as well whack up.

By wishing success to The Reporter and its many readers and correspondents will now sign.

Dreamy Eyes.

Gooseneck.

Miss Nora McLaren was taking orders Monday.

Adeline Ferguson is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Lora Johnson visited Mrs. Jim Ferguson Monday.

G. W. Wiley took dinner with Joe Parsons Monday.

G. W. Wiley, Joe Parsons and A. L. Condor attended the W. O. W. meeting Monday night.

Miss Cora Wiley spent Tuesday night with Misses Kelley.

Some one of the men surely must be cutting his wife's stove wood, as we had another good rain Tuesday afternoon.

May Wiley spent Tuesday night with Eva Condor.

Mr. Claude Clark has returned to his home in Tonk Valley. Some of the girls say they hope he will come again.

Dr. McLaren's practice is growing so rapidly that he now has Dr. Wiley as his assistant.

John Clark went to Tonk Valley Wednesday. John said he was hunting seed corn.

Uncle Geo. Rose went to Graham with a load of chickens.

Oscar James went to Graham Wednesday.

Say how many of you have seen "Rounder," our Hookey Hollow correspondent? Doesn't he look strange after eating so many cabbage plants?

Joe Parsons and family went to Megargel Friday to visit relatives.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson on Monday, two girls.

Say Mr. Editor, the Gander knows that the Kid is a worker. He saw him plowing last Friday.

Several went to Graham to help celebrate Big Monday.

As news is scarce I will turn my pencil over to some one that has more news. Gander.

Junior Philathea Meets.

The Junior Philathea of the Baptist church met Saturday evening for the regular class meeting at the home of Mrs. P. E. Phillips. There were thirteen present and two new members received, Eunice Craig and Loucille Cochran. Regular business was carried through and a social hour spent eating candy. Delightful music was rendered by Misses Bernice Miller, Neweta Flint and Loucille Cochran. Adjourned to meet the first Saturday in April.

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Hawkins Chapel.

Mrs. Otis Strattin was shopping in Loving last Monday. Mrs. Laura Baker and daughter, Miss Florence Baker, were entertaining company last Monday.

There was a nice rain fell Tuesday night and in the evening. Everything looks good since the rain.

Mr. Walter Baker is busy clearing some land now.

Mrs. Will Smith was the guest of Mrs. Laura Baker last Tuesday.

Miss Lessie Loftin entertained a crowd of the young people Sunday. We all enjoyed the day.

Mrs. Lindsey and Master C. F. Harman spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Stennett of Markley.

Mr. Bavousette has enjoyed the pleasure of a family reunion. One of his sons and family came in from New Mexico and Mr. Bernie from east Tex.

Mr. Oscar Tedrow visited some folks at Megargel Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Ward took Sunday dinner with her mother, Mrs. Will Smith.

Some of Mr. Bagley's children are very sick at this time.

Miss Lessie Loftin was the guest of Miss Florence Baker one night last week.

The entertainment at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller's Friday night was enjoyed very much by all present.

Mrs. Will Smith and Mrs. Walter Ward visited the sick Sunday afternoon.

A crowd of the Chapel folks went to Loving Saturday.

Little Robert Harmon has been sick for the last three or four days.

There was singing at Mr. Woodrum's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Laura Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Loftin and Russel Dean and Bro. Dickerson dined with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loftin Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Cross has been attending court at Graham for the past week.

There was a game of croquet played at Mr. Will Smith's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Tom Smith is very low, having been confined to his bed for the past six weeks.

Rev. O. E. Dickerson filled his regular appointment here at the Baptist church Saturday at 11 a. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m. and Sunday night. He delivered three very interesting and instructive discourses.

Mrs. Will Smith was the guest of Mrs. T. F. Harmon Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Duckworth visited home folks at Loving Sunday.

The following persons went to Trades Day: Messrs. Hiram Drum, Rube Loftin, Jesse Oatman and probably others.

The Sunday school was very interesting Sunday. There were several visitors present.

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church is to embrace the second Sunday in August and continue for a week or longer. Everyone is invited to come and take part.

Mr. Rutledge Rutherford was in the community Sunday. He attended church, Sunday school and also singing.

Some of the Chapel people attended the funeral services of Mr. Alexander at Loving Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Dickerson of Loving was the guest of Miss Ruby Newmap, Sunday.

From what we hear the literary school has reached the A-1 standard.

I believe this is all of the news so will quit as it is about school time. Violet.

Markley.

We are having another cold wave.

On last Tuesday we had a splendid rain, which left moisture enough for the farmers to plant, when they get ready.

Health in the community is very good at this time.

Since Dr. Conley came back to Markley he and the stork have been very busy. The last house visited by them was Mr. John Stiffers, leaving them a fine girl. Mother and babe doing well.

Mr. Sam Nixon got hurt Saturday, being dragged through a wire fence by a horse.

The loss in cattle in this vicinity so far this winter has not been one per cent, which is a splendid showing for the stockmen.

Mrs. Allen Williams, at this time is in Baylor county in care of a physician. She has been in poor health for a month or more. We hope to see her well soon.

We have had a number of candidates with us of late and like all of them, but can't support all of them. When the ball is over will you all be good and have that bright and winning smile the same after taking as before taking?

We will have five weeks more public school. At the close we will have an entertainment.

The first Saturday in May will be decoration day, a custom we have kept up for a number of years.

Mr. Kisinger I thank you for the interest you are taking in the welfare of the county and will say I don't think the half has yet been told.

In answer to Buster's tax law, Buster did you ever read Henry George's Political Economy, his single tax law, also his Progress and Poverty? Did you read Mr. Harvey's adjustment of taxes? Are you reading Ryan vs. Hilquitt, which is going on at this time? I have read the works of all these profound thinkers and I am no nearer a conclusion than I was at the beginning. I expect Buster, you have bought a piece of improved land and are trying to turn it loose at a raw price, or perhaps it has a twenty thousand dollar mansion on it, and the stockman don't want it on that account. Buster did you ever read James Whitcomb Riley's poems? If you have you remember that piece where the old man had but one son and he went west. After waiting years he wrote the old folks and he said: "Dad they have sent me to the Legislature." When the old man read that part he wept and he said: "Wife they have sent Bill to the Legislature, but it don't say what for." Bono.

There was some much needed work done on the Rocky Branch between Mrs. West's and the store last week, by three of the laziest men in West Texas; viz. Martin and Marvin McBrayer and Jim Boozer. Some talk of having the county pension them, for it was a very unusual occurrence to see either of the three doing any work, especially on the county road.

Mrs. Alice Locke of the Stovall farm was married to Mr. C. V. Surls of Terrell some week or so ago. They leave this week for his home near Terrell. We wish them a long and happy life.

Come on all you good writers I enjoy reading every one of your letters. Best wishes to all. Honeysuckle 2nd.

South Bend.

Mr. Ebb Fickling and family and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Fickling of Proffitt visited in the Bend from Saturday until Monday.

W. McDavid and family visited D. F. Shields and family Sunday.

Wilbur Weaver and Arthur Holcomb went to Elia'sville to mill Saturday.

Mrs. Lora Groene of Duff Prairie was in the Bend Monday.

Quite a few of our people went to Graham Monday among them being J. R. and Arthur Holcomb, J. L. Smith, Lester Braddock, W. M. Goode, S. L. Thornton and family, and Mrs. Jim Boozer.

J. R. Holcomb and wife spent Sunday with V. M. Hale and family.

Miss Ethel Gibson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Bettie Scott.

Misses Ethel Gibson, Mary McBrayer and Lela McCluskey; Messrs. Everett Harrell and Marvin McBrayer attended the show in Graham Friday night.

Miss Bettie Dawson, who is teaching school near Elbert visited home folks from Friday night until Sunday afternoon. She was accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Collins and children, Jack and Velma. They came down in Mr. Collins' car.

Bob Harrell has returned from Fort Worth. They took him down and came back the same day. He was examined by a specialist, but no operation was performed. Bob appears to be getting along very nicely at present.

Hub Rogers and Miss Bertha McBrayer attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon.

B. F. and J. J. Scott went after seed corn in the Upper Tonk community Monday. They went to Mr. Freeman's.

W. M. Goode and family visited at C. A. Melton's Sunday.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday morning and also in the afternoon. The afternoon Sunday school had a special song by little Misses Vera Nell and Velma Lee Hale. It was appreciated by all. Glad to see the little people able to sing those beautiful little songs.

O. A. and Martin McBrayer left Sunday afternoon for Whitt, Texas. O. A. received a telephone call Sunday morning informing him of the death of an aunt, Mrs. Kate Akin, in Ft. Worth. The funeral was to be held at, or near Boyd, Texas, today (Monday) and they went down as far as Whitt and spent the night with P. M. Johnson, going from Whitt to Boyd Monday.

Mrs. Louise Burrows and two sons of Cedar Creek were trading in the Bend Monday.

I saw in last week's paper where Plow Boy had announced for commissioner of Precinct No. 1 under the assumed name of John A. Brown. Hurrah! for Plow Boy. Perhaps that accounts for Plow Boy being absent last week.

Will M. Davis of Elia'sville was in the Bend Monday.

Sapsucker, I am glad to welcome you into our band of correspondents.

Kid, I am glad you have been corrected as to having met me. I knew you had not.

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Flat Rock.

Aren't we having some pretty weather?

There is quite a lot of sickness in our community at this writing, but we hope to report everybody well and feeling fine soon.

Most all our "go to town" people took in second Monday. Wasn't there a crowd? I saw Jack o' Diamonds, I think, but don't think he knew me. I also saw our old correspondent, Blondie.

Rev. S. D. Cook filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon and preached a fine sermon.

Mrs. Corley was absent at Sunday school on account of sickness in the family.

Miss Zora Wade of Henry Chapel spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Gene Martin.

Brit Mays and little daughter, Anna, visited at R. W. J. Parsons' Sunday.

Misses Laura Cochran, Lona Corley and Lucile Cook visited Miss Georgia Earton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Claude Foster was a visitor at Flat Rock Sunday.

Our Sunday school discussed an interesting question Sunday: "When did God forsake Christ or was Christ really forsaken by God when he uttered these words on the cross, 'Eli Eli lama sabachthni?'" Such questions as this are very interesting and we like to hear them discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alford, Homer Creager and family, Louis Rickles, wife and little son, spent Sunday night at J. H. Alford's.

Mrs. H. C. Fields visited Mrs. Parsons Thursday.

Misses Virgie and Willie Carey spent Sunday with Miss Leota Hodges.

Charles Corley was not able to attend school Monday.

Mr. Hazelton and family called at Mr. Burton's Saturday night.

Oscar Fain and family visited E. H. Corley Sunday afternoon.

Miss Leota Hodges visited her sister, Mrs. Charlie Parsons, last Thursday.

Messdames J. H. and Brit Alford spent Tuesday with Mrs. Corley.

Messrs. Bob Corley; Harbert Parsons, Hubert Craig and Elmer Garrett called at Mr. Willie Martin's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Alford spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Newby, of Cedar Creek community.

Little Nora Porter threw her arm out of place while playing one evening last week, and had to miss school as a result of the accident. She is able to be in school this week.

Brit Alford and wife spent Tuesday night with her parents.

Jim Corley is planting corn for Mr. Hazelton this week.

Mr. R. W. J. Parsons spent Saturday night with Mr. Bruce George of Tonk Valley and took dinner Sunday with Mr. J. H. Robbins.

Mrs. Tabby Nelson spent Tuesday with Mrs. Parsons.

About the time we thought spring was here "fo' a fact" here came a norther.

Candy Kid.

Proffitt

Good morning Mr. Editor and all the correspondents. How are you all this beautiful sunny morning? We had a nice rain Tuesday night, also a norther.

Mr. Strother and Mr. Alex Reid went to Newcastle Tuesday.

Misses Doty Tipton and Ida Watson spent Monday night with Misses Ola and Grace Strother.

Mr. George Wilhoit and family spent Sunday with Mr. C. L. Griffin and family.

Miss Birdie Dooley spent from Friday until Sunday with Miss Maggie Weatherby.

Mr. Bellamy is in Graham this week attending court.

Grandma Wells spent Wednesday with her son, Ham, and wife.

The forty-two party at Mr. Joe Davis' Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

The little girl of Mr. Ben Blanton has been pretty sick for several days, but is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Mattie Gibbs is on the puny list.

Mr. R. O. Weatherbee and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Blanton and family.

Miss Bettie Gibbs spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Wilhoit. Snowflake.

The West Texas Reporter is fast spreading over territory in West Texas. Are you taking it?

AN OLD LETTER

We who live in the present day and are surrounded with comforts and pleasures can hardly imagine the hardships that were suffered by the men who wore the grey in the early sixties, but to give an insight to some of their hardships are allowed to publish an interesting letter through the courtesy of Mr. O. A. McBrayer of South Bend, Texas.

The letter was written by Mr. McBrayer's father to Mrs. McBrayer, while the war was in progress.

Thunderbolt Battery, June 10, 1863.

Dear Mother and Family:

I take the present opportunity of writing you a few lines, which leaves me well, and hoping when these few lines reach you they will find you enjoying the same blessing of health.

I have nothing of importance to write at this time. Hughey has got up and about. He comes to camp every day and stays all day then goes back at night.

I thought I would get to come home at harvest but I can't come and you must do the best you can about saving your wheat.

I will say to you that I will draw my money in a few days and if you need it I will send it to you and if you don't I will keep it to buy salt. We fare but scanty about something to eat. We get old beef and three ounces of bacon a day and five pounds of meal a week and grits and rice, and it is pretty hard living, but I fear it will be worse before it is better.

I have seen several messes of beans and plenty of corn tassels and plums by the bushel and fleas by the thousands and the sand flies are all gone. I want you to write if you have ever heard anything from Oliver or Firdy or any of the boys since the fight. I have not got a letter from you since the first of this month. I don't know the reason why. I have written you a letter every week since I came back.

Collins sends his best respect to you all and wants you to write to him. He is well and hearty and has been ever since he came back. W. N. Carter is sick but not dangerous.

The weather is getting very warm here and our guard duty is very heavy. I have to stand guard twice a week. There are several of our men sick with the measles, but all better.

I will close by saying write soon and often for I love to hear from home.

Your son,
James McBrayer.

Cost and Location of Earth Roads.

The cost of hauling over country roads is largely determined by the size of the load that can be hauled, the number of trips that can be made in a day, and the wear and tear on teams and equipment, according to the Office of Public Roads.

Steep grades, as well as ruts and mudholes, serve to decrease both the speed and the load. On the principle that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, the maximum load that a team can draw is the load that it can draw up the steepest hill or through the deepest mudhole on that road.

Wherever possible roads should be located on straight lines between terminal points. In hilly or mountainous country, however, the attempts to keep roads straight between terminals often leads to the serious error of heavy grades. Straightness and grade must, therefore, be handled together. The best location is one which is straight in general direction, is free from steep grades, is located on solid ground, and

serves the largest possible number of people. Roads should be located for the benefit of the public, as well as the private landowner.

The elimination of one or two steep hills on a line of road will frequently enable horses to draw three or four times as much as they could draw on the old road. It takes approximately four times as much power to draw loads up 10 per cent grades (10 feet vertical in 100 feet horizontal) as on a level; but on a 4 per cent or 5 per cent grade a horse can usually draw (for a short time) as much as he can draw on a level. A 4 per cent grade is, therefore, considered the maximum on roads subject to heavy hauling. Many steep grades may be avoided by locating the road around instead of over the hill—the handle of the bucket is no longer when held in a horizontal position than in a vertical. By going around we avoid two steep hills.

If the road must pass up a steep hill or mountain sides, the steepness of the grade may be decreased by increasing the length of the road. In other words, eliminate steep grades by locating the road on curved or zigzag lines, and not in a straight line from the bottom to the top of the hill. These curves should be carefully plotted and the straight stretches located with an instrument. This improves the looks of the road and does not add materially to its cost.

Meaning of a One-Foot Grade.

In studying the relation of grade to distance the following calculation is interesting: To lift a ton 1 foot high requires 2,000 foot-pounds of energy; on a road the surface of which offers 100 pounds of tractive resistance per ton the same energy would roll the ton a horizontal distance of 20 feet. To save 1 foot of grade the road may therefore be lengthened 20 feet.

The earth road should have at least six hours of sunshine each day. This can be secured either by locating the road with southern or western exposure, or by having such brush and trees as impede the drying action of the sun and wind removed. With gravel and stone roads this is not so necessary, as a certain amount of moisture is needed on such roads, especially in the summer time.

Relocating roads is not an engineering problem alone. One must also consider the effect of the road on those who now live upon it. Many farmers dislike to have the road placed back of their house or out of sight of it. It requires tact and good judgment to secure a suitable location without arousing harsh antagonism.

The State of Texas, County of Young: You are hereby notified that the firm of Graves & Ward, of the County of Young and State of Texas on the 18th day of February, 1914, executed a deed of assignment conveying to the undersigned all of their property for the benefit of such creditors as will consent to accept their proportionate share of their said estate and discharge them from their respective claims, and that the undersigned accepted said trust and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must within four months after the publication of this notice make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from this date file their claims as prescribed by law with the undersigned, who resides at Graham, Texas, which is also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of February, 1914.

R. G. HALLAM,
23-5 Assignee, Graves & Ward

New Case Planter
"VICK" has the "Case"
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Local and Personal Mention

The Reporter will appreciate it if you will telephone us items about yourself, your family, your friends or acquaintances. Use either phone.

G. R. Hickerson of Loving was here on business this week.

Now is the time to buy that New Ford car. We always carry new cars in stock. Graham Auto Supply Co., Agt.

J. M. Edwards of Loving was a Graham visitor Monday.

J. G. Dossett of Jean transacted business in the city Monday.

We carry a full line of Auto accessories, also casings and inner tubes. Graham Auto Supply Co.

M. W. Souter of Eliasville spent the week in the city on business with the courts.

There will be a social meeting of the W. M. S. at the residence of Mrs. McCain on next Wednesday at 3 p. m. Be sure and bring your free will offering.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold.

Misses Willie and Effie Ellidge and Hettie Pratt of Eliasville were shopping in the city Monday. While here they made The Reporter a pleasant call.

Misses Stella Shoemate, Ida, Zadi and Lena Owen of Bunker paid The Reporter a pleasant visit while in the city Monday.

We have just unloaded a big car of MOON BROTHERS BUGGIES and we can show you twenty-one styles. Dust hoods fitted on at the factory, single reaches and everything up-to-date. Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.

W. D. Weems and daughter of the Farmer community were visitors in Graham Monday. While here they made The Reporter a pleasant call.

B. F. Stringer of Bunker was in to see us while in town Monday.

Buy your auto casings from the Graham Auto Supply Co. They help you to make adjustments if casings don't give satisfaction.

G. T. Moreland of Farmer was a business visitor in Graham this week.

R. M. Sims of Loving transacted business in the city this week.

A. J. Wheat of Loving was in Graham Monday.

Don't forget that we are still agents for the Ford Auto, the best car money can buy. Graham Auto Supply Co.

Farm Implements "cheaper" than you ever bought them before at "VICK'S."

A. J. Cantwell of Jean spent Monday in the city on business. He came in to chat us a while.

H. Brashears of the Rocky Mound community was in the city Monday looking over the political situation.

Cornet for Sale—The Champion light action American model valve tops and buttons with music rack and German silver mouthpiece. Exceptional instrument at the price, a flat cornet with quick change to A. J. F. H. Crabb.

E. L. Baldwin of Jean was here on business Monday.

J. L. Smith of South Bend was a Big Monday visitor in Graham.

Shot to Pieces
Prices on Planters, Cultivators and Sulky's, shot to pieces. \$5 to \$10 saved. See "VICK'S."

Wm. Caudill of Pickwick spent Monday with the crowd in Graham.

Mrs. Katie Dunlap of near Woodson was shopping in the city Monday.

Loans renewed. E. C. Stovall.

G. B. McSpadden of Markley was among the many visitors here on Big Monday.

J. W. Oatman of Loving was a Graham visitor Monday.

Pair work mules for sale. Cash or on time. Baker & Son.

F. M. Berry of Bunker was looking after political fences in the city with the big crowd Monday.

A. B. Daniels of Loving spent Monday in the city.

For Rent—3 room house on Live Oak street, west side. Apply to Mrs. Susan Moore.

C. N. Keen of Farmer was in Graham Monday.

Mrs. B. W. King returned Friday from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Weatherford.

Cane, Maize and Kafir seed at Morrison's.

R. T. Carter was in the city Monday mingling with the big crowd.

Miss W. D. Petty of Italy, Texas, is in the city the guest of her niece, Mrs. Hattie Miller.

Fresh vegetables at Morrison's.

J. R. Jameson was called home to be with his wife, who has been quite ill.

\$5 to \$10

Saved by buying Sulky Plows, Planters and Cultivators at "VICK'S."

M. K. Graham is in Fort Worth, attending the Cattle-men's Convention.

Mrs. T. J. Eddleman is visiting her mother in Oklahoma.

Fresh tomatoes, 12½ cents per pound at Morrison's.

Misses Catherine Craig and Louise Graham visited Mrs. Will Loving Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chappel of Loving visited in the city Tuesday.

M. P. Moran and daughter, Miss Manda, of Henry Chapel were in the city Monday.

Mr. Lawrence McLaren and daughter, Miss Ruth of Henry Chapel were visitors in Graham Monday.

Mule for Sale.
We have a good sized work mule for sale. Cash or on time. See Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Miller of the Rocky Mound spent Monday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin of Flat Rock spent Monday in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith of the Mountain Home community were shopping in the city Monday.

M. P. McCracken of Olney was in the city this week shaking hands with the boys and looking after political matters.

Notice.
All who know themselves indebted to the firm of Graves & Ward are respectfully requested to call and settle at once. R. G. HALLAM, Assignee.

J. C. Owen left Tuesday for a round of the county in the interest of his candidacy.

W. A. Fraser of Jean was interviewing the boys about his race Monday.

Rube Loftin of Hawkins Chapel was here Monday in the interest of his race.

Spaulding Hacks.
We only have a few more Spaulding Hacks left and if you want to save \$35.00 on one you had better get busy. Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.

Mrs. Ellen Ritchey of Denison is visiting in the city, guest of Mrs. W. E. Crim.

Miss Lou Henderson of Bryson was shopping in the city Tuesday.

Attention!

FARMERS—Don't fail to see the new "Case" Planter at "VICK'S."

Mr. Geo. T. Wood and family of Olney were in the city this week visiting the family of their son, who is assistant postmaster at this place.

Mrs. Joe Washburn has been quite sick for several days but is improving.

8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

Editor Ralph Shuffler of the Olney Enterprise spent Monday in the city and made us a pleasant call.

R. F. Willis of Jean was in the city Monday.

To The Boys.

Come to our store and see the latest thing out; a buggy equipped with real electric head light on each side. Some style to this buggy. Be sure and come to see it. Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.

J. L. Anderson of Olney and John Bower of this city made a trip to Fort Worth this week for a Buick car.

Mrs. A. C. Gilmore and niece, Miss Lena Gilmore of Salem, visited her son, Marvin, at Olney Sunday.

C. C. Johnson spent Sunday in Olney visiting his mother, Mrs. I. N. Johnson.

NOTICE!

See the new "Case" planter at "VICK'S." It's one-seed drop.

Thoroughbred Black Minorca eggs, \$1.00 per setting of 15. Mrs. J. W. Taliaferro.

J. W. Johnson of Olney spent Monday in the city, guest of his brother, C. C. Johnson.

Ask your friends to take The Reporter. They'll enjoy it.

Notice of Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, P. H. Leath and wife, Belle Leath, of Jack County, Texas, by their Deed of Trust in writing, dated the 1st day of March, A. D. 1912, and of record in the Deed of Trust Records of Young County, Texas, in Book 10, pages 206 et seq. did convey the real estate hereinafter described to Horace H. Cobb as Trustee, for the purpose of securing The W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Company, a corporation of Tarrant County, Texas, or its assigns, in the payment of a certain Bond of even date with said Deed of Trust, for the sum of \$1500.00 due March 1st, 1917, together with interest thereon according to certain coupons thereto attached, and certain interest notes, all more particularly described in said Deed of Trust.

And Whereas, default has been made in the payment of a part of the interest coupon and interest note due March 1st, 1913 and in the payment of the interest coupon and interest note due March 1st, 1914, whereby the power of sale given in said Deed of Trust has become operative.

And Whereas, said Deed of Trust provides that, in case of a sale of said property or any part thereof is made under said Deed of Trust for the payment of any notes or coupons falling due before the maturity of said Bond, that such sale may be subject to the lien of said Deed of Trust to secure the payment of said Bond, and the notes and coupons not yet due, and for the appointment of a Substitute Trustee, in case the said Trustee refuses to act.

And Whereas, The W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Company, the owner of said past due coupons and notes notified me of said default, and that said Trustee refuses to act, and has appointed me Substitute Trustee, and requested me to advertise and sell said real estate (subject to the said Bond and annual interest thereon from March 1st, 1914, at ten per cent. per annum) in the manner provided in said Deed of Trust, for the purpose of paying the said past due interest on said Bond (which at the date of this notice amounts to the sum of \$221.30) together with the costs of this foreclosure.

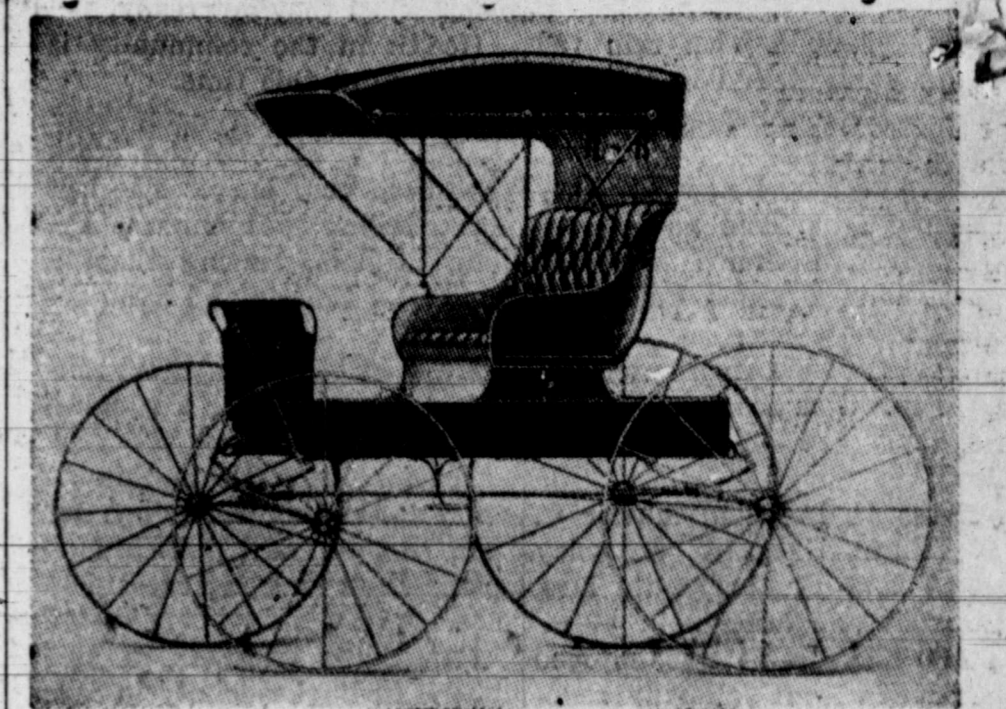
Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that I will, on Tuesday, the 7th, day of April, A. D. 1914, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the Court House door in the town of Graham, in the said County of Young, State of Texas, offer for sale at public venue or outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the certain real estate and property described in and conveyed by the said Deed of Trust, subject to said Bond and interest thereon from and after March 1st, 1914 at the rate of ten per cent. as aforesaid, which said real estate is described as follows, to-wit: 225½ acres of land situated in Young County, Texas, about 15 miles north 12 degrees east from Graham and in two tracts as follows:

160 acres, the W. W. Stroud pre-emption survey, patented to said W. W. Stroud on January 23rd, 1886, by patent No. 67, Vol. No. 18, Abstract No. 1707.

Second Tract—65½ acres, the west one half of the L. H. Hardin pre-emption survey, patented to the heirs of L. H. Hardin, deceased, on September 3rd, 1888, by patent No. 209, Vol. No. 21, Abstract No. 1682—said 225½ acres of land generally known as the W. W. Stroud place or the P. H. Leath place. Witness my hand this 10th day of March, 1914.

J. W. AKIN, Substitute Trustee.

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