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ALLEGED FORGERS CAUGHT BY SHERIFF

ARRESTED AT OLNEY LAST MONDAY AND PLACED IN JAIL

Victim of Bogus Check is Farmer Near Newcastle.

Two young men, claiming Denton county as their home, and giving their names as Geo. Patterson and David Hawthorne, were arrested by Sheriff Mal M. Wallace Monday in Olney, and brought to Graham. They were charged with forgery and passing forged checks.

It is stated that on last Saturday they presented a check at Newcastle with the name of a well known farmer of that vicinity signed to it, and the check proving a forgery they were arrested by Constable Munsey, but turned loose when they made the amount of the check good.

No doubt they felt good in getting out of the tangle so easy and decided to try their hand again. The second time no such luck attended their scheme, as this time the sheriff was notified and he brought them to Graham, where they are cooling off in the little rock house on the hill.

The jail only has two cells, one of which is occupied by a woman, the other by five men, so it must be pretty close quarters up there.

Just why men think they can violate the law nowadays and get off with it is hard to understand. With from one to several hundred peace officers in the towns and cities of the state a man has a slim chance to get by with any meanness.

Priscilla Club.

The first meeting of the Priscilla Club in this, the new year, was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. Widmayer. As it was a business meeting, almost every member of the club was present. Mrs. Widmayer, assisted by Mesdames Mabry and Morris and Misses Graham, served most delicious refreshments, consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, cheese straws, cake, nut charlotte and chocolate; after which the meeting was called to order, and new officers were elected.

The new officers are as follows: Mrs. John Pohlman, president; Mrs. Hattie Miller, vice president; Mrs. C. W. Johnson, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Albert Kay and Mrs. R. Bryan, reporters.

Then came the most enjoyable part of the afternoon's entertainment, that of drawing for the New Year gifts brought by the members. It was quite evident the Priscillas had been busy, for there were crocheted hand bags and towels, fancy-work bags, hand-made handkerchiefs and collars, and many other pretty things too numerous to mention.

At a late hour, the meeting was adjourned to meet next week at the home of Mrs. J. Hall Bowman.

"Could you be satisfied with love in a cottage, dearest?" sighed the poor young man. "Certainly I could, but there must be a breakfast room, a music room, parquetry flooring and a big marble fireplace in the front hall," replied the young girl who really loved him. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

MRS. H. M. ORR DEAD

Mrs. Minnie Belle Orr, wife of H. M. Orr, of the Jean community, died of heart failure at the family home last Saturday afternoon about 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Orr was in the cow lot milking when she was stricken. Her husband was away from home at the time, and death came before Mr. Orr or the physician reached her.

The remains were brought to Graham Monday, Rev. G. W. Black conducting the funeral services at the Baptist church.

Interment was held in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Before marriage Mrs. Orr was Miss Minnie Belle Willis, and on next Monday would have been 31 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Orr were married in 1900 and to this union seven children were born, six of whom survive; four boys and two girls. Besides the husband and children she is survived by three sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Henderson of Oklahoma, Will Willis of Oklahoma, Misses Lula and Maud Willis, who were making their home with the deceased, and Chas., Jess and Bud Willis, of True, Texas.

The three last named of those living away were present at the funeral.

Mrs. Orr professed religion early in life and at the age of twelve years joined the Baptist church, remaining a faithful member until the day of her death.

The Reporter joins the many friends of the deceased in extending condolence to the bereaved relatives.

Birthday Party.

On last Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2, from four to six, Master Robert Fowler entertained a number of his little friends, in celebration of his eighth birthday anniversary. Robert issued the invitations himself.

The amusements offered were such as to delight boys—the usual tail-less donkey afforded much pleasure. Master Howard Farmer was awarded the prize, a boy's game, in this contest.

Fire works on the lawn afforded delight to the youngsters, after which they traced an intricate "spider web." of strings. At the end of the cord after much winding and unwinding, each guest found his favor, a bird whistle, which was immediately put into use. A large pink birthday cake, bearing the eight candles, was the center of attraction in the dining room. The pretty cake was afterward cut, the dimes and button falling to the fortunate ones.,

Mrs. Charles Hutchison assisted Mrs. Fowler in serving cake, grape juice and pop-corn balls. Many delightful boyish remembrances were left for Robert at the close of the evening

The following comprised the party: Masters Jerry Stinson, George and Archie Lee Walstead, Hilliard Mabry, Charles Edwin and Raymond Lee Hutchison, Clifford Hall, Noel Widmayer, Gaston Hallam, Peyton Phillips, Byron Rickman, Warren Taliaferro, Cordell and Litt Fulps, Doak Matthews, Howard Farmer, Jo Hall Morrison, Leroy and Dillon Smith, T. J. Price, Jack Martin, Herman Morton, and Robert's cousins, little Misses Annie Lucille Morrison, Louise and Alice Graham and his sister, Gladys Fowler.

Elder S. J. N. Martin is moving from Bryson to the Cornelius place just east of town. He was in town Wednesday and made The Reporter a visit, stating while here that he would now call Graham home.

LES HIBOUX

Miss Lillian Manning entertained the Auction Bridge Club on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. George Walstead of Peacevale.

Four games were played, Mrs. M. K. Graham winning high score prize, a dainty piece of crochet, while the consolation fell to Mrs. Will Norman, a deck of cards. The guest prize, two hand made handkerchiefs, was presented to the honoree. The hostess then served delicious refreshments of hot chocolate with whipped cream, fruit and white cake.

Those present: Mesdames F. Parrish, Fowler, Hutchison, M. K. Graham, Stovall, Arnold, J. Gay, Norman, and Wadsworth; Misses Bladen Garrett, Aline Johnson, Eula Logan, Dorothy Graham. Invited guests, Mrs. Crouch of McKinney, Mrs. Henry Criswell, Mrs. Walstead and Miss Lucille Miller.

Literary Society

On last Wednesday the C. L. S. C. held its meeting with Mrs. Gaines B. Hall. There were only a few members present but the usual club work was done.

Roll call was answered with "Favorite Heroines." The papers were from the book, "Through England With Tennyson."

Mrs. McLendon gave a talk on "Hawarden." Mrs. Virgil Tidwell conducted the review on the lesson.

Mrs. A. A. Morrison read one of Tennyson's poems from "In Memoriam."

Mrs. McKinney will be the next hostess.

The sheriff of Young county came to Graford yesterday and arrested a young man by the name of Price, who came here a few days ago and who was wanted in Young county to answer to a charge of assault with intent to murder. The sheriff left with his prisoner this morning for Jean, where the crime was committed on Christmas night. The victim of the assault, whose name we did not learn, was badly beaten up, but it is believed that he has a chance for recovery.—Graford Herald.

The Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society dispatched the box for Buckner Orphans' Home of Dallas on last Tuesday. The final valuation of the box was $60.15, something like twelve or fifteen dollars in cash. This is a splendid offering on the part of these faithful workers.

Rev. B. F. Stallings, pastor of the Christian church, and his family will leave in the course of a few weeks for Seymour to make that place their home, Rev. Stallings having been called to the pastorate of a church in that city. This estimable pastor and family are deservedly popular among our people and their departure is universally regretted. No pastor has been called to the church here as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marlin of Throckmorton came in on Tuesday night's train from a trip to Dallas. They visited Judge and Mrs. W. P. Stinson for a day or two before going out to their home at Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhoda Thompson and two little girls of Chilhowie, Mo., who have been visiting in Galveston, upon their return visited their uncle, J. L. Anderson, in Olney. They also spent a few days here last week visiting their aunt, Mrs. Creager.

Joint Installation W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle.

There will be a joint installation tonight at the Woodmen Building of the newly elected officers of the Woodmen of the World and the Woodman Circle. The public has a cordial invitation to witness the installation.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies an oyster supper will be served in the lower story of the building, where oysters will be served at 30c per plate.

Methodist Church.

Don't forget that we are in a "go to church" campaign. Be sure and come regularly in order that you may have a good record for January. We are keeping account of those present and absent.

Come next Sunday. The sermon in the morning service will be on the "Vow of Jepthah."

Let us keep up our splendid Sunday school record.

J. Hall Bowman.

Womans' Mission Society.

A call meeting of the Mission Society at the Methodist church Monday, January 11th at 3 o'clock, important business.

Every member requested to be present.

Publicity Supt.

Family Reunion at Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Casburn, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Casburn and Mrs. Alice Mills went to Newcastle Sunday to attend the reunion of the family of J. C. Casburn.

There were twenty-one present and an excellent dinner was enjoyed. It had been about four years since the family were all together.

J. C. Brown, who has been living on route 2, Olney has moved over to Indian Mound community. While in town last Wednesday made The Reporter a pleasant call.

Mrs. Omer Beckham will leave in a short time for Galveston to enter John Sealy hospital to remain for a period of two years or longer to graduate as a trained nurse.

Mrs. Lum Hinson and little daughter, Evelyn, have returned from a visit to Wichita Falls where Mrs. Hinson spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Yates.

Nat Price and family returned Sunday night from Arizona, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Price's relatives at Clifton. They were well pleased with the country and made a trip into old Mexico while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridley Jeffery left the first of the week for Arnold, Nebraska, where they will spend some time visiting Mrs. Jeffery's relatives.

Our old friend W. W. Cook, Mayor of "Sugar Hollow" spent Tuesday in the city on official business conected with that city's mining plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stovall returned Tuesday night from a holiday visit to Mrs. Stovall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jiant, of Blackwell, Texas.

Robert and Miss Lily Morrison returned to Sherman Tuesday morning where they resumed work in Austin College and Kidd-Key, respectively.

R. L. Reed is in Ft. Worth and Dallas on a business trip.

J. E. Parsons Says Littlefield Has Good Union Sunday School.

Mr. Editor and Friends:

Sunday morning came in clear and cool with a little norther, but most all our people went out to Sunday school today. This was the day to elect officers, and there were seventy-three present. I think about 75 per cent of the population, and that speaks well for the town and for the Sunday school. We have a union school.

I have seen some controversy in The Reporter about union schools, but they don't all take The Reporter out here and they have just kept on just the same as if everyone approved of that kind of a school. I think where there is not enough people to have two or more schools that one school is all right, and that all should try to get along together. We have plenty of room out here, not much in the house, but plenty outside, and if we can't get along here in a little Sunday school what would we do if we are fortunate enough to enter the pearly gates and old St. Peter would ask where we received our early Christian training, and we should say at our mother's knee and in Sunday school; do you suppose he would ask what kind of a Sunday school it was? I think not. I am very glad to have this little school here and have my children interested in it.

Homeite, you said you thought geese went south in winter, they usually do but you can't tell but one thing about a Gander and that is, he always goes towards something to eat, regardless of the weather, and so much north wind he (the Gander) may have smelled the pot boiling at the St. Louis Restaurant.

Since my last letter we have had a week of as pretty weather as could be wished for in any country. Not cold, but the ground just frozen a little all the time.

Mrs. Jesse Allen, who has been at Lubbock for a month for medical treatment has, I am glad to say, gotten almost well, and has been spending several days with our family. She will return Monday to Lubbock, after which she will go out to Brownfield, where Harry is at work. She is seemingly as well and lively as ever. We were sure glad to have her with us.

Alta has been better the past week and we feel encouraged the way she has improved since my last letter. The people have been very nice and most every day some one comes in to see how she is getting along. I have some friends in and around Graham who seldom go out and especially in the winter, I would love to call in this evening and see them, but trust that some one will. Think of the pleasure it gives to both and make this pleasant Sunday eve, the first in the year, pleasant for some one.

Silver Bell, you did not say where you had moved to but wrote from Yanceyville. I am always glad to hear from you I have known you so long and know you to be a first-class farmer and pretty good prohibitionist. You are not from Missouri, but you want to be shown some things, and not take all of the Ferguson dope until we see where he has made an effort to help the tenant farmer. When they show us we will then "fess" up, won't we Silver Bell?

Well, I hope we will not have much rain here, for Alta does better when we have clear weather, and I "kinder" like it better too. Here's hoping that we will all meet soon.

Sincerely,
J. E. Parsons.

FALSE RUMORS ABOUT KILLING

SHERIFF WALLACE NOT A GUN MAN

Report Current that He Killed a Man Emphatically Denied.

A widespread report to the effect that Sheriff M. M. Wallace had recently killed a man by shooting him with a pistol, has caused an unusual amount of talk, and details of the supposed killing have been eagerly sought.

Sheriff Wallace is no gun man. He doesn't believe in killing. In fact, he states that he has had no use for his pistol since he took the oath of office several months ago.

Sheriff Wallace told a representative of The Reporter that whenever he kills a man he will let the people know through the paper and be careful to state just how it was done, but does not relish false reports that he is a killer. No good sheriff wants to be known as a gun fighter, and Wallace is making a good sheriff.

The Reporter is glad to correct this false report, and assures its readers that it will make it a point to keep you notified of what the sheriff is doing. He is on the job all the time, not only watching for violators of the law, but catching them.

The Reporter doesn't mention every little drunk and scrap that's pulled off, but when anything of moment happens in the sheriff's department, you will find it in The Reporter.

MOUNTAIN HOME

This is Wednesday and I will write a few words this year to our good paper.

G. G. Smith of Salem has moved to Mrs. Carmack's place. We welcome them to our community.

Carl Newman of Loving came down last week and moved the rest of his things to Loving.

Dreamy Eyes, I have about decided that they need some work done on the roads down where Silver Bell lived. I can't see why she couldn't think good roads would be all right. If it had not been so muddy I think I would have done some work on that drain down there and I don't think it would have cost the county or myself one penny.

Silver Bell, I hope to meet Gov. Ferguson in heaven if he beats me there, and I hope to see you there, too. Yes, I think there are good people in all churches.

Robert McLendon of San Antonio came in Saturday to visit his mother and sister. One of his lady friends baked Grandma two nice cakes and sent them to her for a Christmas present. One of the cakes weighed eight pounds.

Bill Bunger and family and sister took dinner with Mrs. Asbury Caudill, and went from there to Mr. Hughes'. On account of the rain they never returned home until Monday.

I am very sorry to hear that Sam Smith is sick. Hope he will soon be well again.

Mrs. Mollie Ribble of Ming Bend spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunger.

School is progressing nicely. Mr. Guess is a good teacher.

Homeite.

Mrs. Magige Lamar arrived here last week from Tell City, Ind., to spend some time visiting her daughters, Mrs. J. L. Flint and Mrs. Dick Weilman.

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Weather for January.

1st to 3rd, clear and mild; 4th to 6th, rain; 7th to 9th, showers; 10th to 13th, mild and cloudy; 14th to 16th, cold wave; 17th to 20th, pleasant; 21st to 23rd, heavy rains; 24th to 27th, cold wave with rain or snow; 27th to 31st mild and pleasant.

Become reconciled to your Christmas presents as soon as possible and get back to work.

We have no fear of Gov. Ferguson reading his message to a joint house of the legislature. It would be too Wilsonian.

The fashion notes for mid-winter tell us that the women are to be flat-busted hereafter. That has been our condition for some time.

The doctors of Europe advise Huerta to return to this country for the sake of his declining health, but that gentleman understands the climatic conditions of this side too well to heed the advice.

A man came into our office the other day and wanted to swap us carpet slippers for our Christmas tie, saying his wife was making a crazy quilt, but since he wouldn't put up any boot we scorned his offer. And besides, we didn't care to go without a tie for a full year.

And now Cracks Callan wants a postoffice to every hundred of population, so more loyal democrats can get a finger in the pie. Why don't you start in Cracks, by getting a job (not position) as rural carrier, and possibly General Burleson, seeing the excellent manner in which you fill your job (not position) will promote you to a postmastership.

Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, editor of the Ft. Worth Record, is calling for economical city and county government, with more efficiency to take the place of funds called for. He points out that large and small business enterprises are using more efficient methods of carrying on business. This is not a very popular question with office holders and office seekers, but Mr. Fitzgerald doesn't seem to care. It is quite likely that he will never be a candidate for public office.

Senator Morris Sheppard is wearing a cotton suit, hoping in this way to encourage the use of cotton goods and thereby aid the Southern farmers. This is very patriotic of Senator Sheppard to set a fashion among other visitors at Washington but unless those following suit exceed Morris in avordupois, the cotton situation will not be appreciably helped.

President Wilson and his cabinet decided to comply with the request of Col. Goethals, Governor of the Canal Zone, which was that two swift United States torpedo boat destroyers be stationed at each entrance to the Panama Canal, to enforce the laws governing the Canal Zone. This precaution was necessary, due to the fact that the belligerent nations of Europe were not readily complying with the existing laws. The "Tacoma" was ordered to proceed to Panama at once and other vessels will likely follow soon.

The year of 1914 has passed into history as a memorable one, due to the beginning of the great "War of the Nations" which continues into the New Year of 1915. This great tragedy, in which one-half the world's population is engaged, overshadows every other event of the past year, although many other memorable events have occurred. The navigation of the air is now an accepted fact, leaving the usual toll of martyrs in its wake. Many startling records have been made by aviators; a few having flown continuously from twenty-five to thirty-five hours. In some instances a number of passengers have been carried; mail has been transported from point to point, showing the possibilities to be gained from the navigation of the air. Wireless telegraphy has made decided advances, direct communication having been established between continents. The possibilities of the wireless code has been proved in disasters on sea and land. Perhaps the most far reaching event of 1914, aside from the Great War, was the actual completion of the Panama Canal and its formal opening for trafic which occurred in August of the past year. This, of course, is one of the most notable achievements of modern times. The year of 1914 will long be remembered in the south, as one of unparelelled financial depression, due to the paralyzed cotton markets of the world. Financial disaster threatened the cotton growers of the South and many plans for the solution of the "problem" have been advanced by various philanthrophists. The "Buy-a-Bale" plan was adopted in many instances; the slogan "Buy and Wear Cotton Goods" was heard throughout the South; "Made in America" goods were demanded; a cotton loan fund of $135,000,000 was organized to care for the situation; the Federal Reserve Bank System, which was inaugurated and put into operation during the year, lent assistance in tiding the South through the situation—yet even now the country is still feeling the effects of the terrible conflict in Europe. The farmer has been deluged with advice, the sanest of which is "decrease of acreage in cotton and diversification of crops." The New Year finds the Mexican situation in its usual unsettled state, warring factions existing between Gen Carranza, provisional president and General Villa.

Mrs. Grammerey—"Did you have a pleasant afternoon?"

Mrs. Park—"Yes; it was almost perfect. I called on a dozen of my friends and found nine of them out."—Judge.

The Trey o' Hearts, a story of love, adventure and mystery with many thrills, will be portrayed in moving pictures at the Opera House, beginning in a short time. You'll like this picture.

Judge J. B. Park Pleads For Rural Credits to Unshackle the Farmer.

Editor Constitution: There appeared in a recent edition of The Constitution a letter of William, John Russell, headed the "High Cost of Money," that is full of wisdom. He says "One of the great drawbacks in the way of progress and prosperity in the South is the high cost of money." This is undoubtedly true, and this has been a millstone around the people of this section from the close of the civil war down to the present time. If the people of this section could have the surplus over 8 per cent that they have paid since 1865 for money and time prices on merchandise, we would have one of the richest countries on the globe. The cotton crops from that time to the beginning of the European war have brought enough money to have enriched the entire southern states, but high rate of interest on money and the enormous time prices for goods have left a great many of the people "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

The lien laws that were enacted directly after the war caused many of our citizens to create a lien on property that was not in existence, and the effects of these laws created fictitious property, high rate of interest, unnecessary purchases and in the end, desolation and ruin to many.

Mr. Russell says "the rate of 8 per cent is too high to allow any reasonable chance of success for legitimate, ordinary, conservative enterprise. Our farmers cannot succeed under the present rate of interest for money at the price they receive for their products. I know from sad experience. The same may be said of the man who tries to build, improve and beautify our cities." I fully indorse all that is said in this extract from Mr. Russell's letter.

"The farmers in the South who procure money at 8 per cent per annum are the favored few. The great majority of them pay a much higher rate, ranging from 10 to 15 per cent per annum for money and from 10 to 50 per cent per annum for merchandise purchased at time prices. The way to remedy an evil and bring about reforms successfully in this world is not to attack individuals so much, but the proper thing to do is to attack and destroy the system under which the evils exist.

"I do not mean to create the impression that I favor the reckless loan of money. If any person desires to borrow money from any individual he ought to be able to give undoubted security for the money, if necessary. What I mean to convey is, if a person can give undoubted security for money, our financial system ought to be so shaped that he can get the money at a reasonable rate of interest. Under what principles of morals or justice should money issued by the United States be worth in Virginia and other states 6 per cent and in Georgia 8 per cent? Some people go on the theory that money is a commodity and is worth what it will bring. This is a fallacious idea and in repugnance to all the teachings of political economy. I am speaking of money for legitimate business and not for speculative purposes.

To show that this is no new idea of mine, in 1912 when congress had under consideration the question of removing the restrictions on national banks loaning money on lands, I wrote to Senator Smith indorsing this law and among other things, said, "What we need in this country is cheaper money for the agricultural interest. We hear much as to the cause of the want of progress in this country, especially here in the South. In my humble opinion the true cause of the depression is the high rate of interest and credit prices. If we could have cheaper money like the farmers of France and Germany, it would be to the interest of all classes in every legitimate business."

The present stagnation in business in the South goes to prove that all are either directly or indirectly dependent for success on the prosperity of the tillers of the soil. The rapid progress that has been made in our cities for the last ten years is due to a great extent from the fact that the farmers received something for the products of their labor, and the surplus that some of our large banks show in their statements is due mainly to this fact.

Under the present depression that envelops the Southern people, if our banks would let it be known that money could be borrowed on first-class security at the rate of 6 per cent, in the end it would redound to the prosperity of all legitimate business.

In the above letter to Senator Smith I also suggested that national banks should be placed on the same footing as to interest charges that govern individuals and state banks, and called his attention to the decision of our supreme court to the case of the First National Bank of Dalton vs. McEntire, 112 Ga., 2 2, where the court decided that under the federal law the penalty prescribed by the state's laws for charging usury did not apply to such banks. Congress has the power to remedy the evil, but whether it will do so or not is another question.

What has become of our anticipated national law as to the establishing "Rural Banks" for the benefit of the farmers as contained in the platform of the Baltimore convention? I presume, from what I have seen in the newspapers, that our democratic senators and representatives are gradually approaching this provision, but a great many of our people will be ruined financially unless something is quickly done along this line. I would also like to know why some steps cannot be taken by congress under the present environments to transport our cotton to European markets? We are told by Bremen importers that if the American government will send the cotton to Germany in vessels flying our flag, that 19 cents will be given for it. We southern people are not mendicants, but as we are helping to pay the emergency revenue taxes under present conditions, why cannot our great nation do something for our relief? Why not use the army transports for sending the cotton to foreign countries, if necessary?

For the good of the entire people of the United States I hope the present congress will pass some law for our relief, and pass it quickly before the greater part of the cotton crop is out of the hands of the producers.—James B. Park in Atlanta Constitution.

A BIBLE RIDDLE

I will give a Bible to the first person sending me the correct answer to the following riddle. If more than one correct answer is among the first received the first one read will count. Can you give the scriptures referred to in each verse of poetry?

J. H. FISHER,
Graham, Texas.

God made Adam out of dust,
But thought it best to make me first,
So I was made before the man,
To answer God's most holy plan.

My body God did make complete,
But without arms or hands or feet,
My ways and acts He did control,
But to my body gave no soul.

A living being I became,
And Adam gave to me my name,
I from his presence then withdrew,
And more of Adam never knew.

I did my Maker's laws obey,
And from them never went astray,
Thousands of miles I go in fear,
But seldom on the earth appear.

For purpose wise which God did see,
He put a living soul in me,
A soul from me my God did claim,
And took from me that soul again.

For when from me that soul had fled,
I was the same as when first made,
And without hands or feet or soul,
I travel on from pole to pole.

I labor hard by day and night,
To fallen men I give great light;
Thousands of people, young and old,
Will by my death great light behold.

No right or wrong can I conceive,
The scriptures I can not believe,
Although my name therein is found,
They are to me an empty sound.

No fear of death doth trouble me,
Real happiness I ne'er shall see,
To heaven I shall never go,
Nor to the grave or hell below.

Now when these lines you slowly read
Go search your Bible with all speed,
For that my name's recorded there,
I honestly to you declare.

FARMER

We are sure having some rainy weather here.

I was glad to read another letter from the Gray-eyed Girl, I had begun to think she had gone back on The Reporter.

Am happy to know that Jack o' Diamonds is still alive. I sure enjoy reading his letters.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Cantwell, a boy, mother and baby doing fine.

J. W. Wall got his wagon out of the field Saturday. It had been there for six weeks.

Mrs. Noah Cantwell's mother, Mrs. Cox, of Markley, spent Monday and Monday night with her.

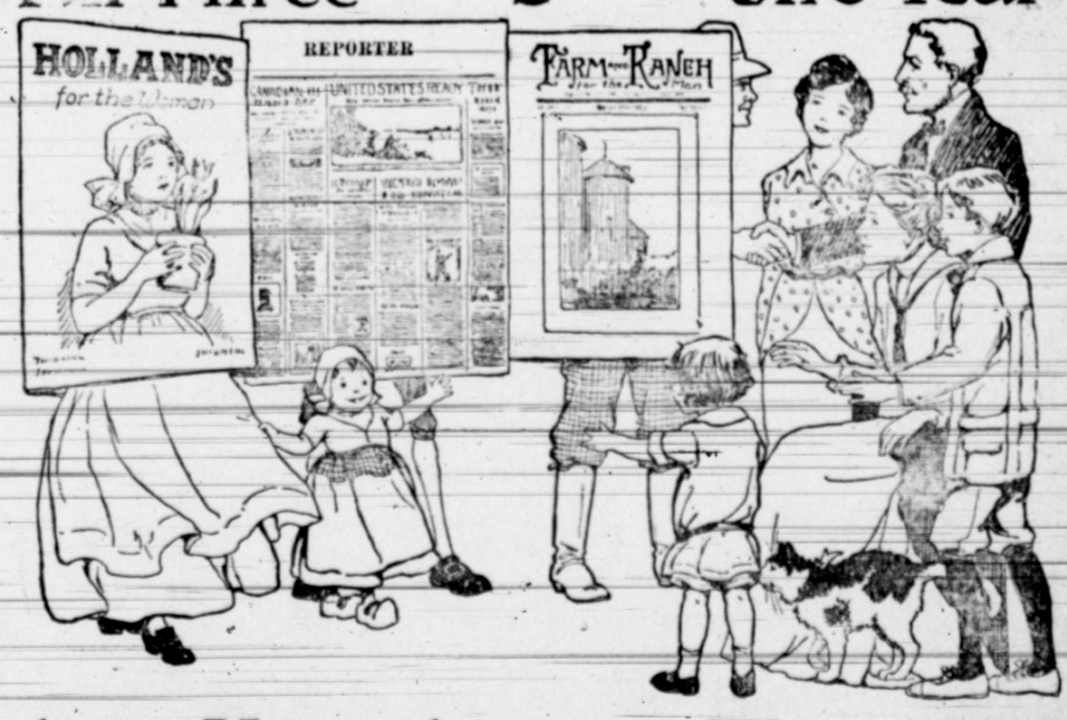
Miss Nettie Cox is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Noah Cantwell.

The musicale was well attended at Mrs. Lizzie Wall's Saturday night, and enjoyed by all present.

Ursell Baker and Alvie Garrett spent the night at J. W. Wall's Monday night. Pilot.

See George Larkin in the Trey o' Hearts at the Opera House. Watch for date of beginning.

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ROCKY MOUND

Dear Mr. Editor and Correspondents, guess you all had a nice time Christmas. I certainly did, for one.

Health is good in the community excepting bad colds. It seems like everybody has bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Parsons left for home Saturday morning, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mowery.

Miss Ida Mae Hunter visited Miss Eulia Ragland Friday night.

Mrs. R. J. Robertson was shopping in Graham Saturday.

Well, we have had a few pretty days, but seems like we are going to have some more bad weather.

A. A. Moore and family are moving to H. K. Ragland's place at Dakin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Parsons and Mrs. Addye Eaton spent an enjoyable evening at Mr. A. Kesseler's the 31st.

Mrs. Earl Rhodes spent the day Saturday at W. G. Gohlston's.

Jack o' Diamonds, we are glad your thumb is well, and also glad to have you with us again.

Joe Mowery visited Raymond Ragland Saturday night and Sunday.

Well, I wasn't at the reunion, but I met the editor Christmas, and he seems to be a jolly good fellow, and of course, we Correspondents all think he is.

Mr. and Mrs. June Brashears are visiting in the community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mowery visited at E. Mowery's Sunday.

Jim Robertson and John visited at Bob Robertson's Sunday morning.

Several of the boys went hunting Saturday night, but don't think they caught anything but bad colds.

Preston Lawrence visited the Phillips boys Sunday.

Guy Norred spent Sunday afternoon at Elbert Mowery's.

Frank Aycock spent Saturday night at Ben Raglands, near Dakin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ragland of Dakin visited the Ragland children Saturday night and Sunday, and they were accompanied home by Sadie Mae and Eula Sunday afternoon.

T. H. Brown spent Christmas with his sister in Collin county.

As it is getting late I will hand my pencil to Hollyhock, as she was absent last week.

Rocky.

HAWKINS CHAPEL

There was Sunday school Sunday, although the hour of meeting was late. The attendance was very good with good interest. We should all strive to make use of every opportunity this year for the honor and glory of our Redeemer, and for the upbuilding of His cause.

Tom Harman's family were busy the past week picking cotton.

Mrs. J. C. Cross and daughter, Mrs. Joe R. Mayes, were enjoying company last Wednesday afternoon.

There was no preaching at the Methodist church Sunday.

Carl Newman and wife visited her mother, Mrs. Carmack, of Graham last week. He also went to Bunger after another load of machinery.

Mr. Strickling and family visited relatives at Loving Sunday.

Tom Thigpen and family moved last week to the place of Mr. Ward's over on the north side of the community.

Walter Baker and family were busy in their cotton the last of the week.

Jim Oatman and family were the guests of her parents Sunday and Saturday.

The old year passed out very softly and the New Year came in with the stillness of the midnight hour. So each of us have the priviledges, responsibilities, duties, opportunities, sorrows and joys which are in store for us in this glad and happy new year. There may be few or many, we cannot tell which. God alone knows, be that as he wills, may we not lightly treat one of them; but may we make use of them each as the gifts from the Merciful Father, and the world be made better by the lives we live this year, and a blessing to those we come in contact with. Let's each scatter the sunshine everywhere we go, and most of all prepare for the summons to come up where Jesus will be the Great Light by night as well as by day, for we will need no light except the presence of Jesus, the true light "that shineth more and more unto that perfect day." If we can only take Jesus as our great example and pattern here then all will be well when this fleeting life is over, and we hear the command "Come, your pilgrimage below is o'er."

May the blessings of the Father rest upon the readers of The Reporter, and upon our state and nation this year.

Rube Loftin has rented his place for another year.

We are having some damp, cloudy weather today (Monday.)

I will quit as it is school time. Violet.

ROCK CREEK

As I was absent last week will try and give a few sketches of the week's happenings.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burk returned home Tuesday from a visit to Tonk Valley, where they spent several days during the holidays.

Miss Fannie Stoffers, the Rock Creek school teacher, visited the home folks in Graham from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. Annie Johnson and brother, Richard Pogue, spent Christmas with their brother and father of Graford.

C. L. Foster of Union Ridge spent a few days with J. D. Burk last week.

Oh! well, I got the good old Reporter last night and read the letters, and I think Santa Claus came to see all of you. He certainly came to see me.

Jolly Girl, I thank you for your pencil. I would have liked to have been at the reunion but I have more than one reason for not going. As I don't think it necessary will not name them.

Oh, yes! Candy Kid, I have learned something on you. Jolly Girl, if you paid strict attention to her letter where she was telling about the Christmas tree, she said, "We hope Santa Claus will come with lots of enjoyment for the 'old' as well as the young." Yes, Candy Kid, I know now why you said "old."

The party at C. A. Olree's Friday night was just splendid. Everybody reports a jolly good time.

Messrs. Milton Harmon and Jesse Foster went hunting Saturday. While hunting they ran a rabbit under a rock and Mr. Harman stuck some kind of a twister under the rock and upon pulling it out found he had three rattlesnakes, two of them being very large. Believe me, I think that has the record beat for this time of year, for killing snakes.

J. D. Burk and son, Tug, made a business trip to Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Foster visited in Bryson Saturday.

D. W. Burk visited home folks Sunday.

Misses Inez and Hazel, and brother, Jack Cook, returned to Bryson Sunday, where Miss Inez will begin her school Monday.

Silver Bell, stay wid 'em, I like your letters fine.

It still continues to rain in this part of the world. I think old Pide will get to go into the cotton patch before long if it keeps raining.

Here, Jolly Girl, is your pencil. Daisy Flat.

DUFF PRAIRIE

How are all you Correspondents this rainy Sunday night? I don't think it will ever stop raining. That is just all right though, let it rain.

John Stone of Sweetwater, Texas, is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Lucian Adams and wife spent last Monday night and Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Groene.

Mrs. Floyd Burgess is on the puny list.

Sorry little Louvenia Rogers is very sick with pneumonia. A physician was called to see her yesterday (Saturday). We hope to report her much improved next week.

Silver Bell, I hear you have moved not many miles from me. I would be glad for you to come to see me, and I want to compliment your letter this week. It was sure good. All the others were good, too, but somehow I thought yours was especially good.

J. W. Crabtree and son, Barney, left Friday afternoon for Albany on a business mission.

Bird Stringer and wife of Devil Bend visited her sister, Mrs. Sid Copeland, a few days.

M. M. Kraft was in town last Tuesday on business.

Bob Connell helped Sanford Mapin of Ivan move Friday.

Well, this is our second letter for the new year. We should all make this a good year for Mr. Editor.

Edd Richardson and George Valentine went down on the creek Thursday.

John Groene was in town Saturday with cotton.

Our school begins tomorrow with Miss Cecil Haliburton of Bee Branch as teacher. She taught our first school a few years so we know she will have a good school.

For fear I take up too much space from some good writer, I will hand my pen to June Roses.

Sorrell Top.

GOOSENECK

As this is a rainy day, and I am very lonely I will just drop The Reporter a few lines.

I certainly did enjoy the letters this week. Every one was telling how they enjoyed the reunion and Christmas.

D. D. Parsons and family of Megargel spent a few days with J. G. Parsons and family.

Miss Cora Rose visited her brother, Mack, and wife at Salem Thursday night.

Misses Edna and Mae Wiley spent Tuesday with Miss Cora Rose.

J. A. Ferguson and family have moved to the Uncle Julius Driver farm.

Mrs. Emma Dalrymple is reported on the sick list.

R. L. McLaren and H. M. Johnson killed hogs Tuesday.

Frank and Alfred Parsons attended a party at Mr. Mullenax's Tuesday night.

Born, to Herman Johnson and wife, a fine boy.

Oscar James and wife, Miss, Rose, Mrs. Odel Johnson and Mesdames Don Parsons and Joe Parsons all went to see the new baby at H. M. Johnson's Wednesday.

Will Pryor started with a load of furniture to Stephens county Sunday, where he will live another year.

That's right Homeite, the Gander got to the reunion in good time and had a good time.

R. L. McLaren says there is nothing like being grandpa.

Frelon Wiley and wife spent Sunday with home folks.

Uncle Billy Higgins spoke on the war Saturday night, and preached Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Rose visited her children in Salem Friday night.

As news is very scarce I will ring off and hand my pencil to Rainy Day. Gander.

MONUMENT

After an absence of two weeks thought I would write again. As it is the beginning of a new year we should try to make our paper the best in Texas by being present every week.

As I see there were several of the Correspondents at the reunion I sure wish I could have been present, but on account of the bad weather could not. Hope to be present next reunion.

It is still raining down here and there is lots of cotton to pick.

M. D. Maples moved Friday to Proffitt, where he will make his home in future. We are sorry to lose our friend and neighbor.

Our school is progressing nicely with about fifty-five pupils. There will be a literary at the school house some time this month, don't know the exact date, but will tell you all when I learn. Everybody is invited to come.

Jack o' Diamonds, I know you and Kid can come, for you all live close enough, so I will look for you both that night.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. W. B. Harrison has been very sick, but is improving at this writing. We hope she will be able to be out in a day or two.

W. T. Long will leave Wednesday for Dallas on business.

J. A. Askew has moved to Ming Bend, where he will live this year.

L. C. Deering went wolf hunting Saturday night but was unable to follow the dogs so he returned home. But this (Sunday) evening very late one of his wolf hounds passed here going home. He had the foot of a wolf tied around his neck and we just supposed the dogs caught the wolf some distance from home and some one had tied the foot around his neck so Mr. Deering would know they caught the wolf. The dog looked as if he had traveled a long distance.

As I haven't been visiting for some time don't know any news. Will write more next time. Tempest and Sunshine.

CENTER POINT

As Christmas is over will write to the good old Reporter once more. How did you all enjoy Christmas? It was a pretty dull one with me.

How did you all like the reunion? It sure was fine. I guess Kid can tell you all how I enjoyed the dinner as he sat next to me. Bashful Ben like to have gotten there too late, but he wasn't a bit bashful though.

Mrs. Viola Clark and little children of Lone Star have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clay of this place the past week.

And there is Jack o' Diamonds back again, after a long absence. I didn't think he would be able to get back so soon after the reunion. Jack said his sore thumb didn't bother him at all while at the St. Louis Restaurant. The St. Louis Restaurant feeds well, don't it Jack?

No, Candy Kid, my mother didn't teach me that there was no good in Sunday school, although she didn't teach me that there was any good in them. I always go on my own account and not to satisfy some one else. You are a teacher of a class are you? Oh, yes! you teach the little ones, do you? i. e. you hand the cards to them but can't explain the pictures on the cards, is that it? We all know that "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men." Candy Kid, do you remember what the editor said? Just let her come, that is all right, you can't make Kid-o mad.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clay and little daughter, Loice, of Damern were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clay of this community last Friday.

We have been having several dances and parties during the holidays and also had a Christmas tree at Sam Newman's, with many nice presents. After the Christmas tree was over we had a dance. All reported a fine time.

No, Kid, some of us about like Kid-o are not very good writers, but sure were good stayers at the St. Louis Restaurant the 19th.

I got acquainted with several of the Correspondents at the reunion, but most of them just by their pen name, but I hope there will come a time when I will know you all personally, and I sure was proud to meet our good editor also.

Messrs. Ray Durham, Fred and Jim Green, Alvie McCoy and Beryl Clay were the guests of Orvil Monroe today (Sunday).

Will hand my pencil to the Gray-eyed Girl and skiddoo.

Kid-o.

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Live News from our Correspondents

EDITOR'S CHAT.

A lady who has been reading The Reporter for a long time has brought a severe indictment against some of our Correspondents. She states that they allow personal prejudice to enter into their letters, not so much that they say hard things about people, but that they fail to mention them entirely. She thinks a Correspondent should represent the whole community, regardless of whether or not the Correspondent personally likes every person in the community. In other words, she thinks you should mention the happenings of every family.

In this she is entirely right. Each Correspondent is really conducting a newspaper for the community in which he or she lives, and to do this successfully everyone in the community should have fair treatment.

But the good lady also admitted a shortcoming on her part. She freely admitted that she had never taken the trouble to call up the Correspondent in her community and give that Correspondent what news items she had. If the people living in each community would do this we feel sure that very few would have cause to grumble at the treatment given them by the Correspondent. And where the Correspondent has no telephone they could very easily send a note by a passerby. It takes co-operation to make a good newspaper, and we trust our Correspondents and readers will co-operate to that extent that each community is well represented.

And now a word to the Correspondents about their letters. Last week several reached the office on Thursday, too late for them to be put in type. Those who have missed seeing your letters in print please remember that when they reach here later than Wednesday it is impossible for us to get them in that week's issue, and naturally supposing you will write on time the next week, your old letters are destroyed. We regret very much to have to leave out a letter, but when they come in late we have no other alternative.

Editor.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Just to think that my Uncle Zeke doesn't know the difference in "strait" and "straight!" Now, I used to stand on top of Spring Creek ridge in "uncle Bill's" peach orchard on those beautiful clear days peculiar to "sunny Tennessee" and while feasting on the lucious red-cheeked peaches my boyish eyes would feast on the wondrous dark blue line, which to my notion, encircled the extreme northern edge of everything in earth, sea and sky. For indeed, it seemed to me that the aerial blue came down and united with the blueblack, cloud-like line to the northward, which they told me was the Blueridge. Ah! how awe inspiring has the memory of that scene ever been to me! I would think, "Some day, when I get to be a man, I will go over and see that wonderful country" but not one time did I ever dream that my Uncle Zeke was among the wonderful inhabitants of that mythical country.

But, now comes my Uncle Zeke and upsets all my reverence for the blue northern boundary of the universe, as pictured by my boyish fancy. To think that a great man like my Uncle Zeke, bred and born in the great Blue Ridge country, should be asking his little nephew, Plow Boy, to define for his benefit the difference in "strait" and "straight." But what's the use? When Uncle Zeke frankly admits that he has not observed one point as made by A Reader and Plow Boy in that wonderful debate on the Sunday school question, we are forced to say, he is indeed a very sorry judge of good literature. Why my dear Uncle Zeke, there was nothing else but "points" in that discussion. Sharp, too, and dagger-like,' and if you are unable to see a point how could you be expected to see whether or not a "strait" is straight or crooked? Now, Uncle Zeke, I feel pretty much toward you as Bill Barney felt toward his uncle John. Bill said he thought his uncle John knew everything, and as there was a good deal of speculation as to whether on not there was going to be war (civil war) so he decided the would see uncle John and settle the question, in so far as his own mind was concerned. The opportunity soon came Bill said, as his uncle John came to spend the night with them. But in answer to his question uncle John said: "I do not know Billy."—I lost respect for him right then. If my Uncle Zeke had gone to Sunday school instead of eating persimmons in his young days he would know the difference between "strait" and "straight" whether the Bible says anything about Sunday school or not.

I appreciate your compliment Rocky, and welcome you to our band. Stay with us and we will sure have a 'rocky" time.

We beg pardon of Reporter readers for getting the announcement of Rev. Hall wrong last week. It should have read at 3 o'clock p. m. instead of 11 a. m.

Ye scribe and W. C. Wragg boarded the west bound "limited" last Friday morning and ran out to Murray, and three miles beyond, which put us over in the Live Oak community. We saw our old friends Rand and Bill Cole, former residents of Miller Bend. We spent the night at Bill's hospitable home. Was sorry to find Mrs. Cole and little daughter, Cecil, quite sick with la grippe. We hadn't seen Rand's family since he married and it seemed strange to see two sweet little ones playing around his knees. Aunt Polly Reeves is spending some time with Rand and Bill now. Aunt Polly has a good home in Miller Bend, where she told me she lived for twenty years. But she is just having a good time now among friends and relatives, and is giving them a good time, too; for she is cheerful and is an interesting talker. Said she came recently from Albany, in an automobile, which mode of travel is a little faster than she likes.

We were also in sight of the Live Oak school house and the beautiful home of More Anon. Wonder why More Anon doesn't write any more.

We also saw and had a pleasant chat with Mr. Cusenbary, our ex-County Clerk's father.

All this advice the farmer is getting now is like all other cheap stuff, no good. Besides, the wind farmers who are furnishing it are wasting their wind. Because, if the farmer was disposed to inflate himself with it he could not do so, for the very simple reason that he is ruined if he does, and he is ruined if he doesn't. If he plants a big cotton crop he will likely do without the necessities of life, and if he doesn'e plant it he cannot get supplies while he tries to make his crop.

If anybody ever saw a longer spell of bad weather than we are now "weathering" in this country please speak out, also tell us how you "got by."

The young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore last Saturday night.

Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mrs. R. D. Mote and Mrs. W. F. Pardue spent the afternoon last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Brooks.

Mrs. J. A. Brown spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Wragg, Monday.

One very successful month of our school has passed into history. Only two holidays were taken, Christmas eve and Christmas day. Prof. Creager resumed work again Monday morning with several new pupils. Let everybody push and we will have one of the best little schools in the county.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall filled his appointment Sunday at 3 p. m. Good crowd considering bad weather. Plow Boy.

SPRING CREEK

Mr. Editor, how did you enjoy Christmas? I certainly had a fine time going to dances and parties. This is the first time I have written in three weeks.

Jim Thornton and sister, Annie, of South Bend visited friends here this week.

Jess Duncan took a load of oats to Megargel this week.

There was a dance at Alonzo Roberts' Christmas night. All who were present report a good time.

John Thomas went to Oklahoma some time ago. Mrs. Thomas intends going today (Saturday).

Misses Jennie Roberts, Lillian McNutt, Cora Vines and Annie Thornton of South Bend; Messrs. Jim Thornton, Neal Vines, Jess and Harvey Duncan were pleasant callers at Mr. Whittaker's Friday night.

Arthur Roberts and family have moved from the Morrison farm to Neal Wilborn's farm.

Miss Oma Duncan visited her sister, Mrs. Willie Roberts, last Thursday.

Dee Shannon and Miss Mattie Herring were married Friday. Mr. Shannon is a young man of good character and Miss Mattie is a young lady who is well liked by all who know her. They left for their home near Mineral Wells, after spending a few days here.

Neal Vines visited Bill Whittaker Saturday afternoon.

Jim Moody attended the dance at Charlie Whittaker's Thursday night.

Ben Lopher is moving to the Morrison farm.

Jim Thornton, sister, Annie, and Cora Vines left Spring Creek Sunday morning for Graham. They will visit Mrs. Joe Douglass at Newcastle before returning home.

Mrs. Chas. Whittaker's brother of El Reno, Texas is visiting her at the present.

Misses Lillian McNutt and Cora Vines went to Spring Creek last week.

Messrs. Neal Vines and Jess Duncan were with us Sunday quite a while.

Sunday school was not so well attended Sunday on account of bad weather.

Been trying to rain here all day. Awfully gloomy, nothing to do but sit around the fire and keep warm.

Mr. Editor, I didn't get my invitation to the reunion until Dec. 20th but it was stamped Dec. 3rd.

Plow Boy, you certainly wrote a good letter last week.

Miss Jennie Lee Roberts visited her grandmother and family last Sunday.

Little Gladys Vines is on the puny list.

Mr. Portwood called at W. T. Vines' Thursday morning.

Messrs. Harvey Portwood and Jim Moody were at Megargel Wednesday.

There was a forty-two game at Matt Brom's the twenty-ninth.

Matt Brom went to Megargel Tuesday on business.

Neal Wilborn of Megargel was in our community Wednesday.

Things around here were right lively Christmas, as we had several dances and parties.

Mose Whittaker and wife went to Wichita Falls last week to sell their turkeys and eggs.

Miss Elizabeth Whittaker returned from a visit to Ft.Worth Saturday.

Bluebird, I was kind of surprised to see a letter from you in The Reporter, you had not written in so long. I suppose you remember two letters received that you never answered.

Mesdames Alonzo Roberts and Lillie Thomas called at Mrs. Willie Roberts' Tuesday last.

If you all will excuse a sorry letter that was written by Hollyhock this week will bring it to an end. Hollyhock.

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LOWER TONK

Hello there Mr. Editor and Correspondents, what are you all doing this rainy weather?

There were some good letters last week.

I guess my letter found the waste basket, for I did not see it in print.

I see that part of the writers are absent. Let's all try to write every week.

Murry Moore took his sister and brother, Miss Eunice and Kemp Moore, up to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday to attend school there.

Miss Sallie Timmons and Miss Hallie Gray visited Miss Rudell Seddon Wednesday.

Mrs. A. H. Jones gave the young folks a party last Monday night. There was a good crowd and we sure had a time.

Miss Hallie Gray returned to Olney to attend school, after spending the holidays at home.

I see that Jack o' Diamonds has come back, and maybe we will get to read some more of his good letters which we have been missing.

There was a party at Willie Wadley's Wednesday night.

Grover Collier called at W. E. Moore's Tuesday eve.

Misses Sallie Timmons and Rudelle Seddon spent Thursday night with Miss Lillie Gray at Graham.

Cotton picking is the order of the day when it is so that they can pick. John Youngblood finished up picking cotton Friday.

Grover Collier returned home to Palestine, Texas last Friday morning.

Say, Plow Boy, I think you was mistaken about me at the table, you were so busy that you could not see me for I was sitting beside the Gander, right close to you.

Sunday school at the regular hour with 23 present. Hope there will be more next Sunday, for that is preaching day. Everybody come.

Murry Moore attended the show at Graham last Saturday night.

Word Vaughan and Murry Moore took dinner with James and Sylvester Gowens Sunday.

X. Y. Z.

TONK VALLEY

The Reporter was fine last week, although some of our best writers were absent.

X. Y. Z., I wore my paper out turning and looking so much for your letter. What was the trouble?

Poor Mr. Kid, I knew when I saw him dish out that third piece of turkey on reunion day he would have a pain in his side. Hope you will soon feel better, Mr. Kid.

Sure was glad to see your letter in print Jack o' Diamonds. Try and be present every week, for we sure do miss you when you are absent.

There was no Sunday school here Sunday. Rained all day. I think it is going to rain as long as it stayed dry last summer.

Mrs. Horace Busch and children have returned from a visit to her mother in the Indian Mound community.

Little Eula Bray has been on the sick list, but is better.

Brog Carlton of Graham was the guest of Carl Knight Sunday night.

Mr. Kurk has returned from a visit to his brother in Coryell county. He will go to work on Mr. Ruth Todd's farm in a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. Gaines B. Hall visited at Mr. Robbins' Wednesday.

Misses Sallie Timmons and Rudelle Seddon visited Miss Lillie Gray in town Thursday night.

Mrs. Ada Thomas was shopping in town Saturday.

I. V. Freeman and family moved to their new home one day last week.

There is still some cotton to pick in this community. Some will gather two crops of cotton this year, I guess.

Misses Rudelle Seddon and Sallie Timmons spent New Year's day with Miss Delilah Robbins.

Mrs. B. A. Gatlin and children of Graham visited at Mrs. Knight's Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lola Lowrey is sick, unable to attend school.

Messrs. Will Seddon and Charlie Reedy were out dragging the road Saturday.

Our school is progressing nicely. All of we girls have the first rule down pat.

For breaking "bronchs" see Prof. Burnett and Mr. Robbins. They can work them when they are knocking the backstep on the swingletree.

Grandpa Choate is ill. Some think he will not get well. He has been in bad health for some time.

Wasn't Silver Bell's letter good last week. She knows just what she is talking about, and no one can say every word she wrote wasn't true. I know of more than one home that is unhappy on account of drink.

Mrs. Knight and daughter, Belle, visited at Mrs. Killion's Friday.

Miss Viva Baugh is visiting Miss Rudelle Seddon.

Bruce George visited his mother in Lower Tonk Sunday.

Thanks Kid, for your compliment. I have heard several compliments, but that one beats them all.

Harry Hand returned to Ft. Worth Sunday, after spending two weeks at home.

Rev. Patterson preached to a small crowd last Sunday. The weather was so disagreeable only a few ventured out.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will also preach here the third Sunday afternoon.

Several from here attended the picture show in town Saturday night.

Misses Rudelle Seddon, Viva Baugh and Delilah Robbins visited the school Monday afternoon. Jolly Girl.

CEDAR CREEK

Health in this vicinity is not very good at this writing.

W. J. Cretsinger had a very bad spell of cramping Saturday but is able to be up again.

The candy breaking at Mr. and Mrs. Couger's was enjoyed by all present.

Cedar Creek has been blessed with another good rain, but we would like to see some sunshine. Wheat sowing has come to a standstill on account of so much rain.

B. P. Ritchey has moved back to our little fiat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Upham have moved on Mrs. M. C. Barron's place.

J. H. Wesley and family, John and Will Steele spent Sunday with I. H. Steele and wife.

J. H. Wesley has been clearing some new ground the past week.

Will Steele and Dick Barron made a flying trip to Ivan Friday.

Well, Dreamy Eyes, an honest confession is good for the soul, and the truth crushed to earth will rise again.

If I understand Silver Bell about the merchants and the farmer, I don't think the merchants will have anything to do but thump his head for learning the farmer such valuable lessons by not giving him credit.

Tom Hodge and family have moved over in B. P. Gann's pasture to send their children to school.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Pearl Frazior. There is to be a literary the 16th of January. Everybody come and bring some one with you.

We hope to have a fine time. I wish Jack o' Diamonds could be here, and all the rest of you good writers.

Spring will soon be here. How many of you Correspondents will be glad to see spring? I will for one.

Well, as news is scarce and my head aches I guess I had better close for this time. You all know it is pretty late in the season for roses but I just keep coming along once in a while, so good night to you.

June Roses.

PICKWICK

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents! How are you all this fine day? I am fine and want to beg your pardon for not writing that New Year's letter, but I was not at home.

It is a little late but I will wish you all a joyous New Year just the same.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weldon are the proud parents of a fine young man, who came to make his home with them the 18th of December. Jim says he is the finest boy that ever was.

The dance at A. L. Dawes' Friday night was a success with a large crowd present and every one having a fine time.

Ben and Miss Carrie Weldon spent Christmas week with their grandmother Morrow of Wizard Wells, Texas.

Billie Clay spent Christmas week visiting relatives near Jacksboro.

Wonder who A Cotton Picker is. He, she or it, said they were raised here. Where did you live A Cotton Picker when you lived here. I can't guess who you are.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wester will live on the W. O. Porter place another year.

J. P. and J. W. Nixon and family have moved from our midst. We certainly hate for them to leave us, but our loss will be Graford's gain.

Grandpa and Grandma Nixon and Miss Bertie Pierce spent New Year's night at the T. F. Weldon home.

Everybody come to the literary Friday night before the third Sunday and bring somebody with you. We have spelling one Friday night and literary the next, so you must all come.

Tom Smith made a business trip to Jacksboro last week.

Master Earl Logston spent Thursday night at Edd Costello's.

Miss Maggie Costello was on the sick list this week and had to miss school.

Several of the Pickwickers attended the party at Mr. Nicklas' Thursday night. All reported a fine time.

Silver Bell, what kind of a Christmas did you have? I sure had a fine one, wish you had been with me.

J. P. Nixon and family spent Friday night with R. A. Anderson and family.

Lester Spurlock of Lucille called at T. F. Weldon's Friday afternoon.

Ambros Agee and family spent Christmas in Mineral Wells.

My! wasn't The Reporter fine last week. Silver Bell sure had a fine letter.

You sure had better stay close to shore Dreamy Eyes, she will get you like she did me.

Where was Rainy Day last week? She must have been off taking Christmas, as well as myself.

R. A. Anderson visited Uncle Tom Weldon Sunday morning.

The cotton picking and party at Tom Clay's Saturday was fine. I didn't get to attend the cotton picking but was at the party all right. Billie won the prize for picking the most cotton. If Beauty had been there she would have run him a race.

Miss Stella Lyster spent Saturday night at E. P. Costello's and attended the party.

T. M. Clay is suffering with a hollow tooth which bothers him a great deal.

Salemite, Plow Boy, Homeite, Kid, Carrie Nation and Candy Kid all had fine letters last week.

I, for one, side Candy Kid in not having so much disputing in our paper this year as we did last. So here's hoping that we won't.

Welcome, Toughy and Buster Blue, to our happy band. Hope you both write every week.

Well, Goose, we have a man by the name of Dr. Tate down here but Jones I don't know. I think it must have been Christmas when he was there, and so you see he didn't even know his own name.

Here, June Roses, take my pen, I'm going to school.

Beauty.

MING BEND

As I was absent two weeks will try not to be any more.

Hope the editor and all the Correspondents had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Charley Newby and family, who have been visiting his parents, went to Proffitt last week to visit his sister before returning to their home in Burkburnett, Texas.

Mrs. Rena Owen and little daughter spent Wednesday at Mr. Ribble's.

S. L. Ribble, wife and two children visited O. D. Lisle Wednesday and Thursday.

Emmet Askew of Loving has moved to one of the Herron places, formerly occupied by Riley Sims. We welcome them to our community.

Health is very good at this writing though most everybody has bad colds.

Little Otis Lasater was real sick a few days the past week.

W. L. Newby and son, Gant, are on the puny list.

R. E. Sims and S. L. Ribble and families spent Sunday with Mr. Newby.

Miss Margie Ribble spent last Sunday night and Monday with Miss Reuby Newby.

Ben Beach and wife of Dallas visited his uncle, A. P. Owen, last Wednesday and Thursday.

Joe Smith and Everett Newby went to Newcastle last Wednesday to take the train west Thursday in search of work. We wish the boys success in the new year.

Miss Margie Ribble is visiting Mrs. Sims tonight (Sunday)

Mrs. Mattie Dalton is spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

Jim Mitchell returned to Ft. Worth, after spending the holidays with his parents.

As the weather has been so bad and everybody stayed at home don't know any news so will give my pencil to some good writer. Rainy Day.

LOVING

Christmas has come and gone and another year has begun.

Christmas with us was rather dull as most of our time was taken up in caring for the sick.

The Christmas tree was rained out and we all had to hang up our stockings by our own firesides for old Santa Claus to fill. He visited most of us in a small way. Guess his purse was like ours, rather slender.

Hope this year will be a better year, if possible, than last, and will bring peace to those at war and prosperity back to our own United States.

Quite a number of Loving people spent Christmas away from home.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Strickland spent Christmas in Hunt county visiting relatives of Mr. Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mayes spent Christmas in Graham with relatives.

W. E. Box's father of Bryson is visiting him this week.

Willie Goree, little son of John Goree and wife, has been very sick but is reported better today.

Dr. Johnson has had a real bad time with blood poison in his left hand. He accidently cut himself with a lance while lancing a rising for a patient. The cut developed blood poison and has caused the Doctor much suffering.

Frank Beard and wife entertained with a New Year's party for the young married people of the town. All reported a very enjoyable time.

Tom Brown has opened up a new blacksmith shop in town and is prepared to do all kinds of work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Daniels have rented the old hotel and will move some time next week. Mrs. Daniels will continue to be phone operator and the board will be moved to her new place of residence.

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DEVIL BEND

Please, Mr. Editor and Correspondents, let me drop in a few lines this week?

We are sorry to report Miss Ada Stringer sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharp visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beach Friday.

Roy Ribble has been picking cotton for T. L. Lisle this week.

The party at Mr. Mullenax's was enjoyed by all present last Tuesday night.

How many of you Correspondents are school girls? I am and I think that is a mighty nice place to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beach of Dallas have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beach.

We are sorry to report Fay Lisle on the sick list at this time.

Jack o' Diamonds, I wouldn't stand for what Carrie Nation said about your eating. I will bet Carrie Nation ate so much that she was looking around seeing if any one was eating as much as she was the reason she noticed you and Sorrell Top, and made out like Candy Kid and Jolly Girl ate more than anybody. But, that is all right, always eat as much as you wish for. Buster Blue.

BEE BRANCH

Hope all you Correspondents had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Christmas was rather dull in this vicinity owing to bad weather and sickness.

Our school will start Monday with Miss Lotchie Sutphen as teacher. Miss Sutphen is a graduate of the Northwest Texas Normal and we wish her a successful term of school.

G. A. Echols departed from this life Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The remains were laid to rest in the Bee Branch Cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy.

Miss Georgia Hunt and Ernest Kerland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cline of Ivan spent Christmas with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Corbett.

Miss Eva Echols will return to Denton today, where she is attending school, and Miss Edith will go back to Loving to begin her school work again.

My! but didn't we have a grand time at the reunion, and such nice dinner. Sure am glad I was fortunate enough to be there.

Dreamy Eyes did you spend Christmas with your sisters? Hope you did.

As news is scarce will hand my pencil to Candy Kid and skiddoo. School Girl.

INDIAN MOUND

This drizzly Sunday afternoon is a bad time to have to sit on a box by the roadside and gather news items, but as Miss Uno closed her letter by saying Kid will finish telling the rest I must get busy and not disappoint her.

My letter was gone before I knew that I was expected to tell the rest of last week's news. I could have given more news than I did but thought after an absence of two weeks perhaps the paper might be crowded so I cut my news items short.

Salemite, I believe your subject a good one to write on and I am going to offer Silver Bell my part of the discussion.

Silver Bell, come to the front with some more of those good letters and don't be afraid they are too long because you will be entitled to double space on this subject.

Bono, I read Holland's Magazine and the article "Are we a Nation of Drug Victims?" It would be hard for me to tell you just what I thought but will say it sounded a little bit windy to me, though it might all be true.

Brunette, I mailed my letter out Tuesday before the reunion as usual, but the editor never got it in time to print it that week. It was held over and last week some parts of it were sprinkled in with last week's letter.

J. E. Parsons, I enjoyed reading your letter fine. Come on with some more Littlefield news.

Last Wednesday I saw Salemite in Graham and when I asked him why he was not at the reunion he told me that he had a badly swollen jaw that day and had he come you all would have been afraid of him, thinking he had the anthrax.

Riley Dollins of Graham visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday.

Floyd McComas visited home folks here Sunday and visited Sunday school while here. He returned to Graham Sunday evening accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Lon Knight, who is here from Dallas spending the holidays with her parents, G. W. McComas and wife, and other relatives.

Mrs. Rhea Cox of Newcastle spent the past week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McComas. Mr. Cox came over Friday and stayed till Sunday evening.

We are having nearly all the wet weather we need, and I don't think I ever saw it any muddier than it is now.

This Kid and some other kids, four in number, went to Sunday school Sunday in a two horse wagon, and this black mud balled up on the wagon till we came very near not getting back home.

John McComas carried Rhea Cox and wife to Newcastle Sunday evening and got back within a mile of home when he unhitched from a two horse buggy and went in home horseback on account of it being so muddy.

Miss Corine Stephens, who is attending school at Graham visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

H. H. Stephens returned Friday night from Palo Pinto county where he had been on business.

Two of F.E.Borchardt's little children are on the sick list at this writing.

The social at G. W. McComas' Thursday night was reported fine.

The musical entertainment at S. W. Thomas' Saturday night was reported rather small in attendance so far as the ladies were concerned, owing to the weather being too bad for a large turnout.

F. E. Borchardt went to Newcastle Saturday.

R. G. Taylor carried Ernest Price's household goods to Graham Thursday.

Gentry Williamson sold cotton in Graham Thursday.

D. W. Beard and Bob Taylor went to Graham Wednesday.

W. W. Williamson was in Graham Thursday.

W. W. Williamson was reflooring one of his rent houses Friday.

We forgot to mention last week that G. W. McComas purchased about 62 head of coming two-year-old steers below Graham just before Christmas.

R. G. Taylor and boys were pulling down a large rick of kafir and feterita last Friday because it was heating.

J. M. Taylor, who had the misfortune of cutting his foot Saturday a week ago, is getting along fairly well.

I see we still have new Correspondents coming in every few weeks. We wish to extend them hearty greetings.

This (Monday) morning the sun is shining nicely and we hope it may continue to do so for about thirty-seven days.

F. E. Borchardt and Austin Bird went to Graham Monday.

One of the little children of Mr. Borchardt, who has been on the sick list, is reported better today (Monday).

This black land belt around the Mound needs two commissaries and a good road grading crew for the next thirty days.

Bud Dollins spent Sunday night with the Douglass brothers.

We understand Mrs. John Darle and children visited her sister, Mrs. Tom Rutherford, the past week.

Lamar Smith, so we are told, seems to think he is the luckiest man around Indian Mound as he received three nice cakes for Christmas.

W. R. Dollins went to Newcastle Monday.

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

Mrs. B. W. Drum spent several days last week here with her parents, J. S. Fisher and wife; she also spent one night with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Bryan.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher visited her daughter, Mrs. Austin Bird, Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. W. P. Fisher and Donnie Prescott hauled some wood for the school one day last week.

Uncle Joe Fisher and R. G. Taylor were transferring the school children to and from school Monday.

W. W. Hoggard was repairing fences Monday.

John Daryle is moving to the Reece Easterling farm.

Tom Rutherford and family and Mrs. John Daryle and children came up from Flint Creek Sunday night to visit the home of N. M. Newman and family.

H. H. Stephens carried his daughter, Miss Corrine, back to Graham school Sunday.

R. G. Graham told me one day last week that a lady came into the office from Hastings, Oklahoma and subscribed for The Reporter. She said, "Papa told me to be sure and get it before I left for home." Like all other kids I wanted to know who she was, and when I was told I knew her well, and have ever since she was a single girl. She was once one of our Sunday school girls at Loving. I am glad these good friends of mine are readers of the best county paper ever published anywhere.

G. W. McComas and son, John, went down below Graham after a bunch of cattle Monday.

I will close for this time and give my pencil to Silver Bell for I know she will use it when she gets it.

Mr. Editor and Correspondents, I will try and be on hand next week if my box don't fall down with me. Kid.

LONE STAR

Well, as Christmas has come and gone thought I would write to The Reporter again.

I am sure that our good editor and Correspondents enjoyed the holidays. I did.

R. L. Akers and family of Olney spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Akers.

I haven't gotten my Reporter yet but sure anxious to get it as I know it will be a dandy. Very sorry I couldn't be with you all last week.

You who wasn't present at the reunion should have been as we enjoyed ourselves very much. I sure thought it a feast and think we have the best editor yet.

Messrs. Sam Brock and Obe Clark with their families spent Christmas in Jack county visiting relatives.

Mrs. Sallie Akers of Komo and Mrs. Rama Campbell and little Dave Fern of Throckmorton visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Akers last Saturday.

Mrs. Claude Ingram and children of Duff Prairie visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Langford from Sunday until Wednesday.

The Misses Poindexter visited Mrs. E. M. Ball last Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Akers and children visited Mrs. Joe Vaughn Saturday.

Among the visitors to see Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Danley Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burgess of Duff Prairie, Mrs. Walter Fawks and children of Ming Bend, Albert Martin and family of Komo, and Messrs. Merritt Cunningham of Newcastle and Willie Akers.

Tom Billingsley and family of Eliasville have moved on L. M. Pratt's place. We regret to lose Mr. Pratt and family from our community but glad to welcome Mr. Billingsley and family in our midst.

Mrs. F. M. Danley and children spent Saturday night with Mrs. J. C. Akers.

Grandma Vest has gone to spend a few days with her granddaughter, Mrs. Nannie Burgess of South Bend.

E. M. Ball and little daughter, Minnie, went to Graham Wednesday.

Messrs. F. M. Danley and Sam Brock went to Graham Friday after meal for M. K. Graham's cattle on Lake Farm.

Mrs. Walter Fawks and children of Ming Bend spent the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poindexter spent Christmas away from home, but don't know where.

Well, we had four beautiful days last week which was appreciated by all and especially by the washerwomen. We people in this community certainly would like to see the sun shine a month at least so we could get our cotton picked, land broken and lots of grain sown so we won't have very much cotton this year. I am sure if there isn't much cotton made it will be a better price.

Say Jack o' Diamonds, did you get to help eat that big turkey? I'm betting on you.

Master Raymond Akers went home with his brother, B. L. Akers, and family Tuesday and stayed until Saturday.

L. M. Pratt and family came over from Eliasville Friday to finish picking their cotton but don't think they picked very much as it was most too cold.

J. C. Akers and son, Willie, carried a load of wheat to Newcastle Saturday.

Ellis Langford spent Sunday and Sunday night with home folks.

Claude Akers went to Eliasville Saturday.

Horace Akers and family of Komo visited his brother, Claude Akers, and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Addie Akers spent Sunday with Mrs. F. M. Danley.

Well, I will quit, hoping to read a letter from every Correspondent this week, I'm the same. Silver Moon.

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FLINT CREEK

Well, rain, rain, let'er rain. I don't have to work when it's raining, so I can't help but like for it to rain. You see I'm not deceitful.

I guess we will make a crop this year if it takes rain to make it.

I suppose we will have to get a pattern from Dago and make one of his boats.

We had preaching at Flint Creek once again, but there wasn't anyone professed religion, or if they did they didn't let anyone know it; and I don't guess they would keep that a secret. I know I wouldn't. It wasn't the preacher's fault though I don't think. He did all in his power I reckon. He opened the doors of the church and that's all he could do wasn't it?

The paper was full of the reunion last week but not dinner. I guess everyone had a big time from the way they all talked but Plow Boy. He was bothered about where some of the correspondents' sat while eating dinner. Now Plow Boy, you shouldn't blame me for sitting among the ladies, for that's what the editor requested wasn't It Mr. Editor. You know Plow Boy, I wouldn't have done that if I hadn't been told to.

W. P. Stephens made a business trip to Mineral Wells and Dallas Tuesday, returning Friday.

Grandpa Stanford, who has been living at Lone Oak has moved to his son-in-law's, A. C. Smith, to live this year.

Mr. Editor, some were asking if you took your visit Christmas, I want to know if you got that great big turkey and if you have eaten it all up, or did Dago get it and take it home with him? It doesn't make any difference though, I expect he would have enjoyed it as well as you could.

Grandma Stephens has returned from Comanche county, where she has been visiting relatives.

Joe Y. Doolen and wife visited Garrett Robertson and wife in the Monument community Sunday.

I guess I will have to do like Kid, get out at the gate, as news is scarce.

Jack o' Diamonds.

SORGHUM FLAT

At the request of the editor will try and write that New Year's letter, but the reunion dinner is so much on my mind at present that I can hardly write without telling the readers and the rest of the Correspondents how I enjoyed my dinner. Will say first that we met at The Reporter office and received badges and by request of the editor went to the club room to get seats and listen to an address of welcome by Mr. Street. Dinner was due at 12 o'clock sharp. We then marched down to the St. Louis Restaurant, and as we entered the dining room we saw one of the nicest decorated tables loaded down in the center with good things to eat. I would tell the readers and absent Correspondents what good things we had for dinner but it would take up too much space.

If you all want to know just call on one of the Correspondents and look at their souvenir menu cards. I will say that I certainly enjoyed my dinner, and, I think, the rest did too, especially Carrie Nation, Jack o' Diamonds, Jolly Girl, Candy Kid and the editor.

I certainly enjoyed the editor's talk at the club room in the afternoon and especially the little "stump" speeches the Correspondents made.

A Happy New Year to you all. Hope you had a Merry Christmas. As for myself, I had a real dull Christmas. I intended to take dinner with Homeite, but it rained me out.

It seems that Christmas is not celebrated as it used to be. The jolly times would commence three weeks before and last two or three weeks afterwards. It seems that the old Christmas spirit is much abused these days. Some people regard Christmas as a time of revelry, using strong drink (stronger language) dancing. I am sorry to say forgetting the beautiful significance of the day, and all that it should mean to us. Forgetting the story of Christ and what his coming meant to mankind.

It has become a custom with some people to regard Christmas on a commercial, or give and take basis, or present swapping basis, whatever you wish to call it. Some are in the habit of getting a nice present for one of their friends or one of the family and they always feel hurt if they don't get something in return.

I never give anything costly. I don't think it would be much of a gift if the person would pay me back, like they would a debt.

I think a good New Year's resolution would be for the poor to try not keep pace with the rich. I believe that if the majority of the people would try to live within their means and not go so much in debt that times would get better and everything would not be so high. As it is, the merchants have to sell high to cash customers as well as credit customers in order to keep his head out of the water and to meet the debts that are against him.

I believe if we would all work together we would fare better, and we wouldn't have our sleep disturbed worrying about that mortgage that is staring us in the face.

If every farmer would resolve to raise as much as he could of what he had to have to eat, such as good old hogs, beans, peas, onions, corn and wheat, besides lots of other things too numerous to mention, the things we would have to buy would not be so much like eating and wearing money. And, there would be less money sent to the mail order houses, and thus we would do away with that mail order asylum that we read of in The Reporter some time back. I wouldn't mind the asylum for the mail order maniac so much if they would build one for the "quack" peddlers who go around selling stoves, sewing machines and other inventions for twice what they are really worth. "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you" is my favorite text always.

The Flat seems to be coming to the front of late. They had a nice Christmas tree, and from what I can hear old Santa Claus was there and put presents on for the old as well as the young.

As I had la grippe didn't get to go any Christmas on account of bad weather. Although I tried to dodge old Santa, he found me just the same.

The Flat people have been having a party about every other night and seem to be having the time of their lives.

There was a singing at J. H. Wesley's last Sunday. All reported a nice time.

Willie Caudill gave a party last Monday night.

Mrs. Barron and family and Henry Nicklas and wife took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Creigh.

John Couger, who has been at Graham feeding cattle, returned home Monday night.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Caudill have been sick with la grippe the past week but are getting better now.

Frank Rickles and wife, Cecil Duncan and one of their girl friends made a call on Mrs. Upham last Sunday. They all reported a jolly time, with music and singing.

Carrie Nation, I hope the next speech I make my heart won't get in my throat so I can't talk, but my desire is to meet all the Correspondents personally.

Candy Kid, my sis said tell you that old Santa brought her a nice new milk pail full of sausage for a Christmas present. Was he that good to you?

If Thanksgiving, my birthday and Christmas were like the last ones, I would say let's have summer all the time.

Messrs. Eugene West, Gann and several others attended court at Breckenridge this week.

Uncle Josh West has been visiting Lewis Rickles' folks the past week.

Mrs. Couger's baby is sick with fever and cold. Has been sick since Monday night but is some better.

Floyd and Oliver Burgess were over in the cedar brakes for posts last Tuesday.

I'm glad to say I met the Reporter Staff Poet. I thought all the time that the editor was writing those pieces of poetry until she told me it was she who wrote them.

Well, I'll ring off by saying I'm still the same girl.

Dreamy Eyes.

LUCILLE

A Happy New Year to all, Christmas has come and gone and I hope every one had a jolly time. Christmas was dull with me.

Well, how did you Correspondents enjoy the reunion? I, for one, sure did enjoy it and was glad to meet so many of the writers, and also our kind editor.

Did you all read Cotton Picker's letter? He wanted all to guess who he was. I won't guess, for I know who he is.

Bud McKee of Checotah, Okla, spent Christmas with his father and mother of Carter Bend.

Mrs. Morgan and children spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chick.

School has started at last, with Prof. Williams in charge. Only twenty-five scholars enrolled. The weather was so bad and there is so much cotton to pick it will be some time before all the children can go to school.

Green Bridges and family, who have been visiting his father, John Bridges, have returned home.

Silver Bell, don't quit writing because you have moved. Come on with a long letter.

Mr. McAvoy has gone to east Texas to spend a month or so visiting and to see if his health would improve.

John McKee and son, Bud, spent Sunday and Sunday night at A. Storm's.

Jack o' Diamonds, I can sure sympathize with you with that sore thumb, but you surely can write by this time, so come on with a long letter.

Dago, I hope you had a good time at the Christmas tree. I would like to have been there.

June Roses, come on every week with a letter. Have you forgotten that cold Saturday we spent in Graham? Johnnie like to have frozen coming home that night.

Mrs. Layton and daughter, Dora, are real sick at this writing.

Will Denton and wife are the proud parents of a girl, who came to live with them Christmas eve.

If the river don't get up Mr. Bridges will move this week. We hate to give them up. Mr. Rodgers will move where Mr. Bridges now lives.

Fellie Spurlock's sister is visiting him. We failed to learn her name.

A few of the young people attended the dance at Mr. Dawes' Friday night.

Mr. Chick's children are pulling bolls today (Saturday) for Hugh Bailey.

Mrs. Kate Cooper spent Friday eve with Mrs. Storm.

Al Storm and children are helping John Lemley finish picking cotton today (Saturday).

If the weather will stay fair a few days more most everyone will be through picking cotton.

Sam Newberry will soon have his new residence ready to move into.

Willie Jenkins has been helping Sam Newberry on his new house this week.

Roy Barron of Cedar Creek spent Friday night at Allen Storm's.

Mr. Editor, you must tell how you enjoyed your turkey. You know we had to tell how we enjoyed ourselves at the reunion.

Johnnie Dolittle.

LONE OAK

Health of the community is very good at present.

Rev. R. E. Boyle requested me to announce that owing to the inclement weather and bad roads he will discontinue his services at Red Top until the first Sunday in March.

J. V. Hamm has erected a house on his place for his son-in-law, Louis Clark.

Bee Martin and family have moved to A. P. Stewart's.

Jesse Crumpton of Shinola was in this community on business last Friday.

Mrs. Fannie Rutherford and Mrs. Ross, were visitors at C. McBride's Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Dodd of Jean was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Saturday.

Rev. R. E. Boyle and family moved to J. W. Pratt's place last week.

Leslie Willis of Jean was in our community last Thursday.

Miss Maggie Ligon, who has a position in the postoffice at Morgan, Texas, spent the holidays with her parents in this community.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Misses Smith and Kisinger.

Silver Bell, I am very sorry that I could not attend the reunion. I am going the next time rain or shine, that is, if dad doesn't move west before that time. I would have been delighted to have had the pleasure of gaining your acquaintance, though it seems as if I already knew you, for my parents have known your father since he was quite a young lad. I knew your cousin, too, when we were little tots, though I don't suppose he remembers me. Many thanks to your father for his interest.

Mrs. May Pratt spent Wednesday with the McBride family.

Messrs. Joe Dossett and Dave Watson were business visitors to Graham Thursday.

Tom and Ernest Watson returned to their home in Denton county Saturday.

A. L. Lowe made a trip to Jean Saturday afternoon.

J. E. Parsons' letter was good last week. We sincerely hope that Miss Alta will soon regain her normal health again.

Brunette.

MURRAY

Sunday schools were not very well attended here Sunday on account of rain and bad roads.

There is still some cotton in the fields and all the children have not started to school yet.

Miss Ima Jean Mobley visited Misses Lena and Maggie Wootton from Friday till Monday.

Part of the young people attended a party at Mr. Callahan's Friday night and report a jolly, good time. Part of the young people attended a dance at John Tyra's. Didn't hear them say but guess they had a good time as they were still calling when the other crowd got home from Mr. Callahan's.

Bro. Newsome filled his regular apointment here Sunday, but there were not very many in attendance.

W. W. Fawks attended quarterly conference at Eliasville one day last week.

Bert Walsh of Newcastle spent Thursday and Friday of last week with home folks.

J. S. Walsh and family visited Mrs. L. W. Fawks and family Friday.

Ollie Peacock has moved his family to the Graham place, about six miles southeast of this place.

Miss Faye Martin spent Sunday night and Monday with the Misses Wootton.

We understand the gin will run again the last of this week.

Jim Meginson left Saturday for New Mexico, after spending several weeks with his parents here.

J. W. Holloway returned last week from a week's visit with relatives near Fort Worth.

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SOUTH BEND

Rev. G. W. Black of Graham filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. On account of bad weather the attendance was light on Sunday. Can't say about Saturday as I wasn't there myself.

The young folks enjoyed a party at J. R. McCluskey's on last Friday night. All report a nice time.

Herbert Wanier left Monday, after spending some time here picking cotton for S. L. Thornton.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boozer, on Jan. 2, a nine-pound boy. Mother and baby doing well.

Jim Thornton and sister, Miss Annie, visited at Spring Creek a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McBrayer and daughter, Dorothy, of Oklahoma City are visiting friends and relatives in the Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Rogers of Pleasant Hill visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McBrayer Sunday afternoon.

C. A. Melton returned home Monday, after spending Christmas at Weatherford, Okla.

J. L. Smith and family moved to Graham last week and S. W. Goode and family moved to the Pogue place vacated by Mr. Smith.

W. A. Barron has a real sick boy at this writing.

Little Melvin McDavid has been sick for several days.

T. A. Richardson and family left last week for Salem where they will make their home in future. We regret very much to give them up but our loss is Salem's gain.

Leroy Britton and Dud Ford spent Saturday night and Sunday in Graham.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig of Graham.

Jno. and Fred, small sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burgess, are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Braddock of Murray spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Braddock.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McBrayer and brother, Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McBrayer and cousin, Martin McBrayer, and Walter McDavid and family ate New Year's dinner with Mrs. Emma West.

Mrs. J. R. Halcomb spent last Thursday with O. A. McBrayer and family.

Plow Boy, in last week's Reporter accused me of eating lots of dinner, when I believe I can prove by the Gander and Dago that I did not. You know that Bashful Ben is rather bashful in a crowd and especially on a "grand occasion" like that. The only thing was that Plow Boy ate so "bloomin" much that it affected his eyes, and he thought everybody else was eating as much as he.

W. R. Golden and family of Eliasville have moved into our midst. We welcome them into our community.

Homeite, I am sorry that I was late for the dinner at the reunion, but I just simply had too much work to do before leaving home.

H. H. Clark and family of the Stovall farm have moved to S. E. Burgess' place near Ivan.

Mrs. O. W. Hill of the Stovall farm is visiting at Ivan.

Lucian Adams of Duff Prairie was trading in the Bend Monday.

Mrs. M. M. Maupin of old South Prairie passed through the Bend last week en route to Graham, where she will make her home in future.

Here, Silver Moon, take my pen and give us the news from Lone Star. We missed you last week. Bashful Ben.

MYERS BRANCH

No remarks this week concerning the weather.

Our school began Monday, Dec. 28th with Miss Ellen Wallace of Woodson as teacher. She had charge of the school last term. That her work was satisfactory is evidenced by her securing the school this term.

Lee Johnson was very sick last week but is much better at this writing.

Salemite, your problems are most too much for this spring chicken, but I can't agree with you that over-production is the cause of our poverty. As long as there is one person in the world who is in need of the necessities of life there is no such thing as over production. There are thousands today who are in need of cotton goods but are unable to buy them because the proceeds of their crops did not pay their living expenses.

If there is such a thing as over production the boasted fertility of our soil is a curse rather than a blessing. Why buy fertilizer to raise crops that do not pay cost of production?

You say raise something besides cotton. Very good, but did you ever know of the fruit growers of California dumping ship load after ship load of fruit in the bay because there was no market for it, and at Laredo, Texas, cabbage sold for $1.00 per ton and onions at 10 cents per bushel, while we needed fruit and paid 5 cents per pound for cabbage and 6 cents for onions.

I shall offer no solution for the problems. If I did it would probably be from a socialist view point and Bro. Plow Boy informs me that socialism is due with the millenium and when he "says so" that "do settle it." You do not have to discuss with each other to find the cause of our ills, our daily news papers give it in each issue, but we fail to catch it. Gringo.

HENRY CHAPEL

Some of my letter is going to sound pretty old, but as I failed to score last week will double the dose.

Despite the rainy weather we had a Christmas tree, well loaded with presents for all, there being 125 present.

While the roads are in very bad condition visiting was largely practiced. Among those who visited here during the holidays were Rob McLaren of Mineral Wells, Miss Mattie Shannon of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lester of Olney, Arthur Bower and family of Komo, Mrs. Callie Shannon of Red Top, O. L. Campbell and family, W. H. Jarnagin and family of Graham, J. A. McLraen and L. McJilton of Salem, besides our home people ran around considerable.

Our school began Monday, after a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Claggett's mother is here from Eliasville to spend a while.

I have never had the opportunity nor the money to eat at many of the fine hotels in the cities, but while eating that reunion dinner I just couldn't help but imagine I was eating in the Planters Hotel in St. Louis instead of the St. Louis Restaurant in Graham. I have often heard people complain of stomach trouble and heartburn. I haven't suffered but little with stomach trouble since the reunion but I've got a kind of heartburn to eat one more dinner like that and I feel like that my mission here would be finished. And, just to think to sit on my left was such noted men as Mayor S. Boyd Street and Plow Boy. Certainly it must have been very humiliating to them to sit beside a Dago on such an occasion, and especially before all those ladies. But that was a great feast and I believe enjoyed by all.

Mr. Vernon Crow and Miss Amanda Moren of this community were married at Graham, Dec. 24th, and left Jan. 2nd for West Texas, where they will make their home. This young couple have many friends here who wish for them all the joys and happiness of life and the blessings of the Great Giver above. This makes the fifth marriage in this community for 1914 and we are still headquarters for the best looking boys and girls in north Texas, and we predict 1915 will break all previous records in the matrimonial line.

Candy Kid, you had better watch B. W. for he seems to have a smart liking for one of the young ladies down here.

Johnnie Dolittle, you surely want to get me drowned trying to get me on the ice no thicker than a dime.

R. H. Young called out the road force last Thursday and thus made considerable improvements. This division has twenty hands for this year. Certainly much good could be done.

The year 1914 is forever gone with its floods and droughts, boll weevils and anthrax, and about the only good I can see in the past year is to look back and see the mistakes I made and thus make amends wherever possible.

I am not much of a believer in resolutions unless backed by some will power, still it is a duty we owe ourselves, our family and our neighbors to make 1915 the most profitable year of our lives. While the present outlook may appear gloomy to some of us, yet there is no place in life to give up. We are here and must fight life's battle to the end, therefore let us the Correspondents of The Reporter resolve to practice charity first at home, by making everything as pleasant and agreeable as we possibly can, for the father, mother, wife, husband, brother or sister. Let us improve and beautify the home as much as possible. Keep the yard clear of weeds, grow all the flowers the yard will hold. There is nothing more beautiful and they are a token of God's love to us.

Think I hear some one say, "I don't have time." All right, there, let's quit chewing, smoking, playing forty-two, talking politics and the women folks will gladly help us keep the home repaired and beautified. After we have done this let us not miss an opportunity to sow deeds of charity among our neighbors whenever opportunity presents itself. Let us take more interest in our literary school, our Sunday schools, in everything for the betterment of home surroundings. Let us live such lives that it can be said after we are gone that the community is better by us having lived in it. In so doing we will be a help to the county as most-all the places in the county are represented through The Reporter. Let us pass around the roses through 1915 and thus make our friends and loved one's and ourselves feel better. With best wishes for all.

Dago.

KOMO

News is scarce this week but I am going to write anyway.

Wasn't New Year's a pretty day though? It seemed like spring time.

Jolly Girl, I think I saw you through the window as I passed your house Friday. Did you see me pass?

H. P. Akers and family have moved to the McAbee place.

Mrs. A. C. White of east of Graham is visiting relatives in Komo at the present time.

Welcome, Buster Blue and Toughy to our happy band. On New Year's is a good time to begin writing. Hope you will continue to do so.

Silver Bell, when I saw the heading of your letter I could not imagine who had written it, thought at first it was another new Correspondent, but as soon as I read it and saw you had moved I found out different, and your letter was all right.

Forgot to mention last week that our school began Monday the 28th, after one week off for Christmas.

John Guess and family spent Christmas week with home folks.

Red Wing, will you have a telephone when you get moved? If so call me, you can look in the directory and see what my ring is.

Well, I have been gone from home the past week and haven't much news. Kid-o, you were absent last week, so take my pencil and write a long letter.

Pansy.

The Trey o' Hearts starts in a short time at the Opera House. You'll like it as well or better than Lucille Love or the Million Dollar Mystery.

MOUNTAIN HOME

What kind of a time did you Correspondents have Christmas? I had a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crumpton of Bryson visited at the home of John Matlock from Tuesday until Friday.

Mr. Editor, did you enjoy your turkey dinner? I hope so.

Wonder why Pilot was not at the reunion. Pilot you should have been there.

Miss Maggie Cox visited Miss Anis Matlock Tuesday.

Austin White of the Komo community called on Miss Anis Matlock Sunday.

Tom Cox of this community is preparing to move this week.

So Red Wing is going to move. I sure do hate to see you move, Red Wing. Your letter will be greatly missed. You must get a good writer to take your place.

Mrs. Ella Robbins spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Plaster.

As news is scarce I will ring off. Everybody has been staying at home during the bad weather.

Here, some good scribe, take my pen. Gray-eyed Girl.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Young County, —Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to Summon H. P. Brogdon by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published ni your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 30th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 30th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Young County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Graham, on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1915, the same being the first day of March, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1914, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1693, wherein Nancy Martin and her husband, H. M. Martin, James S. Timmons, Omer Beckham, a feme sole, W. H. Timmons, L. Z. Timmons, P. P. Timmons, Noble Timmons, Leona McCluskey and husband, Ed McCluskey, Belle Rogers, and husband, H. L. Rogers and Lizzie Burgess and husband, Plaintiffs, and J. Sam Brogdon, Mrs. Frances Henry and husband, ——— Henry, H. P. Brogdon, Matt Brogdon, Mrs. Mollie Wagner, and husband, John Wagner, and D. T. Sledg, Defendants, and said petition alleging:

That plaintiffs and defendants are joint owners in fee simple of the following described land situated in Young County, Texas, to wit: 159 acres of the J. C. Colthran survey, the M. Dewitt survey, the V. E. Curtis survey, abst. 1584, the west 47 1-3 acres of V. E. Curtis survey, abst. 1674, the S. A. Hart survey, the D. W. Russell survey, abst. 1750, the D. W. Russell survey, abst. 1788, the Ben Bragg survey, the D. C. Russell survey, the W. J. Higgins survey, and the G. W. Ellis survey, containing the aggregate 1504 1-6 acres of land; the Plaintiff, Nancy Martin, is the owner of an undivided .40 part of said land, that the Plaintiff, J. S. Timmons is the owner of an undivided .26 part of said land, that the Plaintiffs L. Z. Timmons, Alice Ainsworth, Omer Beckham, P. P. Timmons, Noble Timmons, W. J. Timmons, Leona McCluskey, Belle Rogers, and Lizzie Burgess are the joint owners of an undivided .05 part of said land, subject to the life estate of J. S. Timmons in and to 1-3. That the defendants J. Sam Brogdon, Mrs. Frances Henry, H. P. Brogdon and Mollie Wagner, are each the owners of an undivided .05 part of said land. The interest of Matt Brogdon is subject however to a mortgage thereon in favor of J. S. Timmons and that the defendant, D. T. Sledg, is the owner of an undivided .04 part of said land. The plaintiffs and defendants are the sole owners of said land so far as is known to these plaintiffs and the estimate value thereof is $15,000. Wherefore plaintiffs pray the Court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that they have judgment for the petition and division of said land, and the .05 interest of L. Z. Timmons et al be included in such partition with the .26 interest of J. S. Timmons, that commissioners be appointed, and a writ of partition issued, and for the possession of that portion that by judgments of the Court may be ascertained and declared to be property of each plaintiff respectively, and for such other and further relief both general in law and as they may be justly entitled to etc.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Willie Riggs, Clerk of the District Court of Young County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Graham, this, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1914.

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E. C. STOVALL

Local and Personal Mention

Leonard Norman returned to school in Dallas Monday.

Mrs. Will Loving of Jermyn is visiting Mrs. Will Norman.

Scarbrough Mabry returned to school in Dallas Wednesday.

Herman Parrott of Woodson marketed cotton here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb returned from Stamford Sunday.

J. H. Shepard of the Oakland community was in town Wednesday.

R. W. J. Parsons called at The Reporter office while in town Saturday.

Norman Stewart of Jacksboro visited friends in Graham Sunday.

A. B. Eddleman spent several days of this week in Dallas on business.

Walter Price spent a few days this week in Dallas on business.

Mrs. J. L. Wootton of Murray is visiting her son, Joe Wootton.

Smith Groves of Olney was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Knox Criswell of the Salem community was on the streets here Tuesday.

Wash Robinson of Murray was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mike Fisher of Indian Mound was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

J. H. Robbins of Tonk Valley was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

R. G. and Sam Hallam were out at Loving Saturday on a business trip.

D. G. Vick spent several days of this week in Ft. Worth and Dallas on business.

G. L. Nicewarner and daughter of Jean were in the city Tuesday shopping.

County Attorney C. Fay Marshall made a business trip to Olney Monday.

Miss Hazel Leath of Jacksboro is the guest of Misses Zella and Beulah Allen.

W. C. Bell returned Wednesday evening from a business trip to Throckmorton.

A. L. Owen of the Mountain Home community was a Graham visitor Wednesday.

Miss Ruth McKelvey of Bryson is visiting her cousin, Mrs. H. E. Axley, this week.

H. E. Owen of Bunger made The Reporter a pleasant call while in the city Saturday.

Dr. W. H. Logan returned Sunday night from a business trip to Brownwood, Texas.

A. C. Anderson and family of Henry Chapel visited relatives in the city Sunday.

R. L. Tankersley came in Sunday from a business trip of several days' duration to El Paso.

Mrs. B. W. King and sister, Miss Edith Hancock, spent Sunday with relatives in Jacksboro.

J. M. Whitfield and son Jeff of Oakland were transacting business in Graham yesterday.

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We are glad to report Dr. W. M. Terrell so far improved as to be able to be on the streets again.

J. J. Jones and W. A. Owens of Bunger were pleasant visitors at The Reporter office Wednesday.

M. D. Harrell and J. N. Boozer, two prominent South Bend farmers, were in the city Tuesday.

J. M. and T. J. Whitfield of the Oakland community were in Graham on business Wednesday.

Mrs. S. R. Jeffery was confined to her bed for several days this week with an attack of la grippe.

Miss Lucille Miller went to Jacksboro Tuesday to resume her work there with her class in elocution.

Prof. J. I. Guess of the Mountain Home community was a pleasant caller at The Reporter office last Saturday.

T. G. Wignall of the Graham Coal Mines was in the city on business Tuesday and called on The Reporter.

Miss Ruth Doty returned to Ft. Worth Tuesday morning to resume her studies in Texas Woman's College.

Misses Buford Snoddy and Ada Rickman left Monday for Fort Worth to resume work in Texas Woman's College.

Miss Lena Humble left yesterday morning for her home in Arkansas, after spending some time in the city.

Mrs. R. M. Todd and children returned Sunday night from a visit of several weeks to friends and relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. Jake Walker and children returned Sunday night from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. G. S. Mason returned to her home in San Angelo Monday morning after a brief visit here with her mother, Mrs. Sloan, and family.

Geo. Walstead of Peacevale, Texas, has joined his wife and children here in a visit with her mother, Mrs. Jonas Ely.

Mrs. Q. Street and little son, Glenn Q, returned Tuesday night from Memphis, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Street's mother.

H. C. Wilson has returned from Ft. Worth where he has been attending federal court as a juror for the past eight weeks.

NOTICE

Regular annual meeting of the shareholders of The Graham National Bank of Graham, Texas, will be held at the banking house of said bank on the 12th day of January, 1915, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Chas. Gay, Cashier.

Henry Groves and family have moved into the house in east Graham, recently vacated by F. F. Parrish and family.

Library Paste.

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

Judge and Mrs. E. W. Fry have moved into the home vacated by Mr. Groves and family, which they recently purchased from Judge J. W. Akin.

We erred last week in stating that C. B. Bettis and family were moving at that time. Mr. Bettis will leave the first of the week for Oklahoma City to select a location, Mrs. Bettis and little daughter following in about a week. We understand a Mr. Collins has purchased the Bettis home here.

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News from A. W. Kay states that his father, who has been quite ill for several days in the John Hopkins Sanitarium in Baltimore, Md., is improving. He was joined in Wichita Falls by his brother, Judge John C. Kay. The time of their return home will depend upon their father's condition.

Mrs. Clark Knight left Monday morning for her home in Dallas after spending Christmas with her parents here.

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

Messrs. S. Boyd Street and Harry Wadsworth left Tuesday morning for points in West Texas on business, to be gone several weeks.

J. B. McGlamery of Eliasville was in the city Wednesday on business and while here made The Reporter a pleasant visit.

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SALEM

From some cause the weather can not clear up and it looks now like cotton picking will last until spring.

The itimized statement of the road account published in last week's Leader gives all hands a chance to study the road question and to see where the money goes. And, I think it is right. The roads are in a deplorable condition now, but we will have good roads yet before we quit, at least if the five day man puts in his time. Then, with the tax we have we can make the roads much better than they are at present. But, since the tax was voted, I am led to believe that overseers have been a little careless about having the five day man put in all his time.

Yes, Homeite, I was at Mountain Home on the occasion you mention and wish I had been able to meet you and the rest of the scribes at the reunion.

We wish Buster would either full or get full, for we want to hear from him again. We can't think that he has been knocked clear out of his orbit and is now a wandering planet.

Thanks, Plow Boy, for your regrets at not meeting me on the 19th.

Quite a number of the citizens of Salem and Henry Chapel went to the city last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Huie Henderson gave the young folks a candy breaking New Year's night.

The musicale at J. A. McLaren's was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Criswell spent part of last week at the home of J. A. McLaren.

Mrs. Millard Hinson and baby are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. W. Ratcliff.

E. B. Gilmore and wife spent Sunday with M. Henderson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rose, and sister, Miss Cora Rose, of Gooseneck attended the musicale at J. A. McLaren's.

Last Friday's Dallas Semi-Weekly News in a short editorial hit Governor Colquitt a harder lick than any of the Correspondents have ever dared to hit ye scribe.

Well, it is getting about time of year to go to farming and we would like for the Correspondents to tell us how to raise something good to eat, for we are getting hungry.

Yes, Bono, we get Holland's and read "A Nation of Drug Victims" and requested several others to read it and expect the author is right about it; especially so as to the cities, but we are glad there are few such victims in the country.

Did you have the toothache, Bono, and couldn't attend the reunion? Well, I know one who did.

Gringo is very quiet. He hasn't said anything since he intimated that Plow Boy should enter the field as a revivalist. It may be that Santa Claus put a sulky plow in one of his sox and he crippled himself in trying to unload it. Anyway, we would like to hear from him again.

Good morning, Silver Bell. We said the extremist was a dangerous character and that history would prove this assertion. Along about the year 1792 there was a revolution in France. This revolution was brewing while the revolutionary war was in progress in this country. The common people of France were woefully oppressed for at that time one-fifth of the land in France belonged to the clergy, one-fifth belonged to the nobility, and one-fifth belonged to the communes and the king, and it was the best land in France. We don't blame them for revolting for their cause was a just one. But, it is of the extremist we are talking. And all went well until he leaped into the saddle, then, after that, the city of Paris was made a hades on earth. For what the extremists did was a plenty. Under their leadership 4000 prisoners held in one hospital were butchered. They murdered 175 priests in one church house they confiscated all the church property in France. They beheaded both the king and queen of France. A new calendar was made, and the Christian era wiped out, and replaced by a new French era dating from Sept. 22, 1792. A decree was passed against the Christian religion, and atheism was declared to be the faith of France. All the churches were rifled, and on all public cemeteries was placed this inscription "Death is an eternal sleep." Bear in mind that all this meanness was not perpetrated in the dark ages. There were three main leaders in this—Jean Marat, Jaques Danton and Isadore Robespirre, and you will often meet with their names in fiction and in other literature.

Then, there is our own civil war, and the inflamatory literature, Uncle Tom's Cabin, for one instance, written by extremists. From 1820, time of the Missouri compromise on the slavery question, and on up until after the close of the war. There is no doubt that there was a middle ground on which the slavery question could have been settled without the great sacrifice of life and sorrow it cost in settling it the way it was settled. Not to say anything about the great debt it saddled on the people. The pensions, paid up to date alone, would have paid for every negro in the South a thousand times over. There is two sides to all questions, and, in reform work, it is far better to let the fruit ripen a little before you shake the tree too hard. It is said, "Large bodies move slowly" and prohibition is a large reform, and our good Correspondent from Loving has given figures to show how rapidly it has moved in this state. Why, if you draw a line north and south just west of Fort Worth, then to the west of that line is a territory out of which can be carved a state much larger than the state of Kansas, in which you will find only two wet spots, Wichita Falls and Dalhart. Now when we take into consideration the fact that not so very long ago open saloons were to be found in every small town in this territory, it looks very much like progress, even to a blind man.

There are no open saloons where the youth can acquire the habit, and if local option is left alone it will, in ten or fifteen years, without any spell-binding speeches or spasms about it, make this state as dry as any state in the union.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Evans and Mrs. Finis Rodgers of Komo spent a few days last week with Marion Henderson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams of Ming Bend visited J. A. Askew Sunday.

Rob McLaren and little son spent a few days last week visiting his cousin, J. A. McLaren, here. We are glad to see Rob back on the old range again.

Warm enough to pick cotton but it looks like it may rain before noon this (Tuesday) morning. Salemite.

Sanitarium Leased.

In order to fit myself as a trained nurse I have decided to make a two years' study of nursing in a first class hospital, therefore I have leased the Sanitarium to Mr. M. M. Wallace for a period of two years.

The Beckham Sanitarium will be continued under Mr. Wallace's management and Miss Knipp will remain head nurse.

I wish to thank my past patrons and bespeak for the new management your every confidence.

Every physician in Graham and surrounding country is cordially invited to make use of the sanitarium and I assure you the best of treatment will be accorded both physician and patient.

Respectfully,
MRS. OMER BECKHAM.

Lost—A child's white sweater, somewhere on the streets between the Opera House and Mrs. Ely's, and Mr. Kesseler's residence, Saturday night. Finder please return to this office.

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Want Ads

Barred Rock Cockerels for sale. Z. A. Hudson.

Lost—A linotype watch fob, finder please leave at this office.

Having leased Mr. P. C. Walker's interest in the St. Louis Restaurant we are better prepared to serve you than ever.
Ladies trade a specialty.
W. F. and Mrs. Babb.

For Sale—Good milch cow, 5 years old, with young heifer calf. B. W. King. tf.

For Sale—One span of three year old and two spans two year old mules, all black, for cash or secured note.
16 S. P. Taylor.

For Sale—One span of young broke mules at $185.00 for cash or good note.
14-16. John Kisinger.

A Snap for Newly Weds.
A full housekeeping outfit, worth $250.00 will sell for $100, account of leaving town.
C. B. Bettis.

FOR SALE
I have some nice year old Durham male calves for sale. This is good stuff.
14-18. W. B. Hinson.

Opera House

HAPPENINGS AT OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK

MONDAY
Joker: That's Fair Enough.
Bison: Rescued by Wireless, two reels.

TUESDAY
Imp: In All Things Moderation, two reels.
Sterling: A Strong Affair.

WEDNESDAY
Victor: Simple Faith.
Universal Ike Jr., in the Dangers of a Great City.
Nestor: A Thirty-eight Calibre Friendship.

THURSDAY.
Joker: Her Twin Brother.
Eclair: The Price Paid, two reels.

FRIDAY
Rex: The Hole in the Garden Wall.
Sterling: A Rural Affair.
Universal Ike at the Dance of the Little L. O.

SATURDAY
Rex: Through the Flames, two reels.
Sterling: At Three O'clock.

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