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School Opening.
The Gail Public School will open Sept 9, 1907 and continue for a term of seven months with a two weeks intermission taking in Xmas and New year beginning Dec. 20.
With the foundation laid in the last two years by Professor's Mauldin and McClung there is no reason why we should not have an exceptionally good school this year. Now a word to the patrons. From observation, experience and reason, it is thought wise and prudent to ask for the hearty co-operation of the school in carrying out the following suggestions:
1. Enter your children promptly at the opening of school and keep them there regularly and punctually there after.

2. See that they have the necessary books and that advanced pupils have good lights and do home study tasks regularly.
3. Help to avoid the evil effects of party and picnic going during school months by not giving them on school nights.
4. Do not wait until trouble arises, but keep in honest touch with the teacher of your children all the time in order that trouble may be avoided.
5. Visit the school at least one time during the school term. Try to let your child know you are interested in his progress by encouraging him in his school in every way possible.
REMEMBER that the success of the school depends upon the CO-OPERATION of the Patrons, teachers and trustees.
L. F. MCKAY.

While the modern system of school work may be deficient in some respects, and no doubt the tendency is to take on more work and to many branches of study for the pupil to master thoroughly in the time the average boy or girl is allowed for schooling, yet there is a fault on the part of parents which is persistently left out of account in the argument of the critic. The pupils, especially in the higher grades, are allowed to spend the nights during the week in various amusements which distract their minds from school work, and the loss of sleep incapacitates them for good work during school hours.
B. F. Hines of Seymour, Baylor, county, and son passed through Gail Saturday en route to the plains. They are prospectors.

Ball Game.
Ball game on last Saturday evening between Gail and Julia. The battery for Gail, Morgan and Keene.
Battery for Julia, Willis and Whitaker.
Score, nineteen to eight in favor of Gail.
R. L. Hudson representing Padgett Bros. of Dallas, Texas was doing business here last Saturday.
G. C. King of Lynn county was through Gail last week returning from a visit to Comanche county. He reports very short crops in that county.
Press Corley representing the J. W. Crowder Drug Co. of Dallas and H. M. Shelton representing Nelson & Baker, of Detroit, Michigan were taking orders in our town last Saturday.

COTTON GINNERS' ATTENTION.

THE TEXAS BUREAU OF COTTON STATISTICS.

The thirtieth Legislature passed a law creating a Bureau of Cotton Agriculture. The object of this Bureau is directly to benefit the cotton grower by furnishing accurate information in regard to the condition of the Texas cotton crop during the period when this crop is really being marketed. The fact that Texas produces one-third of the entire cotton crop of the United States will at once show the need of such a Bureau and the importance to the cotton grower of the information to be furnished by it. This information is to be based upon actual figures whose accuracy is sworn to. There is to be no guess work or estimating about any part of it.

The plan devised for the collection to these statistics is as follows: Before engaging in the business of public ginner, each ginner shall obtain from the County Clerk of the county in which a gin is located a certificate (free of cost) showing that he has taken the oath prescribed by law. The oath provides that the ginner shall make correct reports to the Commissioner of Agriculture. The County Clerks are to send to the Commissioner of Agriculture the certificate number, name and postoffice address of each ginner that qualifies. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall send to each ginner blanks and envelopes for the official cotton report. The ginner shall make their reports between the 1st and 3rd of each month. On the eighth of each month the Commissioner of Agriculture shall open and compile these reports in the presence of three witnesses, appointed by the Governor for this particular purpose. The result shall be published at eleven o'clock a. m. on the ninth of each month. The law places a severe penalty upon all ginner who fail to comply with its provisions.

Be yourself. Any man has won a great victory when he has come to the point where he will allow his own personality with all that is highest and best in his nature to assert itself and have full sway in his life and conduct. One man "came to himself," and said: "I will be heard, I will be myself; I will not equivocate; I have a message, and I will be heard." That man's life was threatened time and time again. Many times was he set upon by howling mobs who thirsted for his blood;

but he always escaped unscathed. Garrison may have been a wild fanatic, but he had a purpose in life, and human slavery had to come to an end.

There are some men so narrow that they cannot treat with common courtesy, much less with genuine respect and esteem, the men who differ from them. God pity the man who can not, while contending for that which he believes to be true and right, love and respect men who are not of his way of thinking. Some of the men whom I have hit hardest and who in return have dealt me some terrific blows have been among my best personal friends. I love a man who fights well and fights fair. I detest a coward and a sneak who slips around to deal me a blow in the dark.

There is nothing that will more surely and quickly kill a town commercially, socially, educationally and religiously than a mean, dirty factional fight. Competition of the right sort is helpful to all interests. The disposition to down the other fellow will always sooner or later react with tremendous force and the most disastrous results upon the person who undertakes such a policy. Let Breckinridge learn a lesson from the experience of a sister town.—Breckinridge Democrat.

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no longer to be trusted. The most respected one among them all had been unable to resist the tempter. The supreme court, the living voice of the constitution, was honeycombed with graft. Public life was rotten to the core!

Neither the newspapers nor the public stopped to ascertain the truth or the falsity of the charges against Judge Rossmore. It was sufficient that the bribery story furnished the daily sensation which newspaper editors and newspaper readers must have. The world is ever more prompt to believe ill rather than good of a man, and no one, except in Rossmore's immediate circle of friends, entertained the slightest doubt of his guilt. It was common knowledge that the "big interests" were behind the proceedings, and that Judge Rossmore was a scapegoat, sacrificed by the system because he had been blocking their game. If Rossmore had really accepted the bribe, and few now believed him spotless, he deserved all that was coming to him. Senator Roberts was very active in Washington preparing the case against Judge Rossmore. The latter being of the party which was in the minority, and "the interests" controlling a majority in the house, it was a foregone conclusion that the inquiry would be against him, and that a demand would at once be made upon the senate for his impeachment.

Almost prostrated by the misfortune which had so suddenly and unexpectedly come upon him, Judge Rossmore was like a man demented. His reason seemed to be tottering, he spoke and acted like a man in a dream. Naturally he was entirely incapacitated for work, and he had applied to Washington to be temporarily relieved from his judicial duties. He was instantly granted a leave of absence and went at once to his home in Madison avenue, where he shut himself up in his library, sitting for hours at his desk wrestling with documents and legal tomes in a pathetic endeavor to find some way out, trying to elude this net in which unseen hands had entangled him.

What an end to his career! To have struggled and achieved for half a century, to have built up a reputation year by year, as a man builds a house brick by brick, only to see the whole crumble to his feet like dust! To have gained the respect of the country, to have made a name as the most incorruptible of public servants, and now to be branded as a common bribe taker! Could he be dreaming? It was too incredible! What would his daughter say—his Shirley? Ah, the thought of the expression of incredulity and wonder on her face when she heard the news cut him to the heart like a knife thrust. Yet, he mused, her very unwillingness to believe it should really be his consolation. Ah, his wife and his child—they knew he had been innocent of wrongdoing. The very idea was ridiculous. At most he had been careless. Yet he was certainly to blame. He ought to have seen the trap so carefully prepared and into which he had walked as if blindfolded. That extra \$50,000 worth of stock, on which he had never received a cent interest, had been the decoy in a carefully thought out plot. They, the plotters, well knew how ignorant he was of financial matters, and he had been an easy victim. Who would believe his story that the stock had been sent to him with a plausibly worded letter to the effect that it represented a bonus

on his own investment. Now he came to think of it, calmly and reasonably, he would not believe it himself. As usual, he had mislaid or destroyed the secretary's letter, and there was only his word against the company's books to substantiate what would appear a most improbable if not impossible occurrence.

It was his conviction of his own good faith that made his present dilemma all the more cruel. Had he really been a grafter, had he really taken the stock as a bribe, he would not care so much, for then he would have foreseen and discounted the chances of exposure. Yes, there was no doubt possible. He was the victim of a conspiracy; there was an organized plot to ruin him, to get him out of the way. The "interests" feared him, resented his judicial decisions, and they had halted at nothing to accomplish their purpose. How could he fight them back, what could he do to protect himself? He had no proofs of a conspiracy; his enemies worked in the dark; there was no way in which he could reach them or know who they were.

He thought of John Burkett Ryder. Ah, he remembered now! Ryder was the man who had recommended the investment in Alaskan stock. Of course. Why did he not think of it before? He recollected that at the time he had been puzzled at receiving so much stock, and he had mentioned it to Ryder, adding that the secretary had told him it was customary. Oh, why had he not kept the secretary's letter? But Ryder would certainly remember it. He probably still had his two letters in which he spoke of making the investment. If those letters could be produced at the congressional inquiry they would clear him at once, so, losing no time and filled with renewed hope, he wrote to the Colossus a strong, manly letter, which would have melted an iceberg, urging Mr. Ryder to come forward now at this critical time and clear him of this abominable charge, or in any case to kindly return the two letters he must have in his possession, as they would go far to help him at the trial. Three days passed and no reply from Ryder. On the fourth came a polite but frigid note from Mr. Ryder's private secretary. Mr. Ryder had received Judge Rossmore's letter and in reply begged to state that he had a vague recollection of some conversation with the judge in regard to investments, but he did not think he had advised the purchase of any particular stock, as that was something he never did on principle, even with his most intimate friends. He had no wish to be held accountable in case of loss, etc. As to the letter which Judge Rossmore mentioned as having written to Mr. Ryder in regard to having received more stock than he had bought, of that Mr. Ryder had no recollection whatever. Judge Rossmore was probably mistaken as to the identity of his correspondent. He regretted he could not be of more service to Judge Rossmore and remained his very obedient servant.

It was very evident that no help was to be looked for in that quarter. There was even decided hostility in Ryder's reply. Could it be true that the financier was really behind these attacks upon his character? Was it possible that one man, merely to make more money, would deliberately ruin his fellow man whose hand he had grasped in friendship? He had been unwilling to be-

lieve it when his friend ex-judge Stott had pointed to Ryder as the author of all his misfortunes, but this unsympathetic letter, with its falsehoods, its was proof enough. Now no doubt possible. John Burkett Ryder was his enemy, and what an enemy! Many a man had committed suicide when he had incurred the enmity of the Colossus. Judge Rossmore, completely discouraged, bowed his head to the inevitable, but he sent for his old friend ex-Judge Stott.

They were lifelong friends, having become acquainted nearly thirty years ago at the law school, at the time when both were young men about to enter on a public career. Stott, who was Rossmore's junior, had begun as a lawyer in New York and soon acquired a reputation in criminal practice. He afterward became assistant district attorney and later, when a vacancy occurred in the city magistrature, he was successful in securing the appointment. On the bench he again met his old friend Rossmore, and the two men once more became closely intimate. The regular court hours, however, soon palled on a man of Judge Stott's nervous temperament, and it was not long before he retired to take up once more his criminal practice. He was still a young man, not yet fifty, and full of vigor and fight. He had a blunt manner, but his heart was in the right place, and he had a record as clean as his close shaven face. He was a hard worker, a brilliant speaker and one of the cleverest cross examiners at the bar. This was the man to whom Judge Rossmore naturally turned for legal assistance.

Stott was out west when he first heard of the proceedings against his old friend, and this indignity put upon the only really honest man in public life whom he knew, so incensed him that he was already hurrying back to his aid when the summons reached him.

Meantime a fresh and more serious calamity had overwhelmed Judge Rossmore. Everything seemed to combine to break the spirit of this man who had dared defy the power of organized capital. Hardly had the news of the congressional inquiry been made public, than the financial world was startled by an extraordinary slump in Wall street. There was nothing in the news of the day to justify a decline, but prices fell and fell. The bears had it all their own way, the big interests hammered stocks all along the line, "coppers" especially being the object of attack. The market closed feverishly, and the next day the same tactics were pursued. From the opening, on selling orders coming from no one knew where, prices fell to nothing, a stampede followed, and before long it became a panic.

Pandemonium reigned on the floor of the Stock Exchange. White faced dished-brokers shouted and struggled like men possessed to execute the orders of their clients. Big financial houses which stood to lose millions on a falling market rallied and by rush orders to buy attempted to stem the tide, but all to no purpose. One firm after another went by the board, unable to weather the tempest, until just before closing time the stock ticker announced the failure of the Great Northwestern Mining company. The drive in the market had been principally directed against its securities, and after vainly endeavoring to check the bear raid it had been compelled to declare itself bankrupt. It was heavily involved, assets nil, stock almost worthless. It was probable that the creditors would not see 10 cents on the dollar. Thousands were ruined, and Judge Rossmore among them. All the savings of a lifetime—nearly \$55,000—were gone. He was practically penniless at a time when he needed money most. He still owned his house in Madison avenue, but that would have to go to settle with his creditors. By the time everything was paid there would only remain enough for a modest competence. As to his salary, of course he could not touch that so long as this accusation was hanging over

his head, and if he were impeached it would stop altogether. The salary, therefore, was not to be counted on. They must manage as best they could and live more cheaply, taking a small house in the city, where he could prepare his case quietly without attracting attention.

Stott thought this was the best thing they could do, and he volunteered to relieve his friend by taking on his own hands all the arrangements of the sale of the house and furniture, which offer the judge accepted only too gladly. Meantime Mrs. Rossmore went to Long Island to see what could be had, and she found at the little village of Massapequa just what they were looking for—a commodious, neatly furnished two story cottage at a modest rental. Of course it was nothing like what they had been accustomed to, but it was clean and comfortable, and,

as Mrs. Rossmore said, rather tactlessly, beggars cannot be choosers. Perhaps it would not be for long. Instant possession was to be had, so a deposit was paid on the spot, and a few days later the Rossmores left their mansion on Madison avenue and took up their residence in Massapequa, where their advent created quite a fuster in local social circles.

Stott was given a room in the cottage so that he might be near at hand to work with the judge in the preparation of the defense, and he came out from the city every evening. It was now June. The senate would not take action until it convened in December, but there was a lot of work to be done and no time to be lost.

The evening following the day of their arrival they were sitting on the porch enjoying the cool evening air after dinner. The judge was smoking. He was not a slave to the weed, but he enjoyed a quiet pipe after meals, claiming that it quieted his nerves and enabled him to think more clearly. Besides, it was necessary to keep at bay the ubiquitous Long Island mosquito. Mrs. Rossmore had remained for a moment in the dining room to admonish Eudoxia, their new and only maid of all work, not to wreck too much of the crockery when she removed the dinner dishes. Suddenly Stott, who was perusing an evening paper, asked:

"By the way, where's your daughter? Does she know of this radical change in your affairs?"

Judge Rossmore started. By what mysterious agency had this man penetrated his own most intimate thoughts? He was himself thinking of Shirley that very moment, and by some inexplicable means—telepathy modern psychologists called it—the thought current had crossed to Stott, whose mind, being in full sympathy, was exactly attuned to receive it. Removing the pipe from his mouth, the judge replied: "Shirley's in Paris. Poor girl, I hadn't the heart to tell her. She has no idea of what's happened. I didn't want to spoil her holiday."

He was silent for a moment; then after a few more puffs he added confidentially in a low tone, as if he did not care for his wife to hear:

"The truth is, Stott, I couldn't bear to have her return now. I couldn't look my own daughter in the face."

A sound as of a great sob which he had been unable to control cut short his speech. His eyes filled with tears, and he began to smoke furiously, as if ashamed of this display of emotion. Stott, blowing his nose with suspicious vigor, replied soothingly:

"You mustn't talk like that. Everything will come out all right, of course. But I think you are wrong not to have told your daughter. Her place is here at your side. She ought to be told even if only in justice to her. If you don't tell her, some one else will or, what's worse, she'll hear of it through the newspapers."

"Ah, I never thought of that!" exclaimed the judge, visibly perturbed at the suggestion about the newspapers.

"Don't you agree with me?" demanded Stott, anxiously to Mrs. Rossmore.

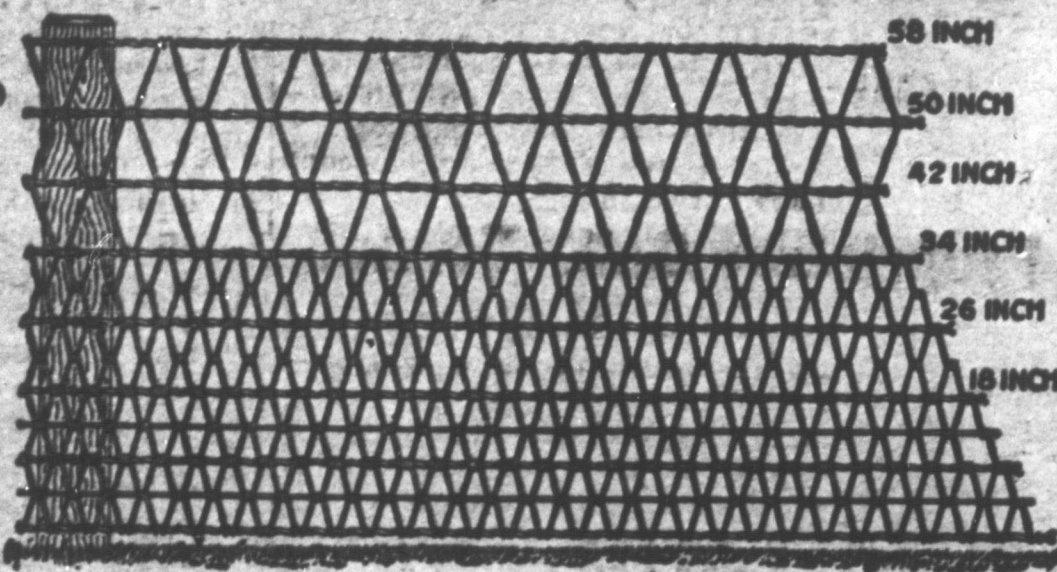
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Labor no longer has to assert itself to have its rights and its dignity recognized. It is of more value to the older workman to have a day off with his family or to the young workman to have a day with the people of his own age than to spend the day noisily in insisting upon rights which

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Church of Christ: Preaching every second Sunday. Eld. H. D. Pruett, Pastor.

Presbyterian: Preaching every third Sunday. Rev. W. W. Werner, Pastor.

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The children take an especial pleasure in Labor day because in most places it delays for 24 hours the opening of the schoolrooms in which they are to spend the larger part of the next ten months. It is the last day of vacation, and it is a day boldly taken from the first week of school, almost as if in defiance of the school bell. With their fathers and big brothers equally free from tasks, the vacation closes in a big celebration, in a blaze of glory.

Then work begins again for old and young. Summer is over. Pleasant days will come, but the heart must not heed the call of the open sky. There is much to be done, much treasure to be stored up for the future; for the child, knowledge; for the workman, skill in his trade and provision for the needs of his family. It seems strange that Labor day should be celebrated by an avoidance of labor, it is certain, on the other hand, that those who labor best, appreciate most the setting apart of this one day in honor of honest toil. Saints have their days and so have heroes and kings. This is the day of the common man, and every one who works can claim a share of the honor if not of the holiday.

The telegraph strike situation remains unchanged. The operators ask for a raise in wages to \$30 and \$35 per week, and 60cts and 70cts per hour for over time. There seems no disposition on the part of the Companies or strikers to compromise. It seems to be a game of stand pat, like that of two sparring pugilists, each claiming the victory. If the interests of the two parties in this contest were alone involved, the public could look on with some degree of complacency. But the loss to the public is immeasurably greater than that of the telegraph companies and strikers combined. So indispensable are the wires to the public convenience in the transaction of the intricate business of modern life requiring instantaneous communication from one part of the country to the another, that it seems the rights of the parties to the strike should yield to those of the public. So grave are the consequences of strikes, to public interests that manifestly some plan should be devised for their speedy settlement, fair and just, not only to the parties to strikes but to the public, which is always the heaviest loser, by these disturbances in the business affairs of the country.

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Significance of the National Irrigation Celebration.

The magnificent irrigation celebration to take place in this city beginning September 2d, is not merely an entertainment affair to divert the multitude. It has a far deeper significance. It is designed above all else to concentrate popular attention in this country upon the practical importance of the movement represented by the National Irrigation Congress.

From every point of view, sociological, economic, political, material and National, this movement has a vital bearing upon the progress and prosperity, present and future, of the United States. The wise conservation of the natural sources of wealth is dictated by National prudence. There is no higher form of constructive statesmanship than that which addresses itself to the solution of the great problems which this desideratum involves.

Unless the statesmanship of a country aims first of all to develop and perpetuate those resources of nature which provide for the physical life of the population, it is short-sighted and unscientific. It is worse. It is fatally defective in a very essential element of sound statecraft.

Now, the National Irrigation Congress concerns itself with the object of preserving and developing the stream wealth and the forest resources of the country with a view to their beneficial utilization by a constantly increasing population. A great philosopher has said that man is a benefactor of his kind who causes to grow two blades of grass where only one grew before. The movement for which the Congress stands aims at the multiplication of happy and contented and prosperous American homes on lands now either arid or submerged.

Throughout the western half of the United States is a tremendous

area of fertile land that needs only the application of water to correct it for the most part into a blooming and productive Eden.

The water in ample quantities is available. What is alone requisite to aid nature is the construction of plants for storing and distributing the supply. The accomplishment of this result lies easily within modern engineering skill. The working of the miracle is only a question of ways and means. With sufficient money and time, these desert places of the arid empire can be transformed into the most populous and prosperous sections of the entire country.

The possibilities of irrigation and forestry development along these lines, are practically demonstrated in a thousand isolated spots throughout the arid region. In the very heart of the desert in many of the Western States, Government initiative and private enterprise have brought moisture to the thirsty soil, making within an incredibly short time oases of wonderfully luxuriant plant growth, dotted with happy homes. Where nothing but sagebrush formerly covered the landscape, beautiful orchards and vineyards and gardens are now yielding bountiful harvests, affording the owners splendid returns on their labor. Many examples of this phenomenon are found in the marvelously rich fruit section of our own adjacent States.

No more useful purpose could engage the attention and energies of any body of men in the United States. No more Nationally important project could appeal to the support and sympathy of patriotic Americans when properly brought home to them. The development of the agricultural area of the country and the enlargement of its productive resources is a thing that vitally concerns the present generation of Americans and their successors for many generations to come. This is the underlying purpose of the Congress, and these its objects.

To promote the success of both is the convention's reason for existence. To justify itself and to bring the matter before the public mind in a manner to enlist a larger measure of popular support, the coming splendid National Irrigation Celebration has been devised. The events accompanying the Congress itself will, it is felt, serve to focus popular interest on the subject in its broader aspects, and arouse the country to an enthusiastic appreciation of the tremendous developmental possibilities that lie within easy reach.

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the new national policies of reclamation and forestry will constitute the serious work of the Congress. Some of the ablest men in the country will participate in its deliberations. Every phase of the subject will be treated from the respective view points of distinguished speakers who have

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Gunderbone's August Forecast.

The pumpkin vine begins to run
And drags the pumpkin through
the sun.

Until what had been plump and
round

Grows long and slim from cover-
ing ground.

The fool young horse before
the load beholds the roadster on
the road and scatters passengers
and freight from breakfast to the
barnyard gate.

The boy whose wisdom has not
dawned.

Goes swimming in a green-
scummed pond

And gets, beside parental whack,
Some sort of green rash on his
back—

Though what he gets from moth-
er's hand

Is lower down, you understand.

Mrs. will retire to a position
not remote from the Earth, and
the Moon will be full on the 23d,
which will be 23 for the Moon.
The scientists who went to the
Andes to view Mars from Na-
ture's grandstand will start
home, and they will compare
notes on the ship. Prof. Longa-
zo will claim to have seen one
thing, and Prof. Munsterbitzen-
brossensduzen will insist it was
something else. They will pass
into eclipse hammering each
other over the hay-mows with
their note books. Prof. Muns-
ter blitzenhossensduzen will kick
a fine assorted lot of vermicelli
out of Prof. Longazo.

And then the welcome Fall will
come,

And frost will nip the roofless
bum,

The paw-paw will come down ka-
squash,

And a thicker shirt go in the
wash.

The farmer's wheat will go to
town,

The price will spot him and go
down,

And the corn-fed hog, ere long
to die,

Will banquet in the fatal eye.

But let us, even though we
sizz, extract from life what cheer
there is. Let dogs, not men,
in consequence of dog days, feel
like 30c. September dear is al-
most here, and faintly falls upon
the ear the sweet, harmonious
ke-chug of cider from the small
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little or no happiness exists in
that home? If a mother spoils
her son by pampering and wait-
ing on him all the years of his
childhood and boyhood, and
making him think that a man
should always be waited on by
the woman of his household, is
it strange that he expects a wife
to do the same and that, in all
likelihood, she either wears out
in a few years of such service, or
else becomes bitter and disheart-
ened? There are very many
reasons why a home may not be
found a happy one and the hap-
piness found therein depends
fully as much on the husband as
it does upon the wife. We are
often told that in every true and
ideal marriage both husband and
wife must learn to bear and for-
bear. In every home where
happiness exists there must be
perfect trust, confidence and
love between the husband and
wife. There are two kinds of
sunshine in the world, and both
quite necessary—the one which
is caused by the sun's shining

outdoors, and the other by its
shining in our hearts. Happy
homes abound in the sunshine,
and whether it shines without or
not, there is naught but bright-
ness within doors. It is the lov-
ing deeds, the cheery, helpful
words, and the kindly thought-
fulness, that each member of
the family shows toward the
others that makes an ideal, hap-
py home—a perfect heaven on
earth. How many of us do our
share in making such a home
that shall be a heaven of rest to
all who may come within its in-
fluence.

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Farmers and Ranchmen

If you want to sell your farm or Ranch write J. F. McCullough Land Co., Snyder, Texas.

Jim Cowan of Lynn, was in Gail Saturday, returning from a trip to Erath County to see his father who was very ill but seemed better when he left him.

Arnold would like to make that flue for you, he is in Big Springs.

Lost on the Gail and Lubbock road, North from Gail a pocket Book containing \$125.00, consist- of tens, twenties and one five dol- lar bank note. Reward for re- covery of same. For particulars call at the office of Borden Citizen,

T. R. Milner representing Ed S. Hughes of Abeline did Gail on Saturday last.

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I have four mule colts about five months old at my ranch 10 miles south of Post City, to sell cheap for cash. N. H. GRAHAM.

Elder Vaughan of Lampasas will begin a protracted meeting at the Park school house on the evening of September 7th. Everybody invited.

J. N. McReynolds of Draw was a visitor to Gail last Friday, and subscribed to the Citizen.

The highest market price for eggs at Michael & Robinsons restaurant. Want a thousand dozen.

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COLE & STRAYHORN,
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Genus Webber is down with an attack of slow fever. We are unable to report any abatement of the fever at present.

John Richard of Runnels county, who is visiting his broth- er in the Southwest part of Bor- den, was in Gail Tuesday.

Ellis Tredway and family who have been absent from Borden on a visit to Runnels county some two or three weeks return- ed home through Gail yesterday.

We will have a daily mail to Tredway beginning Sept. 9th.

Big Springs will have one rural delivery route from the city to begin about the 2d of Sept.

Dr. Hannabass visited Big Springs this week and returned Tuesday in his Auto.

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Lump Woods has had a nice 6 room residence built on his lot in the Cole and Strayhorn addi- tion and moved with his family early this week to Big Springs, which he will make his home for the future.

J. H. Bery returned home last Saturday from Big Springs where he has been Engaged at work on the Lump Woods house.

L. B. Curtis who has been in the employ of the South Eastern Missouri Telephone Co., at Camp- bell, Mo., takes charge of the local telephone here. His wife and child, who arrived on Tues- day will remain with him. Mr. Curtis will build an addition to the telephone office at once, for the use of his family.

Plainview School House.

Mr. Beach and wife and daughter, Miss Sallis, Mr. Tom King and wife have returned from Plainview, New Mexico. Said they attended Barbecue at Knowles which was a pleasant affair.

Christian meeting in progress at Six Mile, being held by Bros. Walker and Eubanks.

Protracted meeting is in prog- ress at Plainview, they have three ministers, Rev. Childers, Rev. Hamlet and Rev. Capell.

Willie Salyers and family re- turned home last week, after a

visit to Buffalo Gap to see rela- tives, accompanied by Mr. Earl Salyers.

Mr. Griff Berry has gone to Post City.

Miss Addie Mayfield is spend- ing this week with her friend Isa Betenbough.

Mr. J. J. Walk has gone to Coke county, to visit relatives.

General health of community is good. I. C. U.

Tredway Items.

We are needing a rain very bad in this vicinity our June corn can't wait but a few days longer and make corn.

Mr. J. E. Moore has just re- turned from the railroad with a zinc water tank for his well, it looks like preparing for a drouth.

We understand Elmer Rus- sell has finished a cistern. Dan Kishen is digging it by hand and has it about 30 feet deep. S. L. Jones has just finished two wells, has a little water in both wells.

L. A. Pearce is also in the well industry. This is the way to improve our country.

J. E. Curry and A. M. Tred- way returned Saturday from the railroad with a load of groceries.

Mr. J. H. Smoot was visiting in the Tredway neighborhood. Sun- day.

Porter Tredway and family have returned from Runnels county where they have been visiting friends and relatives.