

# The Borden Citizen

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### No District Court.

Judge Shepherd having learned from Judge Yellott, Sheriff Clark and others, that there was no business to come before the Grand Jury, phoned the sheriff that having learned that such was the case, and that all cases having been continued, so there would be no business to be disposed of, and besides being sick himself, and also having a sick child, he would not attend. To inform the grand jurors they were excused, and to adjourn the court to another term.

### Post City.

The prospective city, destined to be the county seat of Garza county, laid off by a surveyor last week, now has a store house with a stock of goods. Improving at this rate, a few months only, will suffice to make it quite a pretentious little town.

### Duplicate March.

W. K. Mitchell Exhibited his animal Duplicate March, in Gail last Monday. He is a fine registered Hereford, is 3 years and one month old, and weighs 1925 pounds.

### Transfers.

J. E. Eubanks to L. L. Jones 160 acres, consideration \$250.00.  
H. C. Jolly, to E. R. Yellott 2 acre block in Gail, consideration \$50.00.

### Feed the Hungry.

It is said the way to most men's hearts lies through their mouths, if this be true then the proprietor of the Stokes House has gained the hearts of the public. His house seems to be a very popular resort, yesterday he had 39 persons to dine at his table. Whenever we want to give our friends a treat, we invite them to dine with us at the Stokes House.

C. W. Post proprietor of the big Post ranch, with his family, brother and brothers family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander and others, stopped in Gail Sunday morning and spent the day here. They were traveling in four Double Deck wagons, specially equipped for a pleasant outing. They propose to visit and inspect Post City and also the ranch property which is being improved with houses etc. for tenants.

### When Rockefeller Financed a War.

Among the incidents related in the Woman's Home companion for January, of Mr. Rockefeller's career, is the following:

It happened about forty-four years ago, when Abraham Lincoln was nearly suffocated with trouble. New troops were required and money needed. Rockefeller, then a young man, had not as yet been accused of being a billionaire. He was strong for the Union, however. His office was at that time on River Street, Cleveland. Capt. Scofield came in one day with thirty raw recruits. The young business man saw what was needed, walked to his small safe, took out a bag of real money, giving to each man \$10. When outside one recruit remarked, "God, but he must be rich." And another one said, "Yes, they say he is a rich man—that he is worth as much as \$10,000!"

Washington, Apr. 4.—John D. Rockefeller soon will announce a gift of \$50,000,000 to uplift the subjects of the Chinese empire to the plane of western civilization. This announcement was made March 16th. by prominent men he has consulted regarding the best method of employing the money.

This gift will be the largest single benefaction ever made to charity. Its object unique, in that the donor hopes to create on the ruins of an ancient civilization a modern empire which will take front rank in the nations of the world.

But to bring this about, he will not invest his money in great battleships, smokless powder and high-power guns. He has no intention of creating a second Japan, filled with military spirit, and with an ambition to overrun the world.

Instead, the money will be used for education. In the principal cities of the Chinese empire, colleges will be endowed at which the mandarin class of Chinese, the leaders in thought and action, may learn to know and appreciate western civilization, and bring the country up to western standards.

It is accepted as being practically certain, if Mr. Rockefeller follows the advice of the men who know Chinese conditions, that institutes of the kind which he has in mind, will

be established at Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Chinanfu, in Shantung province; Changsha, in Hunan province; Chung King, in western China, and in Canton.

Mr. Rockefeller intends that the enormous fortune which he will give to the cause of enlightenment in China shall be used primarily among the mandarin classes, the influential element in the Chinese population.

#### A Letter from Bell County.

Mr. Editor: Thinking the readers of your valuable paper would appreciate a few dots from old Bell county, I thought I would write a few lines. Bell county is said to be one of the finest counties in the State. We have good water and plenty of it, plenty of timber for fire wood, the land is black, waxy and produces well. We raise corn, cotton, oats, wheat, sorghum, and all kinds of garden truck. All the land is in cultivation, except small pastures, that don't afford grass enough for a span of mules and a cow, and that is all the stock a renter is allowed to have. If he has more than that, he has to pay 50cts a month pasturage, and then has to feed all the time, or his stock will starve to death. It would take a renter his life time to accumulate enough to buy a small farm, and die in debt for the teams and implements he would buy to work it with. Land sells here at from 40 to 60 dollars per acre, according to location. Of course land close to market and railroad is a good deal higher than that. Some has sold higher at Holland; for 75 and 100 dollars, per acre. Now what show has a renter got? None whatever. Yet there are renters here that have been renting for 12 years and living on the same place, that couldn't buy a lot to be buried on, if their debts were paid, yet to see them out at a picnic, or at church you would think they owned the state. Now we have good people in old Bell, but there is more of, well I call it sore backed quality, than any place I ever saw, and they all have the big I and little U awful bad. Even the school kid has it, and if his parents own a black land farm why he is some on a stick, and don't associate with poor trash. Well the Farmers Union has benefited this class a site, but there is room for improvement yet. Well I think this year lets me out of Bell, as my parents have bought land in Borden county and some town property in Gail and we aim to make Gail our future home. I have a dear old uncle living there who sent us the Borden Citizen for which I send many thanks. It is just like getting a letter from kinfolks, and I can hardly

wait from one paper till the next. I am going to school and am in the fourth grade.

HANSON GOULD, age 14.

#### Life on the Farm.

Real life on the farm means corn in abundance, hogs a plenty, cows enough to keep every vessel on the place overflowing with milk; horses for every member of the family, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, fruit in season and out of season, babies, and good cheer all the year round.—Houston Post.

There is a great deal in writing an attractive advertisement. Do you give your advertisement your best attention? If you expect to do a large business on the fact that you know so many people, you will get left. The one you don't know are in the great majority. How are you to reach them in the most favorable manner at the least expense? By placing an attractive advertisement in the newspaper.

The suit tried in Justice Court last Monday of J. T. Creighton vs J. W. Chandler to recover a horse, bought by defendant from Jim Wasson, verdict was rendered for plaintiff; to which notice of appeal was given.

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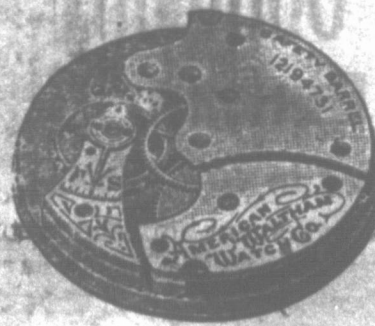
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row; idleness brings moral decay  
and furnishes an incentive to  
crime. The avalanche of crime  
that is sweeping over our beauti-  
ful land is largely due to the fact  
that too many would rather steal  
than work. The life of duty, not  
the life of mere ease or mere  
pleasure, is the kind of life which  
makes the great men and women.  
The first prize that life offers is  
the chance to work at work  
worth doing.

# With Edged Tools

By HENRY SETON MERRIMAN

Author of "The Sowers," "Roden's Corner," "From One Generation to Another," Etc.

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It was not Jack, but a note from him.

My Dear Father—Circumstances have necessitated the breaking off of my engagement at the last moment. Tomorrow's ceremony will not take place. As the above named circumstances were partly under your control, I need hardly offer an explanation. I leave town and probably England tonight. I am, your affectionate son, JOHN MEREDITH.

There were no signs of haste or discomposure. The letter was neatly written in the somewhat large calligraphy, firm, bold, ornate, which Sir John had insisted on Jack's learning. The stationery bore a club crest. It was an eminently gentlemanly communication. Sir John read it and gravely tore it up, throwing it into the fire, where he watched it burn.

Nothing was further from his mind than sentiment. He was not much given to sentiment, this hard-hearted old sire of an ancient stock. He never thought of the apocryphal day when he, being laid in his grave, should at last win the gratitude of his son.

"When I am dead and gone you may be sorry for it," were not the words that any man should hear from his lips.

More than once during their lives Lady Cantourne had said:

"You never change your mind, John," referring to one thing or another. And he had invariably answered:

"No, I am not the sort of man to change."

He had always known his own mind. When he had been in a position to rule he had done so with a rod of iron. His purpose had ever been inflexible. Jack had been the only person who had ever openly opposed his desire. In this, as in other matters, his indomitable will had carried the day, and in the moment of triumph it is only the weak who repine. Success should have no disappointments for the man who has striven for it if his will be strong.

Sir John rather liked the letter. It could only have been written by a son of his—admitting nothing, not even defeat. But he was disappointed. He had hoped that Jack would come—that some sort of a reconciliation would be patched up. And somehow the disappointment affected him physically. It attacked him in the back and intensified the pain there. It made him feel weak and unlike himself. He rang the bell.

"Go round," he said to the butler, "to Dr. Damer and ask him to call in during the evening if he has time."

The butler bustled himself with the coffee tray, hesitating, desirous of gaining time.

"Anything wrong, sir? I hope you are not feeling ill," he said nervously.

"Ill, sir!" cried Sir John. "Haug it, no; do I look ill? Just obey my orders, if you please."

My Dear Jack—At the risk of being considered an interfering old woman, I write to ask you whether you are not soon coming to England again. As you are aware, your father and I knew each other as children. We have known each other ever since—we are now almost the only survivors of our generation. My reason for troubling you with this communication is that during the last six months I have noticed a very painful change in your father. He is getting very old. He has no one but servants about him. You know his manner; it is difficult for any one to approach him, even for me. If you could come home—by accident—I think that you will never regret it in after life. I need not suggest discretion as to this letter. Your affectionate friend,

CAROLINE CANTOURNE

Jack Meredith read this letter in the coffee room of the hotel of the Four Seasons in Wiesbaden. It was a lovely morning; the sun shone down through the trees of the Friedrichstrasse upon that spotless pavement, of which the stricken wot. The fresh breeze came bowling down from the Taunus mountains all balsamic and invigorating. It picked up the odors of the syringa and flowering currant in the Kurgarten and threw itself in at the open window of the coffee room of the hotel of the Four Seasons.

Jack Meredith was restless. Such odors as are borne on the morning breeze are apt to make those men restless who have not all that they want. And is not their name legion? The morning breeze is to the strong the moonlight of the sentimental. That which makes one vaguely yearn incites the other to get up and take.

By the train leaving Wiesbaden for Cologne, "over Mainz," as the guide book hath it, Jack Meredith left for England, in which country he had not set foot for fifteen months. Guy Oscar was in Cashmere. The simlacine was almost forgotten as a nine days' wonder except by those who live by the ills of mankind. Millicent Chyne had degenerated into a restless society back. With great skill she had posed as a martyr. She had allowed it to be understood that she, having remained faithful to Jack Meredith through his time of adversity, had been heartlessly thrown over when fortune smiled upon him and there was a chance of his making a more brilliant match. With a chivalry which was not without a keen shaft of irony father and son allowed this story to pass uncontradicted. Perhaps a few believed it. Perhaps they had foreseen the future. It may have been that they knew that Millicent Chyne, surrounded by the halo of whatever story she might invent, would be treated with a certain careless nonchalance by the older men, with a respectful avoidance by the younger. Truly women have the deepest punishment for their sins here on earth, for sooner or later the time will come, after the brilliancy of the first triumph, after the less pure satisfaction of the skilled siren, the time will come when all that they want is an enduring, honest love. And it is written that an enduring love cannot, with the best will in the world, be bestowed on an unworthy object. If a woman wishes to be loved purely she must have a pure heart and no past ready for the reception of that love.

This is a sine qua non. The woman with a past has no future.

The short March day was closing in over London with that murky suggestion of hopelessness affected by metropolitan eventide when Jack Meredith presented himself at the door of his father's house.

In his reception by the servants there was a subtle suggestion of expectation which was not lost on his keen mind. There is no patience like that of expectation in an old heart. Jack Meredith felt vaguely that he had been expected thus, dally, for many months past.

He was shown into the library, and the tall form standing there on the hearth rug had not the outline for which he had looked. The battle between old age and stubborn will is long. But old age wins. It never raises the siege. It starves the garrison out. Sir John Meredith's head seemed to have shrunk. The wig did not fit at the back. His clothes, al-

ways bearing the suggestion of emptiness, seemed to hang on ancient given lines as if the creases were well established. The clothes were old. The fateful doctrine of not worth while had set in.

Father and son shook hands, and Sir John walked feebly to the stiff backed chair, where he sat down in shamefaced silence. He was ashamed of his infirmities. His was the instinct of the dog that goes away into some hidden corner to die.

"I am glad to see you," he said, using his two hands to push himself farther back in his chair.

There was a little pause. The fire was getting low. It fell together with a feeble, crumbling sound.

"Shall I put some coals on?" asked Jack.

A simple question, if you will, but it was asked by the son in such a tone of quiet, fatal submission that a whole volume could not contain all that it said to the old man's proud, unbending heart.

"Yes, my boy, do."

And the last six years were wiped away like evil writing from a slate.

There was no explanation. These two men were not of those who explain themselves and in the warmth of explanation say things which they do not fully mean. The opinions that each had held during the years they had left behind had perhaps been modified on both sides, but neither sought details of the modification. They knew each other now, and each respected the indomitable will of the other.

They inquired after each other's health. They spoke of events of a common interest. Trifles of everyday occurrence seemed to contain absorbing details. But it is the everyday occurrence that makes the life. It was the putting on of the coals that reconciled these two men.

"Let me see," said Sir John, "you gave up your rooms before you left England, did you not?"

"Yes."

Jack drew forward his chair and put his feet out toward the fire. It was marvelous how thoroughly at home he seemed to be.

"Then," continued Sir John, "where is your luggage?"

"I left it at the club."

"Send along for it. Your room is—er—quite ready for you. I shall be glad if you will make use of it as long as you like. You will be free to come and go as if you were in your own house."

Jack nodded with a strange twisted little smile, as if he were suffering from cramp in the legs. It was cramp—at the heart.

"Thanks," he said. "I should like nothing better. Shall I ring?"

"If you please."

Jack rang and they waited in the fading daylight without speaking. At

times Sir John moved his limbs, his hand on the arm of the chair and his feet on the hearth rug, with the jerky, half restless energy of the aged which is not pleasant to see.

When the servant came it was Jack who gave the orders, and the butler listened to them with a sort of enthusiasm. When he had closed the door behind him he pulled down his waistcoat with a jerk, and as he walked downstairs he muttered "Thank 'eaven!" twice, and wiped away a tear from his bibulous eye.

"What have you been doing with yourself since I saw you?" inquired Sir John conversationally when the door was closed.

"I have been out to India, merely for the voyage. I went with Oscar, who is out there still after big game."

Sir John Meredith nodded.

"I like that man," he said. "He is tough. I like tough men. He wrote me a letter before he went away. It was the letter of one gentleman to another. Is he going to spend the rest of his life after big game?"

Jack laughed.

"It seems rather like it. He is cut out for that sort of life. He is too big for narrow streets and cramped houses."

"And matrimony?"

"Yes, and matrimony."

Sir John was leaning forward in his chair, his two withered hands clasped on his knees.

"You know," he said slowly, blinking at the fire, "he cared for that girl more than you did, my boy."

"Yes," answered Jack softly.

Sir John looked toward him, but he said nothing. His attitude was interrogatory. There were a thousand questions in the turn of his head; questions which one gentleman could not ask another.

Jack met his gaze. They were still wonderfully alike, these two men, though one was in his prime while the other was infirm. On each face there was the stamp of a long drawn silent pride. Each was a type of those haughty conquerors who stepped, mail clad, on England's shores 800 years ago. Form and feature, mind and heart, had been handed down from father to son, as great types are.

"One may have the right feeling and bestow it by mistake on the wrong person," said Jack.

Sir John's fingers were at his lips.

"Yes," he said rather indistinctly, "while the right person is waiting for it."

Jack looked up sharply, as if he either had not heard or did not understand.

"While the right person is waiting for it," repeated Sir John deliberately.

"The right person?"

"Jocelyn Gordon," explained Sir John,

"is the right person."

Jack shrugged his shoulders and leaned back so that the firelight did not shine upon his face. "So I found out eighteen months ago," he said, "when it was too late."

"There is no such thing as too late for that," said Sir John in his great wisdom. "Even if you were both quite old it would not be too late. I have known it longer than you. I found it out two years ago."

Jack looked across the room into the keen, worldly wise old face.

"How?" he inquired.

"From her. I found it out the moment she mentioned your name. I conducted the conversation in such a manner that she had frequently to say it, and whenever your name crossed her lips she gave herself away."

Jack shook his head with an incredulous smile.

"Moreover," continued Sir John, "I maintain it is not too late."

There followed a silence. Both men seemed to be wrapped in thought, the same thoughts with a difference of forty years of life in the method of thinking them.

"I could not go to her with a lame story like that," said Jack. "I told her all about Millicent."

"It is just a lame story like that that women understand," answered Sir



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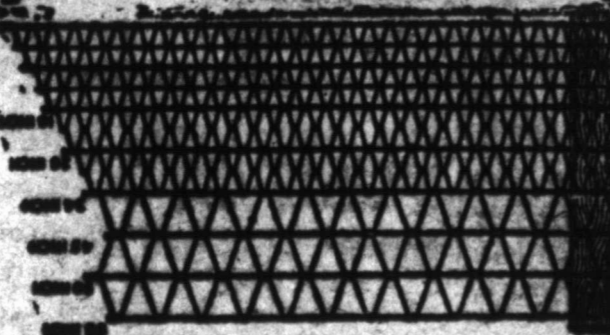
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Gail, Texas, April 4, 1907.

The business of the country has suffered great loss, from the failure or inability of the railroads to furnish adequate service in the transportation of the products, and manufactures of the country. There has been, and there still is a congestion of traffic on roads in all sections of the country, of freight of every description, of fuel, of cotton, of lumber, of grain and of goods. In all freight depots there is a vast accumulation of freight awaiting transportation. Merchants have been subjected to great trouble in having goods shipped to them, and the country has suffered from a coal famine, and in some cases a scarcity of other necessities of life. The railroad Commission has been urged to relieve the situation, by requiring the railroads to improve their transportation facilities. The past year was one of great prosperity in all sections of the country, fine crops were made. It became necessary for the railroads to increase their rolling stock, in order to move the huge crops of the country, and meet the requirements of increased traffic, due to the general prosperity. Improvement of water transportation is held to be the only solution of the railroad problem. With this view of the situation and complying with the petitions of numerous commercial organizations, President Roosevelt has decided to appoint an inland waterway commission, whose duty it will be to prepare a comprehensive plan for the improvement and control of the rivers systems of the United States. Eight public men have been asked to serve on the commission and representative Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee in the last congress, is to be chairman. The president was led to take this step because of the fact, that the railroads are no longer able to move the crops

and manufactures rapidly enough to secure the prompt transaction of business. "Representative railroad men point out that the products of the Northern states have doubled in 10 years, while the railroad facilities have increased but one eighth, and there is reason to doubt whether any development of the railroads possible in the near future will suffice to keep transportation abreast of production. There appears to be but one complete remedy—the development of a complementary system of transportation by water." Our country is specially favored with rivers and streames, either navigable or capable of being made so. They are natural arteries of commerce, and if properly utilized, will save in transportation millions of dollars annually, which is now paid to railroads. We hope this undertaking will receive liberal support from the government, as it will be of incalculable benefit to the country.

We wonder how many of our readers have noticed the difference between the man who has been married but a short time and one who has been married several years. You can always tell a young husband from an old one. When a man has been married a few months, you will generally see him working in the garden or fixing up about the house, and while he works he whistles, or sings, or occasionally looks up towards the window to see if anyone is watching him. A year later he is still working in the garden but the smile has been exchanged for a frown and he occasionally looks up towards the house wondering why in the thunder breakfast is not ready. Another year rolls by and his looks would sour milk, but he is still at work, stopping occasionally to kick the dog or throw a brick at the cat. The next year we find him sitting on the front porch, smoking a pipe while his wife does the digging in the garden. Now just watch our young men, as one by one they are caught in Cupid's net and see if this rule does not work out the problem correctly.

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### Notice.

Your attention is called to the clubbing offer in this issue, offering the CITIZEN and the Western Breeders Journal for the usual price of the CITIZEN. This is an up-to-date progressive farm journal is well illustrated, and contains much useful information.



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## Local

New Leather, Buggy and Wagon harness just received at H. D. Pruetts. He invites inspection.

Extra high patent flour at Dodsons, for \$3.00.

W. J. Turner was in town a few days last week.

J. I. Wilbourn and wife were in Gail Friday and Saturday morning.

Henry Johnson who recently sold his ranch to Jno. B. Slaughter has bought 320 acres from Perry Crowley, at \$1300.00.

W. J. Smith formerly of Robert Lee, has opened a black smith shop at Tredway.

L. S. Munger brought his wife Roy Munger, Mrs. Frances Abney Mrs. Sales and daughter to Gail Friday, in his handsome automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have returned to Gail after three weeks absence. They were accompanied by Miss Fannie Whittington, a sister of Mrs. Chandler.

Managers of the proposed Telephone Exchange, propose to put in a system here by April 15.

Warren Bros. of Snyder keep a full line of Drugs and Druggists sundries.

White Wyandotte eggs for sale, \$2.00 per 15.

### Mrs. Horace Hale.

Miss Nellie Hale and Mr. Thad Durst, Miss Alma Taylor and Mr. George Cathey, attended the singing and dinner on the ground at Mesquite school house last Sunday.

Big Springs Furniture Company guarantee their goods.

Cail presented quite a business like appearance last Monday, many having come to attend District and Justice courts.

WANTED—Fifty head of cattle to graze on pasture six miles Southwest of Gail, plenty of grass and water. Apply to W. M. JACKSON.

J. A. Arnett was here last Saturday, attending to some business matters.

H. H. Creswell who rented a part of the old Childers farm last Fall was in Gail Monday.

Warren Bros. will be glad to see you when you come to Snyder.

R. R. Seymour of Hamilton county, was here this week on land business.

M. H. Robinson of Coryell county is here this week visiting his son T. H. Robinson who is with Jim Dorward.

M. H. Leak has moved in and is occupying the property he purchased from J. M. Kincaid

Miss Hettie Kincaid, who has been visiting her grand mother, Mrs. Bettie Kencaid, returned to her home eight miles from town, last Saturday. She was accompanied by her grand mother, who will spend several weeks in the country, for the benefit of her health.

Warren Bros. handle Dr. Hess' stock food.

Henry Holler last Saturday bought 62 head of stock cattle from J. B. Denton, at \$15.00 per head.

Phone 262 Big Springs, Texas for Undertakers goods. Open night or day.

Our District Court convenes Monday April 1st.

When you come to Snyder don't fail to call on Warren Bros.

### Verbena Locals.

Verbena, Texas, Mar. 23.—The grass is coming very fast, stock are beginning to mend.

Mr. G. W. Bradley has lately sold to the 24 ranch nine head of saddle ponies at \$50 per head.

J. B. Cotton, Jr. recently sold to J. W. Jones a two-year-old colt at \$50.

There was an interesting exhibition at the Still Water school arranged by Miss Vena Elkins, the teacher, largely attended by the people of that neighborhood. This was followed by a sociable in honor of Miss Elkins, given by J. B. Cotton. With sweet music and delightful converse the hours sped by until we were reminded that it was midnight, when the entertainment ended and the crowd reluctantly dispersed.

### Graham Items.

Miss Mollie Hopkins returned home Friday, after a two weeks visit to Bertha Wilbourn.

Mrs. Joe McMahon is spending a few days, the guest of Mrs. N. H. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chandler went to Post City Sunday eve.

The Easter egg hunt Sunday was a success, every body enjoyed the sport.

Mr. W. L. Williams took a photograph of Post City Sunday evening.

Mr. B. N. Green of Gail, called at the home of Mr. Jno. Wilbourn Saturday.

Mr. Curtis, Mr. Hill and Mr. Page of Post City, visited at the Llano ranch Sunday.

Mr. Williams and Sam Wilkes were on North plains Sunday.

Mr. Cotten of Verbena and Mr. Murray of Lynn, visited at the Llano ranch Sunday.

### LONESOME JACK.

N. W. Hight from North Borden, was here yesterday with a load of hides, of cattle he had lost during the past winter and spring.

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### Tredway Items.

The light rain that fell this week did but little if any good except for grass growing. The grass on the Plains is getting pretty and green. Stock Water is scarce but stock are looking well.

William Tredway made a flying trip to Gail Friday.

Miss Mattie Bullard from Mineral Wells is visiting her brother Troy Bullard, and sister Miss Elmer Russell.

The candy breaking at Mr. S. L. Jones was a grand success.

Mr. Tom Parker was a guest of Troy Bullard at Gail, Tuesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Bullard returned to the plains, to the bed side of Mrs. Ola Russell who was quite sick.

Uncle Albert Tredway returned from Colorado after a few days absence from our neighborhood.

We understood that Howard county was improving the lower end of the Gail and Big Springs road.

The all day preaching at Mesquite was a swell occasion. Gail was well represented. The Mesquite boys tramped down five acres of grass trying to get to the dinner table, which was loaded with an abundance of good things that this community never fails to have. Mr. D. C. Stevens and Mr. S. L. Jones, delegates from Mesquite, attended the singing at Six Mile, Sunday.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at Mr. D. C. Stevens' last Sunday night.

Annie Bell Jones is visiting her sister Mrs. Bullard this week.

Mrs. Tom Smith and children visited Mrs. Russell of the plains last Sunday.

Mr. Creighton made a business trip to Gail this week. Cor.

Judge G. W. Perryman of Tahoka, who was in Gail this week attending court as counsel in a civil suit, returned home Wednesday morning.

H. S. Smith, and old printer from Arizona, passed through Gail this week.

Mrs. W. K. Clark left Wednesday morning to visit friends in Big Springs.

The Easter Issue of the Lubbock Leader, illustrated and in bright colors, is not only attractive but the general make up is creditable, even to as good a paper as the Leader

Yesterday we had a disagreeable reminder of West Texas weather in the sand storm which lasted nearly all day.