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The Chats' Corner.

MEADOW SCHOOL NOTES

We are, indeed, glad to report that the sick folks in and about Meadow are convalescing nicely. All the pupils were able to in school this morning except Mr. M. K. Lindsey's children and Mr. Jonah Hamlett's children. The sickness seems likely to blow over without any fatalities; but we, the people of Meadow, certainly appreciate the Editor's tender expressions of sympathy in our period of gloom.

In spite of bad colds and a gripe, the following pupils scored the "Honor Roll" last week: Claud Peeler, Joe Peeler, Jim Peeler, and Robly Way.

As Egypt has been the granary of the East for time out of mind, so Terry County is to be the granary of the West for all time to come. Talk about farming! The people of Meadow are doing the thing in old state style. Come to Meadow and watch these plows awlrite and you will soon imagine that you are in Kansas or some other already long since developed, prairie land, farming state. While I am writing, I can look through the window and see

three big sulkies turning the rich, Mellow soil.

W. G. Howard, the industrious land man of Meadow, could stand the sight no longer, so he has temporarily abdicated his little throne in the land office, and is now on a double-disc gang plow, flitting the soil. The sun is sitting now, and

"The plowman homeward plods his weary way,
And leave the world to darkness
and to me".

Last Sunday was Brother Trammell's regular day at Meadow, and he perached a very forceful sermon on "Excuses". He frequents this little burg so much of late, that the good people of Meadow have begun to speak of him as our preacher.

Quarterly Conference met here last Wednesday, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was small.

Bob Taylor to the Girls.

I drop these little hints in order to warn our girls who have not yet embarked in the heart business to first know the truth before they admit the spirit. It is a spectacle to see a woman's heart become a pigskin, or a mule stall, or the plaything of an idiot.

There is only one sadder scene in this world, and that is where a noble young man with splendid possibilities wakes up and finds himself the husband of a silly girl without any heart at all, and has his pinions clipped by a sloven or a scolding wife. There is a great deal of talk about the "new" woman in these latter days. The "old" woman is good enough for me; but it matters not whether she is old or new, if the little purple in her bosom is all right and its gates are well guarded.

If a woman has thoughts, let them fly; there is room enough in the intellectual air for every wing. If she can write, let her have the ink bottle; give her a pen and foolscap "a-plenty." If she must have a living by her own endeavors, either of body or mind, let her have the largest liberty, and let every man take off his hat to her; but for the Lord's sake, girls, keep out of politics, and above all things, if you have a home make it bright and beautiful. Let no pleasure come between you and its hearthstone, let no ambition lure you from its doors, let it be the sun around which two hearts, at least shall wheel in peace and harmony, blossoming in its flight, and making it a complete sanitary system of happiness in the universe of love.

Go slow, my dears, and take the advice of your mothers. Be sure to cultivate the traits of character which all true men adore. Modesty stands first; gentleness next, thoughtfulness for the comfort and pleasure of others next, kindness next, and so on down the line. If you get a chance, study art and music; and while you sweep the piano keys, don't forget how to sweep with a broom, while you paint pictures, don't forget to make pies. Know ye that the road to a man's heart leads through his stomach, and the pain to his soul leads through his eyes. If you would reach both you must have tidy rooms and an inviting table. If you want to be loved (and you do), be lovable. It won't do to be "perfectly lovely" one day and perfectly hateful the next. There is nothing so beautiful as an even temper, provided it is a good temper. One good, sweet, christian woman in a neighborhood is worth more to that community than fifty-two sermons, for she is a living sermon the year round.

The world cannot do without you, girls, but before it claims you, let me whisper a word in your ears. Have all the fun you can. Giggle and laugh as much as you please. Dance and skip, romp and hop until your heart goes flippity flop, and the blood eddies in your cheeks like roses

that bloom in the spring tra la. Extract every drop of sweetness out of every passing hour. Sleep and dream, and wake and dream again. Be happy now, for the clouds of sorrow will lower some day, and some day the troubles of real life will come.

No Truly National Holiday.

There is no regular national holiday in the United States. Congress has at various times appointed special holidays. Only the states can proclaim legal holidays. Thanksgiving day, designated by the president by proclamation, is a holiday in those states that so provide by law. The following are the principal days observed in most of the states as holidays:

New Year's day, January 1. Washington's birthday, February 22. Decoration day, May 30 in most states. Independence day, July 4. General election day, first Tuesday after first Monday in November. Christmas day, December 25. Labor day, first Monday in September, made national legal holiday 1894. Arbor day is a legal holiday in some states, although the month and date of its observance vary. Every Saturday after 12 o'clock noon is a legal holiday in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Good Friday, is observed in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Tennessee.—Ex.

How Nick Earned a Dollar.

Representative Longworth might have been expected to tell this story some years ago when he was "Nickier" than he is today; but the truth is vouched for by a Washington newspaper that never—well, hardly ever tell a lie. Thus it is:

Tucked away among the valuable trophies of Representative Longworth is a dollar bill.

The first and only dollar I ever earned "said Mr. Longworth," always excepting the \$7,500 per annum that Uncle Sam is good enough to pay me for the honor of representing, in part, the city of Cincinnati in the house of representatives.

"It happened in a political campaign several years ago. I had been on the stump around the state of Ohio. One night I made a speech in a town which supported a small, but comfortable hotel. I was well known in the town, but as I had to make an early start, I preferred the hotel rather than trouble my friends with an early breakfast.

"I was sitting in the parlor about midnight, talking over old times with the proprietor. Just as I was ready to retire an automobile stopped in front, and a couple of men much the worse for wear came in. They bought wine freely. One of them demanded that the piano be played.

"Champagne buyers are rare birds at that hotel, and the proprietor did not want to loose his good customers. He turned to me, 'Nick,' he said, 'just beat the box a few minutes. They'll never know who you are.' I played ragtime, grand opera and love songs while the men bought more wine. As they were about to go one of them came over to me with his wallet in his hand.

"Here, profes,' he said, 'you're the goods as a piano player. Buy a little present for yourself.'

"He handed me a dollar bill. I have it framed at home as a certificate of my ability as a workingman."

It is well known that Nicholas can "beat the box" in pretty creditable shape.—Western Publisher.

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Brownfield Lodge No. 530 I. O. O. F. Geo. W. Neill, N. G. A. E. Moore, Secty. Meets every Friday in Odd Fellows Hall.

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Try planting a few acres of broom corn. Women still persist in sweeping.

You won't find all the coons up one tree in any country. If you did all the dogs would be right under them.

Terry county farmers are preparing to make the bumper crop this fall. They are going to try a little of every thing, including broom corn.

A Good Voting Force.

The tax collector was rushed the last few days of grace, especially Saturday January 29th and Monday 31st. The following is the voting strength by pro-

Watkins Watkins

Jake Johnston keeps all kinds of Watkins' remedies, soaps, cough syrup, liniments, harness and repair shop.

Jake Johnston, Prop., Brownfield, Texas

Official Statement

Of the financial condition of the Brownfield State Bank at Brownfield, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of January, 1910. Published in the Terry County Herald, a newspaper printed and published at Brownfield, State of Texas, on the 12th day of February, 1910.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and TOTAL. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Real estate, Capital Stock paid in, and Surplus Fund.

incts. No. 1, 42. No. 2, 75. No. 3, 75. No. 4, 58. No. 5, 17. No. 6, 29. No. 7, 23, and 9 exemptions. Total 323.

A West Texas Man.

Hon. A. S. Hawkins, as is well known to many of our readers is in the race for Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and as he is a West Texas man with first class ambition and a conscientious worker for his people, we feel that he would be a capable and worthy man for the office.

The first part of the week Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd bought through the firm of Murree & Son, 320 acres of Terry county soil.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Ladies are abreast, if not some ahead of men when it come to making paying investments, and Mrs. Boyd is no exception. She knows pay dirt when she sees it.

Hen Party.

One of the most novel features of the Stanton social season was the Hen Party given by Mrs. G. D. Fox Saturday night. With jokes, music and a rollicking good time all were ushered into the dining room where chocolate and cake were served and photos of all the guests were taken.

Died Suddenly.

Sunday afternoon, January 23rd 1910, Mr. James Chambers died suddenly of paralysis at the home of his brother, J. R. Chambers, of this place.

James Chambers was born in Madison county, Miss., and was 73 years old the 10th of June 1909. Mr. Chambers moved to Belton, Texas, in the spring of 1855 served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. After the war he returned to Texas where he has lived ever since, with the exception of about seven years spent in Oklahoma.

He is survived by three brothers and two sisters; Silas and John of Tahoka, and Allen of Rush Spring, Oklahoma, Mrs. S. M. Beeman, Redland, N.M., and Mrs. C. R. Hendricks, of Robert Lee, Texas.

The News extends the heartfelt sympathy of the entire county to the bereaved family.—Tahoka News.

We produce the above for the benefit of Mr. Chambers' friends in Terry county, who had probably not heard of his demise.

Lassoed at Last.

J. L. Webb, the editorial rambler of the Courier, left here last Saturday evening for Dallas, where he met and was united in marriage to Miss Delia Williamson, Dr. W. H. Latimore, pastor of the Oak Cliff Baptist church, officiating. They returned here Sunday and received a most cordial welcome from Coahomates, with whose interests they are now thoroughly identified by ties that proclaim them a fixture.

plucked from Cupid's garden in Athen, Henderson county, where she resided until "finding her destiny." She is a jewel any man might feel justly proud of, and starts out on her new relations in life under calm winds and bright sunshine overhead.

We congratulate the happy pair, and indulged in the hope that every gentle zephyr wafted into their ears will sing a song of love, peace, prosperity and accomplished plans. May their voyage thru life be a round of pleasures, and when the journey is ended may they be able to look back over the mountain ranges left far in the rear without regret and their barque safely land in the harbor of Perpetual Bliss, to remain evermore, is our wish as we doff our ocon skin cap, introduce Mr. Webb and wife to the readers of the Courier.—Coahoma Courier.

Jessie, we heartily congratulate you, but to the bride, we can only offer condolence. Just how you managed to capture or lure to your domicile, such a lovely creature as the Couier describes—and it is a tight 'um on desorption—will always remain a profound mystery to us. Are there anymore of like manner down Athens way, that are willing to "offer themselves a living sacrifice?" That are willing to leave a happy home surrounded by refinement, pleasure and fashion to join themselves to a miserable West Texas Editor?

Speaking of fashion and socks in particular, Brownfield is now leading Paris in their creations. The recent floods in the French capital has caused the inhabitants to be web-footed, and therefore neither socks nor shoes will be worn this season. About 1912, the drowsy inhabitants of your sleepy little village will begin to go barefippid. But you haven't joined the meat boycott. You will be offering a great favor on your people if you will kindly tell them where the can get advance hints on fashion near home.

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Local and Personal

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Griff. Radford's popular sales man made Brownfield this week.

Will McPherson, of Big Springs, was attending County Court this week.

The Smith Grocery received a new supply of groceries this week.

Atty G.E. Lockhart, of Gomez, was doing legal work in the capital this week.

Atty Geo. R. Bean of Lubbock, was here this week practicing in the County Court.

D.Y. Blanton, of the western part of the county was here on business this week.

J. K. Epperson and wife of Pride, were pleasant callers at the Herald office last Saturday.

Rev. Edgar Owens, of Gomez, is assisting with the building of the Baptist church this week.

H.L. Ware and Walter Williams of Gomez, attended the Odd Fellows lodge last night.

Don't forget that Monday night is Rebekah Rally night. Let all who can, come.

H. T. Brook, a local blacksmith came very near losing an eye this week from a piece chipped steel.

The ladies of the Methodist and Baptist churches will give a box supper to-night in the front part of Arthur Alexander's store.

Henry George was transacting business in our city last Saturday. Henry has almost become a stranger to Brownfield of late.

E. E. Bailey and family have moved to town this week, and are occupying their home one block west of the bank.

G. A. Pyron is preparing to survey a new auto line to La Mesa, and when the road is complete he will run a regular car over it.

W. R. Spencer District Deputy A. F. & A. M., has been invited over to Plains in the near future, where he will organize a Masonic lodge.

Col. J. T. Gainer of Gomez, and a candidate for the office of County Judge, was a pleasant caller at the Herald office this week.

Bob Kinard of Tuxedo, purchased three sections of Yoakum county land from Cleve Holden last week. Consideration \$3 per acre bonus.

Dr. J. W. Ellis reports that there is a general improvement in health all over the county, and believes the epidemic of colds and lagrippe has about passed.

Mrs. W. N. Copeland returned this week from Abilene and was accompanied by her daughter Miss Irene, who will spend a few weeks at home recuperating her health.

G. A. Pyron will begin the construction of his large garage on the South side of the square this week or next. When complete it will be an imposing and up-to-date building in every detail.

We beg pardon Prof. for not signing your name this week. The printer and proof reader both overlooked the matter, but by this time most every one knows who writes them anyway.

Welcome back, Mr. Hockley Co. man, and may your visits be real often in the future, for you write a real newsy letter. When in Brownfield don't fail to call in to see us.

NOTICE. All parties who are in deputed to me for breeding purposes, will please settle at once I am needing the money Resp.
Joe Fisher.

R. M. and J. J. Kendrick, of Plains were attending County Court in Brownfield this week. While here R. M. handed us the kale seed and told us to let the Herald come to his address, J. J. is already a subscriber.

E. W. Maddux, of the western part of the county came in this week and renewed his subscription to the Herald. Mr. Maddux said he could not do without the Herald. Thanks! Pro, call again.

A Mr. Qunsey, of Colorado Springs, Col. purchased Jake Johnsons 80 acres laying just south of the town section this week. He also purchased 55 acres from E. L. Duke adjoining the 80 acres. Mr. Qunsey will return this summer and improve this land and move his family down early this fall. He bought a section of land in the western part of the county.

If you have not already been, it would pay you to visit Uncle Chas. Lyon's shop and see the beautiful furniture he is turning out right here in Brownfield. He can make you anything from a plain box to a folding bed, and when you take into consideration the superior way in which his hand made furniture is made, it will pay you to have him make them for you.

The foundation of the long talked of Baptist Church was laid Tuesday, and workmen are busy putting the neat little structure together. While plain in architecture it will never-the less be a beauty when complete. It will meet the present requirements o. k. and when the town grows and their membership is increased it will not look so extravagant to replace it with a costly structure.

Luther French, our genial assistant ohazier at the Brownfield State Bank, say she has about perfected a plan to get freight here on a very cheap basis. His plan is: Put up a system of wire from here to Roswell N. M. and attack a basket on rollers, hang to wires a and let the west wind do the rest. The only trouble we see in this plan is how in the creation is he going to get the baskets back to Roswell.

County Court Proceedings.

The Feb. term of County Court convened this week with all the Court Officials present. The following jurors were impaneled:

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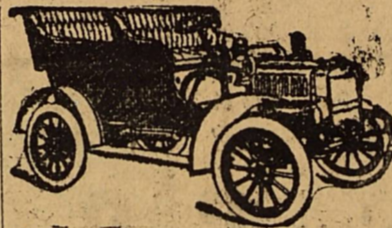
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The following cases were disposed of:

J. R. Lanier vs. Edw. Dabney et al. Cost to plaintiff.

D. P. Strayhorn vs. Henry George. Dismissed.

First State Bank of Plains vs. J. W. Belcher. Dismissed.

J. R. Lanier vs. Florence E. Jones. Dismissed with cost to plaintiff.

C. H. Smith vs. S. C. Maddux. Continued.

Levis Zurdoski Merc. Co. vs. M. T. Griffin. Judgement for plaintiff.

Gainer & McPherson vs. S. P. Bradish. Continued by agreement.

Kendrick Bros. Co. vs. Gainer & McPherson. Trial by Jury. Verdict for plaintiff \$80.00.

Probate proceedings will be reported in the next issue.

Primrose School.

Well, well, Mr. Editor, as I see your patience will last always, and then some; I thought I would write once more.

Sickness, well yes, we have had several cases, but all are doing well. Hope all will be well again soon.

Oh! yes, I was down to town the other day, and suprised our editor by telling him we had a good school going on in our neighborhood. Our school is located in Hockley county one-half mile north of the Terry county line. We have the best school in the county, with an 8 month's term. Miss Ozela Smith is our teacher, and she sure knows how to make the larger boys and girls come to the rules.

We noticed that a young man happened around at the noon hour to invite the little folks to an entertainment and the play hour was cut short by the ringing of the school marm's bell. That's bad, but it could be worse.

We noticed that old man Rose had put up a new windmill. That's right, for old drawing water sure gets old.

Farming is the order of the day in these parts.

Mr. H. Limmons made a business trip to Lubbock this week.

Mr. Lee Morrow has moved back to these parts. He says Terry county is good enough for him.

Mr. Will Drewery of Cochran county, visited O. F. Fisher this week.

If this escapes the waste basket I will come again some time, Hockley Co. News.

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Serious Facts.

The following issued by the Conference for Education is interesting reading, and goes to show the great need of a good school in each community. Keep the children and money at home. They need your care and protection:

There are 6,910 common school districts in Texas, 2,657 of which have voted school taxes; there are 618 independent school districts, 492 of which levy a tax for maintenance and 359 levy a tax for buildings. With the exception of 32 common school districts—approximately one-half one per cent of the total number—the school buildings of these districts are constructed by private subscription which distributes the burden according to liberality rather than financial ability and which also results in school structures often inadequate to the educational demands of the community. In a number of instances, the county jail costs more than all the county schools houses of the county are worth. The property of the penitentiaries in Texas is valued at \$3,653,722, more than \$1,000 per capita of convicts; the county school houses for 600,000 children are valued at \$3,906,617, less than \$7 per capita of children for school buildings; while the independent school districts have property valued at \$9,946,651, about \$33 per capita invested in buildings for the 600,000 children enumerated in the scholastic census of these independent school districts. For the scholastic year 1906-7, 787,271 children were actually enrolled in the schools of the States; the average daily attendance was 493,608; and yet seats were provided for only 430,726 children for the same year. If all the children of Texas who were entitled to the benefits of the public free schools for that year had attended school, they could not have been comfortably housed and seated. Few country schools have the modern equipment so general in the city schools and their work can not possibly come up to the proper professional standard. In other words, thorough and efficient instruction is not given in a large per cent of rural schools because adequate equipment is not supplied. The scholastic census for 1903-9 reports 914,628 children of school age; but only 136,000 of these are accessible to high schools, graduation from which would entitle them to entrance into a college or university. Unless they are able to pay board and tuition in private schools, or in city high school country boys can not make preparation required for admission into college.

Attention is also directed to the fact that the length of the public school term for 1907-8 was 119 days; and that the average for the United States was 150 days, while Missouri had 146 days and Louisiana had 147 days. The Constitution of Texas demands an efficient system of schools for all the children of Texas for a minimum term of six months; and yet there are weak, isolated districts that have a school term of less than 100 days. The long vacation lasting more than two-thirds of the year gives children abundant time to forget what they have learned, destroys habits of study that have been formed, and makes it imperative that at the beginning of the new term much of the work be taken again. Many successful, experienced teachers do not continue in the country school; the cities and towns offer increased salaries, longer terms, better buildings, and better equipment, all of which gives teachers a chance to render more effective service. This gradual drain of good teachers from country schools is disastrous to the best educational results in these schools; for often, the children are taught by inexperienced teachers who are secur-

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Don't be so busy preparing for some vague future time when you will be happy that you have no time to be happy to-day. The future will soon be the present, and the chances are that, when it does come, we shall still be so busy planning that we shall miss our chance of happiness altogether.—Ex

Buying a Seat in Parliament.

Seats rose and fell with the prosperity of the country. Chesterfield gives the illustration. Chatham's promise of a seat to Chesterfield's son having fallen through, Chesterfield felt the pulse of the market. "I spoke to a borough jobber," he wrote to his son in 1797, "and offered five-and-twenty hundred pounds for a secure seat in parliament; but he laughed at my offer, and said that there was no such thing as a borough to be had now, for the rich East and West Indians had secured them all at the rate of \$15,000 at least, but many at \$20,000, and two or three that he knew at \$25,000. This, I confess, has vexed me a good deal."—London Chronicle.

Stage Superstition.

An umbrella opened on the stage is supposed to bring bad luck, and many actors would hesitate about wearing new shoes on the first night of a play. The evil effects of new shoes are said, however, to be averted by wearing them on the wrong feet; in fact, any player who makes this mistake in the hurry of dressing regards it as a good omen not to be disturbed. Whistling on the stage during rehearsals is believed to insure a frost on the night of production, and in operatic circles a yellow clarinet in the orchestra is held to bring the same dire result.

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