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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

From and after Jan. 1st, 1894, the subscription price of THE LEADER will be one dollar per year. We make this change in rates for several reasons. In the first place the two other papers published here are dollar papers and THE LEADER is always ready to meet competition with equal rates. Then again a dollar is worth more than it has been in the past. It requires more labor to get a dollar now than it has heretofore and consequently it is worth more to the people.

We will continue for the present year to publish the paper the same size as heretofore and will do the best we can to forward the interests of the people of the county.

We hope the building of a railroad in 1894 will bring better times to all of us and enable us to vastly improve our plant and give a much better paper. THE LEADER is a welcome visitor at the residences of most of our people and we hope the reduced rates will enable all to take it in 1894.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the estate of L. J. Bower, deceased, are requested to call and settle with the undersigned. Also, all persons having claims against the estate are requested to present the same to the undersigned for appraisal.
S. R. CRAWFORD.

Lon Messinger of Throckmorton, is visiting his father here.

All those who have not made settlement of their notes and accounts with us, will please call and do so at once without further notice.
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Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sheriff of Haskell spent Christmas in Graham among their old friends and relatives.

Mrs. B. S. Doty gave her Sunday school class a pleasant social last Wednesday night.

The Epworth League was given a very pleasant social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Jewell last Friday evening. It was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all.

Mr. T. J. Wright, County Attorney of Throckmorton county, and his sister, Miss Claude Wright, were in Graham a few days ago visiting friends here.

Major F. W. Girard, Mrs. Girard and Miss Ada were all sick with the grippe last week.

G. C. Johnson, of Weatherford, has moved to Graham and is occupying the Freedmen's Short residence.

Watch services were held at the Methodist and Baptist churches last Sunday night. The ceremonies were beautiful and impressive and many good resolutions were made. May they all be kept and fulfilled.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Macedonia Baptist Association was held at Graham last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There was a good attendance and the sermons and discussions were quite interesting.

A party of young people enjoyed a very pleasant social at the residence of Mr. Tom Scarborough last Saturday night.

Mr. J. M. Parker and family left last Monday for Baylor county where they will make their home in the future.

R. B. Garrett was laid up a few days last week with the grippe.

S. A. Davis, of Ellenville, gave us a substantial call yesterday.

Deputy marshal John T. Cunningham left last Monday for the western counties on official business.

W. A. Davis, of Ellenville, was in town one day last week on business.

Rev. B. W. Lauderdale, of Breckenridge, was over in Young county last week and spent a day or so at Graham.

Elder Morgan, of Des Moines, Ia., will preach at the Christian church in Graham next Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Youles returned to Graham last Saturday.

J. E. Harris is on the sick list this week.

J. T. Hunt and Emmet Payne of Otsego, were in Graham last Monday on business.

Squire Starrett is still quite sick and is reported no better.

Capt. Gay is improving and was able to be at his office yesterday.

Capt. J. W. Burnett, a prominent citizen of Fish Creek, and one of the first settlers of this county, gave THE LEADER a substantial call yesterday.

Mr. J. Porter is still very sick and is reported to be no better.

A Million Friends.
A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found just such a friend in Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, one trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at The R. G. Graham Drug Co.'s Drug store. Large bottles 50c. and \$1.00.

The first issue of the Graham Radiator came out last Monday. Its editors, Schilling and Rye are old newspaper men and they get up a very readable sheet. The Radiator announces in its first issue that it is independent and has no politics. It will merely chronicle events, give the news and let the political parties take care of themselves.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Swellings, Ring-Bone, Stiles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, Coughs, etc. Save \$50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by The R. G. Graham Drug Co.

Such as human and horses and all animals cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by The R. G. Graham Drug Co.

The National Banks and the post office observed New Year as a legal holiday, but all other houses in town continued business as usual.

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Mass Meeting.

By authority vested in me a mass meeting of the Peoples Party is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Graham on Saturday the 13th day of January, 1894, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of a more thorough organization of the party.
W. B. POPE,
Chairman.

The persistent cough which usually follows an attack of the grippe can be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. W. A. McGuire of McKay, Ohio, says: "La Grippe left me with a severe cough. After using several different medicines without relief, I tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which effected a permanent cure. I have also found it to be without an equal for children, when troubled with colds or croup. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by The R. G. Graham Drug Co."

There is talk of a large two story brick business house being built this spring. Graham is the best town in northwest Texas—railroad or no railroad.

Everything in the Grocery line at
BIGHAM, CHAIN & CO.

NOTICE.

Mrs. M. H. Chism has just completed a three months course in dress making, under a lady of fourteen years experience and solicits the patronage of any one wanting work in that line.

Cotton Seed only \$9.25 per ton at the gin.
MORRISON, STREET & CO.

Tom Birdwell's wounds are said to be doing very well and he will probably be well in a short time.

We buy Country Produce and pay the highest market prices. We sell family groceries and sell at the lowest market prices. Call and see us.
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Having the needed remedy to more than make good all the advertising claimed for them, the following four remedies have reached a phenomenal sale. Dr. King's New Discovery, for consumption, Coughs and Colds, each bottle guaranteed. Electric Bitters, the great remedy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Ducken's Arteria Salve, the best in the world, and Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are a perfect pill. All these remedies are guaranteed to do just what is claimed for them and the dealer whose name is attached herewith will be glad to tell you more of them. Sold at R. G. Graham Drug Co.

Buy your Shoes of Shumaker Bros. and save 25 to 50 cents a pair.

When to your interest, break off from old lines, save money, pick the groceries, candies, fruits, nuts, and Xmas fire works, and finally buy of
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STRAYED OR STOLEN.
\$100 REWARD.
One bay pacing pony mare, five years old, 13 hands high, some white in face, one hind foot white, branded gg on left shoulder (blotched), has a sorrel mare colt. I will pay \$100 reward for the delivery of the mare and colt, or will liberally reward any information leading to their recovery.
J. W. GRAVES.

Dissolution Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the firm of Donnell Bros., M. & Co., at Ellenville, Texas, has dissolved by mutual consent. The succeeding firm of R. S. Delong, Atkins & Co., are authorized to collect all indebtedness due the late firm and will pay all claims against said firm—this Dec. 21, 1893.
THOS. F. DONNELL & R. S. DELONG,
Managers.
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We are anxious for cash trade. Call and see what inducements we are offering.
D. R. AKIN & CO.

List of Letters.
Remaining in the Graham post office for the week ending Monday, Jan. 1, 1894. Parties calling on these letters will please say "advertisers" and give date. A charge of one cent will be made upon each piece of matter advertised. If not called for in two weeks the same will be sent to the dead letter office.
Caddell, R. C. Wills, G. W. G. H. CRUZER, P. M.

We will make it to your interest to come and price our Xmas confections, oranges, all kinds of fruits, nuts etc. We are head quarters for fire works.
BIGHAM, CHAIN & CO.

The New Year is always the time for good resolutions. Start 1894 by giving AKIN & CO., your cash trade.

Directors Election.
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Banking house of the Beckham National Bank in the town of Graham, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., on the 2nd day of January, 1894, the same being the 9th day of said month, for the election of a Board of Directors for said association for the ensuing year. This Dec. 4, 1893.
R. F. ARNOLD, President.
ALIAS: E. B. NORMAN, Cashier.

50 cents a gallon buys the finest molasses for the price to be found at
BIGHAM, CHAIN & CO'S.

Educational Department.

J. N. JOHNSTON, Editor.
The Teachers of Young County, Associate Editors.

The teachers of the county should assist in making the Institute a success.

Several teachers say they cannot attend these two day's meetings. The trustees will certainly pay you for one day when you work two for them and their children.

Supt. Carlisle has ruled that trustees may pay the teacher when he attends the institute both days.

Now sometimes teachers say that a few monopolize the whole time speech making. Why not the grumblers consume some of the time, if you are ignorant concerning any question interrogate the other teachers.

If you are prepared upon any subject give the teachers the benefit of your information. The trustees of Young county are prospecting for good teachers, you may prove yourself to be a success in the school room and thereby have your salary increased.

Prepare yourselves for the training of children and come to the institute with your whole soul in the work.

THE SCRIP BOOK.
Teachers, the new year is here, and while we are engaged in making resolutions for the coming year why not resolve to make a Scrip book. Be assured that in the years to come you will find it an invaluable aid in your school work.

For convenience you might arrange the matter according to some simple classification; Literary, Mathematical, Scientific, Historical, Geographical and Miscellaneous.

I have seen this tried and know whereof I speak.

One teacher, I know, kept the clippings cut from time to time in the drawer of his desk, and at the end of each month assorted them, and pasted them in his book each in the proper place.

Try it and be convinced, and in so doing you will increase your teaching power.

GEO. COMPTON.
How would I deal with a dissatisfied parent?

That would depend entirely upon the cause for such dissatisfaction.

Usually parents, or guardians becoming dissatisfied are not thoroughly acquainted with all the facts; and in no case is facts more needed in school work than in this.

Dissatisfaction may arise either regarding the course of study, advancement in the class, or lack of discipline in the class, or lack of any discipline. In the former cases I would seek an opportunity for a quiet talk with the parent, and seek to show him that I was right, or that it was the best that could have been done under the circumstances.

In the latter case I await results, well knowing that the parent will come to me. And should the said dissatisfied be a woman, look out. I never seek a meeting, but when the parent comes, I am always ready to defend my course.

GEO. COMPTON.
Mr. Editor: By request of one "A. C." I will give the following rule for the teachers who are so unfortunate as to be twenty miles from home Sunday evenings:

All teachers when twenty miles from their schools on Sunday evenings may be at their respective schools Monday morning by starting four hours before time to open school on Monday morning, and riding, walking, driving, or traveling at the rate of five miles per hour.

W. T. BLAKEY.
A grammar exercise which was given to 186 teachers in a Wisconsin institute:

Fill each blank in the following sentences with one of these words: "he," "she," "him," "her," "I," "me."

1. She says that you and... may go.

2. Let not him boast that puts the armor on, but... that takes it off.

3. It makes no difference to either you or...

4. ...that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.

5. Who ate the orange? It was...

6. You and... will manage the affair.

7. If I were... I would resist.

8. Was it... that I saw? No it was...

9. Will you let Mary and... go home?

To the Front.

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Keep constantly on hand a good supply of Staple and Fancy Groceries

AND
Ranch Supplies,
Which they are offering as low as the lowest. Call and see them.
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Our Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Figs, Grapes, etc., are fresh from the market. We also have all kinds of Nuts: Coconuts, Brazil, Almonds, Pecans and Pea Nuts.

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Graham Leader.

J. W. GRAHAM, Proprietor.

Graham, Tex., Dec. 23.—The Hawaiian minister says that he is not at all displeased with the method of settling differences which gentlemen might resort to violence.

KENTUCKY elected eight women as county school superintendents at the recent election. One of them is a widow, about 45 years old, and the mother of four children, seven of whom are under 12 years of age.

It is probable that we have as many old-fashioned winters as they ever had in old-fashioned times. Our old friends, however, think that the winters were more severe in their youth than they are to-day, because they remember the severe winters of their boyhood and forget the mild ones.

PROFESSOR HAZEN, of the weather bureau, expresses the opinion that all the concussion experiments that have been conducted in Connecticut last summer seemed to prolong the drought in that section, while there was plenty of rain in the region roundabout.

Even the persuasive and eloquent Dr. Dupuy failed to talk with King Humbert while in Rome. Recent reports have not been so favorable, very communicative to citizens of a republic which can show up nothing in the line of political corruption to match that which scatters its cabinet.

It is said that they thought the bottle of whisky. By the glow of its contents had learned their interiors they learned with some chagrin that it was bedded with poison, and died. The only way to get even will be to get some whisky where the bodgers will be fooled by it.

A MINISTER in Haverhill, Mass., has gotten himself into trouble over his efforts to exterminate a skunk. He caught the animal, and in attempting to suffocate it burned it. The P. C. A. prosecuted him, and after he had pleaded guilty, he was fined \$15. Now the people are dividing their condemnation between the society and the judge.

ALONG the Mississippi the prospect of having to drink Chicago sewer water is arousing much interest and alarm. The Mississippi river is about 100 miles above the mouth of the Illinois, and below it. When Chicago's big sewer gets in full operation the amount of pollution floating will kill any catfish in the river.

It is said that Mr. Howells makes \$30,000 a year by his pen. Literature, it seems, no longer lives in a garret, the consort of poverty and shame. A man who writes to-day and writes what the people want can get what he earns, and he can earn enough usually to keep himself and family in comfort. The old days of Bohemian poverty are over.

PROFESSOR GARNER'S best chimpanzee has died. The animal reached the confines of civilization, listened obediently to the conversation, and obeyed resignedly and went hence. This strengthens Professor Garner's position. He contends that chimpanzees understand language and that he has derived much pleasure from interchange of views with them.

THREE young conspirators are on trial at Montreal for having attempted to blow up or down, or over sideways, the Nelson monument. A postponement has been secured in order to allow witnesses to leave the country. This is found to be as effective as the "technicality" in defeating justice, and does not make judge and lawyers appear a lot of jays.

THE recent use of the gallitine in Paris has started anew the discussion as to relative merits of methods of rendering the murderer innocuous. It must be admitted that a man once beheaded is fully as incapable of acting on criminal impulse as though he had been hanged, and that an electrocuted person is at an equal disadvantage. Therefore all the methods have points of excellence.

AFTER a long struggle the company organized to catch porpoises for their skins has gone into the hands of a receiver. There has never been a time when the company could supply the demand for and porpoise leather to be turned into shoes, hats, and in spite of the excellence of the leather for shoes uppers, its price has always prevented its getting a hold upon the market. All the oil of the porpoise, of great value for several purposes is only slowly becoming known to the public.

THERE is a grim humor in that letter accompanying that infernal machine which was forwarded to Capt. Bell, but the humor ought to be put where it will have no further opportunity for combining humor and mischief of death.

SOME Eastern swindlers whose \$50,000 have been fined, aggregating \$1,400. While it is true that the value of the transgressor is hard, there can be no denial that in spots it might be harder.

ANY man can make his name a household word, can be the object of the fiercest denunciation and the sweetest eulogy, get his name in all the papers and his cartoons in all the funny prints, by simply becoming the author of a tariff bill. It is the short cut to immortality.

In 1820 it was asked in England, "Who ever read an American book?" Now England erects monuments to American poets in the chapter house of Westminster abbey. The whirlwind of time has made a revolution.

GENERAL LEW WALLACE in connection with his new book "How is it that men who can write first-rate themselves are the only ones who are accused of stealing from other writers who write so poorly that they would never otherwise be heard from."

A CIVILIAN who brought a broken head into the hospital to be mended explained that he had been giving advice. A man who cannot dodge made talking better than being shot.

WITH CLOSED DOORS.

THE COMMITTEE'S WORK RATHER MYSTERIOUS.

It is Believed by Many that the Purpose of the Hawaiian Investigation by the Senate Committee Means Annexation or a Protectorate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The air of mystery assumed by the senate committee on foreign relations in the Hawaiian investigation gives the impression that Mr. Morgan's resolution, under which the inquiry is being merely a cloak for a much more important inquiry than any as to the alleged irregularity of our diplomatic relations with those islands.

There is reason for believing that the committee is present for the purpose of information bearing upon the conduct of Stevens and Blount, there will be an effort at the same time to obtain any information which will in the first place prove the capability of the islands for self-government, and second the desirability of annexing those islands at some time in the future.

It is understood perfectly by members of the committee who might have this in view that there is no hope of annexing the islands under the present administration, but those who favor this disposition of the little kingdom do not intend to be swayed from their purpose by the fact on administration is opposed to this course.

Senator Morgan, who is chairman of the committee, has been careful not to express an opinion upon the Hawaiian question, manifesting a disposition to say or do nothing which would appear extra judicial, but he is known to be a firm believer in the wisdom of the annexation of this country as a part of it just as Alaska is at present attached, and the fact that he has very recently introduced a bill in the senate providing for a form of government for any acquired territory tends to confirm the supposition that he is looking forward to possibilities far beyond anything included in the resolution under which the committee is authorized to conduct its present hearing.

Postal Statistics.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A statement shows that during the last fiscal year the total number of pieces of letter mail sent in the domestic mails of the United States was 2,407,811,114, of which \$21,314,563 were paid in letter rates and \$6,495,612 were sent free of official business. There were also 535,517,899 postal cards handled.

The number of newspapers and periodicals mailed by publishers in the several states was 882,861,377, publication free of postage. Newspapers and periodicals mailed by others than publishers and news agents, 71,078,777. Total second-class matter handled, books pamphlets, etc., 630,134,173. Fourth-class matter mailed, 48,332,124. Grand total number of pieces of domestic mail matter handled, 5,021,861,056.

With Closed Doors.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on foreign relations, appointed to investigate the Hawaiian affair, met yesterday morning and proceeded to work on the Morgan resolution. Dr. O. P. Emerson, secretary of the board of missions for Hawaii, was the first witness. The proceedings of the committee were held behind closed doors. It is understood that Mr. Emerson was examined especially concerning the landing of American troops with a view to showing what part Stevens and Wittke took in the revolution.

Another Blue Book.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The first volume of the Blue Book, the official biennial register of all Uncle Sam's employes is expected to be issued next week. It consists of about 1200 pages relating to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government. It has been delayed several weeks owing to the pressure of work at the government printing office. The second volume consists of about 1400 pages devoted exclusively to the postal service. The latter volume is expected to be issued in March or April.

To Await Orders.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The making ready of the monitor Miantonomah for sea by the navy department is being held up by the idea of ordering her to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, but there is now reason to doubt if she will go further south than Norfolk unless future developments in Rio de Janeiro should call for a still further increase of the force there. It is considered advisable to have her ready and get the men away from shore duty. She will probably practice some time in Hampton Roads, and there await further orders.

Architect's Report.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The annual report of Jeremiah O'Rourke, architect of the treasury, for the year ending September 30, 1902, shows that during the year expenditures for the erection of new federal buildings and sites and for repairs and preservation of finished and occupied federal buildings amounted to \$1,126,159. Contract obligations at the end of the year amounted to \$3,340,768. The balance of the appropriation available is \$9,232,989, of which \$8,899,167 is for sites and the construction of buildings.

Still Divided.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—While some of the members of the ways and means committee worked during the recess, others are taking a holiday. In fact little can be done until a majority of the members of the ways and means committee come together and accept either the majority or the minority reports of the subcommittee on internal revenue. Messrs. McMillan and Bryan reported a plan in favor of an individual income tax. Mr. Montgomery reported against it, and suggested a plan of a tax on the incomes of invested wealth.

One Home.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The congressmen living within 300 or 400 miles of Washington have gone home for the holidays, and as a consequence nothing is being done. Those who remain are "working" the departments for offices. There will be no appointments made requiring confirmation in the senate till after the holidays, and in spite of the investigation as to the regularity of Blount's appointment.

One's Lead in America.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Gresham has instructed the minister to Russia to investigate the report that a large number of destitute Jews on the frontier will be furnished with sufficient money to come to the United States, and to apprise the Russian government that immigrants of this character will not be allowed to come into the United States.

Entirely Burned.—MILLERSBURG, O., Dec. 23.—A fire broke out at Christmas eve in the cotton clothing of Harry Duncan, officiating as Santa Claus, caught fire from a candle and was fatally burned. He was taken to the hospital, but in three hours he was fatally hurt. A large number of others were seriously injured.

A War With Tramps.—HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 27.—A band of tramps armed with revolvers have been having things their own way among citizens of the south end until yesterday evening when six of the band were captured after an ex-

PUT POISON IN CAKES.

MISS ADELE E. OBE'S UNACCOUNTABLE ACT.

She Arose, Mixed Strychnine in the Batter, Cooked and Ate Heartily of the Same, Intending to Poison the Family, but Was the Only Victim

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 29.—Miss Adele E. Obe, a young lady 25 years of age, daughter of one of the oldest families in the city, arose yesterday morning, mixed strychnine in a batter of cakes, baked them and ate of the food. She lived with her widowed mother, brother and sister.

The younger sister was given a emetic, which acted promptly and she was saved. She had not partaken of a fatal quantity. The deceased had always been of a bright, cheerful disposition until the family's money had become tied up in a bank which failed. The young lady was better than all of them. The sister became alarmed and a doctor was called, who in turn called assistance. Five minutes after the arrival of the physician Adele was a corpse.

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HILLSBORO'S BIG FIRE

ONE SIDE OF THE SQUARE IS NOW IN ASHES.

The Flames Raged Unchecked from Midnight Until Morning, Burning Out Twenty Firms With a Loss of \$275,000, Partly Covered by Insurance.

HILLSBORO, Tex., Dec. 29.—A fire started in Rosenbaum's dry goods store at midnight Wednesday night, and in a few minutes it had become a conflagration. The flames raged unchecked from midnight until morning, burning out twenty firms with a loss of \$275,000, partly covered by insurance.

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CHICAGO, DEC. 28.—[Special.]

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McCulloch and McCulloch and F. Noadall were transferring their business from the Texas and Pacific passenger train to the New Orleans, Louisiana, train at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. McCulloch was knocked over by a dog, who snatched a pouch from him, and Noadall fired one shot at the robber as he fled, but failed to stop him. He was pursued by officers as quickly as they could be notified, but he made his escape.

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