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ANTHRAX GERM IS IN THE SOIL

Vaccination Alone Will Not Free Territory from Disease.

In reply to a recent inquiry by Mr. M. K. Graham of this city to the Bureau of Animal Industry at Washington, D. C., regarding the danger of an animal's death from effect of vaccination, the danger of spreading the disease from one so dying, and whether or not any section of country seeded with anthrax had been freed by means of vaccination, or by any other means; the following letter is reproduced:

Washington, D. C.
April 5, 1915.

Mr. M. K. Graham,
Graham, Texas.

Dear Sir:
Replying to your letter of March 29, relative to prevention of anthrax, you are advised that in localities where the disease is prevalent the best results are obtained with the vaccination. It is, however, also necessary to adopt other measures in order to eradicate the disease. For instance, disinfection of the premises, the burning or burying of the carcasses, etc., is very essential in the control of the disease. Furthermore, the vaccine should be potent, and if it is not kept under proper conditions it may become inert, and in such a case, it will not protect the animals from contracting the disease.

At times very susceptible animals, or those which are in the incubative stages of the disease, may develop anthrax from the vaccination. These, however, are exceptional cases, and as a rule, animals which develop the disease from the vaccination will not spread the virulent infection, since the organism is weakened and is not apt to regain the high virulence of this germ. Vaccination alone will not free a territory from the disease, since the germ is in the soil, and the spores of the germ may retain their disease producing properties for a long period of years. But by continually observing the sanitary measures above mentioned it should in time be stamped out.

Very truly yours,
A. R. WARD,
Chief, Pathological Division.

LES HIBOUX

Mrs. Frank Parrish entertained the Auction Bridge Club Friday afternoon. After the guests had arrived a delicious ice cream course with angel food cake was served.

Four games were played, Mrs. Harry Wadsworth winning the high score prize, a dainty piece of lingerie with crochet. Miss Zella Allen won in a cut a lovely crocheted bath towel. Those present were Mesdames Harry Wadsworth, E. C. Stovall, W. D. Norman, John Gay, R. Fowler, Chas. P. Hutchison, E. S. Graham, Q. Street and Criswell, Misses Lillian Manning, Bladen Garrett, Dorothy and Nelle Graham, Zella Allen and Mrs. Will Evans.

DON'T WORRY CLUB.

The Don't Worry Club had a very enjoyable meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. Will Miller as hostess. Much pretty crochet and tatting was in evidence, and light-hearted chatter kept pace with the busy fingers.

Delightful refreshments were served to a goodly number of members and to Mrs. Price, Miss Mable Miller and Mrs. Proctor of Boyd, Texas as visitors.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Sam Dowdle. Reporter Pro tem.

TESTIMONY IN FRY CASE CONCLUDED YESTERDAY—FIVE DAYS CONSUMED

Defense Asked Till Morning to Prepare Their Argument. Judge Will Give His Charge to the Jury this Morning.

Jury Completed.

Wichita Falls, Texas, April 9.—The jury was completed this morning at 11:30, after each side had used 24 of its 32 challenges and with only a few names remaining on the second venire list. The jurors chosen this morning were P. M. Garrett, A. J. Haley, J. W. Fowler and R. L. Fowler. The completed jury is as follows:

H. Beach, public weigher at Burkburnett.
Robert Dutton, hardware dealer at Burkburnett.
J. H. Shaw, a farmer near Burkburnett.

E. M. James, farmer near Cashion.
D. C. Holcomb, grocer at Iowa Park.

W. L. Price, employed at Denver round house.
C. V. Ragsdale, farmer living east of town.

W. C. Jeter, farmer near Lake Wichita.

F. M. Garrett, carpenter residing on Kemp Boulevard.

A. J. Haley, grocer, Wichita Falls.

J. W. Fowler, farmer near Lake Wichita.

R. L. Fowler, farmer near Lake Wichita; son of J. W. Fowler.

With the exception of W. L. Price all the jurors are married and most of them have children.

Trial started at once, all pleading not guilty. Judge Nicholson refused to grant the application of the defense to be permitted to see a statement obtained by the State from Lischke, unless it is offered in the case.

All veniremen this morning were asked if they heard a speech made Thursday night by W. P. McLean, Jr. None of them had. The defense asked if they had heard talk of Young county people.

Against Capital Punishment.

Only eight jurors were obtained out of 178 veniremen examined in two days.

Capital punishment is in disfavor with a large percentage of the people of Wichita county, if the venire may be taken as an example. Approximately thirty have announced scruples against it. So frequent did this answer become that Attorney McLean asked one venireman if it had been discussed in the room where veniremen were awaiting examination. He said some had expressed their views about it.

The defense dropped reference to capital punishment Thursday afternoon. Veniremen were no longer asked about what sort of testimony they would require to deprive a man of his life, but only what they would require to take away his liberty.

First Witness.

The first witness placed on the stand was Judge W. P. Stinson, County Judge of Young County. He testified in behalf of the State as follows:

Judge Fry was County Judge of Young County six years, from 1908 until 1914.

After my election as county judge in the fall of 1914 the books of the county were audited. John S. Oglesby of Dallas was employed as auditor. The audit was begun the second Monday, I believe in January of this year; I forget the date, but that is my recollection. Mr. Oglesby made his report twenty-three days after the second Monday in January and the Commissioners Court received the report. Objection by Attorney McLean overruled to which the defense excepted. After the Commissioners Court received the report from the auditor suit was filed in the District Court, in Young county. Objection by defense was overruled.

In answer to who were the principal defendants in the suit he said: I never saw the papers, I just know there was a suit filed. I as County Judge in connection with other county officers employed counsel to bring this suit; Judge P. A. Martin and Judge Kay, of Wichita Falls, were employed. I do not remember the exact date this suit was brought; it was about two or three weeks before the death of Tom Cherrymomes.

At the time we employed the attorneys we had the auditor's report; at that time we had a package of forged checks with the auditor's report. Here counsel for defendants interposed objections to word forged, and Judge Nicholson instructed jury not to consider it. I should judge the package would weigh from a pound

and a half to three pounds and the package was about fourteen inches long. These papers were kept in the vault in my office in the Court House.

The vault I suppose was fire proof and had a combination lock on it like a regular safe. When I was elected County Judge I don't know whether the combination was changed or not, it had been out of repair for several years and was repaired after I went into office. After the papers were filed the County Commissioners placed a guard at the Court House. Riley Dollins was employed as guard, to protect the court house and the records. No one had been employed or used at the court house as guard prior to the filing of this suit.

In 1914 at the time I was elected County Judge of Young County, Judge Fry was elected Representative to the legislature, and he qualified and accepted the office. He was supposed to be at Austin in the legislature at the time this report was made and this suit was filed, he was not in Graham. I remember that he was arrested and brought back to Graham. The counsel were employed in this suit on Saturday and Judge Fry reached Graham the Wednesday night following, he was charged with forgery. The documents that were alleged to have been forged were in my files.

The guard went on at 6 p. m. and went off at 7 in the morning. When Judge Fry was arrested and brought back to Graham he gave bond. Later G. T. Cherrymomes was employed as an additional guard; Mr. Jim Reynolds, one of the commissioners and myself, employed Mr. Cherrymomes. Mr. Marshall and the sheriff were present. We employed him on Tuesday night and the next Tuesday night or Wednesday morning he was killed. I had known Tom Cherrymomes 24 years; he was deputy sheriff of Young County; had been four years before; he was placed on guard with Riley Dollins, both stood guard together all night, Riley Dollins made the first request for an additional guard.

I did not see the shooting. I was at home that night, I don't know of my own knowledge where the witnesses were standing, I was at home. Just one shot hit my office, several hit the court house. The guards had a court house had two six shooters and a double barreled shotgun. I did not hear the shooting that morning. I first heard of the killing about 3:30. I saw Tom Cherrymomes that morning, he was wounded, I talked to him and asked him where he was shot, that was all I asked him, I never did see the wound.

Cross examined by Mr. Taylor attorney for the defendants.

I acted as custodian and held the documents of the auditor's report. Guard was placed at the court house the next night after the warrant was sent to Austin for Judge Fry. Riley Dollins was the first guard employed. I think Judge Fry got in from Austin on Friday night after the guard was placed at the court house. I think there were five complaints against Judge Fry. I did not help fix Judge Fry's bond at \$15,000.00, it was not present. I don't know how much money was involved in the forgery which he was charged with. I have some feelings in this case; no I have not talked a great deal to anybody about this case.

I think Dollins guarded the court house one or two nights before Judge Fry got back to Graham. I was not expecting any trouble at the court house on this particular night. I do not think I heard Tom Cherrymomes say in the telephone office that Pat Carlton shot him. I was there when he made the dying declaration, I was present, I never looked over the declaration after it was made; I did not know who was the first person Cherrymomes make any corrections or see any interdications made in the declaration, I do not remember of anything being said by him at the time about anything else with reference to the dying declaration. It is not a fact that he just wrote "Cher" and someone else finished the name, no sir.

My wife woke me up and told me she heard three shots, this was the first I knew of the shooting. I got up and went down in town, I don't remember who was the first person I saw; did not see anybody till I got in the telephone office, there were several in there; it was about twenty or thirty minutes till they moved Tom Cherrymomes from the telephone office to the sanitarium;

about twenty or thirty minutes after he got to the sanitarium he made the dying declaration. I never refused Mr. Marshall to go in and investigate the documents; no sir, Judge Fry's counsel never got to see the documents; I never tendered Judge Fry or his counsel these documents; I never tendered Judge Fry or his attorneys the auditor's report. I refused to let them see it; did it under advice of the counsel, Judge Martin and Kay.

The defense dwelt with some emphasis on this point, until the State objected to it as immaterial; this objection was sustained. A remark by Judge Martin evoked another objection. He said these bondsmen and defendants were Young county taxpayers.

Continuing Judge Stinson admitted that he was defeated by Judge Fry in 1912, running for county judge, but denied that his action was due to this defeat. He denied he had told anyone the county was going to spend all its money to prosecute Fry.

Yes, I brought these documents up here, (Wichita Falls) in a grip, we came up on Saturday and went back on Sunday, the documents were in my possession and have been in Young county, only being out of the county that one time until I brought them up here with me this time.

Yes, Judge Fry's bond was placed at \$15,000.00.

Tom Cherrymomes was killed on the morning of the 24th of February. Yes, I remember the district court and grand jury convened in Young county on the first day of March.

Witness excused.

County Attorney Marshall of Young county, who is acting as one of the counsel for the State, was the second witness on the stand. He reviewed many of the same things to which Judge Stinson had testified and then told of a written statement made four or five hours before Cherrymomes' death, which Marshall said he put down as nearly as he could as Cherrymomes made it. After a spirited battle among counsel over the admissibility of the statement, the State withdrew it temporarily, indicating that it would be offered again after physicians were introduced to show it was lying declaration. Marshall's cross examination by Taylor proved the most dramatic part of the session.

Replies are Spirited.

"That is absolutely a lie," was one of Marshall's answers to a question put by Taylor. This question was, "Did you run down home after the shooting?"

Both Stinson and Marshall testified that they were in bed when the shooting took place. Stinson said his wife awakened him and that a telephone operator notified him of it. Marshall said he heard the last shot. He said he had been at his office earlier in the night, but had gone home about 9 o'clock. The shooting was at 3:30 in the morning. He denied hearing any statement to the effect of staying as long as the ammunition held out or of someone not identified in the question saying "There's going to be something pulled off here tonight and I want to know what it is." The contention sought to be established by this and many other questions was not brought out in the cross examination.

Though the Cherrymomes statement reduced to writing was not admitted, Marshall was permitted to testify that Cherrymomes said after the shooting, "I told you when you swore me in that I would do my duty. I do it and they got me." Under a fire of questions the defense sought to show that Fry was held under heavier bond than others would have been, that his warrant was wired to Austin in place of being mailed as usual and that he was deprived of a right to see the documents upon which he was charged. Marshall's answer to this was that he didn't consider such documents public but a part of grand jury records and that the defendant "might have gone to Honduras."

County Attorney, C. F. Marshall, witness for the State, testified on direct examination by Mr. Martin, attorney for the State, as follows: Judge E. W. Fry was County Judge of Young County when I was elected County Attorney; he ceased to be County Judge of Young County somewhere about the 12th or 13th of November, 1914. Mr. Marshall testified as to who

were the county officials of Young County.

I made it my practice to attend the Commissioners Court. There was an audit made of the county books of Young County. Yes, the County Attorney and Messrs. Martin and Kay filed suit. As I remember I received the papers from the County Clerk; I turned them over to Judge Stinson. Yes, these documents were brought here (Wichita Falls) and after being examined by attorneys they were taken back to Graham, after they were taken back Riley Dollins was employed to guard the Court House.

There were six felony complaints filed by myself against E. W. Fry. I don't know where Judge Fry was at the time the complaints were filed but he was supposed to be in Austin at the legislature; the legislature was in session; he was not in Graham. He was charged with forgery. These documents were kept with the auditor's papers in the Clerk's office. The justice of the peace issued a warrant for the arrest of Judge Fry and turned it over to the sheriff and the sheriff telegraphed the warrant to Austin, and Judge Fry was brought back under that warrant telegraphed to Austin; he returned to Graham about the middle or latter part of the week; he gave bond; he waived the examining trial; the bond was made in the sum of \$15,000.00. These documents and the auditor's report were kept in the county judge's office in the vault. Riley Dollins was employed to guard the court house, and later there was an additional guard employed to guard the court house, it was Tom Cherrymomes. I knew Tom Cherrymomes about two years. He had been deputy sheriff before, he was deputized by Sheriff Wallace as I understand. He was placed on guard about a week before his death. The duties of the guards were to protect the court house from anything that might happen. He had been guarding the court house with Riley Dollins something like a week.

I first learned there was trouble at the court house about 3:30, I heard the last shot fired; my home is about two blocks from the court house, I went down there; I saw Tom Cherrymomes, the first time I saw him he was at the telephone office, there were several present, I don't remember who they all were. Tom Cherrymomes had been wounded, he was removed from the telephone office to the sanitarium. I assisted in getting him taken off the stretchers and placed on the bed, he was laying there with a hole in his breast, and he said, "Old man when you swore me in I told you that I would do my duty and I have done it, but he has got me." The jury was instructed not to consider the statement "he has got me." I talked to Tom Cherrymomes two or three times that day. I have with me part of the statement he made which was reduced to writing. The statement was offered in evidence but withdrawn. This statement was made by Tom Cherrymomes about 4 or 4:30 o'clock; there were several in the room when he made the statement. All the statement I heard him make with reference to dying was that, "he has got me." Tom Cherrymomes was conscious when he made the statement. Someone asked him if he wanted to make a statement and he said, "Yes, I will make a statement." I wrote the statement just as he said it, as near as I possibly could. There was no one who made any suggestion to him as to the statement he was to make.

I am acquainted with Mr. R. M. Todd, he resided in Graham at the time Tom Cherrymomes was killed, at the Belmont Hotel. I know Mr. Lischke, he was in Graham on the morning after the killing of Tom Cherrymomes. I was in the hotel at the time Mr. Wallace came to arrest him, the hotel is not much over a block from where Tom Cherrymomes was killed. Mr. Fry lived on the same street further up, about a block from the Belmont Hotel. Yes, I know Pete Fry, he is a brother of E. W. Fry. I understand he was staying in Graham but I do not know at whose house he was stopping. I did not see Pete Fry the morning after this shooting, the first time I saw him after the shooting was when they brought him back from Wichita Falls.

Plat of court house and grounds was offered in evidence.

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COUNTY RETIRES TWO BRIDGE BONDS

Interest on \$60,000.00 Worth of Bonds Ordered Paid at Special Session of Commissioners Court.

At a call meeting of the Commissioners' Court, April 5, the following bridge bonds were ordered paid: \$1,000.00 out of Bridge Bond Interest and Sinking Fund; \$999.00 out of Bridge Repair Fund; and further ordered paid \$1,600 as interest out of Brazos River Bridge Bond Fund; \$1,000 as interest out of Reynolds Brazos River Bridge Bond Fund; \$40.00 as interest out of Bridge Bond Interest and Sinking Fund, and \$49.95 as interest out of Bridge Repair Fund.

Last Rites Held for Col. P. B. Hunt.

The funeral of Colonel P. B. Hunt, which was held at the First Presbyterian Church at 4:30 o'clock April 6th at Dallas was attended by a large concourse of people. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Anderson, assisted by the Rev. T. S. Clyce, president of Austin College; the Rev. H. S. Springall of Ennis, and the Rev. G. W. Benn, pastor of Colonial Hill Presbyterian Church.

The funeral party left the same evening with the body for Lexington, Ky., where the burial will be in the family lot. Colonel Hunt, who was 79 years old, died at his home, 3921 Gaston avenue, Monday, after a long illness. He was a native of Lexington, Ky. He came to Texas in 1885 and settled in Young county. He came to Dallas in 1892 when he was appointed United States Marshal of the Northern District of Texas. In 1897 he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of Texas. He held this office until he resigned in 1912.

He is survived by his widow and one son, G. Drummond Hunt, an attorney of Dallas. Mrs. Allie G. Hunt, a sister-in-law; Mrs. W. S. Chambers and Mrs. R. M. McGarvey, nieces; Garvin Drummond Hunt and Allie G. Hunt, nephews, reside in Dallas.

Colonel Hunt was prominently identified with churches of Dallas. He was many years president of the board of trustees of Austin College, and belonged to the board at the time of his death. As a member of the executive board of the Presbyterian Church of Texas he accomplished much in behalf of the church. For more than twenty years he was an influential elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.

Colonel Hunt had a host of friends in Young county who join the Reporter in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. John Graves Burned.

Mrs. John Graves received painful burns Sunday morning as the result of her clothing catching fire from an oil stove. She had lighted the oven and left the door open till the wick had caught all around and the wind blew her apron into the flame. When she discovered herself to be on fire her clothing on the left side was almost burned off her. Her left limb from the knee to the thigh was blistered and her left hand was badly burned in trying to extinguish the flame. Mr. Graves came to the rescue and succeeded in putting out the fire and he also received painful burns on the hands. They are both improving at this time.

SALEM

War appears to be all the fashion now. Jack Johnson was knocked out of the pugilistic ring last week and his black hull turned up to the rays of a tropical sun. And even the elements were at war here. We have a record for the week of two hail storms and two rains, and one of the rains, which fell Thursday night was almost a cloudburst. It washed the land at a fearful rate.

Plenty of seed and shallow planting has given a good stand of corn here but where seed was covered deep it rotted in the ground and has to be planted over.

Fruit was not all killed and everything outside of a few failures in getting a stand of corn is in fine shape.

The boys are out early and late hunting jack rabbits now.

Mrs. J. L. McLaren of Henry Chapel spent Monday with Mrs. T. K. Criswell.

Dr. Will Martin of Graham vaccinated several head of stock here last week.

Mrs. Ruth Gilmore visited her mother, Mrs. M. Henderson, last Monday.

Mrs. S. W. Ratcliff of Henry Chapel spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Millard Hinson, here.

Mrs. Maggie Gilmore called on Mrs. Sadberry Saturday evening.

J. A. McLaren and L. McJilton called on John Kisinger last Saturday while on their way to visit relatives at Henry Chapel.

Miss Lena Fortner spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting Miss Nannie Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dol Bowen of Graham visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Criswell Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Sims and children spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Henry Lisle, here.

Azure Skies, please tell that old settler to come down and visit me, and you come along with him. We know he is honest but he is mistaken about all the artillery you mentioned, for I never owned much less carried a six-shooter in my life. And as to shooting Plow Boy, could not even dream of that.

Yes, Goose, the bachelors want to marry, and more than that they are going to marry. And, I thought you would understand from my last letter that I had given up all hope of ever doing anything with them. Arkansas Traveler reports one of them being in Dallas. We have an old sausage mill, an old wash kettle and a very long China pole and we are going to try to construct a wireless station out of them, and if it works we will get the full proceedings of their next meeting and then we will find out for certain if they are actually advertising in the city of Boston for life companions and the reason why. Now when they go to sending their agents out over the country it looks rather suspicious, for a fact.

Come on, Roseite, and 'splain a little. Tell us how and what force you will use to make producers out of non-producers. And explain how socialism will run our railroads and industries. We wait to hear from you again. Salemite.

YANCEYVILLE

Dreamy Eyes, you surely do enjoy that tremendous racket, as you will not allow the bell to cease ringing at all. Listen, now! The ponderous tongue is swinging as the bell swings to and fro. It's the hour for that tremendous racket that you have called for once more.

Dreamy Eyes, you opened your speech with an Easter spiel I see. Just stop one minute, Dreamy Eyes, and study right hard and then I think you will plainly see that I have been as likely to have heard that Easter spiel as you, even if it was repeated for your benefit. I understand perfectly where you got it and who said it, for I have heard it said more times than one, and not by Dreamy Eyes either.

And here, changing your subject all of a sudden to the Bible

and churches, you say sinners have no right to judge the church members, but Christians have a right to judge the world. I differ with you very much right there. Dreamy Eyes, doesn't the Bible say, "Judge ye not one another lest ye be judged also?" Do you think that only applies to the sinners? Now, Dreamy Eyes, you know, and I know, and everybody else knows that people will judge one another. Now call it practicing deceit, or whatever you are a mind to, but this I do know; you, Dreamy Eyes, will judge a person just as quick as I would. Of course you are supposed to be a Christian, and that makes a difference I reckon by your rules.

Dreamy Eyes, if you think I never read the Bible you are very badly mistaken. "The Bible contains much valuable historical material," and we should also read the book of Nature, which ancient Bible writers had to study before they could write the Bible. The ancient Bible writers claimed to be inspired by a Supreme being, a personality unseen, yet felt. The modern interpreters of the Bible think this was only another way of saying that the ancient Bible writers had studied Nature and that this study inspired them to write about it.

Well, Dreamy Eyes, I do not know whether going to Mexico would give you any relief or not. I was only guessing, as you talked like someone was very feeble with Mexico fever, and I have not seen anyone who was afflicted that way. I just naturally supposed that you had reference to yourself.

No, indeed, Dreamy Eyes, I certainly have no objections to the United States paying its debts. How came the United States to be in debt to Belgium? You say yourself that Belgium raises only enough food to last it for two months in the year. If that is the best that Belgium can do I know that Belgium has not loaned the United States any money. Belgium is a little place and the United States does not owe her for anything. If you had said England instead of Belgium it would have worked better, don't you think.

Dreamy Eyes, you will just simply have to show me, you can never convince me that our crops will feed all who need food. Yes, indeed, our business men will serve other nations as well as our own. If they serve other nations like they do their own, other nations had better not venture too near the United States' shores.

Yes, Dreamy Eyes, what are our big business men doing? Why, scheming for wealth and for praise, and trampling the poor farming class of people under their feet. And what care they if their wealth is captured at the expense of the lifeblood of the poor hard-working peasants. The coffers of these big men are filled with gold and silver, while the bones of the poor honest hard-working farmers are rotting in their lowly graves. And these same big men are reveling in their ill-gotten wealth, and paying their unprincipled historians to write glowing accounts of the deeds which they have never performed with no thought of praising the heroism of the toilers of the soil, men who have been the bulwark of America ever since it was founded. If those brave and honest men are spoken of at all it's generally in terms of contempt and hatred, but then this is the "dawn of civilization" of which our school histories speak so eloquently.

Dreamy Eyes, I had just as soon people would say that you and I landed on this little berg forty years ago as to say we landed here ten years ago. My memory isn't very good Dreamy Eyes, however, I can remember log houses with dirt floors, and I believe you can, although I have not seen any that was built in the last thirty years. You just have your sights raised ten years too high. Now, Dreamy Eyes, you may honor the United States, the Belgians and the big men all you want to, but I'll honor the honest

tillers of the soil, who are struggling onward, although handicapped at every turn, struggling ever trying to make a living for loved ones by hard and honest toil.

The people of this community witnessed two hail storms here last Thursday. Young corn and garden truck was pretty badly damaged.

Melvin Gann left Saturday for Strawn, Texas. He and Grandpa Hunt will leave on the Sunday morning's train for Tullip, Arkansas, to join B. P. Gann and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Creagh visited at the Ritchey home Sunday.

Goodness, Mr. Parsons, you don't know Uncle Pink. Those "colored" people at his elbow doesn't bother him at all. Now if it was his niece, Silver Bell, you might yell "keep a cosy little corner in Stephens county for her."

J. W. Gann and Dick Barron of this place are helping A. W. McDowell and hands gather their cattle this week at the Set Ranch.

Thank you, Old Pa. I had already guessed, but wanted to be sure that my guess was correct. And, I'll prove to you some of these days that Silver Bell isn't one to forget a kindness shown her.

Jim Barron rode into the creek Thursday night while it was on a boom and his horse became entangled in some barbed wire that had washed into the road. While trying to gain the shore Jim lost his hat. He says he can do very well now, the sun is not so hot but he doesn't know about August.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicklas and children visited at the Ritchey home Sunday eve.

Several from here attended the debate at Ivan Friday night. The Cretsingers children spent Thursday night with their cousin, Miss Lila Ritchey.

Thank you very much Azure Skies for the use of your pencil. Silver Bell.

NORTH MIDWAY

The showers that fell Wednesday and Friday have done much good to wheat and oats, and has also put a season in the ground that will last long enough to get cotton started anyway.

J. W. Morrison, wife and daughter-in-law were in this vicinity last Sunday from Woodson, visiting relatives. They returned home Monday.

The singing at Mr. Quisenberry's last Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

Norman Cunningham worked at the Ingleside Ranch last week.

Ernest Jones of the Hawkins Chapel community is here visiting Cass Wiley this (Sunday) morning.

Misses Sopha and Joe Ann Quisenberry were shopping in town last Tuesday.

Goose, this is the best part of the county, and of course, I like here fine.

Ruel Padgett and Geo. Quisenberry were out hunting last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland went to town Wednesday afternoon.

Several persons of this community attended the W. O. W. box supper at Newcastle last Tuesday night.

Roseite, you are certainly writing some good letters, and in my opinion Salemite has tackled a job that he isn't making much headway with.

The party at Mr. Trimble's Friday night was enjoyed by all present.

J. B. Terrell went to Graham last Tuesday on business.

Ernest Jones called to see Miss Emma Cunningham Sunday afternoon.

All of the youngsters of this vicinity went to the party at Mr. Clifton's on California Creek Friday night.

Miss Mae Wiley visited Miss Carrie Boynton at Newcastle today (Sunday).

Arthur Jones called to see Miss Roxie Williams Sunday.

Here Buster Blue, take my pencil and send in all the news. Azure Skies.

KOMO

Misses Alice Vaughn and Minnie Dooley of the Lone Star community called on Miss Mollie Elkins Tuesday.

Mesdames A. C. and G. R. White, Lucinda Odom and Miss Lottie White visited at the home of Mrs. Mettie Bower Monday.

Jim DeLong went to Eliasville Monday.

Mrs. Sallie Akers went to her daughter's, Mrs. Rhama Campbell's, of Throckmorton Tuesday after her son, Herschel Akers, who was there sick.

Jim DeLong went to Throckmorton Tuesday.

Mrs. Mattie Wynn and children returned to Mrs. Sallie Akers' one day last week accompanied by Mrs. Bob Treadwell.

Several of the men helped Arthur Bower plow two days last week.

Glad to say everyone is better this week than they were last, but others have gotten sick lately.

A very good rain visited this section on Wednesday and also on Thursday of last week.

J. I. Guess and family spent Friday night at G. R. White's.

Albert Martin, A. C. White and J. I. Guess made a business trip to Newcastle Saturday.

Mrs. Mattie Wynn and children, Mrs. Bob Treadwell, W. J. and Horace Akers visited at Claude Akers' of Lone Star last Saturday. Mrs. Treadwell went on to Graham.

Charlie Mayes and family passed through this community Saturday.

Mrs. Etta Guess and Lottie White went after the mail Saturday at Mr. Elkins'.

Silver Bell, I believe every word you said about the schools.

It was sure enough the truth too.

A. C. White's phone box was put up at Arthur Bower's Saturday.

We welcome you, California Joe, to our band of Correspondents.

We understand that Henry Burnett and family and Miss Mollie Elkins attended church at Eliasville Sunday.

Austin White visited at the Akers home Sunday.

Arthur Bower and family visited at H. M. Martin's Sunday.

Oh! my! isn't today (Sunday) a beautiful one though? It makes me want to get out and gather pretty flowers. Come over some of you Correspondents and I'll give you a bouquet of roses, as they will be in bloom before long I think.

Jolly Girl, I sure would like to see those roses on that peach tree of yours. I know it is beautiful. Roses are my favorite flowers. Pansy.

DUFF PRAIRIE

Here I am again this week.

We have had a beautiful Sunday. Hope the days will continue as pretty.

Lucian Adams and wife were shopping in Graham last Monday.

Mrs. Henry Rogers and two smaller children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Floyd Burgess.

Louis Wilkerson and wife of Jackboro are here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Ingram.

Mrs. Jim Stone spent Wednesday with Mrs. Mark Crabtree. Clarence Whitmore and wife of Ivan were in our community Thursday and ate dinner with Bob Correll and wife.

Jim Stone and Fon Taylor had business at Ivan Wednesday.

Floyd Burgess and Will Martin spent the afternoon Wednesday with John Groene. They were very busy shelling maize all afternoon.

Mrs. Martin spent the afternoon Tuesday with Mrs. J. M. Ingram.

Mrs. John Groene and Mrs. Lillie Adams called on Mrs. Oliver Burgess Tuesday afternoon.

Golf Martin has been real sick this week. Dr. Griffin was called to see him Thursday. Glad to report him better today (Sunday).

Miss Cecil Haliburton spent from Friday night till Sunday with Mrs. Bill Bunger.

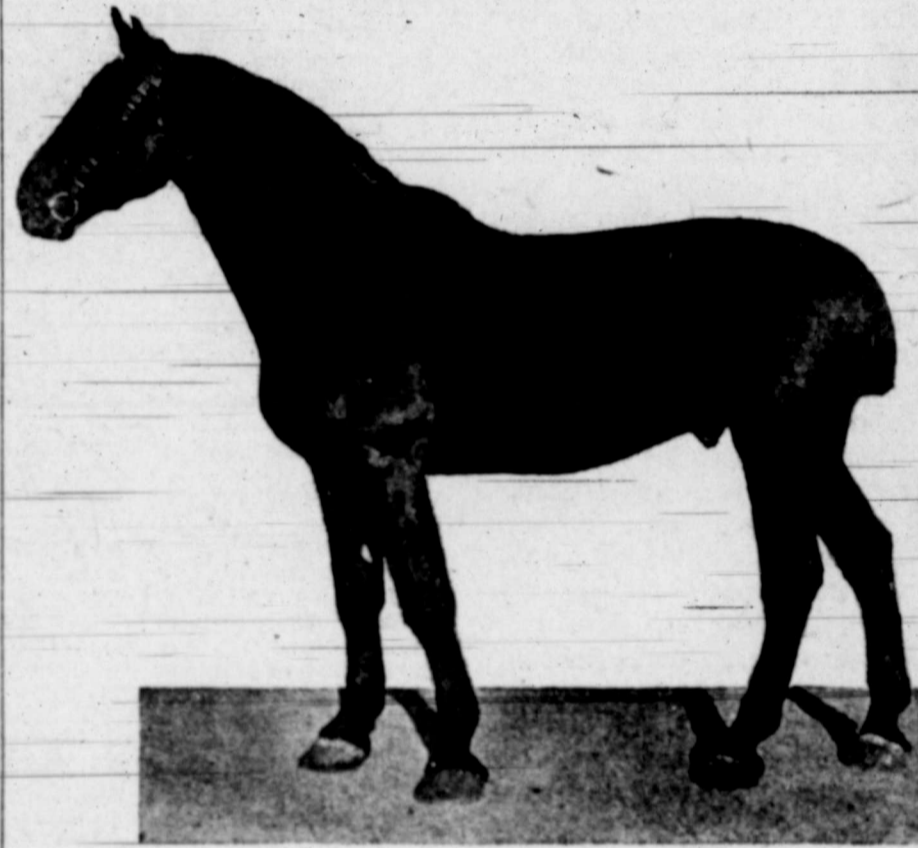
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Arthur Davis of Ivan was in our community purchasing cottonseed from Jim Stone Saturday.

Will Martin has been helping John Groene build a smokehouse this week.

Lucian Adams and wife spent today (Sunday) with Sid Copeland and family.

Jim Stone and family spent today (Sunday) at the Crabtree home.

Henry Rogers and family went to Graham Saturday.

Floyd Burgess and son, Walter, called at Will Martin's this afternoon.

Mrs. Floyd Burgess spent last

Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Will Martin.

It was you Bashful Ben that I meant the Kid liked to have romped on.

Guess I have stayed long enough, so here. Silver Bell, take my pen and jingle those bells next week. Sorrell Top.

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HOOKY HOLLOW

Health in this community is very good.
Grandma Mahaney has been having fever for some few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Frelon Wiley spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Sparks and daughter, Miss Lizzie, spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Jim Sparks.

Miss Lizzie Sparks took Sunday dinner with Mrs. Lou Driver.

Joe Upham and W. W. Sparks attended church at Tonk Valley Sunday.

Roseite, you would make good use of your money all right, but I think you can do that without socialism. You talk like you think I have been misled about the division of land and property but that is what all socialist literature says that I have ever read. And you see if you sell property that you have bought you are not allowed any profit on it. Roseite, do you know that Jesus Christ was a profound individualist? Socialists say this—that it is the system—it is the system. I have heard that thing time and time again, and if you will take that word "system" out of the language they can't make a speech to save their souls.

System! Oh, my! There came a man to Jesus whose name was Nicodemus, and he was interested, and he speaks out his heart concerning his faults, his desires and Jesus says to Nicodemus: "Nicodemus, you never can live right. You can never do right, as long as you are under this awful old Roman system—and when we have righted the system." Did Jesus say that? No, Jesus said to Nicodemus "Ye must be born again." Who is wrong Nicodemus? No, the system is wrong. There was a man one day that was interested in the question of his soul's salvation and he saw the Master was going down the road and a great crowd of people following Him and he was anxious to see the Master, and he ran ahead and climbed a tree and Jesus looked up and saw him and said: "Zacheus, I am going home with you to have dinner at your house," and He went home with him. Zacheus had been mixed up with that awful Roman system—the vilest thing this world has ever seen—and Jesus never did wage war on the system though He changed the hearts of men.

That is Christ's way, that is my way. If things were as bad as you say they are you are never going to do anything with the system. You have got to change the men who make the system.

Mrs. Smith, Mattie and Hattie Upham called on Mrs. Lisle and family Monday evening.

Some of the farmers are having to plant their corn over.

Tulips.

HULL MOUNTAIN

Well, spring has come in all of its beauty at last. Corn is up to a good stand and peach trees are laden to full capacity. We will have all the fruit we need to eat, can and dry if no more freezes or disasters come to destroy them.

People have been putting in most of their spare time shooting jack rabbits since a bounty has been placed on their scalps. But I understand all scalps taken before the 18th of June will not be paid for.

Warren Parsons has added two more scalps to his pile but no good. Well, we have the assurance there is three jack rabbits put out of commission.

It has become amusing to see the rips and raps some of the Reporter Correspondents are dealing each other on socialism. Some want all public property taken over by the government and run the same, and have all land taken over and divided equally as to each family's needs, enough to support them, and for title use and occupancy so long as they occupy and cultivate the land. But when we look at the face of the country we fail to find a single school district where the land is equal in value and productivity; to say nothing of the improvements good dwellings and other improvements for comfort and convenience. We will say the above is A's place and B's has poor rocky hillside washed in gullies and a sorry house with but few or no improvements. Now has not B as much right to comfortable house and good land as A? Roseite says use and occupancy will be the title to land. It will be more than likely A will soon be getting notices to move and if fails to do so, it will be with him like it was years ago with homeseekers that filed on land in those large pastures leased by the State to stock men, and the State reserved the right for those without homes to go into those pastures and file on a homestead. But they were notified to get out or they would suffer the consequences, and they got out for they were forced out. And in case of community ownership of land we may look for the same tactics to be applied to A as was applied to the homesteaders.

People are not any better or more honest now than they were forty years ago, especially when the dollar is at stake. Each day we live proves the assertion. I am a poor man and what community ownership of land reveals to me it will bring. I do not care to live to see it become a law.

Advocates of socialism often refer to the Bible to prove land was never intended to be bought and sold by private individuals. But there is scripture, both in the old and new testaments, that show land was bought and sold and also mortgaged to

raise money to pay taxes heaped upon people in the olden times as it is now. But it seems that those who contend against community ownership of land do not refer to those passages to prove land was bought and sold as it is now. I suppose they are like two United States senators I read of one time. They got into a friendly discussion on politics and one said to the other, "I'll wager five dollars you cannot repeat the Lord's Prayer." He took the bet and the money was put up, and he began, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake I pray the Lord my soul to take." and the one who proposed the bet gave up the money without a word. Old Pa.

GOOSENECK

We are lad to report Mrs. Emma Dalrymple able to be up, after being down sick for the past three months.

Oscar James and family came home Friday afternoon.

Bob Walker and Jake Stephenson were here after some yearlings Wednesday.

We certainly have had two fine rains this week, one Wednesday the other on Thursday afternoon. Glad to say the hail missed us.

Uncle Billy Higgins took dinner with G. W. Rose Friday.

Mrs. Virgie McLaren is improving some.

Mrs. Mayo, from Gordon, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. Vaden.

Misses Cordie and Normie Rose are sick with the mumps.

R. L. McLaren and J. G. Parsons attended the funeral of Grandma McLaren at Mountain Home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson and son, George, were out driving Friday afternoon.

Walter Youngblood has returned home from a visit to his sister in Tonk Valley.

Ruc Mullenax has laid his traps away and gone to digging a cellar.

J. W. and Mae Conder are on the sick list.

Several of the boys played ball at R. L. McLaren's Thursday morning.

Charlie Grantham spent Tuesday night at J. L. Rhodes'.

Wheat and oats are looking fine since the rain, also the weeds.

Jim Reed was sick Saturday night but was able to be up Sunday.

Alfred Parsons was up and able to go to Bunker Saturday.

Several from Ming Bend attended church here Sunday.

Mack Rose and wife and sister took dinner with Mrs. Conder Sunday.

Mrs. Clark and children of Tonk Valley spent Sunday with John Clark and family.

Several of the boys spent Friday and Saturday nights at the river fishing, but did not catch anything but a cold.

Plow Boy, were you acquainted with the two ladies that were so nicely dressed that passed you and I on the front of Baker's store? They did not seem to recognize a Correspondent in his every day's did they?

Old boys, big boys and little boys have been shooting the rabbits this week. Luck to you boys.

Geese Parsons, wife and baby took dinner with the Parsons family Saturday.

Say, Goose has ordered her a washing machine. Says she will soon be ready for laundry work.

Mrs. Jessie Johnson and family and Maggie Reed spent Sunday at the McLaren home.

Carroll Reed and son visited Jim Reed Sunday.

Buster, are you acquainted with Plow Boy, if not, I will be glad to introduce you.

W. W. Sparks attended church at Tonk Valley Sunday.

Gander.

MOUNTAIN HOME

The rains that we had last week were fine on everything. Miss Cecil Haliburton of Duff Prairie visited Bill Bunker and family from Friday afternoon until Sunday evening. Bill Bunker and son, Jim, went after her and also took her home.

June Roses, I want you and Dreamy Eyes to be sure and come up and help me eat fried chicken. I have been thinking of visiting Mrs. Eula Sims, as she has 150 and twenty-one hens sitting. That sounds like she is a chicken fancier.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunker last Monday afternoon at 5:30 and took their dear old mother, Grandma McLendon. Mrs. McLendon had suffered from a cancer for several years and her death was not unexpected. Had she lived until the 9th of this month she would have been 79 years old.

Dollie Jones and Mrs. Lillie Bunker her two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Owen were with her when she was called to go. We will all miss her so much. She was laid to rest in the Mountain Home Cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Pursley of Graham conducting the funeral services amid a large concourse of people. Grandma was a member of the Christian church. She leaves five children, Mrs. Dollie Jones, Mrs. Lillie Buner, Robert, Everett and Jeff McLendon, the latter resides in California. She also leaves several grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and a host of friends to mourn her death. We extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Lasater vaccinated his stock last week.

Godford Smith has been fixing himself a phone line but didn't have enough wire. We will be glad to have them on the line.

Jake Jones and family, Robt. McLendon and Milton visited Mrs. Lola Askew and Mrs. Kutch at Ming Bend the last of the week.

Most of the corn is up.

Little Jim Bunker has been sick but is some better.

Everett McLendon of Cedar Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunker.

I will hand my pencil to Trixie.

FOX HOLLOW

Here I come again after a two weeks' absence.

Health in our community is not very good at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fawks spent Monday night with Bird Stringer and wife of Devil Bend.

Messrs. Atkinson and Farrar went fishing this week. I don't know whether they had any luck or not.

Alex Stringer went to Pickwick Thursday.

Miss Lura Dendy spent Tues-

day afternoon with Miss Virgie Atkinson.

Misses Tempie and Ora Burgess spent Friday night with their cousins, Misses Burgess.

We were visited by a real hard rain Thursday afternoon. We also had plenty of hail. Some places were damaged by the hail while others were not hurt very much.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Upham spent Friday night at Bill Barron's.

Some of the people from here attended the literary at Pickwick Friday night.

Jewel Nicklas and wife visited relatives at Lucille Saturday and Sunday.

Singing at Mrs. Caudill's was well attended Sunday afternoon.

Archie Newby and Miss Ellie Pickard visited our Sunday school Sunday. Come again, we were glad to have you with us.

Misses Virgie Atkinson and Ellie Pickard and Messrs. Everett and Archie Newby took Sunday Dinner at J. Y. Dendy's. Mesdames Bessie Smith and Effie Newby visited Mrs. Dora Ribble Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitton took Sunday dinner at John Smith's.

Messrs. Alex Stringer, Jewel and Aaron Nicklas took in Big Monday at Graham.

Brawner Caudill and family and Will Caudill and family took Sunday dinner at Mrs. Kate Caudill's.

Aunt Mary Agee is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Theford visited Mrs. Winnie Nicklas Sunday.

Busy Bee.

PROFFITT

We certainly have had a good rain which was badly needed.

Health in our community is better at this writing.

About thirty men went rabbit driving Friday afternoon but I haven't learned how many they killed.

Mrs. Lillie Walker and children and Miss Edna Maples called on Mrs. E. A. Johnson Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Sheridan called on Miss Bettie Gibbs Friday evening.

Mrs. Emma Webb and Mrs. Mattie Reeves called on Mrs. Etta Woolfolk Friday afternoon.

Miss Grace Howerd visited Miss Nannie Sheridan Thursday.

Miss Bettie Gibbs and Mrs. Emma Webb spent Wednesday eve with Mrs. E. A. Johnson.

Rev. English filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Julius Webb and sister, Miss Ethel, and Miss Mary Helton of California Creek called on Miss Mamie Sheridan Tuesday evening.

Well, I must be going so will hand my pencil to Goldia.

Snowflake.

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Weather for April.

1st to 4th, pleasant; 5th to
9th, cloudy, thunder showers;
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15th to 18th, warm and pleas-
ant; 19th to 23rd, warm, with
rain; 24th to 27th, cool and
pleasant; 28th to 30th, hot, sul-
try, thunder storms.

Three banks at Memphis, Hall
County, have announced that
they rather not have business
cards of their customers print-
ed on their checks, giving as a
reason the loss of many unused
checks by discontinuance of
firms and heavy cost of print-
ing. Are Memphis' business
firms so unstable as all this or
have the Master Printers of
that city installed a cost finding
system and really getting paid
a profit for what they do?

"Released on Receipt" is the
phrase that usually heads the
copy sent out by the space
grafter. Every sort of a fake
will send out copy to sponge
upon the space of the local pa-
per and mark it in this way and
often get it inserted free like
it was a great boon to the coun-
try editor to thus favor him
with copy.—Hall County Her-
ald.

Yes, and the sooner the coun-
try editor wakes up to the fact
that he is giving away his in-
come when he gives space to
these grafters the sooner he
will be wearing diamonds in his
necktie instead of the bosom
of his pants.

Little Euin

Little Euin Vernon, the infant
son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther
Bishop, was born March 4, 1915
and died the 22nd of the same
month. His little life was short
having lived just eighteen days.
The little fellow was sick just
two days when God saw fit to
take him from this world.

He is gone, "our precious darling,"
Never more can he return;
He shall sleep a peaceful slumber
Till the resurrection morn.

Then beyond this vale of sorrow,
He'll awake from every care
In a city bright eternal
And its joys he'll ever share.

He is gone, our "little Euin,"
Never more we'll see his face;
Till we meet him o'er the river,
In that happy dwelling place.

There we'll meet our precious baby;
There we'll kiss his cheek once more;
When we meet to part no more
On that happy peaceful shore.

A Loved One.

Our jolly old friend, W. D.
Spivey was in our office last
week exhibiting a monstrosity
in the "hen fruit" line, a double
egg, both seemingly construct-
ed according to the standard
(see U. S. National Pharmacop-
oeia, page 1329) formula. The
outer shell was perfect though
very thin and measured nine
inches in circumference the
long way, and seven inches the
other way, and contained a
large and perfect yolk. The
inner egg was unbroken but of
ordinary size and with a per-
fect shell. In order to sustain
Mr. Spivey's high reputation
for truth and veracity, we de-
sire to state emphatically that
the hole in the outer shell was
absolutely and entirely too
small for anyone to have placed
the egg within it.

C. B. Daniels of Newcastle
was in the city Tuesday shak-
ing hands with his many friends
here.

TESTIMONY IN FRY CASE
CONCLUDED YESTERDAY

(Continued from page 1.)

Yes, I know Pat Carlton; I saw
him on the day after the shooting, at
Judge Fry's residence. He died that
night about 11:30 or 11:45. Tom
Cherryhomes died that afternoon
about 4 o'clock.

Yes, there are some trees in the
court house yard, most of them are
oak, and of different sizes.

Cross examination by Judge Tay-
lor for defense who asked him if
he did not have an unusual interest
and considerable feeling in the case.

I have only taken such interest in
this case as I felt it my duty under
the law. Yes, we placed Judge Fry
under a \$15,000.00 bond. We have
no judgement against Judge Fry in
the forgery case; the case has never
been tried. I learned that Judge Fry
had been arrested some time, the
next day after the warrant had been
telegraphed to Austin, the sheriff
told me about his arrest.

I did not understand that the au-
ditor's report was ever filed, it was
kept in the county judge's office. I
was in my office on Tuesday night.
If there was a statement made that
"if something was going to be pulled
off tonight I want to know what
it is." No, I never heard a state-
ment like that made.

I did not see Tom Cherryhomes
before he was carried to the tele-
phone office, he made a statement
about Pat Carlton but I do not know
what it was. I don't think I saw
Riley Dollins till I got back to the
court house from the telephone office.
It was something like 8 o'clock when
I left my office the night of the kill-
ing. I suppose it was known by the
public that these documents were at
the court house locked up and the
court house was guarded, as well as
I remember there was an electric
light in the county judge's office,
and there was one in the hall, they
were burning when I left my office
that night, and was burning when
I came back to the court house.
Yes, I advised the county judge not
to allow Fry's lawyers to see those
documents. I knew that the grand
jury was going to meet within a few
days, and I had a right to see the
documents, and I knew that Judge
Fry had no access to them.

Re-direct Examination by the State's
Attorney.

Something like 200 of the war-
rants being forged; the aggregate
amount was something like \$25,000.
There was an agreement that the
bond made was to stand for all of
the complaints, Judge Fry signed
the bond, the examining trial was
waived; there were six complaints.

I have no personal feelings in this
case at all.
I think there is about 10 acres in
the court house square, it is un-
usually large, I never saw as large a
court house square as this anywhere
else. There were street lights in
some of the streets around the court
house. The court house has an iron
fence around it, it has four gates
opening on each side of the court
house, and a wagon gate on the west
side.

Re-Cross Examination by Defend-
ants' Attorney.

Yes, Judge Fry and I are friends,
and we were friends when I request-
ed that these legal documents be re-
fused Judge Fry and his counsel.

Witness excused for the present
time.

Brown Star Witness.

April 10, 1915.—The feature wit-
nesses of the day were O. H. Brown
of Newcastle, former sheriff; Jim
Reynolds of near Newcastle, county
commissioner and B. A. Gatlin, Gra-
ham night watchman. Brown and
Gatlin were particular friends of R.
M. Todd.

Brown's testimony dealt with the
efforts of Todd and Pete Fry, then
of Judge Fry and Carlton, to get
him to "make things all right"
with the court house guards, so that
the records might be secured without
trouble, which is as follows:

I was sheriff of Young County
from 1910 to 1914, and E. W. Fry
was county judge; yes, we were
friends during the time. After I
went out of office I moved to New-
castle. Yes, I know R. M. Todd, I
knew him during the four years I
was sheriff, he and I were always
friends. Mr. Todd lived at Graham
during those four years, he lived
about 300 yards from my house, our
families were friendly and intimate
during sickness. Yes, I know Pete
Fry, my relations with Pete Fry are
friendly. I knew Pat Carlton in his
life time, our relations were friend-
ly. I knew Tom Cherryhomes dur-
ing my four years as sheriff, our
relations were friendly. I have
known Riley Dollins ever since he
was a big bare-footed boy during
the four years I was sheriff. Riley
Dollins had charge of the county road
work, he was employed by the coun-
ty, we were close friends.

I was at Newcastle when I heard
Judge Fry had been arrested at Aus-
tin. The first time I saw either one
of the defendants after Judge Fry
was arrested at Austin it was on the
16th, when Pete Fry and Mr. Todd
came to Newcastle. In conversation
with them I think Mr. Todd asked
me first if I knew the combination
to the vault in the sheriff's office, I
told him I did not know the combi-
nation; he says, "Well, I am surpris-
ed at the work Judge Fry is doing
and unless those records are destroyed
he is a blowed-up sucker and Judge
had promised \$1,000.00 to have Riley
Dollins out of the way" And he
said if Riley would get out of the
way \$500.00 would be a good deal
for Riley, he was a hard working
boy I agreed with him that I would
see Riley Dollins; there was no one
present when I had this conversa-
tion with Mr. Todd. It was in the
day time. The next time I saw ei-
ther of these defendants it was Sat-
urday night, the 20th, just mistaken,
Pete Fry called me and said they
wanted you at Graham, and I says
"Nothing doing." That was Satur-
day night the 20th. I saw three of

them on Sunday night, E. W. Fry,
Pete Fry and R. M. Todd. Pete Fry
came to the hotel and we went across
the street towards the lumber yard
about 50 or 75 yards and they had
an automobile there and Judge Fry
and Todd were in the car; we had a
conversation there which lasted from
about twenty minutes after 11 o'clock
until about 2 o'clock or after. Dur-
ing the conversation Judge Fry asked
me to go down to Graham and talk
to Tom Cherryhomes and Riley
Dollins. He says, "Oh, I am not ask-
ing you to do anything wrong or
mean, but" he says "they have treat-
ed me awful ugly in this case." He
says, "They won't even let my law-
yers see those papers," and he says,
"You can get them to listen to you."

Said he just wanted a duplicate of
these papers, said he didn't want to
destroy anything and did not want
me to do anything out of the way,
but just wanted a duplicate of these
papers. He says, "I am not uneasy
about getting into trouble myself,
but I want to protect my friends."

"It looks like Tom Cherry-
homes being sued he would get out
of the way, but" I said, "both of
them are big old thick-headed coun-
try boys." We talked about the
weather and other things during the
conversation. They wanted me to
go and talk to these boys and I told
them I would go next morning or
Tuesday; that was the last time I
saw either of these men before the
killing. In the conversation we had
on the first evening Todd said if Ri-
ley would get out of the way, he
usually the public would say that the
judge or sheriff had let the records
out that day, and he said if the
Judge didn't get them he was a
blowed-up sucker.

I am acquainted with Jim Rey-
nolds, he is county commissioner of
Young county, I told Mr. Reynolds
about this conversation, I told him
about this on about the 16th of Feb-
ruary. I never did go down to see
Dollins and Cherryhomes, I did not
intend to go to tell Reynolds about
this conversation.

Cross Examination by Defendants'
Attorneys.

There was no other commissioners
present when I talked to Mr. Rey-
nolds about this conversation. Yes,
when I was talking to Mr. Reynolds
I told him also that I had agreed to
go and see these fellows; I did not
intend to go see them when I agreed
to do so. Yes, it is a fact when I
was talking to Todd on the first
time I told him that I would go the
next day if I had a way. I don't
know whether Pete Fry came to give
me a way to go down there or not.
No, sir, he was not in an auto; yes,
I told Pete there was nothing doing.
I did not tell Pete that if I went
down that night I would be suspect-
ed and that I could not go as I was
working for another man. It was on
Saturday night that I told Pete Fry
there was nothing doing. Yes, Sun-
day night when they all three came
up and Pete Fry came to the hotel
and wanted me to go with him in the
night time I promised them I would
go and get Riley Dollins and Tom
Cherryhomes out of the way, but I
did not intend to do it, my object
was to catch them. I told Jim Rey-
nolds about the first conversation I
had with Todd, I told Charles Daniel
and Joe Barnard, too. I did not go
to Graham and tell the officers about
this conversation, I told the county
commissioner. I did not tell that
Dollins was about to accept \$500.00
and lay down on his job. No, I did
not go down and let the two guards
know the proposition that had been
made to me. Yes, when Pete Fry
came up there I told him nothing
doing; I think I told Mr. Reynolds
about this first conversation I had
with Todd, I think I told him on
the next Monday. I think I told the
Sunday night that I would go with
them and I thought I could get them
out of the way. There are no feel-
ings between Mr. Reynolds and my-
self except in a political way, we
are neighbors. Todd did not tell
me that he had called to see Reynolds,
he did not tell me where he had
been; I did not see him talking to
Reynolds. Yes, Judge Fry told me
that he had been treated awful and
that he wanted me to get those records
ready for his suit; that his law-
yers had been refused to see them;
he said he did not want me to
do anything wrong. In that con-
versation I do not think that I asked
if Dollins and Cherryhomes was all
right, but I did say, "They are both
all right, but one is afraid of the
other," that they were both big, old
thick-headed country boys. They
never agreed to pay me anything
to go down there, except to furnish
me a way to go down there. It was
before he made me any proposition
at all that I told Todd that I wanted
to see Judge Fry.

Yes, Ed Johnson was my deputy,
and he and Tom Cherryhomes were
close friends as far as I know, they
both served as my deputies during
my administration, their relations
were friendly at all times as far as
I know.

Re-Direct Examination by State's
Attorney.

It is about fifteen miles from Gra-
ham to Newcastle, I think. At the
time of the first conversation there
was only one guard at the court
house, Riley Dollins. The first time
these defendants mentioned that Tom
Cherryhomes was guard was Sunday
night.

Witness excused.

Next witness called by the State
was J. A. Massie of Ft. Worth, em-
ployed of J. B. Lischke, defendant,
who testified as follows:
I live in Ft. Worth, am engaged
in the automobile and supply busi-
ness. I know J. B. Lischke, have
known him since last August, yes, I
employed him; he is an expert safe
man and I employed him for that
purpose. An expert safe man's busi-
ness is to duplicate keys or open
safes when that work is needed to
be done; he was employed by me as
that kind of an expert.

Yes, I have met R. M. Todd, I
first met Mr. Todd on Friday before
the trouble in Graham, I met him in
my place of business in Ft. Worth,
he was introduced to me by another
gentleman but I don't remember the
gentleman's name who introduced
him to me. Witness pointed out Mr.
Todd to the jury by request of at-
torney. Mr. Todd did not tell his

business, he asked me if I had an
expert safe man and I told him that
I did and he said he would like to
talk with him about opening a safe;
Mr. Lischke was sitting right near
me and I called Lischke over and in-
troduced him to Mr. Todd and told
Mr. Todd that was the expert safe
man. I only heard part of the conver-
sation between Mr. Todd and Mr.
Lischke. About the first question Mr. Todd
asked Mr. Lischke was if he could
open a safe by feeling the combina-
tion and Mr. Lischke said he could
not; as I understood it Mr. Todd had
a safe in Plainview, Texas and he
wanted Lischke to go down and open
it; about that time my attention was
called away by someone and I did
not hear any more of their conver-
sation. Mr. Lischke did not leave
my place of business with Mr. Todd;
it was about 12 o'clock when they
had this conversation. Mr. Lischke
went to dinner and when he came
back after dinner he had a talk with
Mr. Todd after he talked with Mr.
Todd he came back and told me what
arrangements he had made, that
Mr. Todd was to give him \$10.00 a
day and ask if it was and he said
I understood him to say he was to go
to Plainview, Texas, but would not
be positive. He commenced getting
ready to go about 4 o'clock, he did
not inform me what hour the train
left that he was to go on. He took
a small grip with him, don't know
what he had in the grip but I sup-
posed it was his tools, he took the
grip with him from my place of
business. He called me up on Sun-
day about the noon hour and said
that he had got back off that trip, I
told him that he had made a quick
trip; he said it was Longview where
he went instead of Plainview. He
said that if he did not show up Mon-
day morning I would know that he
had gone to Graham, Texas to open
a safe. He did not say who he was
to open the safe for at Graham. Yes,
he said that he had opened the safe
at Longview. Yes, I had a conver-
sation over the phone with Mr.
Lischke on Sunday, when he told me
that if he did not show up Monday
morning that I would know that he
had gone to Graham, he said on the
trip to Longview a man had told
him there was a safe at Graham to
be opened, he did not know whether
it had been opened or not; I do not
remember of having any other con-
versation with Mr. Lischke with refer-
ence to the Longview trip or Gra-
ham trip either. On Tuesday even-
ing, February the 23rd, long dis-
tance said that Graham wanted to
talk to Mr. Lischke and I called Mr.
Lischke to the phone and he talked
with a party over the phone; I did
not hear Mr. Lischke call any name
over the phone, I did not hear what
Mr. Lischke said over the phone;
after the conversation he told me
that Graham wanted him to come on
that afternoon's train, I do not think
he called any party's name, he just
said a man wanted him to come to
Graham and he (Lischke) wasn't
positive whether it was a safe or
vault and he wanted to look at some
in Ft. Worth and he went up to the
court house in Ft. Worth and looked
at the vault there and said he under-
stood the combination on the vaults
in the court house in Ft. Worth. We
walked by an old building and look-
ed at another vault as we walked by.
That is about all the conversation
I had before Graham I believe,
except he was to get \$10.00 a day.
Yes, he paid me the \$10.00 when
he came back from his trip to Longview.
He left Tuesday evening about 4
o'clock for Graham; he carried his
little grip with him, I did not see
what was placed in the grip. Yes, at
that time there was a set of tools in
my place of business used for open-
ing safes and vaults; I cannot say
that I know just what that set of
tools consisted of. From my person-
al information I do not know that
any of these tools were missing from
my place of business since the time
he went to Graham. I did not know
at that time when the train left Ft.
Worth for Graham, but I know now
that it leaves about 5 o'clock, and
arrives in Ft. Worth from Graham
about 11 o'clock.

J. A. Massie cross examined by
defendants' attorney.
Yes, I have charge of the Burton
Supply Company, whose place of
business is in Ft. Worth. Yes, Mr.
Lischke was employed by me as a
safe expert. I think I employed him
last August. It was nothing un-
common for him to go out of town
to open safes. Yes, I am acquainted
with Mr. Lischke's general reputa-
tion in Ft. Worth; it appears to be
an unusually good reputation, in all
respects. Yes, when Mr. Lischke
came back from the Longview trip
he turned over to me the \$10.00; he
was only gone one day out of town.
He told me what his agreement was
and asked me if it was agreeable,
and I told him it was. Yes, Mr.
Lischke makes trades himself for
his kind of work, I pay him a salary
for his work. I made special inquiry
about Mr. Lischke before I employed
him.

Re-direct examination by the State.
No, I never knew of Mr. Lischke
ever going by the name of John
Barnhart. No, he never reported to
me that we was to get \$350.00 for
opening the vault at Graham. He
never told me that he had been to
Graham on his Longview trip, I never
understood that he had been to Gra-
ham.

Re-cross examination by defend-
ants' attorney.
No, I never knew of Mr. Lischke
going under an assumed name.
Witness excused.

W. O. Clark was the next witness
called for the State, and was fined
\$5.00 for being absent from hearing
of the court.

Dr. H. E. Griffin, witness for the
State testified on direct examination
by State's attorney as follows:
I knew Tom Cherryhomes during
his life time; I saw him on the date
of his death, about 3:30 at the Inde-
pendent Telephone office; his condi-
tion was bad, by reason of a gun-
shot wound in his abdomen, which
entered on the left side. I had him
removed to the sanitarium about forty
minutes from the time he was
shot. When he made his statement
to the county attorney I was pres-
ent. He made a statement to me
with reference to his injury; I in-

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formed him that his injury was a
very bad one and likely to be fatal.
He said "Doctor, I think I am a
goner." We had this conversation
immediately after I got there, I don't
know whether it was prior to the
time that he made a statement
with reference to how he came to be
wounded or not. We were at the
telephone office when he made this
statement. His statement was vol-
untary. He said that he came out
of the court house with Dollins and
they were demanded to hold up their
hands but did not do it and they be-
gan to fire and at the first shot he
saw Pat Carlton that he thought he
recognized him by his voice and his
hat. He said he thought the man
who fired the first shot hit him; all
those statements were voluntary. He
said there were three men or more
in the crowd.

Tom Cherryhomes died at 2 o'clock
p. m. February the 24th, this year;
his death was caused from a gunshot
wound. No bullet did not go en-
tirely through the body, it might
have penetrated one of the kidneys.
The bullet must have been a .44 or
.45 calibre or something like that.
He was conscious all the time up
until about twenty minutes of his
death. He was conscious when the
county attorney wrote his statement.
Yes, the statement was made by him
after he told me that he was a
goner. I did not go to see Pat Car-
lton.

Dr. W. H. Logan on direct exami-
nation testified as follows:
I was called to the residence of
Judge Fry about 4 o'clock on the
morning of the 24th of February.
Mrs. Fry called me. I saw Pat Car-
lton, Pete Fry and Mrs. Fry. Pat
and Pete were wounded. I did not
see Judge Fry. Pete said he was
in the adjoining room.

On direct examination R. Y. Black
testified as follows:
I saw the defendants at the home
of Judge E. W. Fry between 10 and
12 o'clock on the night of the kill-
ing. Pete Fry wanted me to go to
the store and I told him I did not
have the keys. When I went in I
saw Pete Fry, Pat Carlton and Judge
Fry. He did not tell me why he
wanted to go to the store. I remained
at the Fry home only about twenty
minutes. I do not know that there
was anything wrong with my
safe at the store.

J. B. Reynolds, witness for the
State, testified on direct examina-
tion, as follows:
I am commissioner of precinct No.
3. Riley Dollins was employed to
guard the court house. Tom Cherr-
yhomes was also employed as an ad-
ditional guard. I had a conversation
with Ol Brown, I think it was about
the 16th, of February. I think it
was about 3 or 4 o'clock in the af-
ternoon. I went to Graham that
night. I arrived in Graham about
sundown. When I got there I went
to Judge Stinson's house and he and
I went to the court house. We em-
ployed Tom Cherryhomes as court
house guard with Riley Dollins.
About the 21st I had another conver-
sation with Ol Brown.

Cross examined he testified:
Yes, I supposed that Judge Fry
was trying to get hold of the re-
cords. Ol Brown had told me that
they were trying to get those pa-
pers. I did not know that Ol Brown
had promised them to go down there
to see Tom Cherryhomes and Riley
Dollins though he did tell me that
they were trying to get him to go
but he said he would not go. I think
that Judge Stinson knew there was
a plot to get the records just like I
knew it. I did not make any re-
mark that the run to get the re-
cords was going to come off Sunday
night though I did expect some run
to be made to get the records.

Mr. Burkett made a financial state-
ment of the county's affairs and
made the report to the commission-
ers. I have the statement in my
pocket. I do not know that Mr. Bur-
kett is an expert accountant. After
the commissioners court examined
his report they did not employ any
lawyers. I did not tell Riley Dollins
and Tom Cherryhomes what Ol
Brown had told me, though Riley
Dollins was present when I was talk-
ing with Judge Stinson and he must
have heard part of the conversation.
Wright McClatchy, witness for

the State, on direct examination tes-
tified as follows:
I sleep at W. I. Tidwell's, one
block from the court house square,
southeast. I heard the shots the
morning Tom Cherryhomes was killed
though I cannot say how many
shots were fired. I got up when I
heard the shots and went out on
the porch. I saw two men over at
the Presbyterian church, they came
from the direction of the court house.
They did not seem to be carrying
or dragging anything. I saw an-
other man later on on the sidewalk.
He had on a short overcoat.

Cross examined by counsel for the
defense he testified:
I did not know any of these men.
I did not know but I had the opinion
that one of them was Todd.

On direct examination Paul Deats,
witness for the State, testified as
follows:
I remember the killing of Tom
Cherryhomes on the morning of Feb-
ruary 24th. I heard the shooting on
the night he was killed. I do not
know how many shots were fired. I
saw two or three men go across the
street towards the Presbyterian
church immediately after the shoot-
ing. They seemed to have come
from the direction of the court house.
I did not know who the men were
just after I saw these men at the
church I saw another man pass by
the sidewalk. I would not un-
dertake to say that this man I saw
on the sidewalk was R. M. Todd.

Nothing developed in cross exami-
nation.
W. I. Tidwell, witness for the
State, testified on direction as fol-
lows:
I was at home on the morning
that Tom Cherryhomes was killed.
I know Paul Deats and Wright Mc-
Clatchy, they room at my house.
I was asleep and the shots woke me
up. I heard the last shot fired. I
got up and went out in the hall. I
did not see any people at the Pres-
byterian church though I did not go
out on the porch. This is the night
Tom Cherryhomes and Pat Carlton
were killed.

No cross examination.
On direct examination Jim Smith,
witness for the State, testified:
I was at home on the morning that
Tom Cherryhomes was killed. The
shooting woke me up. I got up and
went outside, though I cannot say
how many shots were fired, but
there were several. I saw two men
going north from the court house.
I heard someone ask Riley if he
was shot and he said no, that Tom
was shot. I saw two men going
east and then I saw two more later
that looked like they were dragging
something. I was about fifty yards
from the two men I saw last and
they were going towards the Bel-
mont Hotel. There was a dim street
light. The other two men I saw
were going towards the Presbyterian
church as they passed the light. I
don't know who the men were nor
where they went.

On cross examination by defense
attorney he testified:
I did not see R. M. Todd walking
west. I could not see Tidwell's
house from where I was. When I
first saw these two men they were
about two hundred yards from Tid-
well's house. I did not go over to
the court house but went back to
bed. I did not see a man out there
with a woman's dress on. I know
Ed Johnson. I think I could tell
men from women at that time of
night.

On direct examination B. A. Gatlin,
witness for the State, testified as
follows:
I was night watchman on the
night that Tom Cherryhomes was
shot in Graham and was on duty at
the time. I made my usual rounds.
I was down at the light plant when
I heard the shooting. I left the
light plant and went in the direction
of the shooting. I suppose I was
about half way between the light
plant and the court house when the
last shot was fired. I met Riley
Dollins and Cherryhomes just after
the shooting just about the court
yard gate on the north side. I asked
who it was and Riley Dollins an-
swered and said it was he and Cherr-
yhomes. I asked if he was hurt
and he said no, but that Tom was
shot. I went with them over to the
Independent Telephone office. I did

not see anybody going east from the court house immediately after the shooting. I talked with Dollins and Cherrymores about 2 o'clock that night. I saw the bulk of two men on the east side of the square before I had a talk with Dollins and Cherrymores. I do not know who they were. They did not seem to be doing anything except walking along in an easterly direction. It is not a common occurrence to see men out at this time of night. I have been night watchman, it will be two years in July. I told Cherrymores and Dollins about seeing these two men. I don't know how many shots were fired though I suppose somewhere over thirty. The last shot was probably fired one minute after the shooting was over.

Direct Examination of E. W. Fry.
The State rested its case about 11:30 Tuesday morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson were placed on the stand to tell of telephone conversations between Ed Johnson and Tom Cherrymores the night before and the night of the killing.

W. O. Clark was also placed on the stand to tell of a conversation he had with Judge Stinson after the killing, in which Mr. Clark said that Judge Stinson had told him that the deal was to have been pulled off on Sunday night and that he (Stinson) knew why it was not pulled off.

Judge Fry's Testimony.
I was arrested at Austin by Sheriff Matthews, and a deputy sheriff accompanied me to Ft. Worth. There I was met by Sam Dowdle, who accompanied me to Graham. I called Fred Arnold over the phone from Ft. Worth and told him that I had been arrested and charged with forgery.

I told him to investigate and see what the trouble was. He said he would call me up at 4 o'clock. He said he would call me and told me he had made bond in the sum of \$15,000.00, and everything was ready and all that I would have to do was to sign it when I reached Graham that night. When I reached Graham I signed the bond, then I immediately had a talk with my attorneys and told them to try and find out the nature of the charge they had against me. He said they had me charged with forgery, and I told him I was not guilty of forgery, that I had not stolen anything from Young county; if I could get the papers I could clear it up, and asked him to get those papers. He said they flatly refused to let him have the papers. He said they refused to let him have them until the grand jury met the 1st of March. Three or four days after I arrived home I had a talk with Tom Cherrymores, the first time I met him in front of the John E. Morrison Co. store. I shook hands with him and he said that he did not feel that I was guilty and I assured him that I was not. He said that if there was anything that he could do for me he would be glad to do it. He said that Riley was guarding the papers at the court house. I told him that if I could get to see those papers that I could prove to him and my friends and everybody that I was not guilty. That my lawyers had asked the county officials to see the papers and they had been refused; that they had treated me very badly and he agreed with me. He told me that a better man couldn't be on guard than Riley Dollins that I never had a better friend. He also told me that if he was guarding the court house he would be glad to let me look at the papers. In the same conversation he told me they would likely put on somebody else and that he was going to make application. I don't know whether he made the application or not. I did not talk to Tom Cherrymores any more then until Monday night. I sent word to R. M. Todd that I wanted to see him, for him to come to my office, that was on the Saturday week before the trouble at the court house. He came to my office on Monday following that. I told Todd how he had treated me and that I would like to get a copy of the auditor's report and the names of the parties whom they claimed I had forged. If I could get those I would go before the grand jury and prove to them I was not guilty. He told me he did not believe I was guilty; said he was my friend and said he would do anything for me that was right. I told him that I didn't ask him to do anything but what was right. I knew the relations that existed between he and Riley Dollins. I knew they were good friends and I asked him to go and see Dollins and talk with him about this matter.

Asked how he did not go to see Dollins himself he stated: The officers at the court house watched me so I could not hardly get into the

court house and I felt that I would be imposing on them. He told me he would go and see Dollins and have a talk with him and he reported to me that he had seen Dollins and that Dollins told him that he (Dollins) was my friend and that Dollins believed I was innocent and that he would be glad to help me in any way that he could. He reported this to me on Monday night. He said he had seen Dollins and that Dollins had agreed to let me see those papers if I assured him that he was not violating any law and would not destroy the papers. Todd told me that he did not know the combination and he believed the papers were in the sheriff's office, and that Ol Brown likely knew that combination. Dollins said that if we would get the combination to that would let us look at those papers. He told Todd to go to Newcastle to see Ol Brown to get him to give us the combination if he knew it. He and my brother, Pete, went to Newcastle. When they returned Todd told me that he saw Brown at Newcastle and talked with him and Brown told him he didn't know the combination in the sheriff's office, that it had never been locked while he was sheriff and the only man who knew the combination was F. M. Burkett. Brown also told him in that conversation that he told Dollins that if he could help him in any way to let him know, and if anything got the matter with Dollins or if he got scared he would come down and talk with Dollins, that they were close friends. He sent me word to come to see him and when I came to call him out, that he had something to tell me that would do me good.

I went to see Burkett and asked him if he knew the combination of this vault; Burkett said he did not, he thought the combination had been changed after the new sheriff and new judge had gone into office and that he was not able to unlock the vault, as he did not know the combination to it. This conversation Burkett was after Todd and Pete had gone to Newcastle to see Brown. We decided then that we could not get those papers unless we could work the combination of the safe and didn't know of anybody that could open the vault; then we decided for Todd to go to Ft. Worth and get somebody that could work the combination and unlock the vault in the sheriff's office. Todd did go to Ft. Worth and return with Lischke. He went, if I remember correctly on Friday. I did not see Lischke at all that day. In the meantime another guard had been put on at the court house. It was Tom Cherrymores. Todd reported to me that he had talked with Tom Cherrymores and Cherrymores told him he would gladly let me look at those papers if I would promise not to destroy them, but that he was afraid of Riley Dollins; he was afraid to let Riley Dollins know that he had agreed to do this. He said Riley was scared that if anybody found out what we had done there Riley would give it away and get me into trouble. He said he would not agree at that time to let us look at the papers unless we would agree to get Riley away from the court house and Cherrymores suggested that Ol Brown see him. We sent Pete to Newcastle on Saturday to talk to Brown. Pete went to Newcastle the day after Lischke came in. When he returned he told us that Brown could not come, that he was night watchman at Newcastle but would come later on some other time. Todd told me Lischke went back to Ft. Worth Sunday morning, after Pete had been to Newcastle. Todd, Pete and myself went to Newcastle on Sunday night following that to see Brown. We finally found Brown and Pete brought him out to the car, something like 11 o'clock, and we talked with him, Todd, Pete, Brown and myself, together with reference to this matter. I explained to Brown why we wanted to see those papers. I told him that the county officials at Graham had treated me as mean as a man could be treated, and told Brown that they had arrested me at Austin, without giving me an opportunity to show that I was not guilty, and if they had given me an opportunity I could have proven to them but they refused to give me a chance and tried to get me killed before the grand jury. Brown said that he believed that to be so and said that if he could help me in any way he would do it. I told him to go and see Dollins and Cherrymores, that they had both agreed we could look at the papers but that they were both afraid of the other. We wanted somebody to talk to them to assure them they would have no trouble. He said he would do that, that he would come to Graham the next day. I told him I would get him a way to come and he said he would come with Harlan Bunger as Bunger was coming the next day. I told him I wanted to get a copy of the papers to prepare my defense. We returned to Graham that night, and expected Brown to come from Newcastle the next day.

I told Brown that Lischke was an expert safe man and detailed to him everything with reference to opening the vault. I waited for Brown to come the next day to see these parties (Dollins and Cherrymores). He failed to come. Bunger came that day but Brown was not with him. Then I decided to go and talk to Cherrymores myself with reference to the matter and did that night. I met him at the court house about 11 o'clock that night. I went in the cistern shed and waited till he made his rounds around the court house. I told him it did not look like Brown was coming down and he said he had talked to Dollins himself and that Dollins was all right, and we could look at those papers at any time necessary, when nobody was there. Then I asked how he wanted me to do. I told him I wanted to get into the vault myself and look at the papers, did not want to take them out; he said that we could come down there and we had an agreement on that night. He agreed for us to come and have a friendly hold-up, and for us to disguise so if anybody came on the scene they could not recognize us, they could not tell who we were. He said we had better have at least three or four men so two could hold them up

and two could stand guard and see if anybody approached. I asked him who he rather we would have; he said Ed Johnson was the best man he knew of, there was no danger of him telling or giving it away. I told him I would see Johnson and find out. He told me not to talk to Riley Dollins any more, tell a Todd not to talk to him, and when we got our guns to be sure to have them unloaded when we came over to the court house. I told him Pete and myself had an automatic pistol which we had. He told me to be sure and see that the cartridges were out of them. He said a man might get nervous and pull the gun off. I told him I would. I saw Todd that night and told him I had a talk with Cherrymores and that the fact was, for him to phone Lischke to come out on Tuesday, which he did. Next day I saw Johnson and told him what Cherrymores and Dollins had agreed to do and asked him if he would help me. He told me that he would. That was in the morning, I talked to him first. He came back in the afternoon and we discussed going over there, and he agreed to go to the court house and see Cherrymores and find out if it would be all right to go that night, and he returned in about twenty-five or thirty minutes, told me Cherrymores and Dollins had gone to supper, but that he would see them after supper and see that night whether it was all right with Cherrymores for us to look at the papers that night. He did go to the court house that night. He came to my house that night disguised, had a red bandana handkerchief, a long cape and an apron or some kind of a skirt on. As I remember when he came to my house it was about 12 o'clock or a little later. He told us in the presence of Todd, Pat Carlton, Pete and myself that he had seen the parties and that everything was all right, that he was ready to go down. He suggested that we wait till after 2:30 or 3 o'clock. Lischke was there when Johnson came and heard the fact that we were going to be a friendly hold-up. Todd said he explained all the facts to Lischke, and it was agreeable. Mr. Black came over about 10 or 10:30, cannot say about the exact time. I learned first that Pat Carlton was to be in the deal that night. He came up there with Todd. I am not sure just what time they came, but I think it was about 9 o'clock, it was before train time. When Black came I asked him if he had a key to the store. He said he did not, that Vick and one of the clerks had the only keys to the store. Lischke asked him what kind of safe Vick had. Black told him he didn't know, it was just a safe, that he didn't know anything about the combination. Lischke wanted to see the safe to examine it and see if it had a similar combination to the vault at the court house. That was the object of asking Black about the safe. Lischke said it might be a similar combination and that if he could get to look at that combination he could likely open the vault easier and quicker.

Asked if there had been any other conversations between Todd and other parties in reference to the matter detailed Judge Fry stated:
Todd said he talked with Gatlin on several occasions and that Gatlin was "with us" and would assist on this night. Todd said he had made a date with Gatlin, that he was going down at that time by appointment. That Gatlin thought everything was all right. Todd left some ten or fifteen minutes before the rest of us. Pete, Pat Carlton and Ed Johnson left my home together; they left possibly five minutes ahead of Lischke and myself, who went together. We were to meet at the back end of the skating rink (Opera House) back of the court house. Johnson, Pete and Pat were at the skating rink when we got there, and Carlton told me that Todd told him when he left that he would come by the skating rink and let us know if anything was wrong. We all had on masks when we left home. We all had on a sofa pillow in my pants. Todd nor Lischke were masked. I told the boys to be sure and have their guns on safety so nobody would be hurt, and they did that and I did also. We were at the skating rink about fifteen or twenty minutes. We waited for Todd if he didn't show up. Johnson and myself had a talk and we decided everything was all right, or he would have reported. Pete, Pat and myself went to the court house; Johnson and Lischke stayed at the skating rink. Johnson said that he would stay there with Lischke and wait until I came back and told them everything was all right.

We went around the court house to the cistern and stopped at the cistern. I knocked on the lid on the top of the cistern. That was the signal, and understanding I had with Cherrymores, and Dollins and Cherrymores immediately got up. I could see them from there through the window, and they came out of the north door of the court house and walked down twenty or thirty steps, looked like they were going out, then they turned east and when they turned across Cherrymores was further east than Dollins coming towards us. Carlton then said not up your hands. Cherrymores said I will not do it. I said up your hands boys, it is Fry. At that Cherrymores shot. Pete was the first man hit; as he fell I ran to him and said stop shooting. About that time Pat Carlton fell. I loaded my gun and started shooting myself. Pete was on the ground shooting his gun. The man shooting was standing right in front of me about fifteen feet. Pat fell on his hands and knees, and was still shooting. Cherrymores shot two or three shots before any shot was fired from our side. Pat fired the first shot from our side.

Asked where they were standing with reference to the cistern Judge Fry stated:
Pat, Pete and I were standing on the north side of the sheriff's office, about half way between it and the county judge's office. When the first shot was fired I was standing west of the cistern house, close to a little telegraph pole standing there. When Pete fell he was about ten feet from me. Pete was falling on his face

when I got to him. He was leaning, I believe, on one elbow, and when I got to him he picked up his gun. I emptied my pistol, eight shots. I do not know how many times Pete or Pat shot. I saw Dollins when I said up your hands. I do not know how long it was after the first shot before he shot his shotgun. There was one shot fired after we reached the court house fence (going out). I think it was fired about where the fight took place. I do not know what became of Cherrymores. I saw Dollins, he was running back the other way. When I emptied my gun I turned and Pete met me, and we went back and picked up Carlton and asked him if he thought he was badly hurt, he said he thought not. We picked him up and carried him. We put him between us and put his arms around our necks and carried him to the Presbyterian church. We crossed the fence about the wagon gate. As we got over the fence somebody shot. We heard the bullet. We went diagonally across to the Presbyterian church and when we got to the church Carlton said, "I can't go no further" and Pete at that time had fainted. We took Pat and laid him on one of the steps of the church. Just before this we heard somebody walking or running. I thought it was the guard following us. I didn't have any loads in my gun. I told Pete we would leave Pat at the church until I could go and get my shot gun. I took Pete home and took him in and we both (Mr. and Mrs. Fry) bathed his head and asked him if he was hurt bad. He said he thought that he was not hurt bad. I got my shot gun and my wife grabbed me. I told her about Carlton being left at the church and that I was going back after him. When I got to the door Carlton was coming in.

We were not expecting trouble when we went over there that night. I went there for the purpose of getting a copy of the papers (meaning auditor's report) and the men's names on the checks and warrants on which I was charged with forgery. I had been assured by Cherrymores and Dollins that they were my friends and that they would let us go in and look at the papers. I did not have any intention of destroying the papers or taking them away. Lischke was going in and work the combination to the vault and open it, and I was going in on the inside of the vault and pull the door behind me. There was an electric light there and I took a globe with me. I was going to look at those reports and Lischke was going to leave as his part was finished. Lischke and Todd were not present at the time of the shooting. I did not know where Todd was. I did not see Todd until the next day after he had been placed in jail. Lischke came to the house about twenty or thirty minutes after the shooting. I would not have fired a single shot unless I thought we were in danger after Cherrymores fired the first shot at us.

This question was asked Judge Fry, "Do you know who was the proper custodian of these documents?" Here he was asked to tell about the report of the finance committee appointed by Judge Scurry. He said the report as made would show that he was innocent, and that he knew he was innocent. Here the State's counsel objected and a spirited debate followed, and the State's objections overruled.

Asked if he said anything to Todd about being pulled out of the legis-

lature on account of a certain measure he had brought up there he said: "I told him I believed that was a put up job between Judge Stinson and Jim Reynolds and the Newcastle people, because Reynolds and Stinson despised me because I introduced a bill which would settle the county seat between Graham and Newcastle, and I had a reason to believe that was the purpose. It was about a week or ten days after I introduced the bill before I was arrested. Several matters pertaining to the county seat fight were here gone into."

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NEXT DOOR TO POSTOFFICE.

Wichita Falls, Texas, April 14—R. M. Todd, one of the defendants, on direct examination testified as follows:
I have been arrested several times for violating the local option law, I don't think Tom Cherrymores ever arrested me. I think Ed Johnson arrested me one time. I am not sure, I think there is one case in county court against me now.

About the time of this trouble I was sowing oats and went out to my farm nearly every day. I considered the relations between Tom Cherrymores and myself very friendly and I consider that Ed Johnson and I are close friends. I knew Ol Brown during the four years he was sheriff. After he was elected sheriff he lived in Graham; we were neighbors and our families were close friends, especially in sickness. I was with Brown a great deal while he was sheriff. I think I have known Riley Dollins five or six years. He had charge of the road work and worked several places in the county during the time Judge Fry was county judge. I saw Dollins often when he came to town. I was well acquainted with him, we were good friends. Judge Fry and myself are close friends. I lived in Graham when Judge Fry and Judge Stinson ran against each other for the office of county judge. I think I was in Ft. Worth at the time of the election but I came back to Graham in interest of Ol Brown but I did not vote. This was when Ol Brown was elected the second time, in 1912.

Mr. Todd tell the jury all you know about this matter in detail up until the time you and Judge Fry were arrested.
As I remember Judge Fry sent word that he wanted to see me at his office but I did not go to see Judge Fry that week, but later went to see him. Judge Fry asked me if I heard how they had treated him. He said that the records that they alleged the warrants and checks and the auditor's report had been removed from the county clerk's office and had been put in the sheriff's or county judge's office, and that his attorneys had been refused the right and privilege to see these papers. He said the district court was not far ahead and he was not in position to prepare his case unless he could see those papers and see exactly what they alleged; in the meantime he said that Riley Dollins should be a good friend to him; that he had furnished him work for the last six years; he asked me if I was a good enough friend to go and ask Dollins to let him see those papers. I went to see Dollins and told him what Judge Fry had told me and told him that Judge Fry had been deprived the right to see the papers. Riley said he was a good friend to Judge Fry and that he would gladly let Judge Fry see the papers if he would not destroy the papers or damage the safe; he said if Judge Fry could get the combination and

come over there he would let him see these papers. I told him Judge claimed that he was innocent and that he had proved to me that he was innocent. I told him that the district court had appointed a finance committee and they had proved to me that Judge was innocent and Riley said that he believed that Judge Fry was innocent.

In the conversation with Judge Fry he told me he believed the Newcastle people were doing this because of the fact that he had introduced a certain bill in the legislature which would settle the county seat matter between Graham and Newcastle for all time. I went to see Judge Fry's house that night after supper, probably about 10 o'clock; he asked me if I knew of anybody who knew the combination of the safe. He said he believed the papers were in the sheriff's office. He asked me if I thought Ol Brown knew the combination and asked me if I would go and see Brown and find out if he knew the combination and I told him I would go to see Brown and I went to see Brown the next day. It was on Monday night before the killing. Pete Fry came to the hotel in an automobile and we went with him to Newcastle to see Ol Brown, and I told Brown at that time that I believed Judge Fry was innocent and I did not believe there was anything to it. Brown said he didn't know of anybody who knew the combination unless it was Frank Burkett. Ol said he would do anything in the world he could for Judge Fry, and said to tell Judge Fry to come to see him that he wanted to see him, said tell him to come at night and to call him out. "I want to see him, I have something to tell him that will do him good, and if anything goes wrong with Dollins send for me." Said he could do more with Dollins than anybody. I think we were standing on the sidewalk in front of a cold drink stand when we had this conversation. I think Pete went down to sell some cotton; he had some cotton to sell and I think he went down to the cotton yard.

Todd's testimony and cross examination and the testimony of Pete Fry were completed Wednesday. Thursday morning the cross examination of Pete Fry was concluded. Miss Eula McCain was the last witness examined at close of trial

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WHITE ROSE

Well, it seems that spring is here at last, for the great oaks are blooming and the birds are singing.

Mrs. J. A. Gachter and daughter, Clara, spent last Thursday morning at W. C. McCombs'.

A few Roseites have been working roads this wet weather.

Mrs. Jim Pearce and Miss Vina Wood were at Mrs. McCombs' one day last week.

Prof. McFarren spent Saturday in Graham.

Jesse Grimes was in White Rose community Thursday.

Misses Lavina Elliott and Nellie Hightower spent Tuesday and Tuesday night with Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCombs visited Mrs. Ellen Woods Saturday afternoon.

J. O. Striplin was in Newcastle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are spending several days with the lady's mother in Miller Bend.

Yes, Salemite, I saw the five church houses and if I had gone into some man's private dwelling, perchance I would have seen something that was not economical, but I consider both these private affairs. The socialist party plainly states religion to be private. If you want one or one hundred churches, it suits us. Tell it to the preacher, that is their mission. But, the grocery stores are very much public.

We have to patronize them and in doing so we keep them up. So why have seven? The point is this: The State has one road between towns, one postoffice, and one public school in the town, so isn't private ownership the cause of seven grocery stores in the same town?

So, Salemite, you realize that the land question is not rightly settled. In the near future I will state in these columns a plan by which the land question will be settled until time is no more.

It seems to me, Salemite, that you think all people must be of the same mind to establish socialism. We are informed that there was strong opposition to the public school system at one time. Also when the rural letter carriers were started. Our parcel post system did not meet the approval of all the people, but the majority must rule. We realize the ignorance of man, but first give him justice; then our mission is to educate him. Our competitive examinations gives us qualified men to run our postal system. Probably we will have the same plan to fill many positions under socialism. We never get too ignorant to disobey a law, so why are we too ignorant to vote upon them?

Now, Salemite, I will try to give you more light upon socialism, the cause of it and the plan we have to better the human race. Suppose I had \$500 and would take it and put it in a bank. I would be credited with that amount and would be allowed to check that amount out. Would I be entitled to check \$1000? Now men come into the world as my bank account is before I ever deposited—empty handed. They are entitled to take out of society just what they put in. Not to take \$1000 when they had only put in \$500. We see the defects under capitalism. Man and his ancestors can live like lords from generation to generation without ever producing anything, and their weapon is, private ownership of things on which all depend. By this they reap a profit from the labor of their fellow man. Now our plan is this, and it is very simple: Let the federal government run the things on which all depend for a living, for use only, thus eliminating all profit. When the federal government gets to selling groceries in Graham, for a while the private stores may hang on like the express companies did until the advent of the parcel post. Of course you and your kind will patronize them, but in the course of time that 20 cents on the dollar profit will look so big

to you until the government store will look good to you.

Now, to realize our principles we have gone into politics. One million men, besides women and children in the United States are advocating our plan. We figure seventy per cent of our principles will be taken up by the democratic party before we get in, but that suits us; we want results.

Some will say we will have to change human nature before we can have socialism. I walk into the postoffice and buy a stamp, then go into a grocery store and buy some candy, does my nature change? Or perchance I go to the Graham High School, then come back and walk into some private owned store, does my nature change each time? There never was such an erroneous statement as changing human nature.

Now, Salemite, I like your objections, come on with more, for they are as good as a democrat can give. I am afraid I have lost one of my opponents, who was defending the powers that be.

Sunday school was well attended at White Rose Sunday.

Bro. Wilson preaches next Sunday. Everybody invited to come.

P. C. Walker and family called on Mr. Cook Sunday afternoon.

A large crowd of young folks enjoyed a singing at Mr. Jim Pearce's Sunday night.

Roseite.

BUNGER

I guess the boys will let up on killing rabbits when they find out that there will be no money on them until June or July.

Silver Bell, I enjoyed reading your letters. I didn't know until now that you and I are the same age liking one day. My birthday is on the 23rd of December. You are one day the oldest. I was born in Tennessee and came from there to Palo Pinto county in a wagon. We were three months on the road, and were water-bound three weeks in Arkansas. I am six feet tall and weigh 179 pounds.

Joe Carter and Bismark Bower went fishing Monday and got back Tuesday in time for dinner with their fish.

Bob Fawks, G. G. Smith and Geo. Gilmore caught a big fox Friday and went back that night to catch another one they had seen during the day. I guess they got him.

Elmer and Lee McLaren played forty-two until 3 o'clock Saturday morning at Mr. Conder's. Frank Vaden and Mr. Brown were also there.

Mr. Whittenberg has some fine white-faced calves.

G. W. Rose and his dog killed seventy-two large rats one day this week.

Wasn't this rain fine on the small grain. It sure does look fine in the Valley.

G. W. Day was the first man in the Bend to finish breaking land.

Ere this reaches the press R. L. McLaren will have a stand of corn and two stands of weeds up.

Lost but found. J. G. Parsons, while riding the river pasture, found a hand bag with a draw string attached, and don't you think, he was so much like the Goose he brought it home with him. You can guess the rest.

Mrs. McLaren and Mrs. Johnson were in Bunger Sunday afternoon pleasure riding.

Odell Johnson has broken three guaranteed axes for the Bunger Mercantile Co., while chopping cord wood.

John Lasater and family of Ming Bend spent Sunday night with Oscar James and family.

H. A. Driver, Dolph Owen and Mr. Askew and family went to Graham Big Monday.

Mrs. Dalrymple, who has been sick for some time was able to walk to the front gate this (Monday) morning.

Goose.

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PADGETT

(Too late for last week.)

The farmers of this community are very busy planting feed crops and preparing for cotton. The bad weather, together with the large amount of late cotton has caused our farmers to be very badly behind with their farm work, and the late breaking and unbroke land is beginning to need rain.

John Robinson passed this way last week on his way to Post City. Mr. Robinson has purchased land there and expects to make that place his future home.

Plow Boy, I sure thought you were only jesting about the churches being man made. I expected you to take it all back.

You are about as bad as the fellow who said a certain horse was seventeen feet high, and tried to prove it. The wonder is that you didn't try to prove your proposition by the Bible.

Some few months ago you were trying to prove everything by the Bible. I am glad to note the improvement. Your Uncle Zeke will have to admit that your proof looks good, if it is as you say? If the churches of your acquaintance are man made and are governed by human creeds, that certainly seems to settle the matter. You seem positive about this thing, but my dear sir, do you doubt the existence of the Church of the living and true God.

Some time back you were trying to find divine sanction for a number of churches, but you asked me to point out the God ordained church. Now, Plow Boy, you are trying to be hard on your Uncle Zeke; you know that would be a very delicate question as well as a difficult one. Your Uncle Zeke is not as daring as you are, but I will venture the following statements:

The Lord Jesus Christ built one church. The people who have the testimony of Jesus and keep the commands of God are the church. But why do you have to be shown? You didn't say you were from Missouri? Can't you take Holy Writ? The Bible says there is one body, house, temple, in which the Holy Spirit dwells, and yet, you hold on to man made churches, governed by human creeds, you say.

You have promised to show us the strait gate and narrow way in some sort of union of these man made churches. Plow Boy, I do wish you could bring about a real union of God's people, but you can't do anything along that line the way you are working at it now. Why man, you can't even be a member of any two of them at the same time. Just as fast as you join one the one to which you previously belonged will fire you out, and skin you every time they get a chance. They will accuse you of leaving the church of God and joining a man made one, when really you are working for union. Oh! of course, you will come back at 'em but where is your union? Now your Uncle speaks from experience. I never could get into two of them at the same time. Just as fast as I got into one I got out of the other. Don't forget the strait gate. Uncle Zeke.

MING BEND

As I have been absent a week will try and write a few lines.

News is scarce and rain and hail has been plentiful.

Health is very good at this writing. Glad to say everyone is up and doing fine.

R. E. Sims and son, Joe, Sam Williams and wife, S. L. Ribble and family attended church at Gooseneck Sunday.

W. A. Sims and family visited his brother, Mr. Tanner, Sunday.

J. J. Jones and family visited his daughter, Mrs. Lola Askew, Saturday night and Sunday.

R. A. Kutch went after Mrs. Mattie Dalton today (Sunday). She is coming home to visit a while.

Mrs. Jennie Kutch and Otis Lasater visited at Emmet Askew's Sunday.

Archie Newby and Miss Ella Pickard attended Sunday school at Fox Hollow today (Sunday).

W. R. Gibbs and family visited her father, Mr. Newby, Saturday and Sunday.

O. D. Lisle and family went to town Saturday.

Mrs. Eula Sims called at Mr. Marshall's Sunday afternoon a while.

Everett Newby filled his regular appointment at Mr. Dendy's today (Sunday.)

Several have been fishing and caught some nice fish.

As news is scarce and I have a sore hand will quit and come again. Rainy Day.

BEE BRANCH

Very pleasant weather is prevailing now and we are all enjoying it.

Singing at the school house was well attended Sunday night.

T. M. Corbett and family visited with W. A. Corbett and family at South Bend Sunday.

John Haliburton returned home Sunday, after an extended trip to South America. It is very interesting to hear him tell of the natives and conditions of South America. It is the first time he has visited here in six years, so of course, we were all glad to see him.

E. W. Outlaw and family, Lee Corbett and family are visiting at Mr. Haliburton's tonight.

Well, as I am in a hurry will hand my pencil to Silver Bell and be going. Schoolgirl.

HAWKINS CHAPEL

Elzie Tedrow and wife, and Mrs. Jesse Oatman and children visited Mr. Tedrow of Megargel Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Oatman and children will make an extended visit. Mr. Tedrow and wife will return the first of the week.

Mesdames Thigpen and Robert Miller were the guests of Mrs. T. F. Harman last Monday.

Mrs. C. S. Newman went out to Loving Thursday to see Mrs. Mayes.

Dr. Boon was the guest of Messrs. Oatman last Monday night.

Misses Mamie Wallace and Mammie Hawkins of Loving were the guests of Miss Ruby Newman last Monday night.

Prof. Simpson visited home folks at Bryson Saturday and Sunday.

Mesdames Tom Lindsey, Robert Miller and Cassie Lindsey visited Mrs. Stennett of Markley last Tuesday. The latter is still visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stennett.

Mrs. C. S. Newman was the guest of Mrs. Odus Strattin Tuesday of last week.

The gardens are looking well for the time of year.

There was Sunday school Sunday at 10:30 a. m. It was very good.

Part of Mr. Valentine's family visited in the northwest part of the county last week.

Bro. Hammerson failed to fill his appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

There was a crowd went to Big Monday from here today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Newman were the guests of Jim Oatman and family Saturday.

Everything is looking very well in the way of vegetation. Violet.

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MURRAY

We are having some pretty spring weather since the rains. Small grain is looking fine. R. D. Tyra and daughter, Miss Jewell, went to Graham Sunday.

Sunday schools were well attended Sunday. Mr. Hughes of Newcastle gave a very interesting talk after Sunday school at the Methodist church.

Homer Donnell and family, and his aunt, Mrs. Sallie Donnell, of Eliasville visited his brother, C. E. Donnell Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Hughes of Newcastle and Mr. Blakemoore of Wichita Falls were the guests of Henry McCan Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Holloway has been sick but is reported better.

Miss Minnie Moreland gave a birthday party Saturday night. A singing was enjoyed at Mrs. Cloud's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wallace Simpson and Mrs. Hubbard and daughter of Newcastle are spending the week with Mrs. Megginson.

Miss Kate Carmichael dined with Miss Nelle Donnell Sunday. W. E. Braddock made a business trip to Graham Saturday. Henry Kramer left Friday for Amarillo.

Next Sunday is Children's Day at the Methodist church. Everybody come and bring your dinner and stay all day. No, the visitors needn't bring their dinner. Come and spend the day with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Campbell of Huffstutle spent Sunday with Mr. Smith and daughter, Miss Deilla.

LOVING

I failed to get my letter off in time for the rural carrier last week, so I will try again this week.

If nothing happens to the fruit from now on till it matures, it will be immense. The peach trees are very heavily loaded and will have to be pruned off if the fruit reaches a good size. Most all the early plums and apricots were killed, but late plums and grapes will be good.

The Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches all had good congregations at their respective churches Sunday morning, and Bro. Bell preached a good sermon at the tabernacle. It was announced that the new Methodist church would be completed by the second Sunday in May and would be dedicated on that day.

The weather is all that we could wish just at present, and all the feed stuff is coming up to a good stand. Wheat and oats never looked more promising. Cotton planting will commence this week and if the weather still holds out as good as it is now we will make a good showing on the cotton planting this week.

Ed, the flouring mill is a certainty at Loving, and if you come back here soon we can go to mill just like we used to when we were boys. But not with a rock in one end of the sack and grain in the other, but a full sack. I think there will be a bumper wheat crop too this year, so we will not go without bread when the new mill is grinding. Loving is a prosperous, live community and when the new mill is running we will feel thankful.

Bono, your letter of last week was read with interest, and I fully agree with you on what you said about the credit business. Too many people abuse their credit and owe more than they think they do when pay day comes. We all agree, and join in, in saying that the credit system is keeping the farming class down more than any other one thing. Then why do people fall out with the merchant for not selling his goods on credit.

Roseite, your letter last week defining socialism was very plain, and to the point. In fact, I read every line carefully, and will say that it was the only letter on socialism that I have read that didn't pitch right into the party in power, or some other power and proceed to rip it up the back. Then, when they exhausted their strength advise the reader to vote the socialist ticket as a remedy. Your reasoning is good, Roseite, and we agree with you as to the plan of working all the people who are doing useless labor to doing useful labor, and to cut down the cost of production as much as possible, but can it be done? Can the government run the whole machine, fish, tackle, bob, hook, sinker and line? That would be one of the greatest official armies in the world. The railroads with all their force, the factories of all kinds and

their forces, and add to this the force of all other public utilities and then the already organized government army and this U. S. Government would be the biggest thing out of doors. Then do you think that the U. S. government could cut the prices very much and pay this great army? The State government comes out in debt on most all of its public utilities, and don't reduce the price much either. Of course the things we buy are very high, at least some of them are, but the sharp competition in all lines brings everything down to a reasonable figure.

Correspondent.

INDIAN MOUND

G. W. McComas and wife visited at W. R. Dollins' Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Evans and daughter took dinner at H. H. Stephens' Sunday.

Sunday morning S. R. Crawford, S. R. Jeffery and son came up here enroute to the Jeffery Ranch and just this side of Salt Creek their car broke down. R. G. Taylor took his car, which is run by horse power instead of gasoline, and pulled them back to Graham.

Last fall during cotton selling time we often heard it said that the war was the cause of the low price of cotton. I guess the war is over now as cotton is selling for a better price. W. W. Williamson sold all he had today (Monday) to a Newcastle buyer for nine cents.

Sunday evening I saw Buster, Mrs. Buster and one of the little Buster's. They were enroute to Graham.

W. P. Fisher visited at A. J. Bryan's in the Dakin community Sunday night.

Miss Minnie Fisher visited at H. H. Stephens' Sunday afternoon.

Brother Evans filled his reg. pointment here Sunday but was prevented from coming Saturday on account of the illness of his wife.

Mesdames D. W. Beard, R. G. Taylor and little daughter took in Big Monday.

G. W. and John McComas were in Graham Monday.

J. M. Taylor came in from Arkansas Sunday.

W. W. Williamson and son, E. G., went to Newcastle Monday. E. G. went from there to Wichita Falls.

John McComas called at D. W. Beard's one day last week.

Henry Frie is working for E. G. Williamson this week.

Mrs. J. C. Owens of Graham came out Friday and carried Miss Zella Owen, our tacher, home with her.

Austin Bird was in Graham Monday.

Mascal Thomas called at R. B. Hightower's Sunday.

Austin Bird went to Ingle-side one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks of Jean attended church here Sunday.

A collection was taken for missions Sunday, which amounted to \$10.05.

Mrs. N. B. Nolen called at R. G. Taylor's Saturday afternoon.

W. W. Hoggard and wife visited at the home of R. G. Taylor Wednesday.

Miss Lena Dollins and little sister and brother called at the home of R. G. Taylor Saturday.

Messrs. F. E. Borchardt, A. Bird and W. W. Hoggard went to Newcastle Friday.

Misses Virgie Borchardt and Mary Beard and brothers, Glen and Henry, took dinner at the home of W. R. Dollins Sunday.

N. B. Nolan went to Graham Saturday with cotton.

Mrs. W. R. Dollins went to Newcastle Saturday.

Richard Taylor of Loving attended church here Sunday and took dinner at R. G. Taylor's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckaby spent Saturday night and Sunday with W. R. Dollins and family.

Mrs. Mollie Dollins and son spent Saturday night and Sunday with W. R. Dollins.

Mrs. Callie Dollins and Mrs. Mollie Dollins spent all day Monday with Mrs. Will Grubbs and family.

SOUTH BEND

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holcomb spent Sunday with W. McDavid and family.

Mrs. Joe Rogers is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burgess. She has been sick for several days.

Silver Bell and father of Cedar Creek were trading in the Bend Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McBrayer, Marvin McBrayer, Miss Annie Holcomb, Mrs. Emma West and Robt. White visited Mr. and Mrs. Hub Rogers of Pleasant Hill Sunday afternoon.

Miss Winnie Harrell ate Sunday dinner with Misses Alma and Ola McCluskey.

S. L. Richardson of Salem spent a few days of last week with Tom Johnson.

F. E. Harrell and family and sister, Miss Christine, spent last Sunday afternoon with W. A. Corbett and family.

Marvin McBrayer, V. M. Hale and family and Miss Belle Scott spent Sunday with S. W. Goode and family.

Fon Taylor and Roy Corbett visited C. A. Melton Sunday afternoon.

Miss Cora Vines of Spring Creek is visiting Misses Thornton.

We had some good rains last week which were greatly appreciated. Some hail but it did no damage.

Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig spent last Friday night with Mrs. O. A. McBrayer.

Silver Bell, in answer to some of your questions will say that it is a fact that some teachers allow whispering, walking over the room, laughing, etc., but then, even, they probably do their best, because they do not have the backing of the parents. Let the teacher correct or whip a child and eight times out of ten they hear from the "little darlings" father or mother, or perhaps both. You say that most teachers are teaching just for the money there is in it, but I do not agree with you there either. It is true if it wasn't for the money they would quit the business and that's perfectly natural, but then I believe that most teachers teach because they have a desire to help humanity by moulding the characters and minds of the children. Please do not censure a teacher unless you are certain that he or she deserves it. They need your praise and encouragement, but not your ill feelings and bitter words.

Bashful Ben.

Knight and Geoffry Cherry-homes called at Mr. Robbins' Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Ragland called at John George's Friday afternoon.

Miss Nona Cornelius and brother, Harry, and Miss Viva Baugh took dinner with Miss Rudelle Seddon Sunday.

Unum Wixom and the two Knight boys dined with Walter Robbins Sunday.

Emmett Young of Eliasville passed through our community Monday enroute to Graham.

Mrs. Cherryhomes and daughter, Gladys, and little son I. B. are attending court at Wichita Falls.

Prof. J. O. Burnett made a quick trip to Graham Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Timmons of Elbert are visiting her brother, Will Seddon, and family.

Jolly Girl.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Young: By virtue of an Execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court, Precinct No. 3, of Young County, on the 18th day of March, 1915, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of L. C. Counts vs. R. E. Hill No. 312, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1915, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Young County, in the City of Graham, the following described property, to-wit:

320 acres of land situated in Young County, Texas, original grantee T. E. & L. Co., abstract No. 442. Also 300 acres of land situated in Young County, Texas, original grantee, T. E. & L. Co., abstract No. 962, levied on as the property of R. E. Hill to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$77.92 in favor of L. C. Counts and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 30th day of March, 1915.

M. M. WALLACE, Sheriff.

By Sam Dowdle, Deputy. 28-31.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Young: By virtue of an Execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court, Precinct No. 3, of Young County, on the 18th day of March, 1915, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of T. J. Routen vs. R. E. Hill No. 311, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1915, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Young County, in the City of Graham, the following described property, to-wit:

320 acres of land situated in Young County Texas, abstract No. 442, original grantee, T. E. & L. Co. Also 300 acres of land situated in Young County, Texas, T. E. & L. Co., original grantee, Abstract No. 962. Also lots Nos. 6 to 10 in block No. 13 in the town of Olney, Texas, as shown upon the plat or map of said town now of record in the Clerk's office of Young County, Texas, levied on as the property of R. E. Hill to satisfy judgment amounting to \$239.20 in favor of T. J. Routen, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 30th day of March, 1915.

M. M. WALLACE, Sheriff.

By Sam Dowdle, Deputy.

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TONK VALLEY

Sunday was a fine day here. A large crowd was present at Sunday school. There was no preaching.

We were certainly glad to see the fine rain that fell here Friday. It was badly needed.

Some corn is up and looking fine. Oats sure are coming to the front since the rain. Gardens are also growing.

Quite a crowd went from here to second Monday.

Little Bruce Freeman has been on the sick list the past week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Busch, on the 10th, a fine boy.

Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Bird of Indian Mound visited Mrs. Busch Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moore and Miss Eunice Moore of Mt. Pleasant took supper at Mr. Seddon's Saturday night and attended church at Lower Tonk.

Misses Viva Baugh, Nona and Minnie Cornelius and Mesdames Baugh and Denver Killion of Craig Point, Mr. Hand and son, Harry, and Miss Delilah Robbins were guests at the Knight home Thursday.

Will Robertson and Owen McClain of Crystal Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burk of near Bryson, were visitors at Mr. Robbins' Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wixom and son, Unum, took Sunday dinner with Mr. Harry Hand.

Bob Corley visited in the Flat Rock community from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

The Higdon family were city visitors Thursday.

Misses Minnie and Nona Cornelius and Viva Baugh, Messrs. Harry and Will Cornelius, Carl

MIDWAY

We are having some more beautiful weather.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Drum called on Mr. Adams Sunday afternoon.

E. A. Cox and family attended church at Loving Sunday morning.

Lewis Drum and Earl Hazard took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell Sunday.

Glancus Cox left last Tuesday morning for Vineyard to spend a few days in the interest of his health.

Wheat and oats are looking fine after the rain we had last week.

Will Plyman was in Loving Saturday on business.

Master Vaughan Williams Hubert Loftin and Arnold Cox took dinner with Master Clifford and Ira Zada Drum Sunday.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Every Sunday brings a new scholar and now have about fifty enrolled. All are working to make our Sunday school better.

Miss Hettie Drum took dinner with Miss Nannie Adams Sunday. John Hawkins also took dinner there.

Preaching at Bethel Saturday night and Sunday.

Apple Blossom.

At the Christian Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. H. L. Tidwell, Superintendent. Communion at 11 o'clock. Sermon at 11:15 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday night, "The Why of Prayer Meeting" being the theme of discussion.

Choir practice on Wednesday evenings.

Next Sunday, the 18th, we are going to organize the Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. All interested in the same please be present at that time as we have quite a bit of work to do.

Members of the church are urgently requested to be present at all the above mentioned meetings, and visitors will receive a cordial welcome.

J. E. Evans, Pastor.

Local and Personal Mention

C. Widmayer left Tuesday for Wichita Falls.

Miss Eula Logan is reported quite sick this week.

J. T. Phillips was in the city Monday on business.

T. E. Grant of Loving was in Graham Wednesday.

Rev. J. L. McCord of Loving was in Graham Tuesday.

Sam Haggard of Proffitt was here Wednesday on business.

Buy your groceries this month from R. L. Reed & Co.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stephenson, a boy, Tuesday, the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Street returned Friday from a visit to Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Ruel Young of Henry Chapel was trading in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burgess of South Bend were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Alvin Donnell of Elia-ville spent Sunday and Monday in Graham.

A. M. Eddleman of Padgett was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Mesdames Gay and Mugg of Newcastle were Graham visitors Tuesday.

When looking for high-class amusement go to the New Electric.

Mrs. G. W. Gowens of Lower Tonk Valley was shopping in town Tuesday.

Misses Rudelle and Mary Seddon of Tonk Valley were in the city Saturday.

R. L. McLaren of Bunker was a visitor at The Reporter office Big Monday.

Misses Alice Gibbs and Johnnie Stringer of Orth were in the city Tuesday.

Chas. Sanders and L. Edward of Jean were business visitors in Olney Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moore of Flint Creek were Graham visitors Big Monday.

We are still selling the Ford cars. New cars always in stock. tf. Graham Auto Supply Co.

Mrs. John Bullock of Briar Branch was shopping in the city Big Monday.

Miss Catherine Craig is suffering with a severe attack of tonsillitis this week.

J. G. Parsons of Gooseneck made us a pleasant call while in town Big Monday.

G. W. Burgess of South Bend was here Monday on business and came to see us.

For breakfast try a box of Swift's Premium sliced bacon at R. L. Reed & Co.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall will fill his regular appointment at Tonk Valley at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Mesdames D. F. Ford and Roy Wheat of Loving were in the city shopping Tuesday.

E. H. Corley of the Flat Rock community was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

G. H. Crossland of Farmer called at The Reporter office Monday while in the city.

W. R. Dollins of the Indian Mound community made The Reporter a visit Wednesday.

E. S. Graham purchased a Ford touring car from the Graham Auto Supply Co., Monday.

G. W. Vernon and O. S. Perkins of Olney were visitors at The Reporter office yesterday.

J. O. Jones and D. D. Whitt of Jean were pleasant visitors at The Reporter office Monday.

Walter E. Baker of Loving was in the city Monday mixing with the big crowd.

R. F. Mitchell and W. E. Crick of Oakland were callers at The Reporter office Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Petty and Miss Bessie Petty of Red Top were shopping in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Robbins and daughter, Miss Delilah, were in the city Big Monday from Tonk Valley.

Miss Sarah Hardy and Mrs. Dick Leberman of True were shopping in the city Tuesday.

Log Cabin Maple Syrup, guaranteed pure—try it with early breakfast cakes.

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Mrs. W. L. and Miss Effie Wadley were pleasant visitors at The Reporter office yesterday.

Dr. R. A. Duncan left Tuesday morning to attend the Medical Association at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. F. E. Borchardt of the Indian Mound community was shopping in Graham Wednesday.

Edgar Craig of the Dakin community was a pleasant visitor at The Reporter office yesterday.

J. I. Morren of Bryson was among the Big Monday crowd and made The Reporter a visit while here.

D. A. Nicklas of Fox Hollow was mingling with the Big Monday traders and while here made us a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones are in charge of the Belmont Hotel during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jones.

Mrs. F. M. Danley of Lone Star was shopping in the city Monday and made The Reporter a pleasant call while here.

Mrs. R. J. and Miss Mamie Johnson and Mrs. Barnett of Newcastle were trading in the city Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Griffin left for Wichita Falls Tuesday. Dr. Griffin will attend the Medical Association there.

S. R. Jeffery returned last week from Mexia. Mrs. Jeffery and Miss Adele remained for a short visit before returning home.

Will Seddon of Tonk Valley and little niece, Susie Timmons, of Elbert were pleasant visitors at The Reporter office Tuesday morning.

All who are interested in the graveyard at Gooseneck come the 24th of April and let us spend the day in work.

W. A. Ribble.

Miss Violet Johnson of Elia-ville is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Jones. She made The Reporter a pleasant call yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery of Memphis, Texas are spending the week with their daughter, Mrs. F. M. Burkett and family.

The Graham Auto Supply Co., of this city sold another one of those celebrated touring cars last week, the purchaser being Henry Axley.

Mrs. L. B. Kidwell of Cache, Oklahoma arrived Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Norman, but was called home Monday on account of sickness.

SINGING CONVENTION.

The Young County Singing Convention will meet at Padgett Sunday, April 25th. Everybody attend.

A. W. Jones, President.

J. T. Haliburton, wife and son, John, of Caddo were in the city Wednesday morning. While here The Reporter enjoyed a very pleasant call from them. John has just recently returned from Brazil, South America.

Mrs. Dollie Leberman, Misses Sarah Hardy, Johnnie Stringer and Alice Gibbs, and Mr. Geo. E. Leberman of Orth came over in Mr. Leberman's car Tuesday on a shopping expedition.

J. R. Whiteley, late of Waldron, Arkansas, has purchased a fine farm about 4 miles east of Graham in the Oakland community. He made The Reporter a pleasant visit Saturday.

Dr. R. A. Duncan and Tom Parkinson made a record run from Wichita Falls to Graham Wednesday in the Doctor's car, a Ford, making the trip in two hours and thirty-one minutes.

Wm. Johnson left Wednesday morning for Wichita Falls, where Mrs. Johnson is with her sister, Mrs. John Fore, who has been dangerously ill for some time and is not expected to recover.

A. J. Miller of Segoville, Dallas County, brother of Mrs. D. J. E. Clark is visiting the latter at her home in the Dakin community. He will spend a week or so there, after which he will visit relatives in Jack county and other points.

Several letters from Correspondents were left out this week owing to the great amount of testimony in the Fry case and the rush of work incident to getting out the paper short handed. We trust those Correspondents who sent in letters this week and whose letters were not printed will write again next week and accept this apology for their non-appearance.

The Wolf, Fox and Hound Men's Association met at Graham, Monday, April 12, with twenty-two members present. Eight new members were received, making a total membership of thirty-eight to date. W. B. Evans was appointed Master of Hounds and R. E. Casburn, Secretary. Next meeting will be at Graham, Monday, May 10, 1915. Members of Associations in adjoining counties are requested to meet with them.

Mr. Lamar Smith of Newcastle returned Tuesday night from Comanche, where he went last week in response to a telegram that his mother, Mrs. M. E. Smith, who had been seriously ill for many weeks, was gradually sinking. Mr. Smith arrived there last Thursday and was with her when death occurred the following Sunday. Two of his brothers and a sister were present at the funeral which took place at the cemetery near Blanket, Texas. A third brother, Mr. Jess Smith, they were unable to reach with the sad news. Mrs. Smith was a former resident of the Indian Mound community and had a host of friends there. The Reporter extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

NOTICE.

All members of Hound Men's Associations in adjoining counties are invited to meet with us Monday, May 10, 1915, at Graham, Texas.

Wolf, Fox & Hound Men's Assn. tf. J. B. Foster, Pres.

Col. W. W. Cook, formerly of Sugar Hollow, was in the city Big Monday, and while here made The Reporter a business and social call. He is pretty well worked up over the fact that the Newcastle citizens forgot to place his name on the ticket as candidate for mayor at the late city election; claiming it his prerogative, in view of the fact that he was the oldest Mayor in that section of country. Inasmuch as his attorney is at present attending court at Wichita Falls, he thought he would not contest the election.

We sell a large bottle of Library Paste, with brush for 5 cents. Graham Printing Co.

Presbyterian Church.

The public is cordially invited to services Sunday morning and night; also Sunday school at 9.45 a. m. and Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.

Gaines B. Hall.

To Our Readers.

We wish to assure our many readers that the testimony in the Fry trial as reproduced herein can be depended on as absolutely correct.

Mr. F. A. Kessler has been right on the ground with an expert stenographer from the minute that the first witness was placed upon the stand till the last word of testimony was given; and we have eliminated only the non-essential portions, as descriptions, etc., with which you are already acquainted.

Priscilla Club.

The Priscilla Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Evans Mabry. Guest present was Mrs. James Montgomery of Memphis, Texas. Hour of meeting was changed from 3 to 4 o'clock. The Club meets next week with Mrs. W. A. Morris.

The Little Old School House or the Consolidated School—Which?

We are hoping to have three of our schools unite this year," said one little woman to me, and from the same community came one who said, "Some people is a-tryin' to git all them schools in one, but if my vote counts for anything they ain't a-join' to do it. It's jest foolishness." And I said nothing, fearing to hurt rather than help.

But my mind went back to a county I visited several years ago in farmers' institute work. Had I been looking for all that was least desirable in a country school I would have found much of it there—unbeautiful, unventilated, uncurtained, unequipped.

Last week I went back to the same community. The schools had consolidated. The building a large, clean, white, structure, stood in beautiful woods out beyond the edge of town.

There were no dull, staring eyes at each window as we drove up; one of the older students came and greeted us simply and as cordially as though the school had been his own home. He led us in and introduced us to the lady teachers, three in number. And social ease is no small part of the training a student may gain at school.

The school interior was clean and orderly. It was plainly to be seen that much care had been given to the curtains, wall decorations and other things which cultivate the sense of the beautiful in home decoration.

The children marched to music into a fine, large auditorium, where they sang heartily and happily. Every one in the institute party was struck with the decorum, the intelligent and sustained interest in the speeches, of even the little children. When asked to sing or play on the piano between talks there was no hanging back. It was a joy to see.

"Could this be possible in the little single room school house?" I asked one member of the party. "No," was the reply, "for where is the little school that can afford to pay for three such capable and well-trained teachers?" And they had not as yet a domestic science teacher, but there were exhibits—good ones too—of embroidered towels, stenciled curtains, hemstitched table covers, cut work, painting, drawing, neat writing, good composition and simple color work by the students.

Were I free to choose the community in which to live I think it would be one in which my children could go to school such as that I describe—yes, I think I would. Wouldn't you? Progressive Farmer.

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yesterday afternoon. She testified in part that Ed Johnson came up to Fry's office and that he, Johnson, Fry and R. M. Todd went into the back office together and closed the door.

This was in rebuttal to the testimony of Ed Johnson where he said he did not talk to Fry in his office and that Todd was not there when he, Johnson, was in Fry's office.

This concluded the testimony of both sides and the defense asked till the morning to prepare their argument. Court will reconvene at 9 a. m. when Judge Nicholson will give his charge to the jury.

DYING DECLARATION OF TOM CHERRYHOMES

"We were in the hall. I told Riley to watch and stay away from the Court House. He said we would go to post oak tree. Pat Carlton said to us put up your hands, you — — I told him I would not put up anything. Pat Carlton began shooting. I think other man was Rufe Todd. I know it was Todd. There were three of them. Small man was the third man. I fired my pistol as fast as I could shoot. I know Pat Carlton made the talk. I know it was him. I was not scared. Pat Carlton said '— put them up,' the other man said 'put them up.' I don't know how many there was. Dollins went to get more cartridges when I felt a little sick. Riley shot his pump gun. Shot several times and ran."

The defendants rested their case at 9:30 Thursday morning, after having finished the cross examination of Pete Fry, and having placed on the stand Mrs. R. M. Todd and Mrs. E. W. Fry, who corroborated the testimony given by their husbands as to the time the defendants left their homes and returned.

W. P. Stinson was placed on the stand in rebuttal and not much was brought out that was material.

Attorney Fred Arnold had testified upon direct examination that he had, as Fry's attorney, requested Judge Stinson to allow him to look at the papers in question. This Judge Stinson flatly denied. Mr. Arnold stated that he had made two such requests of Judge Stinson.

Riley Dollins was next placed on the stand in rebuttal, denying in toto the statements of Judge Fry as to pre-arrangement of the hold-up, but defense shook his testimony considerably on account of the fact that he said he did not run at the time of the shooting and Cherryhomes' dying declaration and Fry's testimony stated that he did.

B. A. Gatlin followed Dollins in rebuttal, who denied the statement of Todd that he (Gatlin) knew of the circumstances surrounding the hold up.

H. M. Jones, Sr., was next called in rebuttal and stated that he did not know whether anyone called Todd from the hotel. Stated that Todd did not leave the hotel office, crossing himself on the statement that Todd took Lischke to Doc Carlton's room. Doc Carlton had testified that Todd brought Lischke to his (Doc's) room. This testimony in rebuttal did not carry the State's point.

Ed Johnson, who has figured considerably in the trial, and whom the defendants contend was in the frame up with them, was placed on the stand to offer rebuttal testimony. On direct examination Johnson flatly denied any connection with the case at all.

At the conclusion of Johnson's testimony the statement made by J. B. Lischke at Wichita Falls just after his arrest, was offered, and the Court took the statement in charge to pass upon its admissibility.

Arguments in the case will likely start Saturday morning, and it is thought that attorneys on each side will be given unlimited time to present their arguments.

The testimony of some of the last witnesses will appear next week. This is made necessary owing to the fact that the stenographer was kept at his post in the court room and did not have sufficient time to transcribe his notes before time of going to press.

Want Ads

For Sale—Second cutting of Johnson grass hay, 35c per bale delivered in Graham.

tf. L. H. Chambers, Rt. 1.

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Lost—Light colored dress coat, between depot and Belmont Hotel, Tuesday. Return to Belmont Hotel. J. M. Jones

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D. G. VICK.