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THE LEADER.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

The Woodmen of the World have organized a Mining Degree Camp recently at Graham.

See and price our stock of Clothing before you buy. A complete stock to select from. Prices lower than ever.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.
Rev. C. W. Daniel, Presiding Elder, held quarterly conference here last Sunday. The bad weather interfered with the service on Sunday.

Wanted.
5000 frying chickens.
5000 dozen eggs.
For cash or trade at
BIGHAM & CRAIN'S.

Snow, rain and sleet has been falling nearly all this week. There is now a good season in the ground and farmers can plow.

Habbitt Metal
In any quantity for sale at this office.

Buy Your Books.
I am informed that the Graham public school will make no change in text books this year, therefore I will handle all old books that can or will be used in the school.

J. D. Short has been making some valuable improvements on the interior of his meat market, and his shop now would be an ornament to any city.

We say and can establish the fact that we handle the best and freshest groceries in Graham.

We learn that Sam Farmer, of Goose Neck, is very low with heart disease and is not expected to live.

Fort Bros. always keep the best green coffee to be found in town. When you want good coffee go to Fort's.

R. L. Rickman who has been traveling for the Ohio Cultivator Company for some time past returned to Graham a few days ago and will resume his old position in the Norris Hardware Co.

I will pay Weatherford prices for Wheat.
L. B. KIDWELL,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

The Sunday Schools will have Christmas trees Friday night.

OVERCOATS.
To close out we are making Heavy Reductions on all Men's and Boy's Overcoats. Come early before all are gone.

J. E. MORRISON & Co.,
Graham and El Paso, Tex.
Jake Mathews of Connor Creek was in Graham on business Monday.

We don't advertise simply to see our name in print. We don't make prices that make us take losses and force us to make these losses back on something else. We do a legitimate business. Our prices are low but not below cost.

We have it upon good authority that Judge Geo. E. Miller will not be a candidate for re-election to the office of District Judge, but will probably make the race for Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals. A. H. Carrigan, of Wichita Falls, and Ex-Judge P. M. Stone, of Henrietta, will run for Judge Miller's present position.

Several hundred dollars is due on subscription, all small sums. If you are delinquent please send a remittance at least to square the account. A dollar or two is not much to each individual, but as aggregate is a good deal to us.

We understand that a large top of candidates for tax assessor has been planned for spring routing. We may expect to see them out early this time.

Fort Bros. keep a good supply of all kinds of Groceries of the best and freshest to be had; and are selling at low or little profit any house in town.

NOTICE.
I am hereby notified that I have received from the State of Texas a license to sell and dispense with my own hands all kinds of liquors.

Capes and Cloaks to close out. The railroad boys are on strike. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

IMPORTANT.

Notice to Tax-Payers.
Your attention is respectfully and earnestly invited to the act of the Legislature of 1897, page 146, chapter 103, section 10, which reads as follows:

"If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him by law until the 31st day of Jan. next succeeding the return of the assessment rolls of the county, a penalty of TEN PER CENT on the entire amount of such taxes shall accrue, which penalty, when collected, shall be paid proportionately to the State and county," etc.

Very respectfully,
H. C. WILLIAMS, Col.
Dec. 20, 1897.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other 100 bottle, and money refunded if Dr. Simons' cough syrup fails to give entire satisfaction. It costs nothing if not satisfied.

Tom Gilmore of Espuela, Dickens county, is visiting his relatives and friends in Young this Christmas.

O. W. King, at the post office building, will take your subscription for any newspaper or magazine in the United States at the lowest possible rates. Call on him.

Do Babies Cry for It?
Not they never often die for the want of it. Dr. Simons' cough Syrup is guaranteed to cure croup, Whooping cough, cold, cough and bronchial affections of the throat, chest and lungs, and falling of the parotid gland. Sample bottle free. 50 doses 50 cents.

Webb Mulkey, of Fort Worth, and grandson of THE LEADER, came up to visit us this Christmas, and brought us a charming grand daughter who was married to him a Fort Worth on the 15th inst. They arrived here last Friday night and will remain until after Christmas.

I am headquarters for Paints and Oils. Mineral paints for fences, barns and roofs. Standard brand of paints for all kinds of outside and decorative purposes. We will serve your own interests in painting on me before buying.

Of the meaneast, most untruthful and inexcusable things I ever heard of was one who went into the newspaper office and paid up his arrears and one year in advance the day before Christmas, then bought his supplies and went home rejoicing. The Lord seemed to prosper that man and he has had happy Christmas ever since.

These little examples are given just to show how easy it is to enjoy Christmas or to make it miserable.

There are ways and ways of having a merry Christmas. One will shoulder a ten pound shot gun and go forth and walk the hind legs off himself in search of two red squirrels and a sparrow hawk; another will get full of jimson weed or cedar berry booze and howl like a Comanche Indian; another will burn powder enough to run every Spaniard out of Cuba; and will get up a dance with pistol-play and free-fight trimmings and pay a fine and costs; another will have a good time trying to disturb and vex the authorities as much as possible; and still there is a larger class who will have a good time just quietly looking on and wondering where all the fun comes in for the others.

But above all we hope that nothing will occur to mar the happiness of the young on this occasion. The little ones—God bless them—must have a good time, for Christmas means something to them! Even though their noisy shouts and noisier fire crackers disturb us; even though they soil and spoil their little coats and dresses the day is theirs and they must enjoy it. The Christmases of memory are the brightest pages of our past lives and we must not deny to these "little ones" the happiness we enjoyed when we were boys and girls in the long ago.

But unfortunately, at this holiday there is usually, an outbreak of genuine hoodlumism which is a disgrace to the day. There is a limit to fun—an invisible line where fun ceases and lawlessness begins—and many take advantage of the occasion to pass over on the wrong side. We sincerely hope there will be nothing of the kind this year and we do not believe there will be if proper and judicious care is taken to have the reins of government neither too tight nor too loose.

The corn cribs are pretty well filled; the pork crop is good; wheat and cattle are way up; cotton is down but the crop is immense. The drought is broken at last. General health, peace and quiet reign throughout the country. The railroad boys are on strike. The Cultivator sent me a copy of the Standard

Dr. Smith, Oculist and Aurist, treats Eye, Ear and Throat. Weatherford, Texas.

A list of desirable and useful presents to be found in our store: Fans, Neckwear, Shawls, Syrna Rugs, Lace Curtains, Lace Pillow Shams, Silk, Linen and Cotton Handkerchiefs, and many more. Come and examine our stock before buying.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to Carmichael & Bryan are requested to settle the same by January 1st.

When buying Christmas presents you might as well spend your money for something useful. We have many things in our stock that will make very appropriate presents.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Our cure a dose is all we ask for. Dr. Simons' cough Syrup, and we are pledged to refund the cost price per bottle if it fails to do all that is claimed for it. You get immediate relief.

Best line of Jewelry in the city, consisting of Neck Chains, Long-eared Watch Chains, Bracelets, Rings, Ear Rings, Cuff Buttons, etc., cheap. Remember, with every 50 cent purchase of Jewelry you get a ticket entitling you to a chance in our \$55 Music Box.

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Christmas 1897.

THE LEADER with this issue wishes its readers a "Merry Christmas" and in connection therewith will state to its friends that it expects to hang out its half-hose for the convenience of Santa Claus at the old stand. It has been currently reported that we don't wear 'em but such is not the case, especially at this season of the year.

Santa Claus, so far as we have been informed, has never been very partial to the newspaper fraternity but we did hear of an editor once who woke up Christmas morning and found a new hat and a box of cigars tied to his door knob. The occurrence was so strange and unusual that the newspaper fraternity has committed it to tradition and thus the tale has been handed down through generations of editors and we are all taught to believe it is true.

Some people are happy on Christmas and some are not. The most miserable man we ever heard of was a fellow who went to town on the day before Christmas and after buying a whole lot of nice things for his family and materials for a royal feast went back home and entirely forgot to call on the editor and pay up his subscription. His conscience smote him severely, so much so in fact he could not enjoy his egg nog Christmas morning and the poor man never rested well till the next spring when he cut a load of wood and hauled it in, and finding that he couldn't sell it on the square, he just hauled it right down to the editor's house and dumped it off. He has felt better ever since.

But the happiest man we ever heard of was one who went into the newspaper office and paid up his arrears and one year in advance the day before Christmas, then bought his supplies and went home rejoicing. The Lord seemed to prosper that man and he has had happy Christmas ever since.

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Royal makes the best powd, wholesome and delicious.



has not yet entirely ruined the country and the administration of McKinley has not yet produced anything worse than a yellow fever epidemic at New Orleans and a democratic victory in Kentucky. The corpse of populism lies "in the middle of the road" with its feet towards the grass. And with all these blessings why should we not all have a right royal good old-fashioned Merry Christmas?

We buy and sell more Dry Goods than any house in Graham, consequently are better able to save you money on a bill than any one else. Call and see us. Get our prices.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Marriage License.

Dec. 20th, J. A. Ledbetter to Miss Ella M. Knight.

Dec. 21st, N. R. Whitfield to Miss Ida Graves; S. Seddon to Miss Sallie A. Mathews.

The disease cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla is so virulent, because it almost disappears as soon as the blood is purified and purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Johnson county prohibition case will not be decided by the court of civil appeals until after the holidays. This case involves the construction of the prohibition election law passed by the last legislature.

Will Slack and Effie B. Robertson were married at the Belmont hotel Wednesday, Squire J. S. Starrett officiating.

Eugene Logan and his daughter, of Belknap, were shopping in Graham Wednesday.

Don't get 'em, because in case Dr. Simons' cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded, try a bottle.

For sale by D. R. Alkin & Co.

W. T. Steadham of Miller Bend, was in town Wednesday.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE IN THE WORLD FOR Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or sores required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by D. R. Alkin & Co.

DEED.

At her home near Graham on Nov. 26th, 1897, Mrs. Catherine Allen, Sister Allen was born in Brown county, Ga., in Sept. 1817. She was married to John Allen in Sept. 1834. In 1842 she moved with her husband to Haywood county, Tenn. It was here that she sought and found Christ precious to her soul and united with His church. In 1853 they moved to Rusk county, Texas. In 1872 or 1873 the Lord took her husband, who was also a faithful member of the Baptist church. In 1876 she came to Young county. She was a charter member of the 1st Baptist church of Graham. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom preceded her to the great beyond. There are also 14 grand-children and six great-grand-children.

"Grandma," as she was familiarly known, had been a true and faithful follower of the Lord Jesus for more than 50 years. She was ever ready to testify to the goodness of God, and often said she was "not tired of the way."

Truly can we say that another life has faded away from the shores of time to add lustre to the hosts beyond the skies.

Another christian spirit, loosened from its cage of clay, has winged its flight to the shores of Sweet Deliverance, there in back in the approving smiles of Him in whom she has trusted for so many years implicitly trusted, and to sing His praises amid the blood-washed throng of glory throughout the endless ages of Eternity. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labors; and their work do follow them."

G. W. BLACK,
J. M. WOODD,
A. R. McDONALD, } Com.

A chronic kidney is a bad sign, and a continual scurvy is worse. Better medicine than a hen. Hunt's cure will do up the worst case of Rheumatism, Gravel, Itching Piles, Eczema, etc. Price 50c.

Railroad News.

It is understood in Graham that the expert who recently came out and examined the Young county coal fields has made a most favorable report to the London syndicate, by whom he was employed. It is thought that the deal will be immediately consummated and that within the next few months active work will begin on the construction of a railway from Fort Worth in this direction.

There is also a good deal of talk about the extension of the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and North-western to Young county. That road will have to move out if another one is built to this section, and there will probably be an interesting race between the two for the first occupancy of this country.

Goose Neck Bend.

In the geography we find it reads that in North America we have the most pleasing diversion of seasons. We have had quite a diversion in the way of weather the last few days. We have had rain, sleet, snow, sandstorm and anything else you could wish for in the way of changeable weather.

Park Hogue and family have moved back to their farm in Goose Neck; glad to have them back among us again.

A number of people met at the school house Tuesday night and perfected arrangements for a Christmas tree. Mrs. J. E. Thompson with Misses Sallie McJilton, Maggie Farmer, Della Horner and Mary Parsons were selected as a committee to dress the tree. A very good time is anticipated.

Miss Lizzie LeGard turned out school Wednesday evening till Monday the 3rd day of January, to spend the Christmas holidays. News items are scarce in New York. People don't die, marry, run off, or do anything else to disturb the peace or break the monopoly, hence there is no news.

Allen Hot and family of Arkansas, have moved to the Dr. LeGrand farm; glad to welcome them among us.

Lawrence McLaven has moved across the river on the Allford farm.

This section will have plenty Christmas it seems like. Goose Neck, Tunk Valley and Salem will all have Christmas trees.

Sam Farmer who has been sick for two weeks, we are sorry to say, is very low. He has to remain in a sickening position all the time. We hope, he may yet be restored to his former good health.

A Merry Christmas to THE LEADER and a list of readers.

A. J.

Backache, Sprains, Cuts, Rheumatism speedily cured by using Hunt's Lightning Oil. Failing, money refunded.

The volume of business at our post office this week is tremendous, and postmaster Cunningham and his force are quite busy.

Our merchants are enjoying a fine Christmas trade this week.

Mrs. A. S. Lobban of Fort Worth, is visiting the family of Mrs. W. T. Stewart in Graham.

L. M. Hulbert of Chicago, is visiting his brother-in-law, John Fisher, in this city.

Judge Finlay and Squire Starrett are about to corner the marriage market and the ministers will have to form a combine against them in self defense.

The Mineral Wells mail failed to arrive Tuesday night, but came in Wednesday afternoon. A broken wheel was the cause of the delay.

BUILDING!

Is what I have been doing for the past week—making ready that I may be in better shape to serve my patrons when they need their farming tools put in shape. But I didn't mean to talk business in this ad., only wanted to extend to ALL my best wishes for a

Merry Christmas.

In the beginning of the new year I wish you the GOOD NEWS.

THE

Biliousness

It is caused by impure blood, and is cured by Hood's Pills.

Hood's Pills

It is a cure for Biliousness, Headache, Constipation, and all the troubles that result from an impure blood.

For the second time within the last week the Death Messenger has entered the community of Farmer and borne away "one of these little ones."

On the 16th inst., at Newport, died of diphtheria, little Della Wilson, aged four years and five months.

On the morning of the 14th, her mother, Mrs. Dr. Wilson of Farmer, and Mrs. Cady, her grandmother, started to Bowie, taking the little one, who was apparently in good health, with them.

As they were leaving she turned her little laughing face toward her papa saying, "Goodbye, papa, be good, and I'll be a good girl," and thus she left him.

On Wednesday evening she became ill and on the morning of the 16th, Dr. Wilson was summoned but he reached Newport only to find her passing from earth to Heaven. The farewell with which she left him had been "Goodbye" until they meet within the City.

"He who doeth all things well had called little Della and she rests in the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

All who know her, loved her and now, since she has gone home, has lost its idol; the school room, its favorite; and her teacher—a loving, earnest little pupil; one who never wanted to be absent from school. But one seat is vacant now, and one little voice will not answer at roll call. The little First Reader which she would proudly open, saying: "Listen to me read, Mamma," is closed now. The brief school days are over, while to-day perhaps she listens to the teachings of the King. She wanted to learn to write, she said, so she could write to "grammies and grandpa back in Tennessee." Weep not, stricken ones, because the little baby hands were folded, and the letter never written, think instead that now she is writing up yonder, messages for the Loving One who sees you in your sorrow and bids you turn to Him and be comforted.

The little body was brought to Farmer on the 18th and laid to rest in the Cemetery at that place, white as a symbol of the purity and innocence of the babe who slept; the snow flakes, falling gently on the little mound shielded it from the breath of winter.

The little flower has faded from our sight, but 'twas taken from the earth to blossom in the living garden of the King and in the blessed future we shall meet the little one, for He who promises is faithful and will not forget.

Darkened is home and lonely, Since you have sunk to rest, But we know you are safe from sorrow, Now on the Master's breast. Safe in the Father's City, With Children of the King, And your voice sung the chorus The radiant angels sing. E. M. N.

Texas Wonder.

Hall's Great Discovery. One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kinds of kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men and women, regulates bladder trouble in children. If not cured in two months treatment, and we will cure any case above mentioned. E. W. HALL, Sole Mfr., P. O. Box 278, Waco.

Sold by the Graham Drug Co.

Weatherford, April 8, 1896.—We the undersigned have used Hall's great discovery for kidney and bladder trouble and cheerfully recommend it. E. M. Woodward, N. B. Johnson, W. C. McFall, H. S. White, J. C. McCoull.

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To Texas City or Bust!

Back in Graham and Busted!

J. C. SMORT
Would respectfully say to his old friends and customers, as well as to all new ones, that he has returned to the State of Texas from the East, at the old stand, where will be found Hardware, Cutlery, Tinware, and everything from a pair of Tacks to Steam Engines. A full line of

Guns and Ammunition.

And what you want leave your order and you shall have it if it takes the Eyes of Repairing Guns and Sewing Machines. As well as many other things and if they don't, and all work warranted to be done as well as any other one-eyed man can do it. Call and see the whole for your sake or not.

PRICE BROS.

Manufacturers of and Dealers in SADDLES AND HARNESS. We Carry a Full and Complete Stock. FINE HAND WORK A SPECIALTY. All Repairing Done Promptly at Low Prices.

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MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Whips, &c. Everything in our line kept constantly on hand or made to order. Buggy Top Repairing Promptly Attended to.

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Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, 25,000.

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The annexation of Hawaii seems to be one of the pet schemes of the present administration.

Seeing that lots of folks lack the gumption to protect themselves, the Post Office Department has announced its intention to shut out of the mails all papers carrying ads of such skin games as guessing contests, missing-letter contests and other lottery fakes.

An Exchange suggests that 4-cent cotton means 4-closure of mortgages and 4-warns the farmers to 4-bear a little on future cotton crops.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.

Spain must be given more time to bring the Cuban war to a close, says President McKinley.

As exemplifying the magnitude of American commercial operations it is worth recording that Letter Monday sold 5,000,000 bushels of wheat in Chicago.

Free Pills. Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get at free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills.

Let every man hear this statement: If the lower link goes to hell and the upper does not, if the poor old drunkard goes to hell and the church man, who voted for the saloon that made him, do not go with him, then the drunkard can stand on the blackerated waves of damnation and cry, 'Unjust, unjust, unjust,' until he will tear down the pillars of Heaven.—Rev. George Stuart.

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A Splendid Offer. Add to THE LEADER'S already large subscription list, we offer the following extraordinary inducement: For the first 100 new subscribers for one year, we will send you a copy of our new book, 'The History of the World,' in advance.

The Great Storm.

The blizzard which came last Friday and Saturday was one of the worst in the history of the country.

The telephone line between Jacksboro and Weatherford is down and Graham is entirely cut off from communication over this line.

In the Panhandle there was snow and sleet, while in east and south Texas the weather was accompanied by the heaviest rainfall seen in many years.

Farming will not pay if time is wasted and economies are ignored. It will frequently not pay if all the energies of the farm are devoted to a single crop year after year.

Continuous advertising is the best advertising. Keeping your name always prominently before the people and your goods always in their minds is real, live advertising.

It strikes us that there is a great deal of selfishness mixed with the religion of a whole lot of people. Prayer, when offered in the right spirit and for the attainment of ends worthy of a true Christian, is certainly right and acceptable to God.

Change of Life Passed With Safety. I write to state my experience with G. F. P. (Gerstle's Female Pills).

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