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## William George.

Pick out any live manufacturing town big enough to have spread out on all sides of the railroads. Near the junction on the south side, perhaps, are three or four growing 'manufacturing street is a merchant who has given his business individuality. In the new office building across from the hotel is a real estate man with ideas. Trace back the lines of growth of any of these successful businesses in such town and you are almost sure to find little loops in every line. These loops encircle one man.

Perhaps at the start, perhaps after the concern has developed to a certain point, each has come to that man for help and advice. The town's business is his business. He is the commercial adviser for the community. The door of his office in the bank building is marked "President," but usually he is more than a country banker; he is manufacturer, merchant and farmer.

Such a man is William George of Aurora, Illinois. As president of the Old Second National Bank, a majority of the city's factories and public institutions have reason to know of his ability, his resourcefulness in emergencies and his willingness to give aid where it is deserved. Across his desk more than one plan has been evolved that started a business going or put it on its feet.

Men who have entered the private office with no hope for the success of their plan have found a way out of their difficulties and and the fown.

dent's door one day.

"Will," he said, "we've got to make an assignment. There's no that more money was needed to fail."

"Sit down," Mr. George ansline of the situation."

"I want a detailed written list of what you owe and how to everyone in the city. we can reach your creditors. Bring me also a list of those who owe you money; every penny."

In the afternoon, across the desk, banker and manufacturer made a careful analysis of the figures. The banker decided property at a fair figure, naming that failure was not necessarywas not to be thought of. His business judgment weighed possibilities; he saw that the business not only could be saved from extinction, but could be put on a money-making basis,

He told the manufacturer to get the idea of failure out of his head. He took hold of the business with his own characteristic energy. His plan was, "liquidation without stopping business."

To carry this out, money must be secured. The pressure of the that unless I closed up before George bank was put behind all noon, the deal was off." accounts receivable and creditors were made to settle either in cash or negotiable paper. Collections were rapidly cleaned up in this done," Mr. George replied, "they mony in front of his residence to way. At the same time, credit- have got together. Go to the Mr. Wm. R. Cooper and Miss ors were appeased with a full settlement where necessary, but tell him his check for the prop- drove away happy. They were the residence of the bride's parin many cases with notes or par- erty is ready for him here at the accompanied by eight other coutial payments.

coming in, for the products of the price is now five hundred dol- Mr. Cooper is a son of Mr. and the company were high grade, lars more than your first figure." Mrs. C. C. Cooper of the Ger-

uidation without stopping business" was successful. Today the company is one of the leaders in its line in the middle west. It mploys a large force of work men and is a community asset.

Mr. George's keen business plants. Uptown on the main responsible for the start of many sense and judgment have been other businesses. Some years igo two men with the nucleus of a manufacturing business but no capital with which to extend it, came to Aurora looking for a location and financial assistance. They were sent to Mr. George They laid their project before him. He studied the two men. Then he analyzed their business and its needs and opportunities and familiarized himself with the dangers. It was like a game of chess. The two men were the kings; their home influences, the queens; the bishops represented their business associates. The pawns included their honesty, integrity, ability and business capacity. Set up against them 'as opponents were panics, money stringency, competition, new patents and other antagonistic conditions that might arise.

Mr. George decided that the business could succeed. one or two friends, whom he interested, he loaned the new concern enough capital to start business, loaned it for five years without interest. The company began in a small way, but its output was in demand. Business came fast. It threatened to go beyond the company's capacity to handle it. It was too prosperous.

Here was the danger point. have gone forward to their own For sometimes the greatest danadvantage and that of the banker ger of failure in a business comes when it is at its height of pros-In just such a mood of despair, perity, but lacks working capital the head of one Aurora manufac- to handle its increased business. turing concern opened the presi- Profits do not accumulate fast enough to care for the increase. The banker saw this and realized other way out of it. We've got He interested Aurora men, and on his showing and advice the additional stock was readily subwered. "Now give me an out- scribed. The new plant now is one of the largest in the city, Through it many thousands of statement of your exact condi- dollars are added to the business tion," he announced after he had of the local merchants every heard the story. "Bring me a month. It is a source of profit

> To the business adviser of community come many cases which do not promise mutual profit. A friend came to Mr. George and told him that Smith had offered a desirable block of the price, and that he already had an offer from Jones for a parcel of the property at a high figure, which he named. What was the banker's opinion and advice? Mr. George approved and agreed to advance the money to finance the deal. A few days later the friend rushed in and exclaimed:

"Will, my deal is up in the air. Jones is trying to beat me down five hundred dollars on his first offer for that piece of property. Smith notified me this morning

It lacked only thirty minutes

of noon then. New business, meanwhile, was him that if he wants that land ple witnessed the happy event.

ginger got signatures on several through his advice and assistance J. M. Wallace of Markley. large orders which had been Mr. George's friend was five We extend congratulations. hanging fire. The plan of "liq- hundred dollars richer. - System. Jermyn News.

#### An Unexpected Christmas Present.

Tupper arose Christmas morn smiled to himself cynically as he ton. Texas. inserted himself into his "other"

possible necktie or so, two or management of them without her short distances when securely three pairs of suspenders, because consent and even against her packed. Eggs will be accepted he always wears a belt; a box of will. HE CAN DRAW OUT EVERY for local delivery when packed cheap cigars with a nifty Spanish CENT OF HER MONEY FROM THE properly in a container and for senorita sitting on the lid, the BANK and do with it as he any distance when each egg is same as a reform mayor; another pleases. She cannot even exer- seperately packed in a secure tension department. The only matchbox to add to his collection; cise any right of control over her manner. a full-dress shirt shield to remind separate property without his knew it. But he was used to it, time. He can lease or rent her the first zone. so what matter?

year, and let him take the money consent except the homestead. and marked "fragile." the idea. And when he brought ly in his control. wanting, the whole family jumped week, with more to follow: on him and abused him as if he

He started in to untie his pack

In a few minutes he found himself unwrapping an extremely large bundle. This was something out of the ordinary. Oh, it must be a silk dressing gown. How he hated such things!

But it wasn't.

It was his fur-lined overcoat. Maybe he didn't feel cheap or anything, then. What a cadwhat a crab he had been. He'd jewelry the wife wanted just be- your less fortunate sister. cause she had made such a fuss when he spoke of buying a new overcoat. And here it was, all because she wanted to surprise him. Wasn't wifey the all-right girl, though? She'd probably lowance--probably had done without a whole lot of things she wanted. Well, he was glad he hadn't been a cheap skate and cut down her Christmas list any-

Meanwhile Mrs. Tupper was standing off enjoying Tupper's

delight over his new coat. "Were you surprised?" she asked him. "You know I was so afraid the tailor might let the cat out of the bag by sending in a bill, because I ordered it fully a month ago. But he was real nice the coal in its natural state. about it-said he wouldn't send mas. Wasn't that accommodating of him?"-Ex.

#### Married.

Last Sunday afternoon about four o'clock Rev. C. M. Sampley ter. "Don't you see what they have pronounced the wedding cerephone over there, call Smith and Carda Wallace, after which they Buna Stringer were married at bank. Call Jones, then, and tell ples, and also several Jermyn peo- er, on the Copeland ranch, Rev. weather prognostigator. He pre- surely fly, we've waited and we've

#### The Kernel of a Married Woman's Legal Disabilities.

From an article by Mrs. W. H. prepared for the inevitable. He Ward of the Texas Bar, Hous-

beled "For George." He knew terests in the community proper- the distance they are to be sent. that he would find a good many tv. All her earnings, money, real property and collect all rents Fragile articles, including mil-

small salary, by dint of great bad odor. self-ecrifice, saved about eight ried a man, who probably knew of third-class matter. of her little hoard. He lived with her a short while, withdrew her deposit and quietly disappeared. - William Hard in De-

Surely every woman and honest man in Texas will help to rectify this heathen law. It may even thought of overlooking that not hurt you, but it does hurt Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. want to do Young county a real

MRS J. W. GALLAHER.

#### Briquetting Plant Will Be Built at Newcastle.

Newcastle is to have a briquetsaved up the money out of her al- ting plant; in fact the plant is cording to the statement of L. C. new enterprise.

> with a reporter for the Register. going through this process will mail. throw off twice as much heat as

the bill to you until after Christ- started on the company's lease just across the Brazos, southwest dress side of mail matter, either ous. of town. Carpenters and work- domestic or foreign. Austria, men are busy erecting tool house, Norway and Portugal refuse to platform and other improvements. The Register wishes this enter- ing these stamps. All mail matprise to be the success predicted ter bearing these stamps on the by its owner.-Newcastle Regis- address side other than lawful

## Copeland-Stringer.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank String- about lost his reputation as a senger to cabinet the heads will C. A. Ferguson officiating.

have many friends in Young and night proved to be very pleasant while others eat the crow; and an asset which had not been over- Within twenty-four hours the trude community and Mrs. Coop- Stephens counties who wish them and the sun shone out brightly all now from Maine to Texas, you'll looked by the banker. A little transfers had been made and er is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. a full measure of happiness and day Tuesday. Grandpa says hear the battle cry-we're comprosperity in their married life. hereafter he'll ask Mr. Columbus ing, Father Woodrow, we're com-The Reporter joins in extending Rickman before he predicts the ing for our PIR. - Cincinnatti Encongratulations.

## Parcels Post.

According to regulations governing the parcels post system promulgated by Postmaster Gen-When a woman marries in Tex- eral Hitchcock, perishable artitrousers, and thought of how he as today, her husband has the cles may be sent through the would go in to unwrap the things sole management of all her sepa- mails only under specific restricdone up in tissue paper and la- rate property and of all her in- tions as to their containers and

Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, old friends among the packages. notes, secureties, and even her dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, Ball, secretary of the crop im-There would be the usual wild- wearing apparel, are absolutely berries and similar articles likely ly embroidered slippers, an im- under his control. He has the quickly to decay may be sent for ional Grain Exchange.

No restriction is placed on the him of the old days when he used permission, and then only as his mailing of salted, dried, smoked to wear his dress suit occasionally agent, which permission and or cured meats, but fresh meat pledged from some local sources. oh, they'd all be there. He just agency may be withdrawn at any will be transported only within

around a house forget a few of wishes. He may dispose of all and articles of glass in whole or

really wants?" he thought to every piece of furniture in the by parcel post include intoxicathimself. "A fur-lined overcoat, home and she is helpless to pre- ing liquor of all kinds, poisons, train in the corn belt states, and for instance. But, aw, no; they vent, even though her earnings poisonous animals, insects or it was under his direction that wouldn't stand for anything like has paid for every piece. He reptiles; explosives of every kind; the first farmers' short course that." He had mentioned want- has the right to sell her dresses, inflammable articles, including was organized several years ago mg a new overcoat early in the if he wishes and she cannot pre- matches; infernal machines; at Ames, Iowa. Director Evans fall, but the missus had ridiculed vent, and the money is absolute- pistols or revolvers; disease of the Texas Agricultural and home that set of books he'd been I will give one instance this or scurrilous matter now prohibi- Prof. Holden while he In one of our large cities a girl or birds or live poultry; rawhides the Iowa State college. who had worked for years on a or pelts or anything having a Since Texas is the largest

> Books or printed matter may hundred dollars, which she de- not be forwarded at parcel post matic conditions of any state in posited. After a time she mar- rates, but only at the pound rates the union, both Mr. Ball and

> > Will Morton has had his residence moved from the new addition to a lot on R. E. Mabry's

> > Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gallaher of Amarillo, Mrs. H. B. Graham of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gallaher.

#### About Christmas Stamps.

Because Austria, Norway and Portugal refuse to admit mail year for agricultural work in the rapidly becoming a reality, ac- bearing charity stamps the Post- county for a period of four years office Department has ordered and in that time the wisdom of Kinney, the chief promoter of the that all such non-postal stamps the movement would be so clearmust be placed on the reverse ly proven that incoming commis-Mr. Kinney, in conversation and not on the address side of sioners would be glad to approletters and other mail. In view priate any amount of money necclaims that coal, after going thru of the sale of Red Cross Christ- essary to the carrying on of aga certain chemical process, which mas seals or stamps at this time ricultural research in the county process is controlled by his com- the order will be of interest to and our farmers would be the repany, becomes smokeless, soot- many persons who are assisting cipients of benefits far, in excess less and clinkerless and contains the anti-tuberculosis campaign of the amount of money spent. 20 per cent less ash, also after by using Red Cross seals on their And everyone conceded what-

Non-postage, "Christmas" stamps or other adhesive chari- the doctor, the lawyer and every Active development work has ty stamps or labels must be affix- one else who resides in a commued to the reverse and not the ad- nity where farmers are prosperadmit to their mails articles bearpostage stamps, will be returned to the sender, if known; otherwise they will be forwarded to Mr. S. E. Copeland and Miss the Division of Dead Letter.

dicted cold weather for Monday waited to hear the big horn blow This excellent young couple night and Tuesday. Monday and now we'll feast on plenty weather.

#### Many Articles Barred From Offers Each County In Texas \$1000 For Agricultural Work.

Director C. M. Evans of the extension department of the Agricultural and Mechanical college has just returned from Chicago, where he went to confer with Prof. P. G. Holden, head of the International, Harvester compaprovement committee of the Nat-

Final arrangements were made with Mr. Ball whereby \$1000 will be furnished for each county in Texas where the money is spent under the supervision of the excondition necessary for securing the money in any Texas county is that a like amount shall be

Prof. Holden has recently taken charge of a similar propagan-"Why can't the women folks therefor and dispose of as he linery, toys, musical instruments er company. He has a million da for the International Harvestthese things a man gets each community interests without her in part, must be securely packed work in the various states. Prof. dollars to spend for extension and get himself something he He may even mortgage or sell Articles that may not be sent father of extension work. He Holden is widely known as the operated the first special corn germs; any obscene, defamatory Mechanical college worked under ted by law; live or dead animals erintendent of extension work at

state in size and presents the greatest variety of soils and cli-Prof. Holden are very much interested in agricultural improvement work here. They have aceepted an invitation to come to Texas for a further conference with the Texas extension officials sometime in January.

If the County Commissioners Holly of Dallas will arrive this savor they can appropriate out week to spend the holidays with of the county funds the sum of \$1000 to be divided into four yearly payments of \$250.00 each to be used with the fund appropriated by this bureau.

This would afford \$500.00 a ever is of benefit to the farmer is also beneficial to the merchant,

Mrs. W. J. A. Cooper and daughter, Ramelle, visited relatives in Newcastle this week.

### Get In Line.

We're coming, Father Woodrow, a hundred thousand strong; they've kept us out of office for sixteen years too long; we're hungry and we're thirsty, but Grandpa W. A. Stewart has manna you'll supply; from mes-

## Spicy News from the Livest Correspondents Over all West Texas

#### Huffstuttle.

which is appreciated after the ing for Christmas. cold, cloudy weather.

Our school was dismissed last Friday till after Christmas.

with her school. be a good deal larger after Christ- Allye Reid and Miss Beulah Those who have been under Dave Nicholas of California is he had been attending the debate. The Reporter is always wel-

Harry Pratt's family of South and Mary Slater Sunday. last Saturday and Sunday.

L. D. Reger and son Novie and Sunday in April. George Campbell visited home Mr. W. A. McBee and family Miss Zora Wade who has been urday night with Miss Clara Garrett's mother Saturday and up very rapidly the last few days. folks Saturday night and Sunday. visited Mr. W. T. McBee Sun- at Amarillo for some time came Rose. They are working on the Odd day. Also Miss Ada Workman home last week. Fellows' hall at Eliasville, visited Miss Dora McBee. we are afraid he will never be tlejohn's was well attended and your toys and presents-have a the "Jerseys." satisfied to live on Huffstuffle all report a nice time.

back to his place. He has been Monday in their automobile. in Hall county the past year. Well, we haven't heard from

cans to Eliasville Saturday and soon. sold them

feed to the Ware place. He will the teachers' institute.

live there next year. Graham place next year.

Moreland's Saturday night. Brittain Campbell is hauling evening

freight for Robertson & Black of Crystal Falls.

Mrs. Mattie Reed visited Mrs. I wonder why? Goldie Campbell a day or two Mr. and Mrs. Bridges and lit- urday night; they report a fine GUESS WHO? last week.

small amount of news.

candy breaking and party at hauling cotton to town this week, baboon and the

There was a meeting at Rocky cotton Saturday. Mound Sunday morning and a Mr. and Mrs. Brigham were very good crowd attended.

Chicken Bill returned from a Littlejohn's Sunday. long stay on the plains. Old Mr. Charlie Bridges has been school was small Sunday. Bill is a dandy; he said he had on the sick list the past week | O. J. McFadden of Red Top his traps set on the plains for a but was able to be at Sunday ate dinner with C. C. McBride Sunday night. long while and had not trapped school Sunday. anything so he has come to set Hoping a Merry Christmas and panied D. B. Wood to Olney to scarce and we feel so uneasy latter part of the week with her

Miss Sallie Ragland visited Mr. Hunter and wife Sunday evening.

Mr. H. Mowery and wife visited Mr. Hunter's Sunday evening. Mr. Sam Walker was seen riding down lovers' lane Sunday evening. We had an idea where

Mr. Jake Walker will leave Monday morning for Oklahoma to visit relatives.

he was going.

Shorty Phillipps and Elbert Mowery were driving in Flint Creek community Sunday eve.

Mr. Tate Phillips is building an addition to his house. We are all looking for something to

happen to poor old Tate soon. Mrs. O. F. Miller visited Mrs. Pearl Farmer Sunday evening.

Rev. Dickerson is expected to be with the Rocky Mound people at 11 o'clock Saturday and Sun- an in the county; a little over a day next.

Mr. O. F. Miller was visiting his father in Tonk Valley Sun-

Garrett Roberson was in Tonk Valley looking for a location the

first of the week. Miss Alice Goldston returned

visit with her sister in Graham. now is dollars instead of cents, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Joe Dooling and wife at- Lon Ingram and family of tended meeting at Rocky Mound Proffitt are visiting relatives in

Sunday morning. Mr. Jim Taylor has bought back his old home in our commu- ly of Duff Prairie Sunday. nity and is expected to move here

As we have told about all we have a Christmas tree here. know, will ring off. RED WING.

#### Red Top.

of the morning.

B. W. Slater will complete ing for rain. Mr. Blakney's house Monday.

School has been small, but will and Mr. George Walker, Miss holidays.

been suspended until the first K. Chandler who had miningitis Mrs. Jim Milam Sunday.

Messrs. Clarence and Henry Sherman McCready has moved Simmons were in this community last Saturday for Paducah where and Sunday.

People will come back to Young Buster in some time. Guess he place vacated by Mr. Bigham. is under the weather about some-John Stoker took a load of pe- thing, but hope he will revive school and prayer meeting Sun- Mrs. Will Neal, making that his Preston Dickenson of Loving Mr. G. B. Underwood and wife

they will all have a jolly time.

fruit supper and party at James and mother and father were out neighbors, in fact an all 'round, weather cotton picker. He has Bryson visited Mr. and Mrs. T. business Monday.

Mr. Bruce Burton is a regular

tle son Frank visited Mr. and time. Mrs. E. T. Slater Sunday.

quick trip to Graham Monday. town Monday.

Saturday Mr. W. K. McBee is rejoicing over his getting done picking

pleasant callers at Mr. and Mrs. | cool weather for several days.

a Happy New Year to all, I re- attend the Institute. Mr. F. Ragland and wife and main a writer. Rose Bub.

J. R. McClusky who has been sick with typhoid fever the past to Graham Saturday. We hope to see him up soon.

Our school closed Friday the 13th. One week for the Institute his son John, Sunday. and a week for Christmas; it will re-open Dec. 30.

Mr. J. R. McClusky went to Graham Thursday of last week. C. A. Martin and son Chester

went to Graham Saturday. Mrs. S. L. Thornton attended

W. C. Lodge at Graham Friday

Mrs. B. V. Harrell visited her mother, Mrs. Mary C. Goode, Sunday evening. Friday afternoon.

Mrs. West is the happiest womyear ago she sold an oil lease on back to her and she has had three wells drilled on her farm for drinking water and got oil in one and gas in one. They set the gas on fire and it burned above the well drill. The oil

the Bend this week. Grandma Fickling and son W. C. visited J. H. Rogers and fami- at Red Top Sunday.

The Methodist and Baptist went to Red Top Sunday. Sunday schools have decided to

TRUTHFUL JAMES.

### Henry Chapel.

We are having nice weather, People are pretty busy prepar- We are having plenty of cloudy, damp weather, but little rain. attended and everyone seemed in- cotton yet, but will be if we have Sunday school had pretty full Some are getting anxious to sow terested in the good work. Those who have cotton in the attendance Sunday although the oats but are waiting for more field are taking advantage of the weather was bad in the fore-part moisture. Thus we start out on pleasing Sunday. another vovage in farming hop-

were set at liberty last Saturday. Reeves. Bend visited in the neighborhood The Baptist Sunday school has The little girl of Mr. and Mrs.

is most well.

George likes Eliasville so well The party at Mr. Teague Lit- at the Chapel; come and bring try. We suppose he was hunting evening. She was alone, but re- almost day and night, as it has

glad time in 1912. H. V. Bigham and family left visited in Ming Bend Saturday

they will make their future home.

Miss Sallie Petty left Saturday prayer meeting has been running to lose Uncle Pat. Walter Moreland is moving his for Olney where she will attend several years without a single break down. Any one wishing The school children will have to move into a community where Dill Peacock will live on the two weeks Christmas; we hope they can get the benefit of a good literary school, Sunday school day The young people enjoyed a Mr. B. W. Slater and family prayer meeting, preaching, good driving in their new car Sunday live place we invite you to the not missed a day, except Sunday, D. Findley Monday and Tuesday. The young people enjoyed a

> Some of the young folks from visitor in Red Top every Sunday, this place attended the candy breaking at John Kisinger's Sat- Worth last week.

Byron Wade who has been in Mr. Homer Brigham made a California the past year helping day night with Mrs. F. E. Sutbuild the Aqueduct from the tle. As we have been absent for a Miss Dora McBee and Miss mountains to Los Angeles teweek, will try and bring in our Ada Workman made a trip to turned home last week. Byron says he is not struck with being The young folks enjoyed a Mr. W. C. McGee has been mixed up with the monkey, the

#### Lone Oak.

We have been having some The attendance at Sunday

and family Sunday and accom-

G. C. Boyle returned from Newcastle Sunday.

S. T. Moreland and daughter were trading in Graham Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Hamm went

month is getting along nicely. Bro. Boyle filled his regular ant. appointment at Loving Sunday.

> Albert McBride and family visited at Red Top Sunday.

> Miss Maggie Ligon visited the Misses Holt Sunday.

Some of the Lone Oak people attended the box supper at Lov- J. T. Townsend and family of ing Saturday night.

ity Sunday afternoon.

Lum McBride visited Will Wall

R. E. Boyle was a business visitor in Graham last week. Hubert Burton was in Graham

her land for 10 cents an acre; Miss Bessie Petty and George about three months ago it came Walker were in our community

extended visit with Mr. Walker Mrs. Una Clark is here from home Saturday after a week's and gas lease she is about to sell Oklahoma to spend Christmas

> Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pratt were trading in Graham Monday. Hubert Burton attended church

Miss Lou and Roy McBride

Horace Stewart called on Law rence Orr Sunday afternoon. BRUNETTE.

#### Gooseneck.

The Sunday school was well

Freeland Wiley looked very

attended our Sunday school. On account of the Institute We are glad to say that Bro. son's was enjoyed by most all of Miss Nina is getting along fine Miss Isla Rutherford and Mr. this week our school was dismiss- Henry Driver has recovered from the young folks Saturday night. Christmas writing this and think Dee Osborn, Miss Bessie Petty ed last Friday until after the a spider bite and was able to be at Sunday school again.

Mrs. Geo. Mahoney visited Moore.

Dick Whittenberg has been rid-

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLaren with a fellow.

Aunt Sarah Johnson was bur- boys Sunday evening. Will Owens has rented the ied last Thursday evening. Uncle Pat Johnson will go to East- Bryan and Baby Jiant called on holidays with her parents, Mr. We had a full house at Sunday land county with his daughter, Miss Findley Sunday afternoon. and Mrs. Hamm west of Loving. day. Our Sunday school and home in the future. We regret and Miss Ethel Beatty attended are visiting relatives in Ellis

Bro. Suttle went to Tonk Valley to fill his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Parsons spent the evening with Mrs. Suttle Satur-

for the past two weeks. Several of the boys called on

Uncle Geo. Rose Sunday. F. M. Berry made a trip to Ft.

Elma and Charlie McLaren are visiting their brother Bob. Miss Norsia Sneed spent Sun-

day in each month for preaching. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley visited at

Uncle Pat Johnson's Sunday. Joe Parsons is the horse trader. found at the gate begging for Sunday in January.

come over to help take care of his brother John, who is in bad

Well, as the news is so very Miss Jessie Alford spent the about Buster we will ring off and sister, Mrs. Maye Martin. try to do better next time.

## Mount Pleasant.

Well, Mr. Editor we will send in a few items from Mt. Pleas-

Everybody is in a good humor D. B. Davis of Farmer visited for it is almost time for Santa Claus to put in his appearance.

Mr. J. O. Wilson and Mrs. F. A. Burnett were trading in Gra- her left arm, but we are glad to ham last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Perdue have a fine boy at their house. Fish Creek were visiting J. O. Mr. Alford and family. Earl Poole was in our commun- Wilson and family last Saturday

night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin both are able to be up. Mrs. John A. Brown.

Sunday with Mrs. J. O. Wilson. Gene Martin's horses broke the hiding place by now. ing Miss Lillian McClain last

Misses Maggie Steadham 'and making up a party Saturday eve. Nell Fitzgerald spent the even- to walk home. Mart Nix has returned from an ing with Misses Bettie and Stella Wilson last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore went

to Graham last Saturday. Anyone needing bronchs "busted" apply to Leslie Wilson; he will certainly put the steel to

We have Sunday school every Sunday with very good attend- Misses Jessie Alford and Lona I will close wishing the editor

Monday evening and was burried at Medlin Chapel Tuesday ones.

#### Dakin.

fair weather this week.

Miss Eula Phillips of Graham week, but he is doing better now.

T. D. Findley returned from Bryson Sunday evening, where all? Howard visited Misses Eureta quarantine the past three weeks visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Mr. and Mrs. Garrett spent comed at my house. Sport. Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John

> Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Garrett of Miss Lona McLaren spent Sat- Graham were out visiting Mrs.

Sunday. Little Miss Lilla Belle Findley in the fields after Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree ing through our part of the coun- was out horseback riding Sunday The Union Gin is kept running ports a jolly time without being a boll thresher. Loads of bolls

Miss Alice Goldston was out the county. About 2800 bales driving with one of our Dakin have been ginned at Loving.

Earl Brewton and Bill Babb Christmas. were driving near Dakin Sunday evening. We are all glad to have are contemplating buying auto-

Bill with us again. Charlie Holt says he is the cold and little son. Leonard Hugh, of ville was in this community on

> Clark Sunday afternoon. Well, I'll bring this to a close J. H. Holifield and T. C. Butand leave room for Buster and ler are prospecting in Old Mexi-

## Flat Rock.

Haven't we been having some Monday. The Baptists have changed pretty weather of late? There John Lush has moved on the from the second to the third Sun- is yet some cotton to be picked. S. A. Harrison farm and will We had a nice crowd at Sun- work it another year. day school Sunday. Bro. Bow- Mr. Editor, this will be the man was unable to fill his ap- last letter perhaps that we will He gave old Bill away one day pointment, but sent word that he write till after Christmas and we and the next day old Bill was would preach for us the third wish you and the many readers

Joe Clark of Tonk Valley has nicely and everyone seems to be year. well pleased with the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Taylor and Rev. Pursley preached here daughter Maggie spent Sunday with Mr. Robbins and family.

ley and family Sunday.

ping in Graham Saturday. DeWitt Parsons of Munday is visiting his parents; Mr. and the Valley Sunday.

Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons. Mrs. Burton was greatly missed nicely. at Sunday school Sunday. Lona Corley, while playing at school last Friday, fell and hurt Saturday evening.

report it doing nicely. Lud Martin, wife and little Miss Kate Higdon is visiting daughter, Wilda. Maye, spent Mrs. J. M. Hand. Saturday night and Sunday with

Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Corley first ride? have been on the sick list, but

spent last Sunday with Mr. and C. J. Cook gave the young peo-Mrs. Sam Fitzgerald spent last everyone reported a nice time. those old turkeys are hunting a Miss Bessie Brooks was visit- buggy tongue when he started home, but luckily Mr. Cook had Monday. one handy and Gene didn't have

Mrs. E. H. Corley, Sunday eve. fifth Sunday.

Graham visited our Sunday Graham visited Walter Hand last school Sunday, also the singing Tuesday. Sunday night.

Corley were the guests of W. A. and all a merry Christmas. Mr. W. S. Timmons died last Cook and family Sunday. I notice most of the corresevening at 3:30. Our hearts go pondents are getting uneasy about out in sympathy for the bereaved Buster and I would like to know One horse, buggy and harness.

him. I have an idea that when he does come again he'll bring a Some are not through picking long, interesting letter. Let's hope he will, anyway.

You have my sympathy, West-We are sorry to report that A. ern Girl, for I, too, know how it J. Bryan has been sick the past is to have to go to school on show days, although I took in The party at Garrett Robert- Young County Day at Graham.

Well, I've been until nearly that is long enough, don't you

### Loving.

Cotton picking is being wound and, there will be but little left come from most every section of

Mrs. Louis Clark came in Mon-Big Henry Reed, little Juanita day from Oklahoma to spend the

church at Bryson Sunday night. county and will return after

We hear of several parties who

mobles soon in this section. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Chambers Mr. S. A. Harrison of Green-

Leland Bryan called on Earl singing at J. T. Marshall's Sunday night.

> BLONDIE. co and will move there if they like it. Lum Hinson was transacting business in the Loving country

and the correspondents a happy Our school has been going on Christmas and a prosperous new CORRESPONDENT.

Tonk Valley. My! but we have been having

some cold weather, haven't we? There was preaching service at the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. Carl Birdwell visited Mr. Cor- Baugh preached a good sermon, filling Bro. Suttle's place. Quite Miss Maggie Corley was shop- a crowd was present although the weather was bad.

J. M. Hand attended church in Sunday school is progressing

Misses Gladys and Inez Cherryhomes visited Miss Ada Gossett

There will be a Christmas tree

Jim McClanahan has a new buggy; wonder who will get the

at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ida Cherryhomes and her daughter went to town Monday. My! my! Christmas is nearly ple a singing Sunday night and here again and don't you guess

Tom Cherryhomes killed hogs

School is out for the holidays. Fifth Sunday meeting will be Britt Alford and wife visited held at the Baptist church, begin-Mrs. Alford's parents, Mr. and ning Thursday night before the

Bill Babb and Earl Brewton of J. M. Hand and son Harry of

Rev. C. A. Ferguson went to Bob Corley and Gene Martin, Graham Tuesday.

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## Items from the Churches

#### Methodist.

The text for the morning service was from Ezra 4:3 "We ourselves will build unto the Lord God of Israel." It was shown that in this building that the people stood together, and that if there was to be good work done by a church that there must be harmony and co-operation. It was further discussed why the offers of the "adversary" of cooperation was rejected. These people were really not the same kind of people and were not in harmony and sympathy with the movement. The question was asked, how can those who are living lives of sinfulness co-operate in the work of the Lord? And how can those who are doing those things condemned by the church co-operate in the work of the church? The hindering work of the adversaries was next discussed and a plea made that if you cannot co-operate, at least don't hinder the work of the Lord.

S. D. Cook and wife, Misses Minnie and Birdie Cook, E. A. Cox and wife and Uardo Coxwere welcomed to membership by letters.

The night service was a discussion of the building of the tower of Babel. It was shown that the aim of these people was good but that they sought a spiritual end by physical means.

A discussion of just how to reach Heaven was next entered into and a plea to make that place was made.

#### Presbyterian.

alted as a virtue and crowned thanks. with gloty as it never was in any other faith. However, self-denial was always temporary, preparatory, just a clearing up the way for eternal rewards. Better lose your eye or hand or foot than lose eternal life taught the Master. Now, in order to live the positive christian life, to walk in the spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh is going to cost something. It means conflict because the fleshy nature is going to war against the spiritual. In this fight the church adds her influence on the side of the spiritual life and tries to help her young. After years of experience with the best of expert Tuesday in the cemetery at Medtestimony the united church proclaims to her members the danger to the spiritual life of indulging in worldly amusements, such as card-playing, dancing and theater going. To say that I see no harm in any of these does not establish its innocence, neither does my condemning them home as Amarillo, was arrested establish their guilt. The many Tuesday by Constable Sam Lane, years of experience in dealing on a charge of forgery made with this subject with the best of against him at Breckenridge, in expert testimony both from those Stephens county. The sheriff of who have once indulged in them that county came after him yesand those who have watched the terday, taking him back to Breckspiritual development of the pro- enridge. fessed christian should qualify Mr. Lane is getting to be quite the church to speak on this sub- a sleuth and wrong-doers who exject to her own members. The pect to find safety in Graham had

that the tendency of such amusements is toward worldliness and should be discouraged. Such experience and opinion of the church should make one hesitate to place his opinion against the entire church of God. To say that I see no harm in a thing does not always establish its innocence, neither does my condemning a thing always establish its guilt. The very fact that a sweet, innocent girl sees no harm in dancing merely enhances the danger to her. The same might be said of the woman who plays cards or the young man who takes his glass of beer or wine. The pastor then read from the minutes of the church court the position of the church on the subject showing that the church has discouraged worldly amusements as deadening to the spirituality of its members and has left it to the session to deal with its offenders and win them to more spiritual lives, urging them to walk in the spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. In closing the pastor offered as a practical solution in overcoming the self-life the subject of paying God a tithe of our income. After a number of voluntary expressions on the subject from those who have been practicing tithing for years a large number of the heads of families voted to join the tithing band beginning Jan.1.

#### Orphans' Home Shower.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson on Friday last, from. 4 to 6 and from 7 to 9 there was a shower for the Methodist orphans' home at Waco. A large audience listened very This was given under the ausintently to the morning sermon, pices of the Woman's Missionary from Gallatians 5:16, "Walk in Society. As a hostess Mrs. Johnthe Spirit and ye shall not fulfill son is a great success. The the lusts of the flesh." The home was thrown open and all teachings of the Apostle Paul on enjoyed themselves very much. the subject of religion are most Chocolate and waifers were servpositive and emphatic. Philip ed as Mrs Johnson knows how to Brooks says there are two ways serve. An enjoyable program to meet and deal with every vice. was rendered consisting of music In one instance you set to work both instrumental and vocal, also to destroy it, in the other you readings that were very much overwhelm and stifle it with its enjoyed. Among those who asopposite virtue. There is no sisted in this were Mesdames question about the Apostle's Kay, Crim, Rose, Mr. and Mrs. method. It was the positive one Crabb, and Misses Isaacs, Alline of overcoming evil with good. Johnson, Nell Graham, Mary El-The Saviour taught the world len Burkett, Lovella Eddleman this great lesson by conquering and Juanita Adair. As a result sin and death with his own life there was sent to the Orphanage and death; and yet the Saviour a box conservatively valued at was the greatest teacher of self- \$60.00 together with \$18.00 in denial the world has ever known. cash. For all the help received With Him self-surrender was ex- the society expresses its sincere

#### W. S. Timmons Dead.

On Monday, December 16, occurred the death of W. S. (Gov.) Timmons, a resident of this county since 1872. Mr. Timmons was 58 years old. He was born in Cherokee county, Georgia and came to this county when a young man. At the time of his death he was living in what is known as the Mount Pleasant community. Death was the result of a stroke of paralysis that occurred a few days ago. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn

The remains were laid to rest lin's Chapel.

The Reporter joins their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

### Arrested for Forgery.

Raiford Norton, who gives his

universal decision of all the better keep their eagle eye on churches, catholics included, is him.

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#### ZODIACAL LIGHT A MYSTERY

This Strange Illumination Is Thought to Be an Appendage of

There is a strange light in the heavens appearing after sunset in the late winter and in spring and before sunrise in the autumn, but few persons in our latitudes have ever seen it. In the equatorial regions, however, and in certain parts of the tropics the zodiacal light appears with great splendor, and some remarkable views of it were obtained by a French expedition to the interior of the Sahara, undertaken for the purpose of studying the effects of the unclouded sun on the dry air of the desert.

The mysterious light, in the form of a vast triangle, rising high in the heavens, appeared nearly three times as bright as the Milky Way. Science has not entirely solved the problem of the origin of this light, but it is thought that it is an appendage of the sun.-Harper's Weekly.

J. W. Cox and son, Frank, of day. Mr. Cox reports everything two sets of improvements, two that I am offering at a great barflourishing in his part of the good wells, tanks, etc. On pub- gain. county and he says if we get a good season in the ground this winter that Young county will school and church, in good comlb. tins of Batavia coffee. W. bubble over with good crops next munity. \$12.50 per acre.

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Our Christmas and holiday fruits and vegetables far excel anything in that line we have ever offered. You know we have at all times a very complete selection in these lines, but the display for the next ten days will be the best ever-the largest, most luscious fruits are here abundantly displayed, and our prices are exceedingly low.

Drop in and see.

## Fancy Christmas Groceries

A few reasons why we lead in groceries are: First, QUALITY; second, COM-PLETENESS; third, the PERFECT CON-DITION of the goods; fourth, the MOD-ERATE PRICES at which we sell and the savings to our many patrons. All these and other reasons have made ours the GREATEST GROCERY STORE in Graham.

Isn't it a relief to trade at a store where you know there is only one quality-THE BEST? Such you will find in our store.

## King's and Loose-Wiles Chocolates--always fresh Try a Pound

#### **Christmas Candies and Cakes**

You must see the tantalizing display of Christmas Candies and Fancy Cakes which we are now making. You may be assured that they are the best that the markets afford. See our line before you buy.

#### Christmas Fireworks

Plenty of all kinds of the best fireworks for the children. Come and see our display when in need of anything that will add to the children's Merry Christmas.

We thank you for your good patronage during the year which is almost gone, and hope to share in your Christmas and holiday orders, as well as your orders for the coming year. We wish you a merry Christmas and a pleasant and prosperous New Year.

Yours Respectfully,

Mabry & Sons.

## Local and Personal Mention

Mrs. R. F. Fowler has been sick T. Parkinson east of Graham.

Married Rev. C. A. Ferguson Son. united in holy wedlock this week Mr. Finice Rogers and Miss Ger- days at home. trude Brooks. The happy pair will make their home in Mexico with Mr. Rogers' parents.

For cheap money on land apbly to Arnold & Arnold

Mrs. G. Q. Street left the first of the week for Memphis, Texas, where she will spend the holi- J. Marion Burkett, who is atdays with her parents. Q. acc tending A. & M. is expected home companied her as far as Bowie. for the holidays.

W. L. Willis and daughter, Mis Annie, accompanied by Miss Reta Ragland drove to Newcastle Sunday where the young ladies took the train for Olney to seed. Graham Cotton Co. be present at the Teachers' Insti- Miss Lucille Crabb will return

business in the city Monday.

H. Hunter and wife spent last Monday in Graham-

Florida Oranges at Stewart & Mabry & Son.

Good cabbage at 3 cents per ford

pound at Owen Bros. Wear hand-made boots, for home for the holidays. sale by F. L. Adair, west side

We have a big lot of FRESH eggs; our Christmas Special-price tives and triends in Knox county. 27 %c per dozen.

Pure Uvalde comb honey. W.

I. Tidwell & Sons.

visitor in the city Tuesday, Let'J. L. Woods sell you your watches and jewelry. New stock

just arrived.

Fresh English Walnuts at our store. Mabry & Son.

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White Swan canned goods at Stewart & Son:

Special music will be rendered: at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, at both morning and evening services.

If your shoes need repairing bring them to me. First-class for that special dinner at work guaranteed. F. L. Adair our store. Mabry & Son. west side square.

around again.

Messrs. J. R. Brigham and F. Jackson: T. Littlejohn of Red Top were business visitors in the city this

Section comb honey at our W. I. Tidwell & Sons. store. Mabry & Son.

Mrs. L. E. Norman is beautifying her property by adding, a number of shade trees. In addition to this she is putting out a quantity of fruit trees.

Worth will arrive home Sunday. & Son. His many friends will be delighted to know that he has about recovered.

the Short Order line call at the Cloud of Proffitt. Midway Cafe, on the West side of the square. A trial of our customer, R. M. Todd, Prop.

Tuesday.

Don Parsons of Megargel was. Misses Esta and Ethel Parking and 4 p. m. at which time and in the city on business this week. son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.

'Mr. and Mrs. John Alford were Fresh mince meat at Stewart & shopping in Graham Monday. Nuts of all kinds at Stewart &

Joe Doty will spend the holi-

Wanted Plain sewing. Mrs.

J. L. Woods. F. M. Burkett made a business trip to Dallas this week.

-Pumpkin Yam Sweet Potatoes W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Wanted Plain sewing. Mrs. Misses Agnes and Mary Craig, who are attending St. Mary's college in Dallas will arrive tomorrow night to spend the holidays

Teams wanted to haul cotton

to her home in Stamford Satur-W. B. Nolen was transacting day after spending several weeks

> Just arrived! a shipment of Loose-Wiles' fine candies.

P. P. Ray of Farmer was in will spend the holidays with Mr. business in Graham Tuesday the city last week on business. and Mrs. W. J. Crabb in Stam-

Robt. McJimsey is expected

Fresh Currants, seeded and seedless raisins, citron, Buy your apples, oranges, co- orange and lemon peel at our coanuts and cranberries from store. Mabry & Son.

> Misses Eula and Allye Logan will spend the holidays with rela-

Hand-made boots stand the wear, look better and are farsuperior to any other kind. Let in the city Tuesday. J. L. McLaren was a business us take your order. F. L. Adair west side square:

> Lee Donnell of Eliasville trans- pected to live. acted business in the city vester-

in the city on business yesterday. Miss Ollie Kidwell.

Save worry and time-order shelled walnuts, almonds grippe. and pecans for that fruit M. K. Graham made a business cake. Mabry & Son.

moved to Bryson as pastor of the on Tuesday, February 11, to deyesterday.

Wesley Johnson is expected of government. home for the holidays some time

Just anything that's good

Miss Bessie James who has Knox Criswell, who has been ill been teaching in Ada, Okla, for some time is now able to be will arrive in the city this week out. Glad to see him strutting and will spend the holidays at Vaughan, 320 acres out of N the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. part of B. B. & C. R. R. Co.

> New crop, 1912 pack, seeded raisins, currants, citron, pure spices for your Christmas cake.

Mrs. Jim Johnson of Weatherford is expected this week to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Parsons.

cherries will aid the flavor Hunt, 65 acres out of T. E. & L. Halbert Jackson, who has un- of the fruit cake. We have dergone four operations at Fort them at our store. Mabry

Miss Mary Cloud, who is assisting in the County Clerk's eration \$3886.00. office, will spend the holidays When in need of anything in with her mother, Mrs. G. A

Those potato chips are chili will make you a regular simply fine at our store. Duncan, lots 1 and 2, block 34 Mabry & Son.

#### Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of shareholders, of the Graham National Bank. No. 5897 will be held at the of-"Batavia" Maple Syrup is pure R. S. Newby and wife of Bun- fice of said bank in Graham, order a can. W. I. Tidwell & ger were shopping in Graham Texas, on Tuesday, January 14, 1913, between the hours of 9a. m. place the annual election of directors will be held and such other matters transacted as may properly come before said meeting. The Graham Nat'l. Bank,

By CHAS. GAY, Cashier.

Miss Katherine Hall is expected home from Ladonia to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall.

#### Good Advice to Men.

Makes vourself a Christmas present of a good suit or overcoat. We have the kind that will please you. S. B. Street & Co.

R. E. Hill of Olney was in the city on business Tuesday.

#### New Nuts.

Walnuts, Brazils, Almonds, Pecans, etc. W. I. Tidwell &

W. A. Jennings and wife of Elbert were shopping in Graham

You can be assured of quality when you buy "Batavia." Tidwell & Sons.

I. W. Steele and family were shopping in Graham Tuesday.

D. H. Norris and H. M. Gerry-Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb more of Loving were transacting

Shelled almonds, walnuts and pecans ready for use at our store. Mabry & Son.

H. A. Driver, postmaster at Bunger was in the city this week. W. W. Williamson of Indian Mound was attending to business in Graham Tuesday.

Carl Arnold is at home for th

Mrs. J. L. Lester of Rocky Mound community was shopping

Mrs. Chas. Parker is in Decatur at the bedside of her mother. Mrs. A. E. Parr, who is not ex-

Mrs. Lindaforte Mabry is in the city to spend the holidays J. M. Parker of Woodson was with Mrs. W. D. Norman and

F. H. Bowron is sick with la

trip to Dallas this week.

Rev. R. E. Porter who recently Jacksboro will hold an election: Methodist church was in Graham termine whether or not the city will adopt the commission form

A. J. Wheat of Loving was

here on business last Friday. Miss Roberta Akin has been quite sick the past week.

### Court House News.

#### Real Estate Transfers.

Alec Gordon and wife to J. C survey, consideration \$2285.70.

C. W. Childress to B. M. Childress, 640 acres, sec. 2, S. P. R. R. Co. survey, consideration

C. W. Childress to B. M. Childress 1331/2 acres, J. A. Morgan survey, consideration \$500.00.

A. C. Derrick to E. S. Graham, 66 % acres, consideration \$1850. Glace pineapples and pitted | Montgomery Groves to E. W. Co. survey No. 60, consideration

> W. L. Howery and wife to Luther Herring and A. S. Matthews Elm Street Wagon Yard, consid-

R. B. Shelton and wife to H. M. Yates, 200 acres out of T. E. & L. Co. survey No. 1994, consid-

eration \$6000.00. Jno. C. Kay and wife to E. F. Graham, consideration \$1850.00

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#### For Miss Lucille Crabb.

It was a jolly crowd of young

The party was entirely out of surprise party: her general line of social enter- The guests were asked to come taining in Graham as the guests at 3 p. m., and Mrs. Kidwell at were requested to attend "En 3:30, the latter being invited to

favor of Miss Dot Graham who time was awarded the "boy's" prize, Mrs. Kidwell's life. a delicious box of candy. Louis In a cut with Mrs. Gallaher, Rubenkoenig was the winner of Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. John Northe lady's prize as he played man, Master Norman Stovall was

After the prizes were awarded, In a few minutes "Old Santa delicious refreshments were serv- Claus," properly dressed, stepped ed, after which a few parlor in the door saying "Come on, I've games were introduced.

art of entertaining.

Graham, Nell Graham, Pauline er number of candles surrounded Allen, Ethel Birdwell, Jewel ing evergreen which no one ap-Steen, Elsie Rubenkoenig, Lu- peared to know the name of. cille Crabb, Lillie Morrison. Messrs, Leonard Norman, Scar- evergreens also from the north. borough Mabry, Louis Ruben- The Christmas tree was hung koenig, Oscar Finley, Robert Lee with dainty and thoughtful re-Morrison, Lee Carmack, Leslie membrances from each guest as Scott, J. B. Norris, Mabry Short, well as from several who could Mr. Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. R. not be present. G. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Street and Mrs. James Moore.

#### The Literary Club.

Mrs. Hudson was hostess to the Literary Club on Wednesday December 11.

In answer to roll call members named a celebrated artist and told something of his life.

Mrs. Rose read an instructive article on education from the Chautauquan. Two well written papers on "The First of the Moderns" and "The Larger Vision" were read by Mrs. Jones Artists.

round table discussion.

sang very sweetly a duet, accom- nut doll, was presented to Mrs. panied by their mother.

on this occasion Mrs. Harrell ers were served to eleven memand little daughter, Adele, of bers and three visitors, Mesdames Newcastle.

Messrs. Kirby, Matthews and next hostess. Smith of Sunshine community in Throckmorton county were here trading yesterday.

Miss Lillian Manning who is

last night states that Mrs. Edgar iting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mclendon was operated on Mon- J. A. Alford, south of town reday night and is doing reasona- turned to his home in Channing,

#### In Honor of Mrs. Kidwell.

Mrs. W. D. Norman entertained people that assembled at the res- with a party Tuesday afternoon idence of Prof. and Mrs. Crabb, in honor of her mother, Mrs. L. in honor of Miss Lucille Crabb. B. Kidwell, it being a birthday

see the decorations, as Mrs. Nor-The guests having arrived, a man had decorated her house for time was alloted to the judges, the holidays, and her surprise was Messrs. Leslie Scott and Leonard complete when she arrived to find Norman, to decide on the best the house full of her friends and masked couple. With much dif- neighbors, each with some bit of ficulty the decision was made in fancy work and having a jolly

impersonated a dashing youth Mrs. Norman gave each guest with all the gentlemanly quali- a slip of paper with blanks to be ties and a fine make up. She filled in with items concerning

the role of a fair young damsel. awarded a beautiful calendar.

been waiting a long time for The guests departed at a late you," and disappeared into the hour declaring Prof. and Mrs. dining room, followed by all the Crabb to be very proficient in the guests. The table was decorated with a beautiful spruce pine tree Those present were Misses Dot from Massachusetts and the prop-McJimsey, Vera Norman, Beulah the tree, being fastened in a trail-

There were other decorations of

Mrs. Norman's guests were Mesdames J. W. Jackson, McJimsey, Lynch, Burkett, Street, R. G. Graham, Wadsworth, Gallaher, Parrish, Christy, J. M. Norman, Stovall, Bryant, Widmayer, and Misses Vera Norman and Pauline McJimsey, with Master Norman Stovall as Santa Claus.

All left wishing that Mrs. Kidwell might have many more such pleasant birthdays and that they might be among the friends asked to help celebrate them.

#### The Interse Club.

and Mrs. Parrish, respectively. Mrs. Alma Martin entertained These lessons were from our Art the Interse Club on last Friday. Book, which tells of the life and Work was laid aside for a few works of all, the old Master minutes and all enjoyed a peanut contest in which Mrs. Edgar Mrs. Fisher was leader of the Matthews was most successful. She received a pair of embroidery Mary and Marjory Hudson scissors. The consolation, a pea-W. I. Tidwell. Delicious re-We were glad to have with us freshments of chocolate and waf-Arnold, Craig and Stallings.

Mrs. R. E. Mabry will be the

Mrs. A. M. Graham went to Ft Worth yesterday to meet Misses

teaching in Abilene, will spend Mrs. Eugene Crouch of McKinthe holidays in Graham with ney will spend the holidays in CONTRACTORS -- BUILDERS her mother, Mrs. Mary L. Man- Graham, guest of her parents, Mr. and Mr. C. W. Johnson.

A message from Ft. Worth C. B. Alford who has been vis-Texas, Thursday.

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- 2 pounds of corn
- 2 pounds of wheat bran 2 pounds of cotton seed
- 4 pounds of best hay.

## You get about 1000 pounds of seed to every bale of cotton ginned

If you have used meal and hulls you know it is

## better feed than seed

It will make

More milk, more butter,

Better milk, better butter.

More flesh and more fat and keep your cows or your steers in better fix than cotton seed.

## For 1000 lbs. of Seed For Producing Milk If you have not used it

catch one bale of seed

## Bring it to us

and take home on this basis: 1400 pounds of hulls and

400 pounds of meal, being 1800 pounds of mixed feed.

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Act promptly, for these prices will soon be withdrawn. If not convenient to store the Meal and Hulls, deliver the seed now and we will hold the hulls and meal until you want them.

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The Reporter wishes each of its readers, patrons and correspondents the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year possible. Christmas to us will be merry because we will be planning to give to our readers a better paper for the next year. New Year will bring to us happiness because we hope to see our plans perfected by that time. We trust you will all find as much chance for merriment and happiness as we do.

And then we should all be happy because this is the season of the year that commemorates the resurrection of the Giver of all good gifts. Whatever of prosperity we have enjoyed the past year, whatever of happiness and good cheer we will be able to afford someone else will be the result of His graciousness. Though we do not all see alike we should dwell in harmony, one with another. Let us not be charitable for the holidays only, but throughout the entire year.

#### "Supreme" Flour is Highly Complimented.

Not often do we hear of a higher compliment paid to a Graham product than was paid to "Supreme" Flour this week.

Mrs. James Moore, of Spokane, Washington, who has been in the city for some time visiting Mrs. Addie M. Graham left yesterday for her home. Mrs. Moore has charge of demonstration work in cooking in one of the local societies in Spokane and is considered an expert in bread

While in Graham she had an opportunity of trying "Supreme" and liked it so well that she took a sack of it home. Mrs. Moore says "Supreme" is the best flour she ever saw.

#### Woodmen Elect Officers.

At its regular meeting last Saturday night the local camp of the W. O. W. elected its officers for the ensuing year. The Woodmen will hold a joint installation with the Woodmen Circle in January, the date to be decided later. Following were the officers elected:

W. J. Rehder, Consul Comman-

Geo. Black, Adviser Lieuten-

J. W. Taliaferro, Banker.

J. E. Martin, Escort.

L. H. R. Voules, Clerk.

William Campbell, Watchman.

E. W. Fry. Sentry. W. C. Barnum, Manager.

There will be a joint meeting Jof the Woodmen and Circle tomorrow night to arrange plans for the installation and all members are urged to attend.

### "Dry" and "Wet."

The comptroller's department has compiled a statement which discloses that the totals area of "wet" and partially "wet" counties in Texas is 92,779 square miles, while the total area of the state is 363,762 square miles. This leaves a totally "dry" territory of 172,221 square miles. It is further shown that according to the census of 1910, the population of Texas is 3,896,542, and the total population residing in wet and partially wet territory is 1,730,359, leaving a difference of 2,162,183 people living in dry territory in the state.-Ex.

#### Blacksmith Shop to Rent.

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#### THE LOST UMBRELLA

By CLARA COURTRIGHT.

She was young, tall, dignified and elevated train and demurely slipped into the only vacant seat Wagstaff. covertly watching her over the edge of his newspaper, decided that she was a rare girl, indeed.

He kept taking one more look at the girl; her attention being centered upon a book. By the time the train reached his station he was deeply interested in her. He vaguely remem bered having seen her on his morning train at intervals, but never before had she sat within the direct range of

The next morning he took special pains to catch that same train. Miffin was sitting near the door of the car and dragged him into a seat beside him. However, Wagstaff lost all interest in Miffin's baseball chatter as the train neared the station where the girl had entered on the previous morning. He craned his neck to scan the waiting passengers on the platform. Miffin looked at him curiously. "Expecting somebody to get on

here?" Miffin asked. "Oh, no," Wagstaff said hastily. thought I saw some one I knew."

Then, to his unmeasured delight, the girl came demurely in with the crowd and found a seat almost opposite them. Miffin followed Wagstaff's enraptured glance. "Is that the party you thought you

knew?" he asked. "Well, no," Wagstaff said guiltily, "but I wouldn't mind."

After that it got to be a regular thing every morning for Wagstaff to watch for the girl and then to steal glances at her all the way to his station. She looked at him so calmly in gazing around the car day after day that he thought despairingly that she didn't know he was on earth.

Just when he was losing hope of ever getting acquainted with her something happened. One morning she got off at a station which the train reached before it arrived at Wagstaff's. More than that, Wagstaff saw a long handled umbrella resting against the window frame of the seat that she had just left.

"What shall I do?" the young man asked himself. "Shall I take her umbrella with me for safe keeping, or shall I turn it in at the lost and found office? In either case-

With a fast beating heart he pos sessed himself of the forgotten umbrella. On mature consideration he decided that it would be best to turn it in to the company in the usual way and take a chance on future favorable developments

A week later the developments came. On a wind-swept elevated platform one evening, several stations distant from the one nearest his of fice, Wagstaff found himself alone with the girl.

For an instant her glance lingered, and there was a sort of recognition in it as their eyes met. Wagstaff acted on the moment's impulse, all the hero in his makeup coming to the front. "I beg your pardon," he said, ad-

vancing a step, hat in hand, "but did you recover the umbrella you left on the train a few days ago? I turned it in at the lost and found depart-

She started a little with surprise as he spoke, and then she smiled graclously. "Why, yes, thank you," she said. "I-I got it. Was it you who found it? It was awfully good of

"Not at all," declared Wagstaff. Just then the train came in and he helped her aboard. They sat down together and their acquaintance pros-

In ten minutes he found that she knew half a dozen of his own friends. While things were a little bit unconventional, she concluded finally that he might call.

Wagstaff called and found two of the friends there to vouch for him. Then he took pains to call again, when he was certain the friends wouldn't be there. Since the girl chose the time for the call it is possible that she didn't want them there

Two or three months later as she and Wagstaff were standing in her front hall one night counting the hooks on the hatrack and otherwise enjoying themselves, the girl said: "Billy, I've heard of a lot of ways that young men get acquainted with girls they want to meet, but that umbrella plan of yours makes a hit with me every time I think of it."

"What do you mean?" Wagstff ask ed a bit feebly

"Why, you innocent child," she said, smiling, "I never lost any umbrella on the elevated train!"-Chicago Daily News.

He Tipped Again.

He was very affable and free with his pinions, was this young man, but that was about all he was free with. To he man who had carried his not unneavy bag to the little countryside station he had given one whole penny. Notwithstanding the forlorn look on e man's face, he still continued to that in an easy manner.

"I shall never forget," he continued, the splendor of the scenery when I was in Switzerland. It was an educaion to see the sun rise, tipping the Ht.

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### SERVING A SUMMONS

By CLARA INEZ DEACON.

It was just between twilight and dark that a Jersey cow, owned by farmer Hollis, jumped the field fence into the highway and sauntered down the road.

As Miss Jersey stepped slowly along enjoying the beauties of the evening an auto was coming up from the direction of Glen Head. It contained two young men and the chauffeur. It stole upon the cow unheard and hoisted her into the ditch and broke her

The house of farmer Hollis was only eighty rods away, but there was no going back to notify him of the accident. The cow was dead, and that settled that. It has been stated that the animal belonged to farmer Hollis. So it did in a way. In several other ways it belonged to his daughter Florence, who had petted and sared for it since its birth. It made guite a difference whose cow it was. Next morning the hired man reported the tragedy. Miss Florence went down the road and viewed the body and wept, and then returned to the iouse to ask her father, who was par-

tially an invalid: "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

"It was an auto, I suppose?"

"And it may belong to any one of a thousand people?" "Of course."

"And be fifty miles away by this "Just so. Well, there you are. What can I

de about it?" I don't see that anything can be done." "Well, I do!" was the vigorous re-

ply from the daughter. Half an hour later Miss Florence was on the road with her pony and cart. Two miles up the highway was a road-house at which nine out of ten autos, bound either way, might be counted on to stop. The girl drove up and called for the proprietor to come out

"An auto about 7 o'clock?" he mused at her query. "Yes, there was one. It held two young men. It went down the road, and must have passed your house.'

"And the young men-were they strangers?" was asked. Well, yes and no. I know that one.

and he is the owner of the machine. is Burt Merriam, and the other is Steve Dayton. They were great chums at college, I believe. They had two beers here and went on.

'And this Mr. Merriam—where does he live, please?"

"Over at Brookdale, I understand." he drove into Glen Head and to the office of a lawyer and told her story. The lawyer said he thought there was a case, and added:

"We might as well give the young man a chance. I'll apply for a summons, and you better drive over and serve it on him."

Two days later Miss Florence drove over to Brookside with the legal document. After a few inquiries she located the house of the father of her wetim, but only to be told that young Mr. Merriam was not at home, and might not be for several days.

Her father said it would all end in smoke and that the rich alone controlled the laws, but on the third day Miss Florence started out again to serve the summons. She was halfway to Brookside when she saw an auto coming. The pony was a little Littish of them, and she gave up the whole of the road and waited. The auto slowed down as it came up, but nevertheless the pony chose to perform. He was standing on his hind legs and making ready to bolt, and in her sudden fright the girl had lost the lines and was screaming, when a young man leaped from the machine and caught the animal by the head. He was dragged several rods before his weight told, and as Miss Florence ran to, him she saw that he was hurt. Shoulder out of joint, I guess," he

said with a smile. "Let me see," she replied. "You. nust go to a doctor as soon as you an. What a ninny I was to let Fred act up so! I can manage him now,

however.' "The plans of mice and men, you ow. I was on my way to see a Mr. Rollis on a matter of business. Wish

his had happened later." "Business with my father?" "Then you are Miss Hollis?"

"And the young lady who called at my home?"

"The same." Was it about the cow?"

"It was, sir." "I know we killed one, but I was rushing my chum to the city to catch a steamer for Europe. I only got back three hours ago. Don't go off and sue me. Don't have me arrested. Don't call me hard names. I'll come back in

a day or two and settle." The young man was as good as his word, though no better than a onearmed man. He was only too happy te hand over eighty dollars, and he laughed at the summons and said it should be treasured as a souvenir. He had to call again to see if the pony had recovered from its scare, and a third time to consult Mr. Hollis about otato burs, and the fourth time he and the cheek to make no excuse at

Rather Harsh. The famous barytone had been givng his concert and the critic from the

ountry-was asked: How was the timbre of his voice?" "Well," said the critic, "it seemed to me to be full of knot-holes."-Harper's

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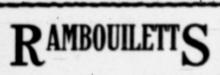
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GOODS.

The many friends of Mrs. R. L. Tankersley will be gratified to learn that the operation performed last Saturday was very successful and that she will soon recover,

Mrs. F. A. Kidwell will leave this week for Hawley, Texas, to spend the remainder of the winter.

Miss Appoline Dow, who has for the past several weeks been the guest of Mrs. J. Hall Bowman left Saturday for her home near Oran, Texas. She was ac companied by Mrs. Bowman who will spend the holidays with Miss Dow's family. '



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School was dismissed Friday the building. meeting was held in the office of ninth grades made Mr. Gilliland the Superintendent to determine a present of a nice tie clasp and the way they would take in going stickpin last Friday. . to Olney for the Young County Lee Carmack will spend Christ-Teachers' Institute. It was de- mas at his home at Murray. cided to go by auto direct to John Keeter will be with his

Our non-resident teachers will holidays. with their home folks as follows: gle will enjoy the holidays at Misses Ethel and Fannie Bye their homes at Proffit. Rogers at Mineola, Texas; Bessie | Sam Casey left Friday for his Lyon at Denton; Gradie Mizzell home at Farmer. at Atlanta, Tex; Ethel and Amy Atwood at Big Springs and Prof. Gilliland at Moody, Texas.

The sixth grade pupi's under the direction of Miss Lyon cele- hall and two porches, cistern, brated Christmas in advance with well and barn on an acre lot a Christmas tree Friday after- Close to school and church in O

It was stated in last week's is- Adair, Graham, Texas. sue that the wiring of the lights was in progress. When school was dismissed Friday all of the West Texas Reporter. tights were in place and work had been commenced to connect with the street circuit. The auditorium is lighted with seven 100 volt incandescent Mazda lamps. There are also lights of the same capacity in the library, both halls, the office and one over

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JOE E. MABRY, Proprietor

## The Question of the Hour

## What About Christmas?

NO DOUBT this same question is on the lips of most everyone in Graham and Young County, and we will admit it is quite a task to select suitable presents for everyone. But listen---we would like to make it known to everybody, that with our complete stocks in every department we can make for you the selection of Christmas presents an easy task. We can help you and will help you if you will only come to our store and give us an opportunity. It is unnecessary to go out of Graham to get your presents for we are better prepared than ever before to supply your needs.

## Presents for Father

Gloves Suspenders Cuff Buttons **Shaving Mirrors** Carpet Slippers Mufflers Box Hose Watch Fobs Smoking Sets

## **Presents for Sister**

Furs and Muffs Umbrellas Manicure Sets Lavalieres Bracelets Hat Pins Silk Hose Cut Glass Toilet Sets

## **Presents for Small Boys**

Bicycles Tricycles Air Guns **Hand Cars** Books Game Boards **Pocket Knives Toy Pistols** Fire Works

## Presents for Mother

Rocking Chair Sewing Table Work Baskets Box Hose Hat Pins Pictures **Baking Dishes** Carving Sets Percolaters

## Presents for Brother

Neckties Mufflers Military Sets Silk Handkerchiefs Books—all kinds Hose Supporters Kid Gloves Stick Pins, Tie Holders

## **Presents for Small Girls**

Toy Pianos Dolls-beautiful **Doll Furniture** Cook Stoves Tea Sets, Books Games—all sorts Fur Sets Music Rolls Rings and Bracelets

BUGGIES We have the biggest stock of the most upto-date buggies that was ever shown in Graham, all 1913 models. Come in and let us show you.

FURNITURE No doubt you will want something in this line before Christmas. We want an opportunity to show you our line of high grade Furniture.

GROCERIES As Christmas day draws near the housewives wonder about their Christmas dinner. We have everything fresh and nice. Phone us.

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