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MILLS NOT GUILTY VERDICT OF JURY

Taking of Testimony Ends Friday at Noon. Argument Commences Early Saturday Morning. District Attorney Speaks 3 1-2 Hours.

JURY WAS OUT ONLY FIFTEEN MINUTES

Defendant Absent From Court Room When Jury Files In. Hastily Summoned and Hears Reading of Verdict, But Shows No Emotion Over Result.

Since the verdict in the case of the State vs. Arthur Mills was "not guilty" we consider it unnecessary to give the testimony of the defendant as the verdict itself is the best evidence of the fact that the testimony of the State's witness was not strong enough to warrant a conviction.

The taking of testimony in the case was concluded last Friday morning, and on account of the illness of the District Attorney the argument was postponed until Saturday morning. At the opening of Court, the District Attorney talked for one hour, making an excellent plea for the enforcement of the law and the punishment of wrong-doers. He was followed by J. T. Montgomery and A. H. Carrigan of Wichita Falls, for the defense. Both of these gentlemen made eloquent pleas for the life and liberty of the defendant, Judge Carrigan talking an hour and seventeen minutes. At this time Court was adjourned for dinner.

After dinner Judge R. F. Arnold of this city closed an argument for the defense in what is said to be one of the best speeches ever delivered in the Young County Court house. Judge Arnold is known to be one of the best speakers in this section of the country and the spectators in the court house sat quiet through the whole speech.

Judge Edgar Scurry, District Attorney, closed the argument for the state and he, too, was given the undivided attention of the many listeners in the court house.

At the conclusion of the argument the following charge was given to the jury by Special Judge E. W. Nicholson, of Jacksboro, who was acting in place of Judge P. A. Martin, disqualified.

Gentlemen of the Jury: In and by the indictment in this case, the defendant, Arthur Mills stands charged with the murder of C. C. Mills, alleged in the indictment to have been committed by the defendant, Arthur Mills, in the County of Young and State of Texas, on or about the 8th day of May, A. D. 1908.

To which charge the defendant has pleaded "not guilty," and the Court gives you in charge the following as the law in this case:

1. Every person with sound memory and discretion, who shall unlawfully kill any reasonable creature in being, within this State, with malice aforethought, either expressed or implied, shall be deemed guilty of murder.

2. Murder is distinguishable from every other species of homicide by the absence of circumstances which reduce the offense to negligent homicide or manslaughter, or which excuse or justify the homicide.

3. Malice is a condition of the mind which shows a heart regardless of social duty and fatally bent on mischief, the existence of which is inferred from acts committed or words spoken.

4. Malice, which is absolutely essential to constitute the offense of murder, is either expressed or implied.

5. All murder committed with express malice, is murder of the first degree.

6. Express malice is where one with a sedate and deliberate mind and formed design, unlawfully kills another, which formed design is evidenced by external circumstances—discovering that inward intention, as lying in wait, antecedent menaces, former grudges, concerted schemes to do the person slain some bodily harm, or any other circumstance showing such sedate and deliberate mind and formed design unlawfully to kill another, or to inflict serious bodily harm which might probably end in the death of the person upon whom the same was inflicted.

7. When an unlawful killing is established, the condition of the mind of the party killing, at the time, just before and just after the killing, is an important consideration in determining the grade of the homicide. And in determining whether murder has been committed with express malice or not, the important questions for a jury to determine are: Do the facts and circumstances in the case at the time of the killing, and before and after that time, having connection with or relation to it, furnish satisfactory evidence of a sedate and deliberate mind, on the part of the person killing, at the time he does the act, and do these facts and circumstances show a formed design to take the life of the person slain, or to inflict on him some serious bodily harm, which, in the necessary and probable consequences, may result in his death? Or, do the facts and circumstances in the case show such a general reckless disregard of human life as necessarily includes the formed design against the life of the person slain? If they do, the killing, if it amounts to murder, will be upon express malice.

8. In order to warrant a verdict of murder in the first degree, malice must be shown by the evidence to have existed, that is, the jury must be satisfied from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, that the killing was a consummation of a previously formed design to take the life of the person killed, and that the design to kill was formed deliberately, with a sedate mind, that is, at the time when the mind of the person killing, was self possessed and capable of contemplating the consequences of the act proposed to be done. There is, however, no definite space of time necessary to intervene between the formed design to kill and the actual killing; a single moment of time may be sufficient; all that is required, is that the mind be cool and deliberate in forming its purpose, and that the design to kill is formed.

9. When the evidence satisfies the minds of the jury beyond a reasonable doubt that the killing was the result of a previously formed design by the defendant to kill the deceased; and that the design was formed when the mind was calm and sedate and capable of contemplating the consequences of the act proposed to be done by him; and such killing is further shown to have been unlawful and done with malice, then the homicide is murder in the first degree, and your verdict should be rendered accordingly.

10. To warrant a conviction of murder in the first degree, the jury must be satisfied by the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant, before the act, deliberately formed the design with a calm and sedate mind to kill the deceased; that he selected and used the weapon or instrument reasonably sufficient to accomplish the death by the mode and manner of its use. The act must not result from a mere sudden, rash and immediate design, springing from an inconsiderate impulse, passion or excitement, however unjustifiable and unwarrantable it may be.

11. Now if you find and believe from the evidence in this case, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant, Arthur Mills, did, as charged in the indictment, with express malice aforethought, with some blunt instrument, being a deadly weapon, or instrument, well calculated and likely to produce death, by the manner in which it was used, with a sedate and deliberate mind and formed design to kill, did unlawfully strike, and thereby kill the said C. C. Mills, you will find him guilty of murder in the first degree, and so say by your verdict, affixing the penalty therefor.

12. The punishment for murder in the first degree shall be by death or by confinement in the State penitentiary for life, as the jury may determine and state in their verdict.

13. The next lower grade of culpable homicide than Murder in the first degree is Murder in the second degree. Malice is also an essential ingredient of the offense of Murder in the second degree, the distinguishing features however, so far as the element of malice is concerned, is, that in murder in the first degree, malice must be proved to the satisfaction of the jury, beyond a reasonable doubt, as an existing fact; while in murder in the second degree, malice will be implied from the fact of an unlawful killing.

14. Implied malice is that which the law infers from or imputes to certain acts, however suddenly done, thus, when the fact of an unlawful killing is established, and the facts do not establish express malice beyond a reasonable doubt, nor tend to mitigate, excuse or justify the act, then the law implies malice, and the murder is in the second degree. And the law does not further define murder in the second degree, than if the killing is shown to be unlawful, and there is nothing in evidence on the one hand showing express malice, and on the other hand there is nothing in evidence that will reduce the killing below the grade of Murder, then the law

implies malice, and the homicide is murder in the second degree.

15. Now if you find and believe from the evidence in this case, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant, Arthur Mills, did, with implied malice, in Young County, Texas, on or about the 8th day of May, A. D. 1908, with some blunt instrument, being a deadly weapon or instrument being well calculated and likely to produce death by the manner in which it was used, strike and thereby kill the said C. C. Mills, you will find the defendant guilty of Murder in the second degree, and assess his punishment at confinement in the State Penitentiary for any term of years that you may determine, provided that it be not less than five years.

16. Should you find the defendant guilty of Murder in the first degree, or guilty of Murder in the second degree, you will state of which offense you find him guilty, and will also state of which degree of murder, and for whatever offense you may find him guilty (if any) you will affix the punishment for that crime as above indicated.

17. If from the evidence you are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of murder, but have a reasonable doubt whether it was committed upon express or implied malice, then you must give the defendant the benefit of the doubt and not find him guilty of a higher grade than murder in the second degree.

18. In order to warrant a conviction upon circumstantial evidence, each fact necessary to establish defendant's guilt must be proven by the evidence to the satisfaction of the jury beyond a reasonable doubt; all such facts must be consistent with each other and with the defendant's guilt—and all the circumstances taken together, must be of a conclusive nature, leading on a whole to a satisfactory conclusion and producing in effect a reasonable and moral certainty that the defendant committed the offense charged; and must exclude every other reasonable hypothesis except that of the defendant's guilt.

19. I instruct you that the witness, H. C. Patton, is an accomplice. Now, you cannot convict the defendant upon his testimony alone, unless you first believe his testimony is true, and connects the defendant with the offense charged, and then you cannot convict the defendant upon said testimony, unless you further believe that there is other testimony in the case, corroborative of the accomplice's testimony, tending to connect the defendant with the offense charged, and the corroboration is not sufficient if it merely shows the commission of the offense.

20. You are instructed that the testimony of the witnesses C. W. Johnson, B. F. Reynolds and B. F. Thorp, to the effect, that in the Examining Court, in the case of The State of Texas against Arthur Mills, they heard the witness Mrs. Maudena Patton, testify as follows: "The first I heard was Arthur Mills hallooing for Mr. Patton to bring him the gun; I raised up, and as I did so, I saw Mr. Patton either lie down or fall down on the pallet"—was admitted in evidence before you for the sole purpose of impeaching the witness, Mrs. Maudena Patton (that is if it does impeach her) and you will consider it for no other purpose whatever.

21. You are further instructed that the testimony of the witness R. J. Johnson, to the effect that

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LOCAL MERCHANTS HAVE GOOD TRADE

Conditions Reported from Business Men Show Brisk Trading and Excellent Collections.

FARMERS IN GOOD SHAPE

Paying Up Their Bills as Fast as Cotton is Sold, Putting the Merchants in Better Shape Than for Years.

Business conditions in Graham have improved wonderfully in the past few weeks and the merchants are well pleased with the trade as it is now coming. While there is still room for improvement in the sales of merchandise, the businessmen realize that it is so much better than at this time last year they feel that they are doing all that can be expected at this time. An expression was secured from several of the business men who had the following to say:

R. F. Short: "Business is pretty good, with fair collections, but of course we are always ready to receive anything that ought to come our way."

Ben Johnson, of Lyon Hardware Co.: "Everything has been alright with us and collections have been exceedingly good; we are well pleased."

J. L. Graves, of Graves & Ward: "Last Saturday was the best day we have had this year, and we expect conditions to improve right along."

John E. Morrison of the Jno. E. Morrison Co.: "We have had an excellent business the past few weeks and Saturday was a record breaker. We are highly pleased with business conditions and look for a large increase in sales."

Bruce Street of S. B. Street & Co.: "Our business is good and collections O. K. No complaint from us."

Horace Tidwell of Tidwell & Sons: "The busiest day we have had this year was last Saturday and we are well pleased with the prospects for the future."

B. S. Doty said: "I have had a fine business all along and am just as happy as a clam. Graham is coming alive again."

Chas. Baker of Baker & Son: "Business is good and collections are all right and everybody is stocking up for the winter. We are well pleased."

W. S. McJimsey said: "My business is a little different from any other in town, but I have noted a steady increase for some time. Yes, everything is moving along nicely now."

R. G. Hallam of Hallam & Jones: "Business is all right and collections are good. We feel sure that conditions are improving steadily."

J. Ewing Norris of D. G. Vick & Co.: "Business is much better with us and collections are all right. Everything looks good to us."

Gus Eddleman of Eddleman Bros.: "Business is all right with us and conditions are looking decidedly better."

R. E. Mabry of Mabry & Sons: "We are doing mighty well, taking into consideration the conditions for the past three years. Yes, I think everything is all right."

T. J. Price of Price Bros.: "Our business has shown a steady increase for some time and present conditions indicate better business this fall than for several years."

A. F. Stewart of Stewart & Son: "We're doing better all the time and have no kick coming. We look for good business this fall."

PRECINCTS SHOULD BUILD THE ROADS

C. W. Johnson Says Present Methods are Out of Date and Inadequate for any Purpose.

TO BE BUILT BY CONTRACT

Competitive Bids Should be Made and Successful Bidder Put Under Bond to Keep Road Up Five Years.

Last week in our interview with Mr. C. W. Johnson, he stated that he would give us his idea of a good roads system, and believing this subject to be of utmost importance to the citizens of this county we asked him to let us have his ideas this week. Let us say right here that we heartily approve of the system as laid down here by Mr. Johnson, and hope to see it put into practical operation in this county at least in the very near future.

"Good country highways are of the highest importance, essential to the progress of the country. No road is better than its worst part. Transportation is the first tax on the products of the farm, and the better the roads the less the tax."

It is now acknowledged that liberal aid must be furnished by the cities and towns to construct and maintain good wagon roads. The present system is a rank failure. It is believed the precinct and not the county, should be the

of the legal voters of a county, commissioners precinct ought have the power to vote bonds for road purposes. The amount of money will not be so large, will be kept nearer home and subject to closer scrutiny. The precinct ought to determine the classification, grade, etc. of its roads and should be divided into road districts of suitable mileage. The construction and maintenance for a period of five years, should be let by competitive bidding, and the party securing the contract to give bond to construct and maintain for that period.

Any system that does not provide for the up-keep will fail and the original cost be lost. Supplementary to the bond issue, every male person over 21 years of age and under 45 should be charged with a reasonable personal road tax. He may have the privilege of paying the tax by his labor for the bonded contractor at current prices for good service.

A double sinking fund should be created, one to redeem the bonds as they mature, the other to keep up the road. The contractor charged with the up-keep of the roads will not suffer his district to get out of repair or remain long in bad condition. Repairs when first needed can be made at least cost, the great advantage being that once established good roads will be maintained at minimum cost, labor will seek the job and become expert, good roads to town will be secured; every citizen living in town would esteem it his duty to pay or work out his road tax, if not he would be subject to the same penal offense for failure to work the road.

Good wagon roads to cities and towns promote their interests. Property owners are benefitted by increased values of their holdings. No harm can come from a road tax intelligently and honestly expended in improvement of the public highways. We may eat our cake and have it too."

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Bring Us All Your Eggs After Oct. 1.

We Pay the Highest CASH Price. Graham Produce Co., Graham, Texas.

Items from the Churches

Christian.

Scholars present, 193.
Collection, \$4.90

SERMON

The scripture lesson was read from the First Psalm by Rev. B. F. Stallings, after which the congregation heard an interesting sermon from Rev. W. A. Dawson of Artesia, N. M. His subject for the discourse was, "Daniel was preferred above all the other princes." The life of Daniel was reviewed showing that it was not mere chance or accident that he was preferred above the other princes. Christ said, "We shall always have the hewers of wood and the drawers of water." There is no such thing as luck; we are arbiters of our own destiny.

Christ says, "He who would be great must serve." Daniel was a Jew, a slave, a captive with no political pull, yet he it was whom the king chose to be over the governors of the provinces. He had taken advantage of his opportunities to learn the arts, sciences and languages of the Chaldeans. He possessed the qualification of intellectual attainment; he was also a man of purpose. He would not eat and drink the rich viands and wines to prepare himself for the king's presence, but choose pulse instead. Then, Daniel was a godly young man. Investigation proves that the leaders in state, science and every earnest endeavor have been Christian, godly men.

Gladstone says he was associated with eighty-six statesmen in his day, eighty of whom were professing Christians. Daniel was chosen because he had lived up to his opportunities and prepared himself for the honors in store for him; always living close to God.

The Ladies' Aid meets on the 10th of October, at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jackson.

The subject for the morning sermon for next Sunday is "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." Evening sermon, "Seed time and harvest."

Evening service will commence at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock.

Teachers' training class meets next Tuesday evening with Mrs. H. Clay Wilson.

Methodist.

Scholars present 159.
Collection, \$4.50.

SERMON

Text for morning service 122nd Psalm 1st verse, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." The subject discussed was why people do not go to church; and what benefit they were to the church if they did not, and what benefit the Church was to them. Some of the frivolous excuses that men put up was discussed. And the reason that people should go to church was given. It was the churches' chief business to give the gospel to the world and the non church goer was not aiding in that great work. The church was God's life saving institution in the world and the concerted effort of every member of the church ought to be put forth to that end. The church was the place where you were spiritually born and you should love your birthplace, and do what you could to help and protect it. The church was the place where men were to get their spiritual

education and all need to know more of the teaching of the Lord. The church was the place where consolation was to be found for the man who was carrying the burden that oppressed him, and it was to the church that these loads were to be brought and laid at the foot of the Cross. It was the church that was to furnish the encouragement that we need, and so men should attend.

Brother R. E. Lynch sang, "Somebody Knows."

The subject for the morning sermon Sunday will be "Peter's method of stirring up the church—a mild but efficient means."

Baptist.

Last Sunday the Baptists had 187 present. Collection \$16.40.

Bro. Taylor read for his morning lesson the 6th chapter of Galatians, took his text from the 14th verse of same chapter.

The thought in the sermon was the cross of Christ. The fact that we must not lose sight of the Cross. We should glory in the Cross. The only remedy for sin is the gospel of the Cross of Christ.

The Ladys' Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. W. C. Bell this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Y. P. U. Program

John McComas.
Subject—Joseph.

Lesson—Gen. 37:1-11, read by the leader.

Short talks on the five periods of Joseph's life:

1. The dreamer, O. C. Knight.
2. Sold into slavery, Joe Wooton.
3. Dream interpreter, Mr. Crabb.
4. Governor of Egypt, J. Keeter.
5. His brethren, Edward Mayes. Song.

Let each one be prepared to mention some characteristic or some incident in the life of Joseph.

The hour of meeting will be 6:45. Be on time.

Presbyterian.

The Presbyterians fell behind in attendance at Sunday school last Sunday, there being only 109 present; offering \$26.05, this amount being given especially for the orphans.

This Sunday school holds their annual Rally Day on the second Sabbath in October, the slogan being "Three million children in the South are out of the Sabbath school and call to you for help." These annual in-gatherings add great impetus to the Sabbath school interest.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Hall, a Laymen's service was held, Elder R. G. Hallam conducting the service, opening the meeting by reading Matt. 25: 32-46, after which the choir rendered the beautiful anthem, "Great is the Lord." Elder W. S. McJimsey gave an interesting talk on "Orphans," calling especial attention to the Presbyterian Orphanage at Files, Tex., disclosing the fact that the monthly expenses there are \$1000 and that fifty-two in the Home had recently professed Christ. Elder Jno. E. Morrison interested the congregation with his talk on Home Missions, emphasizing the menace of encroaching Buddhism and the necessity of immediate work among our neighbors, and the duty of consecrat-

ing a talent, of whatever value, to His service.

There was special music by the male quartette—Messrs. Hudson, Rose, Rubenkoenig and Hutchison.

Your attention is called to the change in the hour of the evening service, beginning now at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock.

Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30 Sunday afternoon.

The hour of Wednesday evening prayer meeting is now 7:30.

We are now receiving California tomatoes and other "good things to eat" at our store. Ma-bry & Sons.

Mr. Floyd Duncan of Roscoe, Texas, was in the city this week visiting his brother, Dr. R. A. Duncan. He left early in the week for Loving to visit his sister, Mrs. J. T. Marshall.

Miss Mary Ellen Finch has been sick for the past week, but is reported much better.

Mrs. W. B. Douglass of Jean came in Friday for a visit to her mother, Mrs. W. T. Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Norman were in Ft. Worth Monday for a pleasure trip.

Chas. Gay, cashier of the Graham National Bank, made a business trip to Ft. Worth Monday.

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If You Are in the Market for a New Buggy

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WE now have a large counter of shoes of all sizes—Men's, Boys', Ladies' and Misses'—which we are selling below cost. These are good bargains. If you need shoes, now is your time to get them cheaper than you ever bought them before in Graham. We also have a large number of Men's, and Boys' Suits that we are closing out below cost. We will not handle any more suits after these are closed out, so they must go regardless of cost. Come and see our Bargain Counters before you buy for we can save you money. We also have some Hats that go below cost. While in town call and see our new line of Boys', Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes just received. All sold at a bargain. No better shoes ever bought in Graham—and all the latest styles.

Baker & Son.

JONES' TAILOR SHOP

There is a distinct advantage in wearing tailor made clothes. They fit perfectly, look decidedly better, wear longer and come at a lower price. Right now we are showing extremely

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and a critical examination will disclose the fact that it is by far the strongest line

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THREE DOORS NORTH OF POSTOFFICE



Notice, Farmers!

Don't forget that last February we put in the best cotton cleaner made. We are now running all eight gin stands and gin two bales every fifteen minutes. Come and get your cotton ginned now and go home to Sally and the children. We will also grind your corn.

Farmers' Union Gin Co.

A. H. JONES, Manager.

Club and Society Doings

Reception at Rose Cottage.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, after prayer meeting, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rose were at home to their many friends who had shown especial courtesies to this charming couple during their five years' residence in Graham.

The fact that it was their wedding anniversary had been carefully concealed from the guests, the first intimation coming when they were handed the beautifully decorated programs with the two dates, Sept. 25, 1912 and Sept. 25, 1917, also bearing that most inviting little couplet.

"Our friends are right welcome permit us to say.
To help us make merry our anniversary day."

Mrs. Akin's rendition of Mendelssohn's "Hunting Song" was charming and was followed by a voice number by the hostess, "Silver Threads: Among the Gold," to which Mr. Rose replied in song, with a world of love in tone and word. "I Will Love You When the Silver Threads Are Shining Among the Gold."

Miss Mazelle Morrison charmed her hearers with "The Hazing of Valient," a very laughable number.

Mr. Hutchison's contribution to the evening's enjoyment, besides his pleasant personality, was Chas. Graham's song, "Velvet and Rags."

"Lauterbach," by Mrs. A. A. Morrison, was charming. It is always a treat to hear Mrs. Morrison.

Mrs. Hallam's portrayal of "Mirandy's Proposal" kept the company in a roar of laughter. She is always a most entertaining reader. In response to a hearty encore she gave another short but equally pleasing number.

Mrs. Rose's two little Irish songs, "You'd Better Ask Me" and "To My First Love," were followed by Miss Miller's enjoyable reading, "Was It the Letter or Jack?"

Mr. Rose, in a few well chosen words, thanked the guests for their many thoughtful favors that he and Mrs. Rose had received since their residence in Graham.

Upon being invited to the dining room the guests were served with chicken salad, pickles, crackers, hot chocolate and marshmallows. Mesdames A. A. Morrison, J. W. Akin, L. W. Price, H. L. Morrison and Mr. Rose assisted the hostess in serving.

When the company returned to the parlor Mr. and Mrs. Rose sang by request the beautiful duets, "Sing Me to Sleep" and "O, That We Two Were Mating." Later in the evening Mrs. Rose was again called upon and sang Nevin's "Rosemary."

Mrs. Akin by request also played the old immortal "Auld Lang Syne." Mrs. A. A. Morrison was also called upon for another piano number.

With overwhelming congratulations and many wishes for many more happy wedding anniversaries for this charming host and hostess, the following guests took a late departure:

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Akin, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. John Rubenkoenig, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hallam, Mesdames Norman, Price, Fisher, Hall and A. A. Morrison, Misses Norman, Garrett, Weaver, Miller, Jeffrey, Messrs. McKinley, Hutchison, McClatchey and Lynch.

J. R. Hill and Miss May Lane were married Sunday at the residence of Mr. Ed. Johnson, by Rev. J. H. Bowman. Mr. Hill is employed here on the section.

Baracas Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rickman entertained last Friday evening for the Royal Baracas, with the Tidwell Philatheas and a few others as invited guests.

The first contest consisted of twenty-five hidden letters which, when properly arranged, spelled "The Royal Baracas Welcome You." Miss Mizzell and Mrs. McLaren were winners in this and another contest and so were presented with the class colors.

Misses Bladen Garrett and Lucille Miller gave several piano selections which were very much enjoyed and Miss Miller also read two delightful numbers.

The guests were then invited to the dining room where Messrs. Ed Jeffrey, Joe Wooten, Wright McClatchey and Mabry Short served delicious punch and cake.

Literary Club

On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2nd, the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle met with Mrs. J. T. Rickman, in the initial meeting of the year.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Gallaher, the first vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Fisher, occupied the chair most creditably.

Mrs. Akin rendered a piano number, the beautiful serenade by N. Stetson, after which the president's message was read by Mrs. R. G. Hallam, emphasis being laid on the year's course of study and the benefits to be derived from the Chautauqua methods.

Mrs. Parrish gave a comprehensive talk on the advantages of Federation, after which the club voted to make application for membership in the State Federation.

Mrs. E. W. Fry was elected as a member of this interesting club and before adjournment, the hostess served delightful ice cream, with Devil's food.

The club year books are completed and the next program may be found there, to be given at the home of Mrs. H. L. Morrison on Oct. 9th.

Birthday Party.

Mrs. Evans Mabry entertained quite a number of the young friends of her son LeGrande on Monday afternoon, the occasion being the celebration of his fifteenth birthday. Progressive games were enjoyed for some time and in awarding of the prizes Neweta Flint drew first prize among the lassies, while the prize for the lads was drawn for by M. K. Graham and R. F. Short; R. F. winning in the draw. Refreshments were served consisting of a salad course, sandwiches and grape juice.

LeGrande was the recipient of many nice presents from his young friends.

Those present were: Neweta Flint, Kate Arnold, Eloise Morrison, Lizzie Johnson, Irene Reed, Lucy Morris, Mary Ellen and Zada Burkett, Sallie Jackson, Catherine Craig and Lovella Eedleman, J. C. Rickman, Nat Price, Richard Price, Verl Birdwell, R. G. and M. K. Graham, J. W. Akin and R. F. Short.

Recital Notice.

The pupils of Crabb's School of Music will give the first of a series of four recitals on Friday evening, Oct. 18. These recitals are to be given to raise funds for electrical equipment for the lighting of the High School Auditorium. The program will be printed in this paper next week.

Notice to 'Phone Patrons.

On account of an oversight the name and number of Rev. B. F. Stalling's phone was left out of our directory. Please enter his name with number 117, and accept our thanks for the favor.

SOUTHWESTERN TEL. & TEL. CO.

Land for Sale.

No. 1. A fine farm of 145 acres, one mile from Jean, all in cultivation but five acres; tank. Price \$28 per acre, \$500 cash, balance in eight years, interest at 7 per cent.

No. 2. The Mendell place, four miles west of Graham; 60 acres in cultivation, good house and well. Price \$25 per acre, \$500 cash, balance in eight years, interest at 7 per cent.

No. 3. 140 acres four miles west of town, 40 acres in cultivation, old log house. Price \$25 per acre, \$300 cash, balance in eight years at 7 per cent interest.

No. 4. 517 1-2 acres, eight miles southeast of Haskell, 250 acres in cultivation, good improvements. This is one of the finest bodies of land in Haskell county. Price \$30 per acre, \$3000 cash, balance on long time at 7 per cent interest.

No. 5. 260-acre farm four miles from Graham on one of the principle roads of the county, four or five-room house with brick chimney, 50 acres in cultivation; one-half of balance can be cultivated. Price \$15 per acre, on easy terms.

R. C. McPHAILL.

Band Concert.

The Fireman's band gave another of those excellent concerts last Friday night, and while the crowd was small, everyone seemed to enjoy the music.

The boys that constitute the band are all faithful workers and do their best to entertain the public with good music, and we feel sure that if the public knew the hard work and the strenuous effort they put forth for the Public's entertainment they would receive more encouragement than they do at the present time.

Big Cattle Shipment.

The largest shipment of cattle from Graham for some time was made Tuesday by John Washington. Mr. Washington bought forty car loads of feeders from J. W. Jackson of this city and shipped them to Ardmore, Oklahoma. Graham is gaining quite a reputation as a shipping point for cattle and it keeps the cow man on the hustle to supply the demand for good stock.

Part of the new equipment, the engine and boiler, for the light plant arrived Saturday night and Manager Babb and his force started to work immediately installing it.

The balance of the new equipment will arrive in a short time and after its installation Graham will have a light plant second to none in this section.

O. J. Woods of Woodson was in Graham last week on business. Mr. Woods is proprietor of the Woodson gin and in speaking of its capacity said he had been ginning from fifty to sixty bales a day.

Mrs. J. W. Tamplin of Stamford, Texas is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. E. Miller, near Graham.

BELMONT HOTEL

E. E. HALL Prop.
RATES \$1.25 PER DAY
Clean Rooms - Good Service

Ely's Cream Parlor

Ice Cream
and Chili

Jonas Ely, Proprietor.

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ALL WORK GUARANTEED

HORSESHOEING
A SPECIALTY

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John's Shaving Parlor

For First-class Barber Work
The OLD RELIABLE Stand
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Electric Lights

Are so far superior to
any other kind that argu-
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Let Us Wire
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We have a complete supply
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OPEN DAY AND NIGHT
SHORT ORDERS
FISH AND OYSTERS
EVERYTHING GOOD TO EAT

West Side of Square.

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A new enterprise, of whatever nature, started with the general public having confidence in it, is a great recommendation for it. This is worth more than actual dollars. Confidence is the life of any business. Money without confidence, in business, would be of little value. If the people believe in you, a fortune isn't necessary. They'll trust you. If they don't trust you, all your money couldn't buy their support.

The West Texas Reporter has the CONFIDENCE of the people. They believe in it. They know they will get a SQUARE DEAL through its columns. We know this because of the large number of subscriptions received before the paper was published.

We are grateful for this expression of CONFIDENCE. It makes our work lighter. It makes our prospects brighter. It gives us an incentive to do our BEST.

We can ask nothing better than the CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE.

Now you, Mr. Reader, if you have not yet subscribed for the Reporter, we want YOUR subscription. We have CONFIDENCE IN YOU.

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Graham, Texas.

Please send me The West Texas Reporter for one year, for which you will find enclosed Check or P. O. Order for One Dollar.

Name _____
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If you live on a Rural or Star Route, be sure to so state and write name and number plainly.

If you haven't the cash and want the paper anyway, fill in this blank.

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Please send me The West Texas Reporter for one year, for which I agree to pay One Dollar on or before Jan. 1, 1913.

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That can give you a clear, satisfactory connection within a radius of 1000 miles of your home? This is what THE SOUTHWESTERN SYSTEM can do and does do for thousands of people daily. Why not you? We are not only on duty to do your bidding one day or week in the year, but we are here every second in the year. In case of accident or delay when you are away from home—no matter where, you can get in touch with your family if you have The Southwestern Telephone. This is worth lots to you and impossible with any other system.

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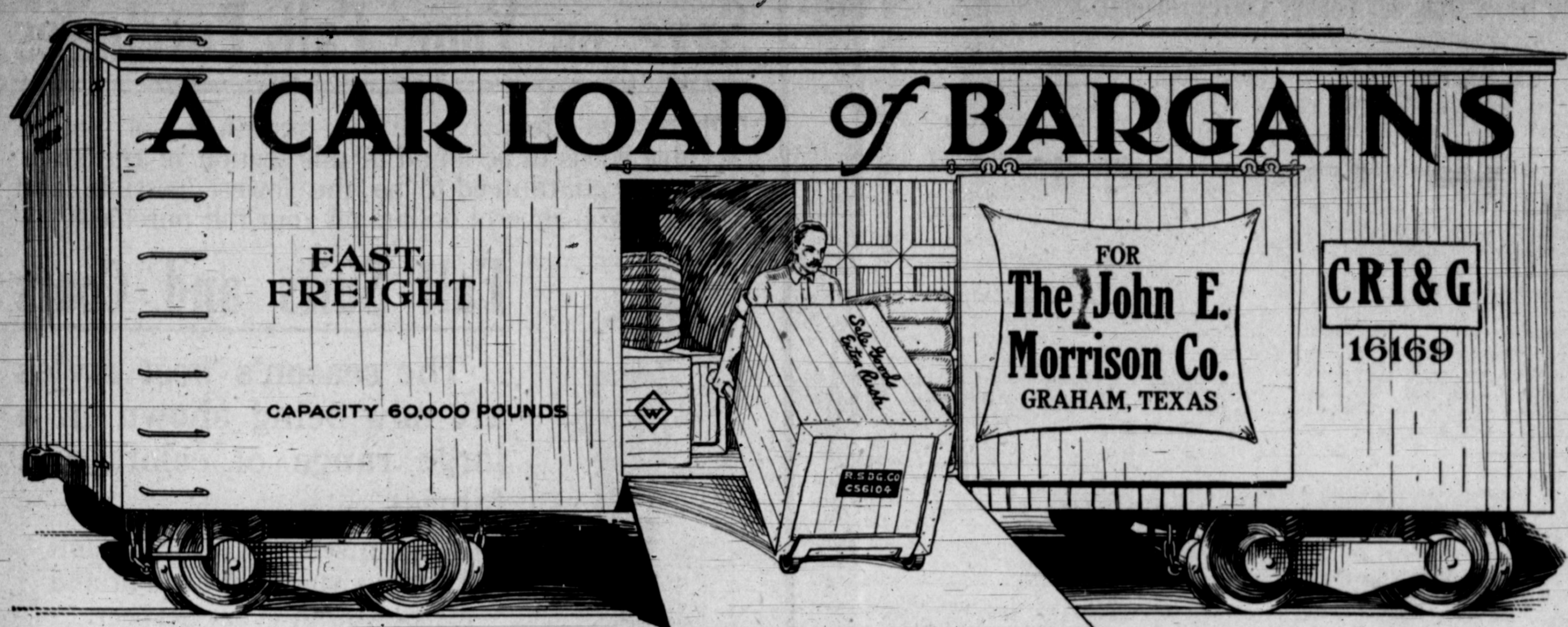
WHAT TO EAT

Is always a troublesome problem and we would like to assist you in overcoming the trouble. Our stock of staple and fancy groceries is so complete that selection is made easy and we are at your service.

Let Us Tell You What to Eat

Hallam & Jones

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WE are after the trade this year, and beg to announce to the people of Young County and West Texas that we have been very fortunate in making our Fall purchases. We have bought in such quantities that we were able to get exceptionally low prices. We have received our Fall and Winter goods and are anxious to show you the most up-to-date and best assorted stocks of Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery, Hardware, Furniture, Implements, Buggies and Wagons. We only ask you to come in and inspect the many bargains we have in these lines. We guarantee quality and price and anything bought at our store that does not give entire satisfaction we will make it satisfactory or refund your money.

Hand Tailored

Kirschbaum Clothes.
GUARANTEED ALL WOOL HAND TAILORED



INTELLIGENCE and stability in the making; and style and refinement of finish; precisely the characteristics you want in your fall suit.

On a foundation of thoroughly shrunk, all-wool fabric, hand-tailoring means Clothes Satisfaction that to a nicety meets the ideas of the modern Beau Brummel.

Sounds expensive? But it isn't—if you come here.

For we've gone straight to headquarters—to the model clothes factory of America, the leading and largest makers of hand-tailored clothes, and we can sell clothes of this description at no higher prices than you're asked to pay for ordinary sorts.

Kirschbaum Hand-Tailored Suits are \$15, \$18, \$20, \$22, \$25 and up.

BISCHOF LADIES SUITS

The Bischof Suits and Coats are known to be of the newest weaves in cloth and the latest models in fashion. If you once wear a Bischof Garment you will always wear one. The models are distinct and the quality guaranteed.

We also have other brands in Ladies Suits and guarantee satisfaction.

Prices \$12.50 to \$25.00

The Famous Lucille Dresses

The costumes are reproductions of French models, modified to meet the more conservative taste of the American woman. Most of these garments are made of imported materials, laces and trimmings. The Lucille line embodies every new feature and is exclusive. An inspection of these garments will be appreciated.

Prices from \$5.00 to \$25.00

DRESS GOODS

Undoubtedly we have the most attractive, newest and most up-to-date stock of dress goods and trimmings ever shown in Graham.

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| Worsted Finish Corduroys | Russian Card Pique |
| Morlatx Suitings | Alceda Whip Cords |
| Wide Wale Serges | Bedford Cards |
- All styles in Neckwear, Dress Trimmings in the Ball and Beaded styles, Middy Blouses with blue and red collars.

CALICOES

Calcutta, Indigo Blues and other brands, formerly sold at 6 cents, now selling at **5c Per Yard**

DEMONSTRATION OF

American Beauty and Madam Grace Corsets
FOR ONE WEEK ONLY—OCT. 14 to 19

We earnestly invite every lady in our city and vicinity to call at our store on the above occasion. If it is possible, call early in the day.

Miss Wright, in charge, is an expert Corsetiere sent to us by the Kalamazoo Corset Co. of Kalamazoo, Mich., and we want you to accept this splendid opportunity to get corset advice for nothing.

Does your corset fit you as it should? Does it give you satisfaction? Are you sure it is the best model for your particular use? See our Corsetiere, she will answer these questions. You should have a correct model fitted to you without extra charge.

American Lady
\$1.00 Upwards

Madam Grace
\$3.00 Upwards

John B. Stetson Hats

We were very fortunate in being able to buy a big lot of Stetson's job hats at prices unheard of. We are going to give the benefit of this purchase to our customers. These are all genuine Stetson hats and we were never able before to make such prices as are quoted below:

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| \$5.00 Columbia shape Stetson at | \$3.50 |
| 6.00 Mountain shape Stetson at | 3.50 |
| 6.00 Big Four shape Stetson at | 3.95 |
| 5.00 Banker' Dress shape at | 3.50 |
| 5.00 Laloo shape at | 3.50 |

The above prices on Stetson jobs are in force at all our stores.

Furniture

Cooking Utensils of all kinds. Don't overlook this opportunity to secure some of the rare bargains we are offering in various departments.

We have in transit a solid car of Iron Beds on which we will be able to make some very attractive prices. Our Furniture Department is filled with good things, such as Dressers, Davenport, Chiffonobes, China Closets, Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Kitchen Cabinets, Buffets, etc., Linoleums, Art Squares, Japanese Mattings, Cook Stoves, Heating Stoves, Table Cutlery, Enamel Ware and

THE JOHN E. MORRISON COMPANY

LOW PRICE

GRAHAM, TEXAS

HIGH QUALITY

The News from our County Correspondents

Gooseneck.

Well, Mr. Editor, I thought I would give you a few dots from Gooseneck.

The health of the community is good.

There was quite a crowd out to singing Sunday evening and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, especially Miss Annie D.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Reeves are rejoicing over the arrival of a girl at their home.

Mrs. Brown and little daughter from Ft. Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Day.

There is talk of a W. O. W. box supper at the schoolhouse. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLaren visited Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Sunday.

We have Sunday school every Sunday morning and singing in the evening. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

Cotton picking seems to be the day.

Well, Mr. Editor, if this escapes the waste basket I may write again.

We have a norther this morning, making it a little cool for cotton picking.

Aunt Sarah and Uncle Pat Johnson were able to be out to Sunday school. We were glad to have them back again.

Several young men from Salem visited the Gooseneck singing class. Come again, boys, and bring the girls next time.

Misses Edna and Cora Wiley, Lona and Nora McLaren and Lizzie Sparks visited Miss Cora Rose Sunday.

Now, girls, if you are hunting for the champion cotton picker, call on Mack Rose. He picked 406 pounds in one day. Can any of you boys or girls beat that?

Ben Smith made a pop call Sunday evening and came back with a smile.

Anyone going to see Mr. Abbe should call at the cotton patch.

Charlie Holt and family visited in Tonk Valley Sunday. Charlie seems to have the blues. Cheer up, old boy.

Joe Parsons says, when you want a doctor call on Dr. McLaren. Joe finds the doctor's prescription (which is Golden axel grease) pretty good.

We guess that John Clark is still scratching for cotton, but we never get to see him.

Elma McLaren has moved back from Oklahoma.

A. E. Foster of Oklahoma is visiting R. L. McLaren and family.

Oscar James and wife have bought the Geo. McLaren farm and we are glad to welcome these young people.

Miss Stella looked sad Sunday. We noticed the blue horse and white top buggy came down the lane Sunday evening. Wonder where it could have been going? Our Sunday school has been changed from morning to 2:30 in the afternoon.

Henry Owens seems to be uneasy about Mr. Davis, as he calls to see about him every Sunday.

Gertie Crick is on the sick list, but we are glad to report her some better.

Grandma Reeves is quite sick, but we hope to report her better soon.

Dude Bowman and family are in from Gorman. They came up to pick cotton.

Well, Mr. Editor, I will "ring off" for this time.

GANDER.

[You may be a gander, but your'e no "goose." Your items are o. k. and we feel sure our readers will appreciate them as much as we do.—Ed.]

If you find fault with the coffee you are using, just try a can of "Golden Gate." Our guarantee with every can. Mabry & Sons.

Red Top.

The order of the day is picking cotton. Some of our neighbors have been picking by lantern light. Two men got a little boy to walk ahead with a lantern and they picked until they got sleepy.

Bro. Black filled his appointment at Red Top the fourth Sunday, with a house full of hearers. He preached a good sermon. Both Sunday schools were well attended, after which Will Slater invited everyone to meet at his place to eat watermelons, which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Bertha Workman and Mrs. Carrie Thigpen visited their parents Sunday and were showing off big, bouncing babies. You bet, your scribe bragged on them.

W. T. McBee and wife visited Ervin McGee and family Sunday.

W. C. McGee cut feedstuff Saturday. Said it was the hardest day's work he had done this year.

There was a crowd of visitors at J. L. McGee's Sunday eve.

Claud Rutherford stopped at Red Top Sunday morning on his way to Farmer.

Most of the young people here attended the all-day singing at Jean and report a fine time.

Herbert Slater attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Wheatland and reports a good time.

W. F. Bridges and wife visited J. W. Blakney Sunday evening.

Miss Vera Dowdy visited Misses Eurita and Mary Slater Sunday.

Will Slater and family spent Sunday with John Barrett and family.

Tom Lemons has returned to Red Top after an absence of a few weeks.

Miss Rosa Dowdy is attending school at Graham.

Some of the young people attended the apron party at Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hawkins' Saturday night and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. E. T. Slater and daughter are shopping in town today.

Homer Brigham made a trip to Graham Saturday evening.

Chas. Osborn, Mrs. Fannie Rutherford, son and daughter and niece, Miss Waters, were at Red Top last Sunday.

Messers, Ed, Ben and George Slater, are cutting feed this week.

Will Reece and family, Gabe Barrett and family, Lee Smith and Mr. Ellis visited Uncle Henry Barrett and family Sunday eve.

Uncle Doc Slater has been very sick, but is some better now.

EVER AND ANON.

Connor Creek.

We have been having some real cool weather the past week.

Health of our community is good at this time.

Mrs. Sholston was very sick last week, but was able to be out Sunday at preaching.

Bro. Ferguson preached for us Sunday morning at 11. He filled Bro. Noble's place and his talk was very interesting. Bro. Noble preached at night a good sermon.

Owen Campbell of Henry Chapel was in our community Saturday cutting cane for J. A. Chandler.

Mr. Kinder of Long Hollow has been here this week with his row binder cutting feedstuff.

Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Pearl Bailey went to Graham to trade Saturday.

Misses Dora and Mary Smith visited Mrs. Ora Kimble Sunday.

Mr. Fay and daughter Alice went to Henry Chapel Sunday evening to preaching.

Well, our people are too busy picking cotton for much news this week.

Josh.

It pays to visit B. A. Snoddy's store before you buy.

Farmer.

Cotton picking is the order of the day. Cotton will soon be all picked out; crop is cut very short on account of dry weather. Fifty bales have been ginned up to the present.

Saturday was a dull day for Farmer, as most of our citizens were summoned to appear at court.

Chas. N. Keen and family returned from Mineral Wells Saturday, where they have been for the past month for Mrs. Keen's health. We are proud to learn that it has been so beneficial to her that she is able to be up.

We had a good rain here Tuesday which was accompanied by a coll norther, starting us to thinking what had become of our summer's wages.

Rev. B. S. Crow filled his regular appointment here Sunday at eleven and at night. Rev. Crow will preach for us again next Sunday at 11 and at night.

Quite a number of young people from Jean attended preaching here Sunday night. We are glad to have you with us; come again.

We are glad to learn that F. P. Brazelton, our gin man, has purchased a home here and will have him and his estimable family with us another year.

Mr. Brazelton came near having a serious accident at the gin Saturday, losing a part of his thumb.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Garvey entertained the young people with a fruit supper Saturday night. All reported an excellent time and very anxious for another treat.

Mrs. Tom McAmos and little daughter Clovis, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ray, the past month, returned to her home in Wichita Falls Sunday.

The Will Andrews well No. 2 is drilling at 400 feet.

Everybody is feeling fine, with the exception of Walter Thompson, tool dresser, who let a 12x12 fall on his foot, mashing off four of his toes.

The Keen well No. 1 started July 4. Contractors, Halfast & Easton, drilling crew, Fitzgerald, Parkhurst, Helms and Knowles. They started spudding July 12, July 20 Sam Knipley took the other driller's place. The drillers sat on the driller's stool listening to the drill bar's tinkling tread at 380 feet. She dived and stuck; we hit the famous white mud and I tell you, boys, she was a fright. We fished until July 29, breaking points, running fishing tools from rope spears to chicken sockets. On July 30 the contractors came out and said we would move the rig and start another hole and the crew went to Wichita and had a time. Mr. Knipley being quite a solo singer, never missed much time, being in the opera house four nights. On Aug. 5 we started rigging up hole No. 2, started spudding on Aug. 8 and on Aug. 13 put in 400 feet of 13 1/4-inch casing and on Aug. 16 put in 600 feet of 10-inch, on the 22nd 1000 feet of 8-inch, on Sept. 2, 1550 feet of 6-inch, on Sept. 17, 2030 feet of 5-inch and on Sept. 21, 2275 feet and are expecting to shut down any time on account of water. The boys here use electric lights at night, as they are much cheaper than torch oil and much handier than filling yellow dogs.

CUPID.

J. T. Townsend, one of the prosperous farmers of the Fish Creek community, was in the city last Saturday and took home with him a bill of lumber from the Morrison-Smith Lumber Co. to build a new barn. Building operations in the country is always a good sign of prosperity and we hope to see others fall in line soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Casburn of Newcastle were in the city the past week visiting Mrs. Casburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ragland.

Save on Your Fall Purchases

THIS store offers you the best assortment of seasonable goods to be found in this section of the state. Prices are guaranteed to be the lowest possible and will save you several dollars on your fall purchases.



Fall Suits and Coats

The season's best styles are now being shown in a large range of colors and fabrics.

You can select a coat or suit from our stock that will fit and please you in every respect.

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Dress Goods

You should see our splendid stock of the following goods:

- Soft Taffeta Silk
- Messaline
- Silk Poplin
- Crepe de Chene
- Satin
- Velvet
- Wool Serges
- Fancy Wool Suitings
- Cotton Dress G'ds

Ask for a Parisiana, the Guaranteed Corset



Don't be satisfied with an ordinary corset. The same money will buy a Parisiana guaranteed to give you satisfactory service to hold its good shape and style.

PARISIANA CORSETS

wear longer than others because the materials are better; if they should prove defective in any way, you will receive a new corset without charge.

We have a Parisiana in the right size and style for you. Will you come in to-day?

Fall Millinery

The newest and prettiest style hats for this season are on display at this store and you are invited to call and see them.

We would suggest that you select your new hat as early as possible, for later on there will be a delay in filling orders.



Your Living Rooms May be Beautified

WITH COLONIAL Drapery and Fabrics

Materials suitable in texture, designs and colorings may be chosen for innumerable purposes, from the curtains and furniture covers to the lamp shades and smaller accessories. Table covers as illustrated are easily made by applying figured designs in various ways on the weightier plain shade materials.



Look for the Trade Mark

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We sell the very best shoes on the market.

"Queen Quality" for women \$3.50 to \$5.00

"Boston Favorite" for women and misses, \$2.50 to \$3.00

"Brown's" Shoes for women and misses \$1.50 to \$2.50

Good shoes for boys and girls, all kinds and prices.

Men's Clothing, Hats and Shoes

We carry a large stock of these goods and invite your inspection.

"HIGH ART" Suits, the very best you can buy in style, fabrics and fit, at \$17.50 to \$25.00

"STYLEPLUS" all wool suits for men, special bargains at the price \$17.00

"SCHWAB" Special all wool suits at \$15.00

Big line of suits at \$12.50, \$10 and \$8.50

Buy your new suit here.

STETSON HATS—A big shipment of these good hats in fancy and staple shapes just received.

GOOD SHOES—All the newest styles and leathers in men's shoes are now being shown at from \$2.50 to \$5.00

ARROW SHIRTS—We have the exclusive agency in Graham for these well known shirts; best you can buy at \$1.50

S. B. Street & Co. THE DRY GOODS STORE

W. C. T. U.

Items for this column are furnished by local Union.

Attention Men and Women of Graham.

The Lyceum Course under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, with dates as follows:

October 15, November 27, December 6, January 3 and January 13, is entitled to the enthusiastic moral encouragement and liberal financial support of this community. This is true, measured by every worthy consideration that appeals to a thoughtful and progressive citizenship. The Lyceum Numbers, from the Rice Bureau, Nashville, Tenn., are the best obtainable in the South or anywhere else for that matter, are worth many times the price of admission. Besides abounding in features that will please the eye and charm the ear it gives our citizenship, well known as a people when things unity of building on its feet an organ stands for everything community is working to develop the most important of the forty different departments of the W. C. T. U. adapted to our special need, such as mothers' meetings, medal contest, scientific Instructions in the Schools. So give these enterprising W. C. T. U. Women of Graham, the encouragement they so thoroughly merit, and these splendid Lyceum numbers can be made an annual event, drawing more people to our town and resulting in more substantial good to the morals of our young people growing up around us, and raising their taste and educating them to appreciate really worth while shows.

The attractive in the following of Concert Com humorous lect Quartet; Gil Litchfield Co., the laugh magicians.

PROGRAM.

Time—October 28, 1912.
Place—Home of Mrs. S. R. Jeffery.
Leader—Mrs. J. T. Rickman.
Bible Reading—14—St. John.
Favorite chapters of President.
Roll Call—Answer by favorite verse of scripture.
Reading of Minutes.
"Childhoods Need, an Educated Motherhood."—Mrs. Morris.
"Mothers and Temperance."—Mrs. S. R. Crawford.
Discussion—Led by Mrs. Z. A. Hudson.
"Physical Education"—Mrs. Virgil Eddleman.
Discussion Led by Mrs. John Morrison.
"Sixty Exercises for Busy men"—Mrs. R. G. Hallam.
Business Session.
Aaronic Benediction numbers 25, 26, 27.
The September meeting of W. C. T. U., was enjoyed by six of the members and one visitor, at the hospitable home of Mrs. Gaines B. Hall. The program of August 26, being carried out as published. Special features a lullaby by Mrs. Rose, one of her many sweet songs. The topic, "School Days" led to a discussion of adverse articles appearing in late magazines concerning Public School system, and much was said in their favor by those present.
A splendid article on "Suitable Lunches for School Children" was read by Mrs. Rose and the discussion brought out several good as well as adverse points.
"Congress and Child Culture," read by Mrs. A. M. Graham demonstrated the fact that the Congress of United States is arising to her responsibility toward its child life and the preservation thereof

by enacting wholesome laws, bringing in this several years behind the Countries of Europe. In an article entitled "Visiting Schools," read by Mrs. Hall Morrison it was found to be a much neglected privilege as well as duty that we owe our children, to become personally acquainted with their teachers; the teachers being appreciative of our visits. "Little Children" by Amila E. Barr, was beautifully read by Mrs. G. B. Hall. One thought she brings out, "twenty-five years experience among little children taught her that in spiritual and moral perceptiveness and intuitive knowledge of character, they are far nearer to the angels than we are, also their faith is sublime; they are true poets in their delicate fancy.

"Not in entire forgetfulness, and not in utter darkness, but trailing clouds of glory do they come." "Their little voices are the natural key of music, their graceful carriage and sprightly movement abandon the very poetry of motion." "We are accustomed to speak of the simplicity of a little child, I know that mysteries are revealed unto babes hid from the men full of years, like them we are to depend on our Father in Heaven for daily bread, to retain no resentment, if angry be easily pacified, like them be free from ambition and avarice. These are not natural to us, else Jesus had not said to us, "Ye must become as little children, and that except we do we cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven. Pass by the learned, the mighty and the wise, for they are dust; but let us reverence the little children, for they are God's messengers to us, visiting angels at our firesides, and at our tables; he has made their bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh; nay he has placed them in the Heavens like a star, to beacon us to the abode where the eternal are."

Miss Robbie Rike of Farmersville, Texas is in the city visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. H. Morrison.

J. S. Terrell, of Hill County was in the city this week visiting his brother, Dr. W. M. Terrell.

Chas. Wolfolk spent a few days at Woodson this week buying cattle.

Jumbo celery all the time at our store. Mabry & Sons.

Miss Ruth Rogers, one of last year's popular teachers was in Graham two days this week visiting old friends. Miss Ruth has many friends here and was given a warm welcome and a pressing invitation to repeat the visit in the near future.

Louis Bower left Monday for Ft. Worth for treatment by a specialist for stomach trouble. He was accompanied by his wife and brother, Jolin Bower. We hope for him a speedy recovery and an early return to his home.

If it's "good thing to eat," ring our store. Mabry & Sons.

Graham Stewart of Ft. Worth spent several days here the past week visiting friends and relatives.

A. E. Foster of Comanche, Oklahoma arrived in the city Sunday night for a visit to J. E. Parsons and family.

Standard Cotton Scales just received a late shipment, to clear out quick at a bargain. Jno. E. Morrison Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Carter were made happy Saturday night over the arrival of a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Lud Martin are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl.

J. L. Sanders returned Sunday from Arkansas, where he has been spending some time for his health. He reports his health greatly improved and says he will be able to "hit the road" as usual now.

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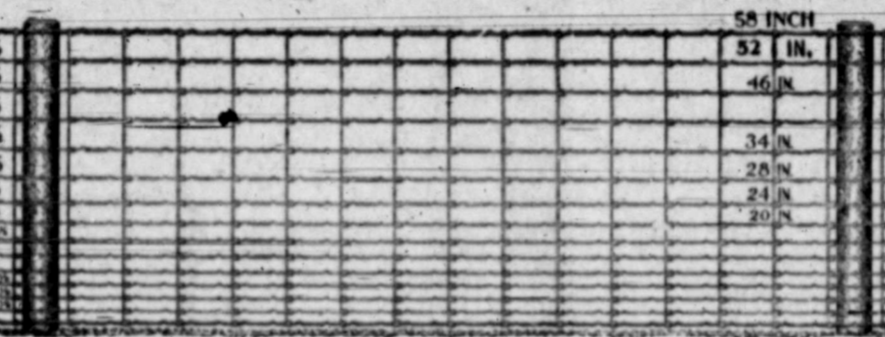
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Within the next few days we will unload a car of the famous Pittsburg Perfect Hog and Poultry Fencing. This is the electric weld wire and the best that money can buy, and if you are counting on building any fence we want you to call in and see us and get our prices.

THE LYON HARDWARE COMPANY

We Thank You

For Your Patronage

It is our aim to so please every customer with every sale we make that he or she will come back to us when requiring anything further in our line in the future. If the purchase you have recently made is not in every way satisfactory to you upon a closer examination in your home, we will be pleased to exchange it at any time or refund the price you paid. We mean just what we say, because we know that a satisfied customer is our best advertisement.

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Tomatoes
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Turnips
Peppers
Radishes
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Peaches
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SORTER STRANGE.

If some one had told us a few months ago that the Graham cemetery would be without a sexton, and that there would be no funds to provide a sexton, or any further improvements, we would have laughed them to scorn, but that is just the condition that exists today. Mrs. R. S. Crawford, who has so generously devoted her time, energy and money to its up-keep for the past fifteen years, resigned her position Tuesday. There are no funds in the treasury, and the sexton has quit; we don't blame him.

We do not know why this condition exists, but we do know that it would be shameful if not remedied. It seems that heretofore the funds have been raised by private subscription and it has become a burdensome proposition to raise enough to pay the sexton, without laying aside anything for permanent improvements.

Graham is too wealthy a town for this condition to exist long, and the pride of her citizens is too great to allow it to exist. We predict that they will not allow it.

A 6 per cent tax on the hundred dollars valuation of the property in the city would raise sufficient funds to keep the cemetery in excellent shape and have enough left over to make some permanent improvements, and we suggest to the city council that if such a tax can be constitutionally levied that they take the matter up and make an effort to provide the cemetery association with a permanent fund for the maintenance of this place, which should be held as sacred as any church or home in the land.

Old Citizen Passes Away.

Mrs. E. D. A. Morris, aged 77 years, a resident of Young county since 1876, died last night in this city. She had been away for a visit to friends in East Texas and came home last night, stopping in town with friends. At the time of retiring she was in apparent good health, but died some time during the night.

Justice of the Peace E. E. Hall was called in for an inquest and stated that death was due from natural causes. No arrangements have been made for interment at this writing.

Mrs. Morris was a resident of the Ming Bend community.

Mrs. W. L. Wheat of Memphis, Texas, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. Q. Street.

Miss Edna Long leaves in a few days to attend a business college at Dallas.

Breakfast cereals are always fresh at our store. Mabry & Sons.

Mrs. Z. A. Hudson is reported on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson are the proud parents of a fine baby girl that made her appearance last Sunday.

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Rev. W. A. Dawson of Artesia, N. M., spent several days here this week visiting his son, H. B. Dawson. Mr. Dawson, with his family, will move to Clinton, Okla., in a short time, where he will be the pastor of the First Christian Church.

Fresh shipment of dill pickles, saur kraut and cranberries just in at our store. Mabry & Sons.

J. W. Akin made a business trip to Kansas City, Mo., this week.

Mrs. Annie Lose of Ft. Worth is visiting friends in the city.

ARTHUR MILLS NOT GUILTY IS VERDICT OF JURY

He asked the witness, Mrs. Maudena Patton, between the Mills Ranch and Graham, if she thought Arthur was feigning when he came out there screaming and halloaing there, you would not have thought that he was putting on a bit"—was admitted in evidence before you for the sole purpose of impeaching the witness Mrs. Maudena Patton, (that is, if it does impeach her) and you will consider it for no other purpose.

22. In your deliberation of this case you will not comment upon, discuss or refer to any matter, thing or circumstance not admitted in evidence before you during the trial of this case and under the rulings of the Court.

23. Your verdict must not be the result of accident or lot.

24. In all criminal cases the burden of proof is upon the State.

25. The defendant in a criminal case is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is established by legal and competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, and in case you have a reasonable doubt as to his guilt, you will acquit him and say by your verdict, "Not Guilty."

You are the exclusive judges of the facts proven, of the credibility of the witnesses and of the weight to be given to their testimony, but you must receive the law from the Court which is here given you in charge, and be governed thereby.

E. W. Nicholson
Special Judge, 30th Judicial District.

After receiving the charge the jury retired and in about fifteen

minutes made the fact known that they were ready to return a verdict. The defendant was absent from the court room at the time but was hastily summoned and heard the reading of the verdict by P. K. Pittman, foreman of the jury. While the defendant showed no emotion, no doubt he was filled with gratitude when Mr. Pittman read, "We, the jury find the defendant not guilty."

The Reporter desires to commend the trial Judge on the excellent manner in which he handled the case, being, in our opinion, absolutely fair to all parties concerned.

It is estimated that the trial of this case cost the State and County about \$1,000, and the defendant in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

Home Talent Play.

On Friday night, Oct. 11, at the opera house, will be given a farce comedy in three acts, entitled "Tommy's Wife." The play will be given to raise funds to purchase electrical equipment for the lighting of the High School Auditorium.

The play is in charge of Miss Frances Kuykendall, who has assisted in quite a number of local plays and has always had success with them. The cast for this play is very strong and aside from the worthy purpose for which it is given every goer is promised a full evening's enjoyment. Two choruses and other specialties will be given.

Prices will be 25c and 35c.

Miss Lucille Miller announces the commencement of the competition for medals next Monday in her class of expression. Two medals will be given, one each for the boys and girls.

PRECINCTS SHOULD BUILD THE PUBLIC ROADS

The old system of warning out the road hands for involuntary service is ineffectual and ought to be abandoned. The prime object is to have the roads. The pioneer precinct having demonstrated the success the work will be taken up by the others, until the country roads will be the pride of the county. The present system is wholly inadequate to keep in repair road beds constructed at large cost by private contributions."

Don't forget the show here on Monday, Oct. 7. It will signalize the appearance of Jones Bros. World Toured Shows. This is one of the institutions of this country that has a clean and honest record. It is free from grafters, gamblers and all off-color issues and is invariably attractive for ladies and children. The beautiful Shetland ponies and the performing elephants are said to be one of the best features of the show. Don't fail to see the free street parade.

Miss Mason Still, who has been visiting relatives in the city, has returned to her home in Goree.

P. L. Gibson, an old-time citizen of this country, but now of Aspermont, is in Graham visiting old friends.

Guy Seybolt of Ft. Worth is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Messrs. Jim Hubbard, Dee Clark and Wilfred Hardy of Newcastle were visitors in Graham last Thursday.

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