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A "Tacky" Party.

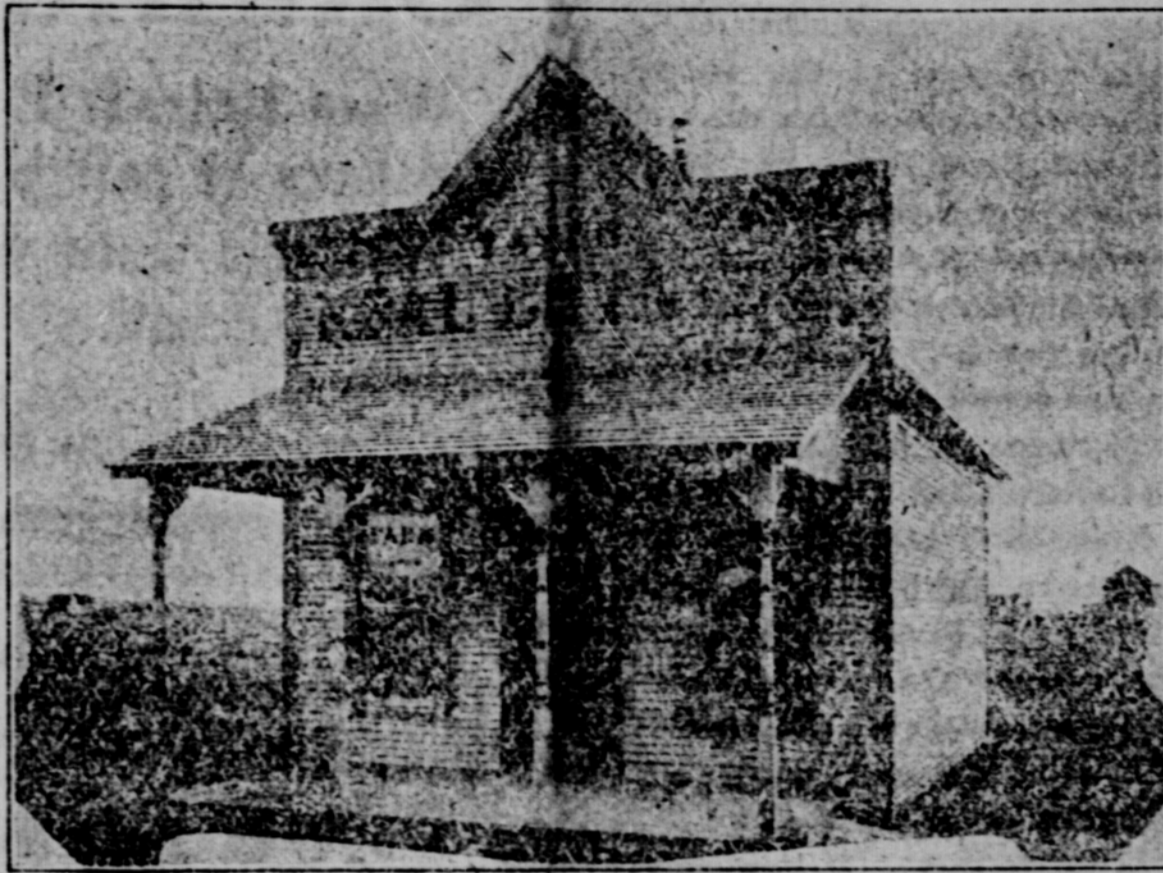
At B.J. Shook's.

Last Thursday evening the beautiful home of B. L. Shook was thrown open to the young people. The invitations were to a "tacky" party and the costumes of the guests were astonishing as well as original. Miss Mabel Shook, the hostess, was dressed like an old lady of 50 years ago, powdered hair and glasses lending the finishing touch; the character was cleverly carried out in its smallest detail. Miss Mabel recited "Jamima's Courtship" to the guests, greatly to their delight.

Miss Minnie Chambers looked the old time school teacher to perfection and managed a spelling bee in which the contestants displayed all the absurd mannerisms they could recall.

Miss Ethel Franklin was decked out in a most gorgeous make up, and reminded us of a young Miss, who was seeing the gay side of life for the first time and was feeling deliciously wicked, though fearful lest she should make mistakes and was all the time appealing to her "Maw" for advice. Miss Ethel received the prize, a small tin watch, for the most ludicrous make up among the girls.

Among the gentlemen some of the most amazing collars and ties were in evidence. Suspenders and cuffs were worn in the most unexpected places, and the way some of the costumes were patched showed a fine disregard for conventionality. Frank McGonagil received the prize for the gentlemen which was a souvenir picture. Charley Brown Sumner Clayton and Grover Harrison seemed to be an assortment of old bits of most anything. Joe Stokes, Joe Honea, Walter Slaton and Walter Brown were tricked out to personate a combination of railroad promoters and an English gentleman. Burt King stuffed into a coat three sizes too small excited our sympathy, while Ray Skinner looked lonesome in a suit as roomy as a section of land. Misses Cleo McGonagill, Pearl McDaniel and Hetlie McCarley were among those of the ladies who deserve special mention for the originality of their costumes. An interested company of elderly people viewed the parlors from the aircase in the hall and enjoyed it as much as the young folks. Miss Mabel Shook is to be congratulated on the success of her party, which was the best of its kind, the winter ever attended.



The above is a photograph of the office building owned and occupied by The Tahoka Real Estate Company, composed of C. G. Alford, P. R. Clayton and M. Clayton.

C. G. Alford was born and raised in Gonzales county, Texas, he was raised on the farm, therefore being a practical judge of farming land and what constitutes favorable conditions for good country homes. Mr. Alford was taken with the "Western fever," which is so contagious, about five years ago, getting no relief until he arrived in Lynn county about 14 miles west of Tahoka, which was his postoffice and trading point which he patronized to the fullest extent.

Perry R. Clayton, a native Texan, was also reared on the farm, and having traveled extensively over Texas and New Mexico, and being fully convinced that as to fertility of soil and general advantages Lynn county cannot be excelled in either state, he makes a good land man.

M. Clayton, the junior member of the firm, was born in Hamilton county, Texas, was educated in Vernon, is the Secretary and attends to the correspondence for the firm.

This land firm being composed of young men, full of enthusiasm and energy are well equipped to handle your land business satisfactorily.

Death Angel's Visit.

The angel of death visited the home of B. H. Black Dec. 31, at seven o'clock and stole away the darling of the household, little Ruth. She had been very ill for about three weeks when rest came to the weary little body and the shining spirit took its flight to the one who gave it being. Christ has said "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven." This blessed promise is balm to the torn and aching hearts. Yearning for the presence of the little sunbeam, who brightened the home for seven happy years. Little Ruth has stepped from her innocent childhood into the beauty of the great white city, where all is joy and peace, there to await the coming of the loved ones who are left behind.

For Treasurer.

On the second page of this paper will be found the name of C. G. Alford, who announces for the office of County Treasurer of Lynn County, Texas.

Mr. Alford is a native of Texas, having been born near Waelder, in Gonzales county in 1875, and lived there until about five years ago, when he moved to Lynn county, holding down a bonus for nearly three years and going through the hardships incident to all pioneers, living in a half dugout and hauling water seven miles for a considerable time. He showed his business ability by being able to meet his interest and chuck bills as they came due, and he promises to do his full duty to the county and citizens if they will favor him with their vote.

Old Time Ranch Dance.

At T-Bar Ranch.

New Year's night Mr and Mrs. Petty entertained at the T-Bar ranch headquarters. The occasion was an old time ranch dance and supper.

Early New Year's morning the preparations were begun; a beef, and a hog were barbecued and pies, cakes and the other goodies imaginable were prepared for the delectation of the guests. The carpets were taken up and all superfluous furniture removed from several rooms for the accommodation of the guests, who were soon to fill the house and at an early hour the table was loaded with a feast, in readiness for the supper.

The guests began to arrive before dark and continued to come in twos and threes and dozens. Automobiles, buggies, horses and bicycles were pressed into service to convey the pleasure seekers there. A good many of the young folks of Tahoka and some of the married people attended.

Supper and the festivities began early and lasted all night. Two rooms were devoted the dancers and one to those who cared only for conversation, and the table was kept spread all night that refreshments might be had by the late comers and by those, who had been dancing some time.

Fruits, candies and nuts were passed from time to time and cigars were provided for the gentlemen. Indeed, this was one of the most royal entertainments it has been our good fortune to report for some

Mrs. Petty discharged the duties of hostess in the most charming and tactful manner, making every one yearn for another New Year and another invitation. The guests numbered 114.

Will Nelson, of Meadow, left Lubbock last Tuesday in his buggy and later in the day the buggy and team were found in the road and the man was nowhere in sight and no news has been had of him up to the present time.

Dr. McCoy came down town Tuesday for the first time after a severe illness. His many friends are delighted to see him up and about town again.

Little Miss Grace Leedy made the hearts of her little friends glad with a party Thursday evening during Christmas week. Lots of games were played and the evening passed off merrily for all who were lucky enough to be present. Miss Grace is a charming little hostess, making the pleasure of her guests her first care.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Democratic Primary.

For County Treasurer.

C. G. ALFORD.

The Tahoka Real Estate firm have a handsome picture of their office, made by Mr. Reynolds, the photographer, which will appear in this issue of the News. They are the first in town to resort to this mode of advertising their business as well as their town.

News From Lynn.

School started again last Monday after two weeks vacation for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Tommie Elkins returned to school at Lynn last Monday after spending the last few weeks at her home in Garza county.

Rev. Shattuck preaches at Lynn next Sunday.

Sunday School was well attended last Sunday.

A number of our people went wolf hunting last Wednesday; they reported a big time and three wolves killed.

Cattle are looking bad for this time of year as the grass seems to be ruined by the weather.

Farming is beginning in earnest for another crop.

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ADVICE TO BOYS.

October is here and three-quarters of the year has vamoosed down the plug hole of time. Just size up, figure up, and weigh up, now that you've reached the three quarter mile post of the annual race, whether you've lived the year right, and if you have not, start right in now to make amends in the last quarter. For instance, I have had one hair on my head for the last nine months, and I'm going to try to have two before Christmas even if I have to bite the one I have in halves and plant it beside the other half. Billy, the goat has eaten one freight train since January, but hopes to get outside of at least a half a dozen more before the turkey season sets in. So you see we are doing our level best to set you a good example and it's up to you to follow suit. If you can't follow with an entire suit, follow with at least a pair of pants. If you can't follow with at least that amount of clothing you had better stay at home.

Honestly though, joking apart, try and make some kind of a record for yourself, before the year passes and skidoos forever. Before you can realize it, the year will be gone, forever and at least half of you are going to waste it. I can tell that by your letters. Please don't do it. Here are a few ways you boys can improve yourselves and the world at large: Cut out cigaret smoking. It weakens your heart, ruins nervous system, and makes you physical and moral degenerates, and puts you in a graveyard to fertilize grass and make a free lunch for the worms. If you must smoke, get a pipe and smoke only in the evenings. Gut out cigars. You can't afford good cigars, and cheap cigars are only sunk sticks and an abomination.

Cut out "cussing" Nearly all American swearing is blasphemy. The name of the Devil is in nearly every oath. Cursing is only a habit,—a rotten habit. Gentlemen do not curse. Only blackguards, loafers, thugs, wastrels, tramps, bums, and other human vermin turn their mouths into cesspools of filth and tanks of blasphemy. You think it's clever, you boys just springing into manhood, to have a cigarette in your mouth, an oath on your lips, chewing tobacco, and a gun in your hip pocket, and a couple of drinks of whiskey in your stomach. You feel a real bonafide man, don't you? You're just aching for pretty Sallie Jones to come along, and you think you'll make a big impression, don't you? You'll blow that cigarette smoke right in her face; you'll

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invite her to inspect that gun; you'll try to get near enough to let her smell the liquor on your breath so that she may know you're a real live sport. Think you're a man, don't you when you get heeled out in this fashion? Well you are way off in your reckoning for you're no sport and no man, you're just a silly young jackass. Everything,—gun, cigarette, whiskey, cursing, etc., things that you think are manly, you'll have to get rid of if you're ever to be a real man. If you continue in the jackass business, you'll graduate to the drunkard loafer and bum class, that fills our jails and penitentiaries and forms the criminal class. It is the class that throws a dark pall of misery, suffering

and wretchedness over the world. It is this class that breaks hearts and wrecks homes and makes angles weep, and Heaven blush and hell busy.

Continued next week.

A Neat Patch.

To mend the knees of little boys' trousers so they will look as well and wear as well as when new rip the seams as far up as worn, cut away the worn part, take a piece of cloth like the garment, sew straight across the front, carefully matching the goods; press the seam well, then shape by the piece cut off, sew up the seams and hem across the front. If the pressing is well done, one could not tell they had been mended.

HOW AND WHEN TO TEACH GEOGRAPHY.

Continued from last week.

Let your map study of the states begin, not with a study of New England states first, but with Texas and her neighboring states, then the Mississippi Valley states. See that the children come to know by location and description the greater natural curiosities and the greater cities. Use the maps in the text-books, the large relief maps, and the blackboard outline maps constantly, but use them not as an end—but as a means for working a clear cut conception of the United States as a whole. Take South America next in a general way, and not by nations—as The Andes, The Amazon Valley: The Pampas. Then the other foreign continents with the same line of treatment. The constant question should be: How and where do they live, and what kind of people are they?

In the fifth grade take a more intensive and comprehensive study of North America, along the lines indicated for the lower grades, including geography of transportation, and manufacture, always begin with Texas as far as possible.

In the sixth grade take Asia and South America as the theme, and remember that the United States is to our children, the geographical centre of the Universe—the point from which all things else must be measured. Study the world as a whole, and come back to Texas and drill on the details of its geography.

Schools should own abundant maps, relief, flat, blackboard outline and globes for use in all grades.

Map study as an assignment of work is usually worth very little, but map teaching is an invaluable aid. All map drawing done by the pupils should be done by the scale, not worked out by means of the scheme of lines, squares and triangles at the back of the text-book. A map once drawn, and its several determining dimensions mastered, should be drawn over and over in various scales till it can be drawn accurately and readily from memory. Just a few maps and those well learned. Map work should be interwoven with all the other phases of the subject. It would be well if we would sometimes quit hearing recitations from the geography. Teach the coming generation more about the world, for the power it will bring them for the ability it will give them.

Judge Perryman's Bible Class presented the Sunday School with a handsome call bell Christmas Sunday.

ETHEL ROOSEVELT IS A "HORSEY WOMAN."

She's Proud of It, Too, Though Her Brother doesn't Like It.

The coming debutante of the White House is in every sense a true daughter of her father, says The Delineator for January.

It is not often that the White House has the good fortune to harbor two charming debutantes in a single presidency. Alice Roosevelt is "wooed and married and a'" but here comes her sister Ethel to make her first formal bow next year. Ethel Roosevelt is extremely popular with her friends of her own age as well as with older people.

The former like her for her good temper and high spirits, the latter, for her womanly ways and her extreme devotion to her mother. Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter are thorough "chums."

Of course she loves horses—her father's daughter could not help it. Theodore, at home from Harvard for his vacation, remarked in a superior manner after listening to a long account of the virtues of Montauk, her own horse, "I hate a horsey woman, Ethel!" "Well retorted the girl, unabashed, 'I'd rather be talking about an almost human horse than about a lot of college fellows!'"

She is an "all-round girl." In the last year or two she has shot up amazingly, and the shy, awkward little girl who went to the White House will leave it a stately young woman with a frank charm of manner that is sure to carry her to brilliant social success.

RED CHEEKS WITHOUT ROGUE.

If you want to look very pretty and have red cheeks for a dance, you can do this, says The Delineator for January. Rub cold cream into the face, always with an upward, rotary movement. Wipe that off, rub in more and wipe it off again. Then wash the face with hot water. Then dash cold water over it and dry it thoroughly with a soft towel. To add the final touch take a small piece of ice, cover with a towel and rub gently three or four times over the cheekbones. This gives a color which will last for hours and is really a mild form of a Turkish bath for the face. Many ladies before going to a dinner use leather sponges, rubbing the cheeks first with warm water, then, hot water, and dry thoroughly. This gives a lovely color.

Mrs. Ewing was a pleasant caller at the News office Monday afternoon.

G. M. Elkins of Deering N. M. came in last week to spend the holidays with his people.

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DESCRIPTIVE GEOGRAPHY.

By Mamie Ball.

Continued from last week.

Note also how the life of the people may be modified by the climate and soil. Minnesota has her waving fields of wheat, and Mississippi her fields of cotton, yet neither will ever compete with the other in these two productions. Maine has her ice ponds and fisheries, Louisiana her sugar cane, hence the industries of these sections differ and the class of people differs also.

Also, the climate makes a great difference in the customs and habits, and clothing, and to a certain extent the conduct of the people. The Eskimo boy eats his piece of whale sperm with as much satisfaction as the American boy does his peppermint lozenge, and could he be brought to Texas on a July day, he would find his surroundings uncomfortable.

The pupils grow familiar with their text-books on geography, nothing is better than a topical outline for the study of a state or country. It helps pupils to classify what should be known. The teacher may arrange the outline to suit his own judgment. The pupils are then to gather information from any source to which they have access. Each pupil should make a neat copy and have it before him in the preparation as well as in the recitation of the lesson.

The teacher of geography must never forget the close connection between it and the other studies, such as reading, history, language, etc. All the historical events should be located geographically. In studying the Mexican War, review the geography of Mexico, and see that the pupils are able to map the campaigns of Scott and Taylor accurately.

In reading of natural wonders, teach the class to associate them carefully with the place. It is not good teaching when the class has an idea that this or that is away off somewhere. They should know in what continent and country it is located.

In Geography as in every other study, pupils enjoy variety. The teacher must have attention, he must have interest, or his teaching is a failure.

The following suggestions may be helpful:

1. Make good use of pictures and drawings.
2. Take your class on imaginary zig-zag journeys and have them describe what may be found in the places visited.
3. Have one pupil describe a river and let the class guess its name.

4. Have the class write on the board as rapidly as they can the names of a number of rivers or cities of a country. Let others locate the places. Pupils will take a delight in seeing who can write and describe the most.

5. Have the pupils draw maps on the board, and leave it to the vote of the class which is the best map. If the teacher has the right influence and control over the pupils, the voting will be done honestly.

6. Teach pupils how to study the lesson. On many subjects, half of the time is lost because the pupils do not know how to study. Have them read the lesson through thoughtfully and afterward review it by topic.

7. Let a pupil name the state or country, while the next below names the capitol of it, and so on around the class. Vary it by having the capital named first and then the next, name the state of which it is the capital.

8. Occasionally, have the pupils write a complete list of questions on a geography lesson, questions which the pupils think will bring out the important points of the lessons. This is an excellent drill in discriminating the important from the non-important. If a pupil happens to ask a question which the teacher cannot answer, let him frankly and honestly say so, and try and find out as soon as possible.

9. Require supplementary work. The pupil who depends entirely upon his text-book will never learn a great deal of geography. Send him to the magazines, newspapers, school journals, encyclopedias, and other sources of information.

10. In studying about other countries, have the pupils note the characteristic things about the people, their habits, occupation, dress,

morals and civilization, and compare them with our own. This will prove very interesting as well as instructive.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter White of Light spent the Holidays with Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nevill of this place.

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Miss Eddie Dellis of east of town spent the day in Tahoka Tuesday.

A nice lot of steel ranges at THE HARDWARE STORE.

Ray King, who had such a long, severe attack of fever this summer, has entered school since the holidays.

The printers on the News force went on a strike Christmas week. Not a very bad one however, as we managed to get out a paper though a small one.

We have town lots to trade for wood or feed or most any old thing and rather than cause hard feeling we would sell them for cash.

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Teachers Institute.

Continued from last week.

TUESDAY.

The following program was rendered. "Methods of securing interest and attention in class recitation," Miss Chambers. "Methods of securing attendance," General discussion led by Miss Elkins. "Texas History," Miss Lula Jones

After noon.

"How to deal with dull pupils," W. B. Bishop. "Grammar," Miss Clayton, "Physiology," A. J. Thomas.

WEDNESDAY.

This being Trustee's and Patrons Day, several visitors were present and the original program was deviated from. Judge Perryman delivered an able discourse on the "Duties of the County Superintendent," and other visitors discussed the same.

Afternoon.

The afternoon was taken up in a discussion of "Work in the Rural Schools."

THURSDAY

Miss McCarley discussed "U. S. History". Miss McLarry told us "How to cultivate the faculties of observation," in a very able manner. "Methods of grading written work," was discussed by Miss Ball

Afternoon.

In the afternoon Prof Walker enlightened us on the subject of "Algebra" including Division and Factoring

Miss Pope gave a most interesting paper on "How and when to teach geography." It was decided to have this paper sent to The Lynn County News for publication. Miss Elkins followed with a paper on "How to make a term report."

The query box was then opened and a very profitable hour followed in the discussion of the questions propounded.

FRIDAY.

"Incentives to study" Miss Elkins.

"Diacritical marks"—Miss Minnie Chambers.

"Cleanliness in schools."—Misses Jones and McCarley.

Bro. Lisemby was present and favored the Institute with a few timely remarks.

Afternoon.

After the noon recess, "Algebra" was discussed by Prof. Walker. Miss Annie McLarry then discussed "Monthly reports; Their merits and demerits."

Miss Ball followed with a paper on "Descriptive geography," after which the Institute was declared adjourned. A few minutes were

spent in social converse. The teachers, as a body, expressed their appreciation of the work done and the help and inspiration gained by the close association.—X. Y. Z.

George T. Curtis and Milton Moore were in town last week doing some telephone work.

Caskets, Coffins, Burial Robes, for both sexes, in fact all kinds of funeral accessories kept by Ousley & Alley, in the Masonic building.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Portales N. M. spent the holidays with Mrs. Sam Weathers in the west part of town. Mrs. Barnes is Mrs. Weathers's oldest daughter.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Did you get your picture taken before Christmas? If you did not, don't sit around and mope, but get up and have it taken just as soon as you can, for it will not do to put such a very important matter off from day to day, but now is the time to have your picture taken, while you can get the best.

If you ever intend to do any advertising, that will count, now is the time to have the pictures taken for that purpose. Nearly all up-to-date merchants have a picture of their place of business printed on their stationery, up-to-date ranch-men have cuts of their favorite stock, and a real estate agent who does not use photograph cuts in their advertising are way behind the times. I can not be excelled in this class of work

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Mrs. Ketner is in Tahoka with her baby, who is sick. She is stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Coughran, so the child may have medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Forrester spent Christmas in Lamesa with Mrs. Forrester's sister, Mrs. Mabry. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Meeks of California were there also.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nevels entertained the 42 Club Monday evening in honor of Miss Lena Brown.

Mr. A. R. McGonagill has gone to Fort Worth to the sanitarium, for treatment.

Miss Lena Brown left for Lubbock Thursday on the hack after a visit with Miss Ammie McLarry of this place.

Mr. Morman, who has been living in the west side of town has moved to the Babston house in the east side.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nevels and Messrs Slaton and Eaton spent last Sunday at Nevels' Rancho north of town, a dining being the occasion. Misses Brown, Outhouse and McLarry, were the guests of Miss Maud. Messrs. Agnew and Custis of Lubbock were also present.

A musical at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McGonagill Wednesday eve, of holiday week, was the occasion of a very pleasant gathering some choice music, interspersed with conversation, occupied the evening to the satisfaction of all.

The Christmas rainbow at the Baptist Church Christmas eve was one of the most successful entertainments ever given in this town, the decorations were beautiful, the presents without number, and the program left nothing to be desired. The committees did everything in their power to make everything go well and give the people a good time. Everyone who attended expressed themselves as highly pleased with the entertainment provided.

A leap year party was the occasion of a jolly evening at the home of Mrs. Rokerts. The boys waited, with palpitating hearts, at the hotel for the young ladies to call for them to escort them to the party. They were met by the charming hostess and presented to the honoree, Miss Lena Brown of Lubbock. Miss McLarry's guest. The evening was spent in mirth and conversation. Refreshments of punch, chocolate and sandwiches, were served.

Those present were Misses Cleo McGonagill, Lillie Harrison Mabel Hsek, Hettie McCarley, Lena Brown, Amy McLarry, and Gladys McGonagill. Messrs. Joe Stokes, Tom Eaton, Walter Slaton, Carl Thomas, Charley Brown, G. R. Milliken, and Murrell Skinner.

The Widow Bliss.

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 Pardon's bank, as it was known for fifty years, stood on the corner of two streets in the business center of a populous Canadian town. The business had descended from father to son. Besides its own building, the bank owned one-fifth of the square, and this ground was covered with stores and the buildings rented from year to year. The one next to the bank was a two story brick and had been rented at different times for different purposes. Just now it stood empty, with a sign of "To Rent" in the window.

The banker was a man who was familiar with all the minor details of the institution. He accepted or rejected tenants and signed the leases. It was to him that the Widow Bliss applied for the vacant store. She was the widow of a New York inventor and electrician, and she had herself worked with tools and studied the science of various problems. She had an electric invention in mind and had come to Canada to perfect it. It was the problem of heat. She hoped to reduce its cost below that of coal or wood. She would have to fit up the building with an engine, dynamos, shafting, etc., but there would be no noise to disturb any one. In fact, her force of three or four men would work mostly at night, when there was smaller chance of outsiders prying into their secrets.

A banker may be a close observer of human nature, but when he is a widower and the other party is a good looking and well to do widow who is on the point of revolutionizing the heat problem and making it possible to keep warm at the north pole the machinery is apt to skip a cog. It did in this case. Mr. Pardon was interested in the widow, and if he could save coal by adopting her new invention that would be to the profit of the bank. The tenant went ahead and fitted up the place, and when all was ready she spent an hour showing her landlord the machinery and explaining its operations. He knew nothing whatever about any part of it, but he did know a copper wire from a telegraph pole, and he expressed his satisfaction and left the place. It was to call again, however. In fact, it was to call almost every day for the next six weeks. While the widow was always in her little front office after 2 o'clock in the afternoon, it was understood that most of the work in the cellar and shops was done at night.

If any one had told the banker that he was falling in love, he would have scorned the idea, and yet the other fellow would have been right. His admiration was growing day by day, and we all know that admiration is the first step in love. When he was in his room in the bank making loans or inspecting securities he decided to remain faithful to the memory of his dead wife. When he was in the shop next door listening to the widow's talk about fuses and short circuits and crossed wires he could hardly hold himself back from making a proposition of matrimony. After two weeks men began to smile at each other. After four they began to wink. It would have hurt the banker's feelings had he known it, but the smiling and the winking were done behind his back.

Pardon's bank was an old-fashioned building. As its outer walls were three feet thick, Pardon, the elder, had considered that a pretty good safeguard against robbers. Therefore when he erected his money vaults down cellar he used brick only—brick walls and an iron door. There was no watchman or night. Who could make his way into the bank past the iron barred

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windows and bolted doors? And even if once in there were more doors and bars to be overcome. With a wide awake and vigilant policeman in front the place was as safe as safe could be.

Two months had gone by since the Widow Bliss fitted up the shop and began solving the great problem. The banker hadn't demanded the second month's rent at daylight on the morning of the first, when it was actually due and overdue, but had waited till noon, when it was sent in. The widow had won his confidence and admiration to such an extent that had she wanted a loan of \$25 he would have accommodated her without the customary two securities. Beyond admiration and confidence he didn't quite know his feelings. He was rather afraid of himself. He was afraid that if he proposed marriage she would refuse him and afraid that if he didn't he would miss a good thing and regret it ever afterward.

When he called on a certain afternoon he was informed that the heat problem would probably be solved that very night. He went to bed that night to kick around and wonder and ponder and make up and unmake his mind a dozen times over. He slept late and had a late breakfast, and it was half an hour behind his usual time when he reached the bank. He arrived just in time to hear a yell from the cashier as that individual, who had been down to open the vaults, came running upstairs. The vaults were open. They had been open since midnight, when the

to the bank had been finished, and the iron door blown off. That's what the widow Bliss' men had been working at for many long nights. They and the widow had taken \$90,000 from the vaults and left the town never to return. So nicely were their plans laid that they could not be followed a single mile.

The house warming problem had not been solved for the general public, but it had for Mr. James Pardon. He was robbed fifteen years ago, but he is warm yet. M. QUAD.

Last Saturday evening Raymond Weathers entertained the small people of Tahoka. Games and conversation and candy were the amusements most in favor. All the children reported a splendid time.

Miss Mabel Pole returned last Sunday from a visit to Miss Ammie McLarry at Lubbock during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson are visiting relatives in Lubbock this week.

Emmett Fleming began the Holiday gayety with a party at his home in the west side of town. Emmett is a popular member of the "Sweet Sixteen" set in Tahoka and gave his young friends a very pleasant evening.

R. A. Milliken, has an assortment of leather goods to select from that would do credit to a railroad town.

Revo McLarry passed through Tahoka Monday enroute to Dallas, where he will attend business college during the winter.

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General merchants, SOUTH WEST CORNER SQUARE, Tahoka, Tex.

Gay McGlaun has trade his house and two lots in the south part of town to J. S. Wells for 75 head of cattle and other property to the amount of between \$800 and \$900. We are pleased to learn that this trade does not necessarily mean that we will lose Mr. McGlaun as a citizen of Tahoka.

Thursday night it began to sleet and we expected all kinds of weather Friday, but so far we are just having a nice rain and fog.

The 1908 campaign opens with this issue, and if any one asks you about who is running, tell them to subscribe for the News.

Dink Penn called on the News force Thursday afternoon.

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FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

The Game of Head, Body and Legs Is a Great Funmaker.

One of the most amusing diversions there is for a small circle of people, whether young or old, is the old English game called head, body and legs. You pass to each player a slip of paper, say 3 by 6 inches in size. Each one then draws at the top of his paper a head, making it as ludicrous as his imagination and artistic skill can suggest. He then folds the paper back so that just a little of the neck is left in view and passes it to his right hand neighbor. Each player in the same way next draws on the paper handed to him a body, joining it to the neck the first player has made, and each paper, after being folded back, is passed to the next right hand neighbor again. Each player then completes the picture by adding feet to the body and folds the paper once more and passes it on. Finally each one names the creature by writing on the bottom any title he chooses. When the papers are unfolded it will be a sour company indeed if peals upon peals of laughter are not called forth. Of course each player draws his portion of the picture without seeing the other portions, and often the oddest combinations result.

Monkey In Sight.

One girl leaves the room, while the others hide a thimble or some other small object. When they are ready they all "Whoop!" and she

enters. If she moves toward the hiding place, they cry, "You burn!" "Now you burn more!" If she goes very near, they say, "Oh, now she is most blazing!" If she moves from the object, they say, "How cold she grows!" If the article is found, the finder cries, "Monkey in sight!" and then she has the pleasure of hiding it as some other child leaves the room.

Hide and seek is played similarly, as is "hot buttered blue beans," the only difference in the latter being that the child outside is called into the room with these words:

"Hot buttered blue beans,
Please come to supper."

—Philadelphia Ledger.

Circular Reaction.

Many boys and girls have doubtless wondered why the water in running out of the bottom of a bathtub or a wash basin assumes a circular motion. Did you ever notice this? It is due to what the scientists call circular reaction. The upward rush of the air from the drainpipe meets the downward rush of the water and sets the latter in motion.—Chicago News.

According to Size.

Effie was giving a birthday party, and during the merry games the child's mother asked her if she was happy.

"Oh, I've never been so happy in all my life," replied Effie joyfully. "I really couldn't be any happier 'less I was bigger."—Woman's Home Companion.

His Own Betrayer.

Dealers in "antiques" generally like to give their customers the impression that the things they sell are real and that there is absolutely nothing in the way of reproductions or imitations among their wares. There is one man in this line, however, who has a shop in Fifth avenue who unconsciously gives his business away by the sign on the front of his shop, which reads, "Antiques Made or Repaired."—New York Press.

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