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An Original Letter.

Mr. J. S. Watson has furnished THE LEADER a copy of his old home paper, The News-Banner, published at Troy, Tenn., which contains the following letter written by Davy Crockett to his son and daughter about two months before he was killed at the Alamo. The letter is copied from the original word for word, spelling and all. A good deal of Crockett's ambitious originality crops out in the letter:

"Saint Augusten, Tex., 9th January, 1836.—My dear son and daughter: This is the first time I have had an opportunity to write to you with convenience I am now blessed with excellent health and am in high spirits, although I have had many difficulties to encounter I have got through safe and have been received by everybody with the open arms of friends I am hailed with a hearty welcome to this country a dinner Party of Ladies have honored me with an invitation to Participate with them here at this Place the Cannon was fired here on my arrival and must say as to what I have seen of Texas it is the garden spot of the world the best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here. there is a world of country to settle here it is not required here to Pay Dear for your League of land every man is entitled to his head Right of 400.428 acres, they may make the money to pay for it. the land I expect in all Probability to settle on the Bodark or Choctaw Bio of Red river. that I have no doubt is the richest country in the world, good land and Plenty of timber and the best springs and good mill streams and good range clear water and every appearance of good health and game plenty. it is in the Pass where the Buffalo passes from the north to the south and back twice a year and Bear and Honey Plenty. I have a great hope of getting the agency to settle this country and would be glad to see every friend I have settled here for life it would be a fortune to them all.

I have taken the oath of government and have enrolled my name as a volunteer and will start out for the Rio grand in a few Days with the volunteers from the United States. all volunteers is entitled to a vote for a member to the convention or to be voted for and I have but little doubt of being elected a member to form a Constitution for this Province. I am rejoiced at my fate I would rather be in my Present situation than to be elected to a seat in congress for life. I am in hopes of making a fortune for myself and family bad as my prospects has been. I have not wrote to William but have requested John to direct him what to do. I hope you will show him this letter and also Brother Bob as it is not convenient at this time to write to them. I hope you will do the best you can and I will do the same. do not be uneasy about me I am among my friends, I must close. with Greatest respect, your affectionate father. Farewell. DAVID CROCKETT. "to Willie & Margaret Flowers."

A good-looking, well-to-do bachelor of Wateka, Ill., was being teased by the young ladies of a club for not being married. He said: "I'll marry the girl of your club whom, on a secret vote, you elect to be my wife." There were nine members in the club. Each girl went into a corner and used great caution in preparing her ballot and disguising the handwriting. The result was that there were nine votes cast, each girl receiving one. The young man remains a bachelor, the club is broken up, and the girls are all mortal enemies, united in the one determination that they will never speak to the nasty man again.

It comes from Corsicana that Senator Mills has declared his purpose to vote the democratic tickets, state and national; that it did not make any difference what the platform was, he would vote the ticket.

A Dallas man has invented a compress that turns out a bale of cotton of fifty per cent greater density than the ordinary compressed bale.

Sphere of a Newspaper.

That town that would starve a paper to death, is indeed in a bad way for making any very considerable advancement along the lines of growth and prosperity. Such a town is wanting in public spirit and enterprise, the essential elements necessary to the growth and development of any town. The selfish, every-man-for-himself policy, that predominates in many towns, is an effectual barrier against the future prosperity of such towns. There seems to be only a small per cent of the so-called business men who have the capacity of seeing through and beyond a simple cash transaction. If more than one cause or effect gets into a proposition they are at sea for a conclusion. For instance they seem to be unable to see, that if money paid to a newspaper is the means of attracting trade to their town, that they will be benefited; although they may not secure all of such trade. The same trouble comes up in any effort to make public improvements, yet they are perfectly willing to let others bear the burden and expense, while they reap their share of the benefits. Many a man is content to allow his neighbors to build a school or church house and support the same, while he and his reap as much benefit as those who bore all the expense. So it is with the newspaper. Some support the paper, while all hands reap the benefit. While the newspaper is an independent business, like any other, giving value received for all and more than it gets, yet it is in a certain sense a necessary public institution of as much importance as the school or church, for the conscientious paper secures and sustains the work of both these institutions. The peculiar and special sphere of the newspaper, however, is its relations to the business and social interests and material development of the town in which it is published. It is to the town in these respects what the school is to its educational interests, or the church to its moral and religious interests. The paper is expected to speak for the town week after week the year round. If any step toward improvement on any line is made, the paper is expected to give more or less space in lauding it to the skies, and heralding abroad the virtues of the projectors of said improvement. It is expected to whoop up its town as the best market for anything in its quarter of the state, and convince home seekers that dirt is valueless anywhere else as compared with that of its own town and adjacent territory. And for all this outlay of printer's ink and conscience the paper, in many instances, scarcely gets a living. Yet it is said every cloud has its silver lining and every desert its oasis. So in the journalistic desert, we find here and there a man who rises above selfish, short, narrow-mindedness and shows his appreciation of the labors of his home paper by giving it his support and encouragement. He gives it too, not as a donation, but as an investment, upon which he expects to realize a profit. And how we yearn for a town full of such men.—Grand Saline Sun.

At Grass Lake, Ill., is situated most extensive lotus bed on the American continent. It covers an area of not less than fifteen acres, and the plants are undoubtedly the genuine Egyptian lotus. This is the season of blossom, and the aroma from the millions of flowers is so strong that it can be detected more than a mile from the beds. The leaves are light green in color and average over two feet in diameter. The blossom is about the size of a dinner plate, yellow in color, and exhales a strong but pleasant perfume.

An American lady endeavored to get a Chinese maiden to not bind her feet to produce smallness, and this was the reply: "We squeeze foot, you squeeze waist; same object—both gette husband."

The Sandwich suggest that a great mistake has been made in supposing that the pops are not able to run this government—into the ground.

Free Silver's Strength.

Of the fifty-one states and territories thirty-three have declared for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, while sixteen have declared for the gold standard, and two (Florida and the District of Columbia) adopted no currency planks. There are 584 delegates pledged to vote for free silver and 346 for gold, but it is probable that the silver total will be increased to a greater figure than 584.

Many in the gold column are there by the unit rule, which prescribes that they vote with the majority of the delegation. A number of these have declared they will refuse to abide by the rule and will appeal to the silver majority in the convention to be allowed to vote according to their own convictions. The breaking of the unit rule, decisions in a number of contests, and the likelihood of increased representation from free-silver territories may possibly increase the number of votes for free silver to 642.

If the silver men should not succeed by force or by unseating gold delegates then they will lack the two-thirds required to nominate a candidate for president.

This rule, requiring two-thirds of the whole convention to vote for a nominee before he can become the candidate of the party, has prevailed in democratic national conventions for fifty-two years.

The silver men propose first to break the unit rule or to unseat enough sound money delegates to get the two-thirds. Failing in this they propose to repeal the two-thirds rule and nominate a free silver candidate by a majority vote.

If they do this the sound money delegates, including New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and all of New England, may consider it their duty to withdraw from the convention.

If the free silver men do not get two-thirds of the convention and do not force the sound money men out, a dead-lock is likely after balloting begins.

It promises to be the most exciting convention in this generation. Some sound money leaders predict that it may continue in session for two weeks.—New York World.

A Campaign of Cold Cash.

Is McKinley's presidency worth so much money to the men who have him in charge? Yes. They reasoned that it is but an investment that will pay handsomely later on.

In 1800 the British government sought to abolish the Irish parliament. It was necessary to buy a majority of the members of the Irish parliament to effect this purpose. A corruption fund of £5,000,000, or \$25,000,000, was advanced from the British treasury, and distributed among the Irish legislators, who in due time sold the legislative independence of their country. The £5,000,000 that it cost to purchase the corrupt legislators was subsequently assessed on the Irish people, and the Irish tax-payer was forced to pay for the debauching and destruction of his country's legislature.

A scheme something similar to this is what the syndicate having McKinley's candidacy in control have in view. The syndicate will advance the \$6,000,000 that it has been estimated it will cost to buy the electoral votes of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan and Minnesota, and when McKinley becomes president the tax-payers will be compelled to refund this money with big interest. An advance of 10 per cent on all import duties over and above existing laws would be worth \$100,000,000 a year to the manufacturers.

A new variety of potato bug has been discovered in the vicinity of Stroudsburg, Pa., which is said to be a great deal worse than the old pest. It is an insect about three times as large as an ordinary fly, and of a dull black color. It eats the vegetables from the top clean into the ground. Paris green and other poisons have been tried upon them without effect. The farmers are much concerned and experts are puzzled.

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Some Sure Weather Signs.

"You can not regulate weather," said the weather crank, "but something should be done to educate the people in the rudiments of weather science. The average citizen of today does not know whether a storm is coming toward him or going from him. The elementary science of weather should be taught in the public schools. There are a few rules pertaining to thunder storms. They always come from the west, southwest or northwest. There is not a case on record of such a storm coming from the southeast. Perhaps once in five years a thunder storm may move from the north. Look to the west for thunder storms.

"In the second place, thunder storms do not 'blow over,' as most people seem to imagine. They may pass to one side. The direction of the wind has nothing whatever to do with the course of a thunder storm, or for that matter, any other storm. Neither has the direction of the low sea of clouds, which generally travel from north to south at right angles to the course of the rain cloud. Look up above these small clouds at the great moving mass, and you will learn the direction of the storm. It is an easy matter to read an approaching storm. With a little study any observer can quickly determine the direction, velocity and character of a coming storm. In the smoky down-town district this is a more difficult matter, but in the parks and on the boulevards no mistake need be made. In the average thunder storm the upper clouds are cumulous or rolling, with curved edges. These are very black, and one can mark their outlines. Look a little further down and you will see a clearly marked line where the cloud curves cease and the whole is merged into an even shade, generally lighter than the nearer clouds. This is the falling rain, which forms a solid sheet through which the eye can not penetrate. When this rain line reaches the zenith the shower begins.—Chicago Times-Herald.

"Sometimes," said the merchant, "I feel like the poet who wanted a lodge in some vast wilderness. I yearn for solitude and silence." "Well," replied his friend, sympathetically, "it's an expensive taste to gratify. But you might start in by taking your advertisement out of the newspapers.—Washington Star.

In announcing for office a Georgia candidate who evidently desires to make his record plain, says: "I never was in the war; never hollered at the surrender and never killed anybody that let me alone, and the only thing I know about the financial question is this: I need money."

Long Tongued Gossipers.

Hell has no punishment sufficient for the long-tongued gossiping murd'ers of "other peoples' characters." There is a class of people in the world whose chief delight is to tell some dark and slanderous story that wrecks the happiness of some one. They enter the closets of happy homes, looking for skeletons, and sometimes they imagine they have one. The story is told and lives made miserable. In the grand reckoning up of all final accounts the black-hearted villains who invent and circulate infamous lies on people infinitely better than they, will be given one of the hottest berths in the devil's domain. There is another class not quite so bad, but far from being what they should. They do not invent stories calculated to ruin good men and women, but they go from house to house and repeat what some one else told them. When they once hear anything of a nature to injure a character they keep it going, and the further it goes the bigger it gets. The wagging of idle tongues has caused much more misery and innocent people have been made to wish themselves dead. The slanderer, loaded with a damning story, can always get an audience.

People believe the bad without proof; they are skeptical of the good. How much better for all would it be if every man and woman would attend strictly to their own business and grant to their neighbors the same privilege.—Exchange.

President Dwight, of Yale College, says that a wealthy woman who recently made her will has remembered Yale with a gift of \$750,000.

Those who sneer habitually at human nature, and get to despise it, are among its worst and least pleasant samples.

If you find yourself becoming ungrateful, look around and see how much better off you are than some other people.

Mrs. Anna Gage, wife of Ex-Deputy U. S. Marshal, Columbus, Kan., says:

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Independent Ticket.

- For Tax Assessor, BENJ. MOSELEY, Sr.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Watermelons are becoming plentiful. The camp meeting season has arrived. Col. McPhail is up and about after his recent illness. There was not even a dog fight in Graham on the fourth. Business continues dull, but is beginning to improve some. J. B. Wear and wife of Farmer were in the city Wednesday. Cotton picking will be the next thing in order for the farmers. It does not get hot enough to keep the small boy out of the creek. Indications for rain are favorable. Let 'er come—nobody will kick. Mrs. R. F. Arnold returned Wednesday from a visit to Mineral Wells. Miss Sallie Johnston has returned from a visit to Dallas and other places. W. L. Chandler and wife of Murray were visiting relatives in town Monday. Mrs. Geo. Compton of Belknap is spending the week with Mrs. J. N. Johnston. W. P. and Cas Beckham have been up the river on a business trip this week. The weather has been and is just what it as it ever gets to be in this part. Henry Schlittler is now driving the stage line, vice "the old man," resigned. John Henry was down from Annapolis this week visiting his mother and other relatives. Monday was stray sale day. One mule was the only animal sold and it brought \$50. W. L. Webber of Stephenville arrived on Wednesday's stage and is staying Mrs. H. L. Morrison. J. E. Morrison & Co. have their cistern completed and are now willing for it to rain all it wants to. W. E. Price and J. D. Short and families returned Monday from a week's outing—hunting and fishing. The "kids" have organized a croquet club and will play tri-weekly on their grounds in Poverty Flat. Charley Vincent left last Friday for a visit to his home in England. He will return some time next fall. The bulletins at the telephone are attracting a good crowd of interested in the Chicago convention. The infant of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lane has been seriously ill at the residence of Mrs. Lane's brother, W. H. Berry. The summer normal school at Breckinridge opens next Monday, 8th inst. Note change of date in advertisement. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fisher entertained the young people (the "fry-size") at their hospitable home Monday evening. Prof. Geo. Compton was down from Belknap Wednesday indulging in politics, being a delegate to the county convention. W. H. Keen and G. W. Hutchings, two solid citizens of Olney, were in the city Wednesday attending the county convention.

Dr. Price and R. F. Short had the misfortune to break a wheel to their back while returning from the South Bend picnic last Saturday. Ewing Norris, Ed Luce, Walter and Charley Woody returned Tuesday from a trip to Colorado. They say Young county is good enough for them. The only observance of the fourth in Graham was the closing of the bank and postoffice, and all the stores were closed at one o'clock to give the clerks a half holiday. The camp meeting being conducted by Revs. Wagner, Moody, Daniels and others in the Salem neighborhood is attracting large crowds and it is said a great interest is being manifested. The Brazos has been booming this week—the rise coming down from its headwaters. The water was backed up in Salt creek almost to the edge of town and some fine fish were caught by local anglers. Congressional aspirants have been numerous in town for the past week; but there is no "fodder" for them here now. The county has instructed for Calhoun and the congressional convention meets at Henrietta next Thursday. While Miss Bertie Robertson was out driving Tuesday her horse became frightened and ran away. Miss Bertie was thrown from the buggy and painfully bruised. Fortunately no bones were broken and she will soon recover from her injuries. Preston Brooks and wife have returned from Fort Worth, where Preston has been under surgical treatment for some time. This LEADER is pleased to state that he has been fully restored to his wonted health and is now in shape for anything that comes up. Mr. B. F. Acock, father of Mrs. J. N. Johnston, left Wednesday morning for Mineral Wells, where he will spend several days before returning to his home in Corsicana. Mr. Acock was so much pleased with Graham and her good people that he may yet have him for a citizen. D. M. Higgins of Bitter creek was in attendance upon the county convention Wednesday as a delegate from his precinct. At their primary meeting held last Saturday the democrats of that precinct endorsed the present state administration and instructed for Col. D. A. Hohman for congressman. A protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist church in this city on the fourth Sunday in this month, 26th inst. A large and comfortable arbor will be erected adjoining the church so there will be plenty of room and every convenience for the large crowd that is expected to attend. Maj. F. W. Girand, clerk of the federal court, is making his arrangements to move to Abilene with the records of the court at this place. Major Girand is one of our oldest citizens and we give him up with regret. Abilene will not have much court to brag on, but it will gain a good citizen in the person of Major Girand. F. W. Knight of Indian Mound was in the city Monday and reported a big rabbit drive at his place last Saturday in which eighty-five jack rabbits were captured. Mr. Knight has a "blind" made of wire netting, one-half mile long, where the rabbits are driven and captured. Another drive was made on Tuesday and a large number of the pests were caught. H. L. Morrison arrived at Stephenville last Thursday a few hours before the demise of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. S. Gilmer. Mr. Gilmer was a young lawyer, 23 years of age, and was just starting upon a successful career in life when stricken with typhoid fever, which proved fatal. Mr. Morrison accompanied the remains to the old home of the deceased near Oxford, Miss., for interment. "Farmer" G. W. Black went in heavily on sorghum last year and raised enough to do him two years. This year he planted five acres of his "plantation" in cotton, which, he says, is as fine as the mortal eye of man ever rested upon and from which he expects to realize enough money to do him two years. Bro. Black has the science of farming down about as fine as any one, as he believes in making enough in one year to do him two; hence he is always one year ahead. Tom Timmons has returned from a short visit to Seymour.

The county convention Wednesday was not very largely attended, Farmer, Miller Bend, South Bend and Fish creek not being represented. It was called to order at 11 a. m. by Chairman Gay and on motion Capt. Gay was elected temporary chairman and P. A. Martin secretary. N. J. Timmons, Geo. Compton, O. E. Finlay and G. W. Hutchings were appointed a committee on credentials and permanent organization. While the committee was out P. A. Martin was called upon and made a short speech to the convention. The committee returning reported the names of delegates present from Graham, Goose Neck, Elvasville, Belknap, Olney, Bitter creek, True, Markley and Lacy and recommended the election of the temporary chairman and secretary for permanent organization. The report was adopted and on motion the convention adjourned 1 o'clock p. m. At the call of the convention for afternoon session Dr. T. R. Allen of Wise county, candidate for congress, was allowed thirty minutes to make a speech. The convention then proceeded to instruct for officers, and the present state administration were endorsed for re-election, except Carlisle. Prof. Kendall was endorsed for superintendent of public instruction and for railway commissioners the convention instructed for Reagan, Cochran and Owsley; Davidson for court of criminal appeals and Hunter for court of civil appeals. J. H. Calhoun was endorsed for congress and A. T. Gay for the state senate. A resolution was adopted making Judge Geo. E. Miller an additional delegate to the congressional and senatorial conventions. The convention then adjourned. Young County Represented. Capt. A. T. Gay is in receipt of a copy of the Richmond (Va.) Times which, among other items of news from the great confederate re-union at Richmond, contains the following legend: "Young County, Camp, Graham, Texas, (Headquarters, Exposition Grounds,) JOHN L. PATSK." It will be gratifying to the members of the camp to know that they were "there" by representation if not in person. The mill is full of wheat and is running day and night. Considerable wheat is coming here from Archer and other adjoining counties. Quarterly meeting will convene at the Methodist church on Saturday night, 11th inst., at 8:30 o'clock. Let every official attend. All are invited. Come and enjoy an hour's business and religious exercise. Bro. Daniel will preach Sunday at 11 o'clock. Let every member come. All are cordially invited to attend these services. M. L. Moody, P. C. Indian Mound Matters. The people of our community spent the glorious fourth in a big rabbit drive, catching sixty-two of the mule-eared variety. Miss Nannie Hughes spent part of last week at Markley. Misses Marvie Johnson and Annie Summers of Salt creek are spending the week with Miss Katie Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McCommas, with the children, are spending a week with friends and relatives at Jacksboro. W. L. Grubbs is on the sick list. W. W. Hunter is suffering from an attack of the measles. Byron Cheek was thrown from a vicious horse Sunday morning. After the horse had pitched some distance he turned upon Mr. Cheek and would have undoubtedly killed him but for the timely assistance of Tom Casey. He sustained serious but not fatal injuries. Sunday school and prayer meeting still progressing nicely. Some of our young men are talking of going to South Dakota in the near future. Boys, Young county is a splendid place to live. "They say" that one of our prominent young men is giving violin lessons now and that his pupil has already learned the first lesson. Cotton looking well. X. Y. Z. Card of Thanks. To our neighbors, friends and the people of Graham generally, I desire by this method to return our sincere and earnest thanks for their great kindness, assistance and sympathy in our recent affliction. Words can not express our appreciation of such kindness. May each and every one of you be rewarded by Him who commands us to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." J. T. RICKMAN.

South Bend Picnic. The picnic and barbecue at South Bend last Friday and Saturday was a great success. The crowds began to gather at Uncle Jim Keller's early Friday morning; in fact many had camped on the Clear Fork Thursday night. The first thing on the program was the tournament, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The fantastic costumes of the riders, their splendid horsemanship and graceful bearing all combined to make them the lions of the occasion and they were the prime favorites in the eyes of the fair damsels present. After the tournament the crowd repaired to the picnic grounds and after a few pieces of music by the South Bend string band Mr. P. A. Martin of Graham was introduced and made a speech upon the subject of the relation of the epha to the shekel. The speech was non-political in its nature and the speaker fulfilled his promise to keep off the political toes of any of his audience. Then dinner was announced and the barbecued beef, cooked to a King's taste, was distributed among the crowd. There was the greatest plenty for all and all seemed to enjoy it, followed as it was by the usual supply of picnic pies, cakes, etc. Ice cream, lemonade, melons and fruits were plentiful and cheap on the grounds. After dinner George McLaren took the platform and delivered an oration on the subject of "Our Country's Call," which was greatly enjoyed. George is an eloquent and forceful speaker and the only criticism we heard of his speech was that it was too short. Then the fun began right. The band struck up a faster piece—the strains of a popular quadrille. Brooms were brought forth, the platform swept, and soon the gay gallants and fair daughters of the Clear Fork were whirling through the mystic mazes of the coltillon. The dance had come to stay, and it stayed while evening wound into night and night into morning. We will not follow the festivities of the occasion further. "Let joy be unconfined" was the motto and it was exemplified. The old spun yarns and talked politics; the young danced and made love under the glittering, smiling heavens; the rippling waters of the Clear Fork took up the song and the night birds, startled by the unusual sounds of revelry, betook themselves to deper and more silent shades. Another pleasant day was spent on Saturday, "the glorious fourth," by those who remained, and when on Saturday evening the crowd broke up and went home they were all ready to pass a vote of thanks to the good people who so successfully projected the occasion and made it such a shining success. A Glance at the Situation. Before another week shall have been enrolled with the past, the greatest and most exciting national democratic convention will have been held and its results fully heralded throughout the civilized world. It will probably be in many respects the most memorable and eventful convention since 1860, when the gallant secessionists prevailed, and thereby achieved an imperishable record for the courage of their convictions. But let us hope that nothing of similar consequences will occur to obliterate the fair name democracy has won by honest, noble and patriotic action in the past. May the leaders of the convention have at heart that underlying principle to all good government—"the welfare of the common people and the general good of the country." If such is their motto we bespeak a triumphant victory at the final ending; more glorious indeed than any previous successes ever achieved by any political party since the organization of our government. Let us hope further that they may have sufficient honesty and manhood about them to adhere to the right and resist the wrong, ever faithfully fighting for the recognition of the rights of their oppressed countrymen. The time has certainly come when it behooves every thinking being to consider carefully the course he intends to pursue and not rush headlong into a party which is positively incapable of accomplishing anything whatever, and then turn loose and cuss the government from president to constable. Therefore we think the only proper mode of procedure is for the erring brother to return to the democratic camp and assist in electing "Silver Dick" Elaud, if he gets the nomination. Yours for 16 to 1. WALTER T. BLAKEY. Lacy, Texas, July 7, 1896.

Facts From Farmer. Still hot and dry. Threshers in the community—wheat crop short—about ten bushels per acre. T. J. Lamons is on the sick list. Several of our citizens went to Archer City Friday to enjoy the two days' picnic. They report a merry time and plenty to eat. Dr. W. A. Morris of Graham was here one day last week. He was billed here for three days, but left for Archer City after one day. Eld. George Thomas and J. P. Clayton and families left Monday for El Reno, O. T., to be gone about a month. Seymour Patton has gone on a few days' visit to Stephens county. J. M. Keen and wife went up to Cottonwood last week to visit their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Graham. The firm of Spencer & Hayter have dissolved. Mr. Hayter going out and Mr. Spencer continuing the business. Mrs. J. G. Dailey is still very poorly. She has been sick three months. Mr. R. A. Dunlap's baby is seriously ill at this writing. J. D. Wilson, wife and baby Delia went out on the prairie Sunday to visit Mr. P. P. Cady's family. J. M. Keen and wife went to Olney Monday. Chas. Huffman of Archer county was in town trading Friday. A. M. Keen of Chico visited home folks Sunday. Miss Della Wright is visiting Miss Pearl Hunt. W. M. Hayter and others attended meeting at Markley Sunday. Mans Chestnut will soon move into the house formerly occupied by J. R. Webber on Mrs. W. H. Farmer's place. Mr. Copeland, the evangelist singer who will conduct the singing during the protracted meeting, is here. He will train the choir until Friday night, when the meeting will begin. Jas. Cantwell and family of Markley were in town to-day trading; also Dr. Predeaux of Archer county. SOMETIMES. The Parker County News gives Frank Girand, an old Graham boy, the following complimentary notice: "The democrats of Palo Pinto county have nominated, and in November are going to elect Frank W. Girand, Jr., as their county attorney. Mr. Girand is a young attorney who delights in his profession and, by the way, one of the brightest young men in the county. If there is one thing above mother Palo Pinto badly needs, it is an active, vigilant and fearless county attorney to supercede the Populist incumbent who is only an official in name, and if Frank Girand is elected they will have that very kind of an officer, and law-breakers and evaders of the law will find him a veritable thorn in their side from start to finish. He knows the law, and has the courage to enforce it, no matter whose toes he tramps upon while doing so. If you are a voter in that county and are for law and order, no matter what party you belong to, the shortest way to maintain these desirable ends is to elect Frank Girand County Attorney." Insist on having just what you call for when you go to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic. ROAD NOTICE. TO the owners, their agents or attorneys, of surveys Nos. 1209, 1208, 1206, 246, 257, 283, 284, 611, 610, 612, 609, 613, 608. You will take notice that the undersigned jury of freeholders, to-wit: J. S. McIntyre, J. P. Clayton and A. T. Wiggins, having been duly appointed by the Commissioners' Court of Young County, Texas, to view out a certain road affecting said lands, and to assess the same for the owners thereof if any road be run as follows: The Farmer and of survey No. 1209 to the S. E. corner of the N. E. 1/4 of the South to and Olney road. Saturday the 8th day of July at the P. B. Hunt school district No. 3, in Young County, Texas, for the purpose of assessing the same, when and where your claims for damages, if any, should be presented to you, to said jury, in writing. J. S. MCINTYRE, Jury J. P. CLAYTON, J. A. T. WIGGINS, View July 7, 1896. Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

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